



Food trucks could soon set up shop in Fenton

► **New ordinance could allow three mobile vendors throughout the city**

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Fenton — The newest food options available in the city of Fenton next year may not be in a renovated fire hall or the new Cornerstone build-

ing, but could instead be in parking lots once Fenton City Council votes to accept a new "food truck" ordinance.

The ordinance would allow three licenses to be given out
See FOOD TRUCKS on 7

“The fee has to be reasonable for vendors to come in at all.”

Les Bland, Fenton City councilman



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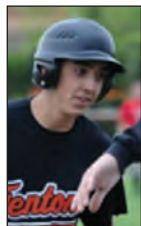
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Possible suspect comes forward in fatal hit and run

► **Fenton High School grad laid to rest over weekend**

By Sharon Stone
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Michigan State Police-Metro Post is completing its investigation of a hit and run accident that killed



Jamie Garcia is shown here in a 2010 Times file photo.

21-year-old Jamie Garcia on Nov. 25 after a possible suspect came forward over the weekend.

Lt. Michael Shaw said troopers responded to Hickory Ridge Road near Bone Road in Rose Township at 11:30 p.m. on a report that a pedestrian, identified as Garcia, was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.

The Rose Township man was a 2011 graduate of Fenton High School where he played varsity football and baseball. He went on to earn associate's degrees from Mott Community College.

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Just in time for Jinglefest!



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

On Monday, Fenton Department of Public Works employees assemble a new 24-foot steel-framed Christmas tree in front of the cultural center. Brian Waller (right), Dan Wayne, Scott "Bull" Gordon and Kirk Stevens finished the job in two hours. The lighting ceremony will take place on Dec. 6, during Jinglefest.

Holly responds to its first 'swatting' call

► **False report leads to strong police response**

By Sharon Stone

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A "swatting" incident is under investigation with the Holly Police Department.

Summary

► "Swatting," a false 911 call that leads police to believe there is a serious situation at hand is under investigation in Holly.

For anyone who has not heard about past celebrity swatting pranks that resulted in extensive police response to the homes of Rihanna, Justin Timberlake, Selena Gomez and Clint Eastwood, "swatting" is

the making of a hoax call to any emergency service to elicit an emergency

See 'SWATTING' on 7

Tis the season for shoplifting and retail fraud

► **Loss prevention staffs trained to detain suspects through 'citizens arrests'**

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As stores deal with hurried shoppers, it's likely that some of them might be there with less than honorable intentions. Retail fraud keeps loss prevention employees at stores and local police departments busy all year long, but especially during the hectic holiday season.

Loss prevention employees are trained to deal with offenders and in Fenton, calls to the Fenton Police Department are routine.

What would you do if you saw someone commit a crime? Would you try to stop them and detain them for police?

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said
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“A note for all Fenton library users, you can also use the Holly library while yours is closed. We are all part of the same library co-operative. All you would have to do is apply for a Holly library card because we are not on their shared system. — Shirley Roos, director.”



“Here's an idea for Gov. Snyder who is trying to more than double our gas tax. How about looking around at all the programs that waste our tax dollars and eliminate them. Look at the money wasted in schools and free lunches. What about exorbitant teacher health care? What about a part-time legislature?”



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COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“Great looking Christmas tree the city of Fenton put up at Silver Lake Road and Silver Parkway. That's right I said 'Christmas tree' because that's what it is — not a 'holiday tree,' not a 'lighted tree,' not a 'festive tree.' It's a Christmas tree. God Bless.”

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Times News & Features

Upcoming trip helps provide

Christmas to 180 families

► Local foundation in 17th year of mission to aid rural Appalachia

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly Twp. — Four times a year, the Roos family house is overrun. Last Friday, their living room became an assembly line of tables heaped with clothing.

The kitchen counters were filled with food for their 15 volunteers and the front breezeway became an impromptu staging area for colorfully wrapped shoeboxes and tables of personal care items.

Buzzing around all of this was Shirley Roos, co-founder of Angel Haven Foundation. Shirley and husband Carl provide aid to approximately 180 impoverished families in rural western Virginia, at the Kentucky border, and this flurry of activity was for their December Christmas trip.

For their first trip 17 years ago, they packed 70 Christmas shoe boxes — lately they average 700, which weigh about 3,000 pounds total.

Shirley, 78, tends to handle the logistics of gathering the items, while Carl, 84, handles physically taking them down to Virginia, usually with Ray Pfenning of Davisburg as co-pilot. Concerning Carl's age, Pfenning said, "I think he's going

to slow down — then he doesn't."

This week will be one of four trips they make each year. Each trip they trek at least 10,000 pounds, 550 miles one way, and drop off the assorted goods at a warehouse, on the property of a couple who then distributes the goods to families by request.

Before school starts in the fall, instead of Christmas shoe boxes they deliver school supplies. Shirley said the last trip they also took 200 back packs.

With this operation, it's all about preparation. In a continuous cycle, once one trip is finished, Shirley and Carl will begin preparing for the next trip. Three weeks ago, Shirley began to separate clothing by age and gender, so the shoe boxes could be efficiently packed over the weekend.

See **CHRISTMAS** on 8

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video



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On Friday Christie Lee (right) of Rose Township packs a Christmas shoe box, intended for a 6-year-old girl, at the Angel Haven Foundation volunteer weekend last week. The group packed 302 boxes, added to an extra 400 pre-packed by a local church group. The 702 boxes, along with thousands of pounds of other goods, are headed to rural Virginia this week.

Alive In Appalachia

*In 2012, I followed Carl and the group down to Virginia, in what was their most difficult trek of the foundation's existence, filming everything along the way. I followed the preparation for the trip also, and then spent a week exploring the lives of the people this Holly Township couple assist. I witnessed a cross section of mountain life, including the legacy of coal mining, and some surprising, and painful personal stories from near-strangers. The resulting 66-minute documentary is something I'm very proud of, and I am excited to be releasing the video at next week's **Fenton Film Series**. The movie will be shown at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, starting at 7 p.m. It's free, and includes free refreshments from area businesses. You can see the ALIVE IN APPALACHIA trailer at tctimes.com.*

— **Tim Jagielo**



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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
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a national tragedy**

When my fellow critics of Ferguson, Missouri police are reduced to arguing not whether, but how hard, Michael Brown hit police officer Darren Wilson, I think it is time to rethink what this scandal is all about or, more pointedly, what it should be about.

I was not surprised that a grand jury did not indict police officer Darren Wilson in the killing of 18-year-old Michael Brown, but I was disappointed in the way that St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch announced it.

A grand jury normally is supposed to review a prosecutor's evidence to see if the case is worth taking to court, where witnesses and evidence can be cross-examined and both sides can be argued. Instead, McCulloch presented both sides, raised doubts about contradictory eyewitnesses and gave Wilson four hours of unchallenged testimony that amounted to a case against the deceased.

Judging by witnesses and a video of his earlier robbery, Brown was no angel. But neither was the prosecutor in circumventing the full, open and fair trial that Brown's family, among multitudes of others, wanted to have. To outsiders, Brown's symbolic value quickly outgrew his reality, partly because of the excessively secretive way the killing was handled by Ferguson's police department.

To the left, Brown became a martyr in the fight against institutional racism. To the right, he became a symbol of every grievance conservatives have against liberals and President Barack Obama.

It is not unfair to say that Brown could still be alive today if he had not responded to Wilson's questions with punches to Wilson's face and attempts to grab his gun, according to witnesses.

Why don't media and activists care as much about black police who shoot white suspects? That question has been raised, after the killing of Dillon Taylor, an unarmed 20-year-old white man outside a convenience store in Salt Lake City. Officer Bron Cruz, identified only as 'nonwhite,' has been cleared of possible wrongdoing after an investigation.

The officer's body camera recorded the entire incident, Police Chief Chris Burbank told reporters, once again demonstrating the value of putting such cameras on all police.

THOSE IDIOTS IN Ferguson, Missouri denounce the arduous testimony of those who allegedly witnessed the killing of Brown. Twelve jurors listened to and evaluated 70 hours of testimony that was riddled with conflict and improprieties. In retaliation of facts, protestors destroy streets and towns. The question — what are you protesting?

■■■■ **IT APPALLS ME** when a 'hunter' can take what he wants off a deer and discard them on the side of the road — three deer skinned, hacked up and left in the ditch. Shame on you!

■■■■ **SAD TIMES FOR** our country when greed, crime and dysfunction have taken over! Every day it is the same old news with our dysfunctional government that protects corporate greed yet does nothing to protect the people that elected them to do so. Then we have the crimes and corruption. Sad times.

■■■■ **HERE WE GO** again, another lame duck session and more crap forced upon us. I guess our government is truly out of touch and/or just doesn't care about the people who elected them into office.

■■■■ **I WISH THAT** our government would get off their lazy butts and fix the tax system in a way that is fair for everybody. It should be fair and balanced for personal, small and large business, rich or poor. We should all pay the same percentage rate.

■■■■ **MARY AT FUMC**, 'thank you' from all the volunteers for letting us help you

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■■■■ **LET'S SEE, ONLY** six million on Obamacare, most of which we are paying for, many more without their plans paying more, lower unemployment due to drop outs, 3,000 more troops to Iraq, five million illegals given amnesty, and a pending race war due to Obama and Holder.

Thanks Obama!

■■■■ **IT'S NOT THE** number of executive orders Obama has written, it is the Marxist, socialist path he cuts with each one.

■■■■ **TO THE PERSON** who killed the deer merely to take the backstraps and just throw away the entire deer on Tipsico Lake Road — you should be ashamed of yourself. As a hunter, I am ashamed of you. If you think no one saw you do it, you are sadly mistaken.

■■■■ **THE PURPOSE OF** executive orders is to enforce laws passed by Congress; secondarily for the Federal government to operate. The total number written is meaningless. When President Obama granted amnesty to some illegals, he stepped on Congress. It's time for Congress to stand up for its authority.

■■■■ **AND TRUE TO** form, I mention racism accusations as being conversation stoppers and what happens? I am accused of being a racist. That seems to be the only argument that liberals can fall back on because they can't argue the facts of what Obama has done to this country. Pathetic.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**How about putting
Americans first**

The framers of the U.S. Constitution sought to limit the power of government and expand individual liberty. President Obama sees it the other way. But there is another issue surrounding the president's amnesty order that needs addressing.

The unemployment rate among African-Americans is twice that of whites, which is why they should be outraged by the president's action. Then why hasn't the president focused on repairing their families, reducing crime in cities like Chicago where he launched his political career and allowing members of his race to escape from failed public schools that are robbing them of a future?

Joe R. Hicks, the former executive director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference said: 'President Obama strode into the White House promising to give the American people the audacity of hope. What we are witnessing instead, with his immigration agenda, is an audacious grab for power and an evisceration of the Constitution.'

Talk radio host Stacy Washington: 'Every time this country has pardoned illegal immigrants, crime and black unemployment have gone through the roof. Crime soared and black unemployment went through the roof.' Charles Butler, another black conservative talk radio host, was even blunter: 'President Obama will do with the stroke of a pen what 300 years of slavery, Jim Crow and legal segregation could not: destroy the hopes and dreams of millions of black Americans.'

Apparently, the president thinks that since he won more than 90 percent of the black vote in his two elections and the Democratic Party can count on their loyalty for the foreseeable future, he can begin 'importing' new voters, who will surely be granted that right when Democrats bring up 'fairness.'

As Rush Limbaugh noted on his show last week, if attracting new Democratic voters is not the primary motivation for amnesty, let Congress draft a bill that won't allow them to vote for 20 years and see how Democrats react.

The president likes to call the illegals 'dreamers.' For millions of unemployed, underemployed and otherwise working African-Americans who have children trapped in failing schools because Democratic politicians won't let them escape, their dreams have become a nightmare.

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What state would you like to visit?**streettalk**

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— Jeanie Evers
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"Oregon. My daughter goes to Oregon State and we haven't been there yet."

— Ray Gruesbeck
Fenton



"Florida. This time of year...yes."

— Doris Nichter
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"I love Florida, I love Orlando. Disney World is my favorite place."

— Chrissy Evans
Davisburg



"I've always wanted to go to Maine. It's one of the states I haven't visited."

— Peggy Grasso
Fenton Township



"Missouri. I have a sister that lives there."

— Debbie Reynolds
Linden

'Old' MEAP test replaced by new online exam

►Local students will be tested in spring with M-STEP

By Sally Rummel

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It's out with the old and in with the new, when it comes to educational assessment testing.

Coming next spring, students in the tri-county area will be taking a new online exam that will replace the four decades old Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test.

Called the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), this new test is an online assessment with a paper-and-pencil option for school districts that aren't technologically ready. This test is only

a revised MEAP and state education officials are still developing a new exam for testing in 2015-2016.

This replacement exam will test grades three through eight in math and English language, grades four and seven in science and grades five through eight in social studies. It will include an assessment for grades three through eight and the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) for 11th-graders.

M-STEP will include questions developed by state officials and educators, as well as some developed by Smarter Balanced, a state-led consortium working to develop assessments alignment to the Common Core state standards. This consortium was rejected by state legislators because of its controversial association with Common Core — national standards adopted by a consortium of 43 states, including Michigan.

Here's how three local superintendents are reacting to the new M-STEP exam:

Tim Jalkanen, superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools, says that the spring test date is a more appropriate timeframe, rather than testing done early in the school year, as it has been done for many years.

"Although there hasn't been much information available on the new test, I've always believed that good teaching will result in good test results." Because all science and social studies MEAP tests were given online last year and the testing went well, Jalkanen believes Fenton students are better prepared for the new state guidelines for online testing.

Wayne Wright, superintendent of Lake Fenton Community Schools, said that its district's students and teachers are doing what they can to prepare for the new test. "We don't know much about the test at this point, but we understand that some of the questions are from the Smarter Balanced questions," he said. "We're ready for the online technology of the exam."

Ed Koledo, superintendent of Linden

Community Schools, said that his district has been preparing for electronic testing for years, including a pilot program last year of electronic tests in various grade levels, which helped align their ability to provide seamless connectivity for hundreds of student workstations.

"As for the M-STEP test itself, we know so little about the content of the test, other than it is reported to be aligned to the Core Curriculum and that the state has the bank of questions Smarter Balanced created," said Koledo.

When asked whether he thinks this new test is an improvement over the MEAP, Koledo said he doesn't know enough about it yet to know the answer to that question.

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Tim Jalkanen

Superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools

News briefs

Trash collection services stay with Republic

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees took bids on the contract for trash removal services, and on Monday night, they awarded the contract to Republic Services. Republic has already serviced the township for a few years, and having not had many complaints from residents, Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said, "We don't see any reason in changing companies unless they aren't doing their job." Of the three companies to put in bids, Republic was the only one to submit all the information they were required. They are planning to switch to a carted trash system and will possibly be switching to a carted system for recyclables.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

HOW CAN THE Duck Dynasty guy's words that are inflammatory be OK, but the black football players coming out of the tunnel with their hands up is not OK? Doesn't the first amendment cover both of those? Why is the first amendment OK for some, but not OK for others? I don't get it.

CAN YOU BELIEVE it? Coca Cola launches a new healthy milk product. The advertising campaign features several attractive women standing on a scale draped in white to represent the product and the results that can be obtained by a healthy lifestyle. Now a group of overweight feminists protest. Priceless.

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THE PERSON THAT responded to the presidential executive orders showed his lack of knowledge, just like Obama. The majority of the presidential executive orders take place at the end of their term. Unless Obama resigns now, by the end of his term, at this rate, he will have more executive orders than any of his predecessors.

■■■
I HATE TO tell you this, but your grandfather did not fight and die for his citizenship. When he was born here he was granted it just like the immigrants now.

■■■
I CAN'T BELIEVE how long people kept their Halloween stuff and dead summer flowers out. Glad it's almost Christmas!

■■■
UNDER OBAMA HIGHEST national debt ever of \$18 trillion, high levels of unemployment, illegal immigrants, high levels of people on food stamps, high levels of administration scandals and lies from the president and high levels of people not wanting Obamacare. Low levels of jobs, trust in government and Obama popularity.

■■■
OBAMA'S IMMIGRATION PLAN is a naked political maneuver that will not improve border security, will not penalize employers who hire illegals and will not deport illegals. There are somewhere between five and 11 million in this country. What this plan will do is burden the increased cost to schools, hospitals, our welfare plan, Social Security and eliminate jobs from hard working Americans. This plan will continue to hurt those of us who pay taxes.

■■■
THE PROBLEM WITH Mr. Obama and executive orders isn't how many he's used but how he's used them. Other presidents may have issued more but they used them to implement laws enacted by Congress. Mr. Obama is using them to create new laws without Congressional approval.

County board asks township not to cut off power to Smith family

A resolution introduced by Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman calling for Holly Township officials to maintain power services to a Holly Township family was unanimously approved.

For about two years, Hoffman has spoken out on behalf of Timm and Maria Smith regarding their 10-acre piece of property on South Holly Road. Hoffman and the Smiths have said numerous times that they believe that the township is illegally trying to take their property that has frontage on the Shiawassee River.

On Nov. 17, the township issued a series of blight and safety violations against the Smiths and has also threatened to shut off electricity to the family's trailer home that they are living in. According to a press release by Hoffman, the Smiths were given a deadline of Dec. 17 to remedy the violations before legal action and fines are taken by the township.

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, Hoffman hand-delivered the resolution to the Smiths and township requesting that the Smiths power be maintained.

HIT AND RUN

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Garcia was laid to rest over the weekend. Shaw said the area in which Garcia was struck was rural, with no lights and he was wearing dark clothing. Early on, state police were looking for witnesses, and evidence collected from the scene was sent to the crime lab for analysis.

Shaw said over this past weekend, an individual came to the Post saying they might have been the driver that struck Garcia. Other witnesses have also been interviewed. Once the report is finalized, it will be forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutor for review of possible charges.

State police are not releasing any information on the individual who came in, as detectives have not confirmed yet that this is the responsible person.

Police&Fire report

FENTON HOMES BROKEN INTO

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Fenton police responded to three home security alarms on Bealfred Drive and one on Jennings Road. Sgt. David Reinfelder said they first responded to a home on Jennings Road, where the homeowner said it did not appear that the intruder(s) stole anything and that they might have interrupted the break-in. At the homes on Bealfred Drive, Reinfelder said the suspect(s) either kicked in or pried open doors to make entry. The homes were rummaged through and miscellaneous items were reported stolen. Fingerprints left behind at one of the homes are being analyzed to identify a suspect. If anyone has information about these break-ins, they are asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

MAN TRESPASSES AT SEMINARY

A 23-year-old Fenton man was arrested for trespassing Monday morning. Sgt. David Reinfelder of the Fenton Police Department said police were called about a person possibly being inside of the old, vacant seminary on High Street at 9 a.m. on Dec. 1. Upon arrival, police saw the man exiting the abandoned home, attached to the seminary. The man said he was reminiscing and that he used to visit the place when he was younger. Since the fenced off, dilapidated and dangerous building is owned by Genesee County and is posted with 'no trespassing' signs, the man was issued a court appearance ticket for trespassing.

FENTON MAN WITH WARRANT ALSO HAS POT

Fenton police were advised that a 20-year-old Fenton man, with an outstanding warrant, was at a residence on Adelaide Street. Upon arrival, police located the man and placed him under arrest. During a search of the home, police found marijuana. He was arrested for possession of marijuana and lodged at the Flint City Jail for the outstanding warrant.



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the judge

Nov. 30, 1874 and Dec. 7, 1941

If I had to guess, if a survey were to be taken in this country as to the significance of these two dates, more people would know what happened on the latter as opposed to the former, which is completely understandable.

The reason for this is quite simple. This coming Sunday, Dec. 7, marks the 73rd anniversary of what was called "a date which will live in infamy" when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and resulted in the United States entering World War II. The author of this famous quote was our 32nd President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The first date in our title is certainly much less known to Americans and for a very good reason, as it is the birth date of the World War II British Prime Minister Winston Leonard Spencer-Churchill.

These men played vital roles as the wartime leaders of their respective countries and which resulted in an ultimate victory.

Before becoming the leaders, both overcame some rather difficult issues in their lives. President Roosevelt survived a bout with either polio or Guillain-Barre syndrome, which left him partially paralyzed and unable to walk without braces. As a young man Prime Minister Churchill was a very poor student who barely (after three attempts) passed the entrance examination for military college.

It is important that we always remember these gentlemen and hopefully receive some level of inspiration from what they accomplished.

Since Mr. Churchill is probably less known in America, I will touch upon some perhaps not well known 'American' facts about him.

His mother, Jennie Jerome, was an American whose father was a part owner of the New York Times.

Mr. Churchill was a frequent visitor to the United States and also lectured here. In December 1890, he shared the lecture stage in New York City with Mark Twain.

In 1931, on a lecture tour, he was almost killed in New York City when hit by a car.

He was so revered in the United States that by an Act of Congress signed by President John F. Kennedy on April 9, 1963, he was declared our first honorary citizen.

There is much, much more to be said as to both of these men and I would recommend additional research and reading. You won't be disappointed.

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Times

Can you name all 50 states?

►Fewer than half the players on one online game could

By Yvonne Stegall

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Fewer than half of the players on an online game site could name all 50 U.S. states, according to an article on CBS global. The game site is Sporcle.com, and after 10 minutes, this reporter was even only able to name 42 states.

On this game, you do not need to actually locate where the state goes on the map, which would probably have the American people rating far below 50 percent. You just need to be able to name them and spell those names correctly.

According to the statistics shared by CBS global, 45 percent of players were able to get all 50, but the site doesn't break down how many non-U.S. residents played the game. If you want to try the test out for yourself, just search for the Geography category at Sporcle.com and it's easy to find. It's their top quiz in that section with more than 13 million plays.

More stats from the quiz showed that about 25 percent were able to name between 45-49 states.

The 10 most easily recognizable states were: Texas 97.6 percent; California 97.6; New York 96.8; Washington 96.8; Florida 96.7; North Dakota 93.8; Alaska 93.7; South Dakota 93.7; North Carolina 92.9 and Nevada 92.8.

The bottom 10: Indiana 82.1 percent; Iowa 81.9; Delaware 81.9; Maryland

81.2; Wisconsin 81; Massachusetts 80.6; Nebraska 80.5; Connecticut 79.9; Minnesota 79; Missouri 78.6.

So, when did we learn what and where our states are? According to Fenton schools, at the elementary level students start learning the 50 States. In kindergarten, students are taught Michigan and Florida. In first-, second- and third-grade, more states are added. By the end of fourth-grade, students should be able to name all 50 States.

According to Susan Welch, a fourth-grade teacher at State

Road Elementary School in Fenton, fourth-grade covers the "Regions of the United States" and in this unit (and reviewed throughout the school year) is where they cover the 50 states and their locations.

Students learn the 50 states in a variety of ways, including: computer and online games and apps; sequence games; songs (Nifty Fifty United States); and tying the states and locations into our current events (as an example: during the March Madness NCAA Basketball Tournament, she charts the location of each team on a U.S. map.

Welch said, "We believe our students leave the elementary level with a strong understanding and knowledge-base of the names and locations of the states, as well as the regions of the United States."

It's possible that taking some fun and interesting quizzes online, like the geography games at Sporcle, could help adults master the 50 states all over again.



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Susan Welch
Fourth-grade teacher at
State Road Elementary

FOOD TRUCKS

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for "mobile vending facilities," which is defined in the ordinance as any cart, structure, vehicle, or other physical establishment where the primary vending operation takes place of a mobile food establishment.

On Monday, city council worked out the details of the ordinance at their work session meeting.

The council discussed details such as how many licenses is enough to give out for the city, where food trucks could be located, and what sort of fees the city should charge. For the time being, the council agreed to stay with three licenses, and allow food trucks to set up shop as long as they are at least 150 feet from an existing brick and mortar restaurant.

Food carts can set up on public property or private property with written permission from the owner. However, the carts will not be able to operate on public property within one block of a city-authorized event without permission from the event sponsor. The carts would be allowed to operate between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. within residential areas and between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. in commercial areas. The fee is expected to be an

annual cost of \$300, however these details could all potentially change before the ordinance is officially voted upon.

The fee was subject to some debate, with some council members believing it should be more expensive. Councilman Scott Grossmeyer said he would be in favor of a larger fee, as he believed the food carts could increase the amount of work for the city's Department of Public Works (DPW) due to an increase of trash collection from public trash barrels.

Councilman Les Bland said he was less concerned about the potential increase in work. "The fee has to be reasonable for vendors to come in at all," Bland said.

Some council members shared concerns that a requirement of 150 feet away from brick and mortar restaurants may not be far enough. Councilman Bradley Jacob had concerns

about imposing too much of a restriction would severely limit where the carts could operate at all. "If you get farther away than that you are going to start to create large areas where they just can't exist," Jacob said.

The council also discussed only passing the new ordinance for a trial period of a year, allowing the council to evaluate the ordinance and make changes before adopting it permanently.

Summary

►For a fee, up to three food truck operators may be licensed to run at certain times in the city, should the council adopt the ordinance.

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'SWATTING'

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response based on the false report of an ongoing critical incident.

Incidents typically produce the deployment of SWAT units, bomb squads, and other police units, as well as the evacuations of schools, businesses and residences, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

Just after 11 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28 Holly police were advised that an unknown male subject was calling, claiming he was armed and had taken hostages at a residence on Grange Hall Road.

With assistance from the Michigan State Police and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, police investigated and found the claim to be false.

Holly police are reporting that a resident at the home had been threatened online prior to the false call being made.

This is the first swatting call for the Holly Police Department.

"The idea that 'swatting' is some kind of modern-day harmless prank is woefully misplaced," said Patricia M. Ferrick, an FBI special agent who has investigated other incidents. "It is a serious federal crime and will be investigated and prosecuted as such."

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CHRISTMAS

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Packing the shoeboxes is an annual event. This group packed 302 of these shoe boxes, starting on Friday. At their busiest they had 18 volunteers crammed into their home.

This year, 400 were pre-assembled by a church group, and the volunteers checked each of them for age appropriateness, and stuffed more into each box until it took a little weight to close them.

Funds are raised primarily through the semi-annual yard sales, which can bring in \$4,000 in a weekend. In 2013, the foundation (actually just Carl and company) made the 1,100 miles trip three times, because garage sale-sales were lower than expected. The operation of the trips comes down to a lot of vehicle expenses.

They sell items that are donated, and the best, newest stuff is saved for direct delivery to the people, and the new clothing items are packed into shoe boxes.

Shirley Roos said this week they'll



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Mattie Harburn, 10, of Holly helps pack boxes for the first time on Friday. "I'm so happy to be here," she said.

also be transporting down a washer and dryer, a stove, seven beds and assorted small furniture. They'll also take 700 pounds of frozen meat and 200 loaves of frozen bread.

Does Fido hate kennels?

► Consider hiring an experienced dog sitter

By Tim Jagielo

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For whatever reason, a kennel just isn't for your dog. Maybe he's got anxiety, or maybe there was a dubious incident the last time you left for vacation, which left your canine in the care of strangers in a strange place.

Maybe your dog isn't a dog, but a horse, and she needs someone to visit and feed her while you're away.

Maybe you should consider a sitter instead. For some families, simply having someone drop in to check on their pet, feed, give water and take them out, makes a lot of sense.

Heidi Madsen of Fenton Township has been that someone, for 20 years. "A lot of my clients that I have, all of them have had horrible experiences being in a kennel," she said.

Madsen said that like people, dogs like the routine of the familiar, and their normal life schedule. Some have separation anxiety, and an unfamiliar place like a kennel doesn't help. So Madsen cares for the client's pet — whether dog or livestock — right in their home, as to disrupt them as little as possible.

Over the past 20 years, her client list has exceeded 50, and has included friends, referrals and even musicians and movie actors, whom she cannot name. She covers all of the tri-county area, and will travel as far south as Brighton.

She's not bonded or insured, and there's no certification to sit for dogs. She does have a lifetime of experience with animals large and small. "It's one of those things where you have to know what you're doing," she said.

Fortunately, she has never had a medical issue, but was always prepared for an emergency.

It's important to note, that with dog sitting, questions of legal responsibilities should be directed at an attorney. For example, if a dog escapes and bites someone, what are the legal consequences, and for whom?

Practical tips for a dog sitter

"Really be confident, be strong in your skills that you have," Madsen said, as

animals tend to be able to judge character. Getting along with the animal is the single biggest thing that will make the sitting time go smoothly. Sometimes with standoffish dogs, ignoring them is the best way to get their cooperation.

A little preparation also goes a long way. She suggests meeting with the client

(even if it's a friend or family member) a couple weeks ahead of time.

Find out what issues the animal has. Madsen said most of her clients' pets have issues of some kind, and it's important to know what they are in advance. Are they aggressive to humans, other dogs? Have they bitten

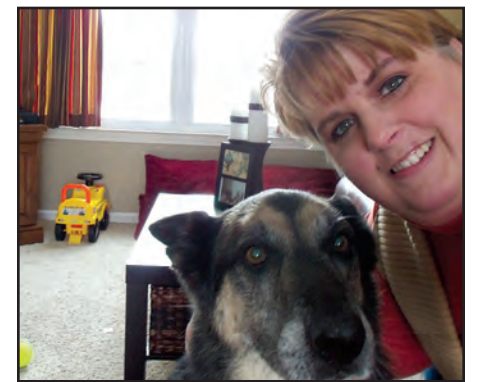
anyone? Are they likely to make a break for it at the first chance?

Concerning a client's home — just like with babysitting, know what to do, and who to call in an emergency. Where are the important numbers? Where are the circuit breakers in case you lose power? Does the home furnace have issues to know of?

Practical tips for the client

Check out your pet sitter first — ask for references. "Make sure the person coming into your home is reputable, with good references," she said. Madsen believes that one-time dog sitting isn't enough to be considered "experience" in her opinion.

As far as fees, Madsen charges \$45 per day for a few check-ins, and \$35 per day if she stays in the home for a few hours, taking the pet for a walk after feeding them. Other services may charge more. Madsen can be reached at housesitting-byheidi.weebly.com.



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Heidi Madsen takes a selfie with Trigger, a 9-year-old German shepherd, owned by the Jones family in Fenton.

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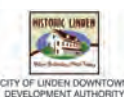
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Your TV buying guide

►With all the new technology, what are the options?

By Yvonne Stegall

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Televisions come and go. The TVs we watched our favorite shows on just a decade or two ago are all but obsolete, and just like all things in the technology world, each new invention pushes an older “dinosaur” out the door.

According to techradar.com, this year’s plasma TVs are out, and they have been replaced by **4K/Ultra High Definition** resolutions. For those who have no idea what this is, 3840 x 2160 pixels is the minimum for this type of TV, four times the resolution of full HD TVs. In addition, the prices have fallen to half what they were when they debuted about a year ago. A 55-inch Ultra HD TV at Kmart is approximately \$700.

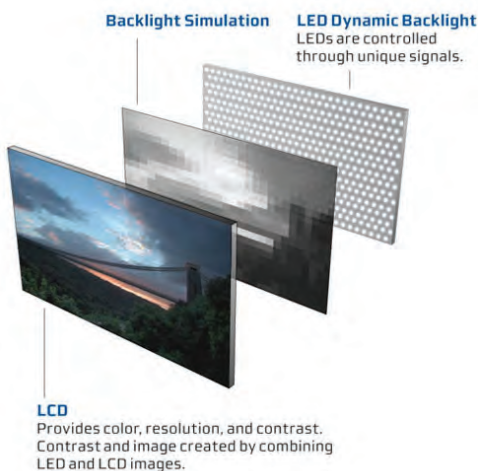
Another new player in the game of televisions is the **curved screen**. Have no fear, flat screen TVs are still the main choice you will find, but Samsung has been pushing its curved screen TVs.

While you also have the option of **3D televisions**, techradar.com claims that they are near death. While 3D may still seem popular and prevalent on the big screen, it has been less popular when it comes to home viewing. While the 3D TV may not die out completely, it definitely fits the idea of a dinosaur electronic. 3D prices vary depending on TV size, brand and more.

Last month Fenton Kmart’s Jason Bellant II, said, “**Smart TVs** are a popular option right now.” Smart TVs are somewhat like smartphones, they give viewers access, via Wi-Fi, to apps and other online goodies. Who needs a BluRay player or gaming system to access Netflix when they can do it right through their television? Shoppers can get a Toshiba 65-inch TV for about \$1,000.

How about **LED** or **LCD**? If anyone is scared of a bad former experience with LCD TVs, it may help to know that their technology has changed. Previously all LCD TVs were backlit by always-on, CCFL (cold cathode fluorescent) lamps. While shoppers may still find this ageing technology in cheaper sets, more expensive ones use a superior LED method. As far as LED sets go, opt for direct LED over edge LED.

Something else that is new in the world of televisions is **OLED** backlighting, organic light emitting diode. This is brand new for 2014, and so far, LG is the only company to release full-sized OLED TVs. Combine the new curved technology with a 55-inch 3D OLED LG TV at Kmart for about \$2,800.



Then, of course, shoppers have to choose their TV size. Want something small for the bedroom? There are many great 32-inch screen options out there. For those who want a home theater experience, look for a 60-inch or bigger screen TV. Just make sure you have the room for it.

In addition, when it comes to prices, don’t just figure a high priced name means quality. There are great inexpensive TVs and there are bad expensive TVs. Talk to a salesperson and they will surely be able to give advice on the best model based on needs and price.

“**Smart TVs are a popular option right now.**”

Jason Bellant II
Kmart electronics employee



OLED REVIEW

According to Will Greenwald at PCMag.com, “Last year, I reviewed the LG 55EA9800, \$3,200.00 at eBay, a 55-inch curved OLED HDTV. To my utter shock, it managed to produce perfectly dark black, a holy grail of HDTV testing and the only way a screen can have the “infinite contrast ratio” some manufacturers have claimed in the past. I’ve been waiting for another OLED HDTV to test to see if this was some mysterious fluke or if the technology really can consistently perform that way. LG has now released the 55EC9300, a redesigned, WebOS-based follow-up model. Well, OLED is now two for two, and the 55EC9300 offers one of the best pictures I’ve ever tested in the lab. That image quality will cost you \$6,999.99, though, so while OLED is now confirmed to be the future of HDTVs, it still isn’t feasible for most consumers today.”

Source: pcmag.com

ARRESTS

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“citizen arrests” do not happen very often with everyday citizens in Fenton. But, according to state law, the loss prevention employee who detains a suspected shoplifter at a store is technically making a citizen’s arrest.

Any individual making a citizen’s arrest is also required to deliver the arrested person to a police officer without unnecessary delay.

Aro said, “This does not happen very frequently, with the exception of loss prevention employees detaining a retail fraud suspect. It’s important to note that this applies to felonies only, except for the retail fraud incidents.”

“We’d prefer that you be the best witness.”

—Rick Aro,
Fenton police chief

In 2013, Fenton police handled 74 retail fraud cases. So far this year, the police department has had 48. Aro couldn’t say for sure without looking at each case, but the majority of these retail frauds were the result of a loss prevention employee detaining the suspect.

To conduct a citizen’s arrest, Aro said the crime needs to be a felony — a serious crime. Things the citizen needs to take into consideration are whether they will realistically be able to detain the other individual and to determine if the suspect will become violent.

Aro said a safer alternative would be

to be a good witness and not get involved. “See where they went,” he said. “We’d prefer that you be the best witness.”

“You don’t know if they (the suspect) have a gun.”

Citizens arrest

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Beating the Bronchos will be tough

►T-C's boys basketball squads are optimistic about new season

By David Troppens

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When it comes to the new tri-county boys basketball season, no one has more reason to feel excited than the Holly Bronchos.

The Holly boys basketball team returns pretty much everyone from

its Metro League title team from a year ago. The Bronchos remain the favorites again this season.

Holly opens the season against a tough foe — at Detroit Country Day on Tuesday.

Last year the Bronchos went 16-5, but lost its district opener against the Grand Blanc Bobcats. Memories of that game fuel the squad this year.

"We came off a disappointing loss in districts. We had a big lead and

killed ourselves. We are looking at putting that behind us," Holly senior Parker Rowse said. "We are looking toward making this a season to remember not only for the seniors, but the community and everyone around us."

Lake Fenton enters the contest with Holly with positives vibes as well. The Blue Devils travel
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Sports

Kyle Woodruff

Member of the Holly
Bronchos' varsity
basketball team.
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Did you know?

►Fenton boys basketball has had the most All-Metro first-team picks in league history (44).

RUNNER'S LOG

Jinglejog 2014

Fenton's annual Jinglejog 5K Run and Walk is slated for Saturday at the Fenton United Methodist Church located in downtown Fenton. The race will begin at 3 p.m. Race day packet pick up will be from 1:30 until 2:45 p.m. at the Fenton United Methodist Church. The cost is \$27 on the day of the event. The race has a new course starting behind the church and continues through the paved streets in downtown Fenton.

Run Like the Dickens

The 10K run and 5K walk and runs will be held Dec. 13 starting with the 5K run at 9 a.m. The race entry is \$35 prior to Dec. 1 with a long sleeve shirt and \$18 without. After Dec. 1 the prices are \$35 and \$20, respectively. On the day of the race the prices are \$40 and \$22.

The race begins and ends near Holly's Karl Richter Campus. It is run through the streets of Holly. The event has grown into one of the largest road races in the Flint area.

Seven is enough for Eagles' win

►Linden's limited roster proves strong enough in victory vs. Blue Devils

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — When the girls basketball preseason began the Linden Eagles knew they were going to have to learn how to play with limited numbers since there were only eight girls on the varsity squad.

However, those numbers shrunk to seven in the team's opener against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils due to an injury to one of the players.

However, minus a couple of scares when it came to fouls, the Eagles made the seven-player team work out just fine at Lake Fenton High School on Monday night.

Led by Taylor Smith's game-high 20 points, the Eagles had all seven active players play vital roles in Linden's 65-31 victory against the Blue Devils in what was the season-opener for both squads.

"It started out kind of sloppy I thought," said Smith, who also had six rebounds and six steals. "But for having just seven girls,



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Scrambles for loose balls like this are a common occurrence during any first game of the girls basketball season. This one finds Lake Fenton's Kaitlyn Begley (left) battling with Linden's Madison Maxheimer. Linden won the game 65-31 on Monday. Hannah Carly is the Lake Fenton player right behind the scramble.

I think we did pretty good. We just have to work together more. We started to get a few girls with some fouls, so we had to back off a little bit so we didn't foul. But I think we did pretty good."

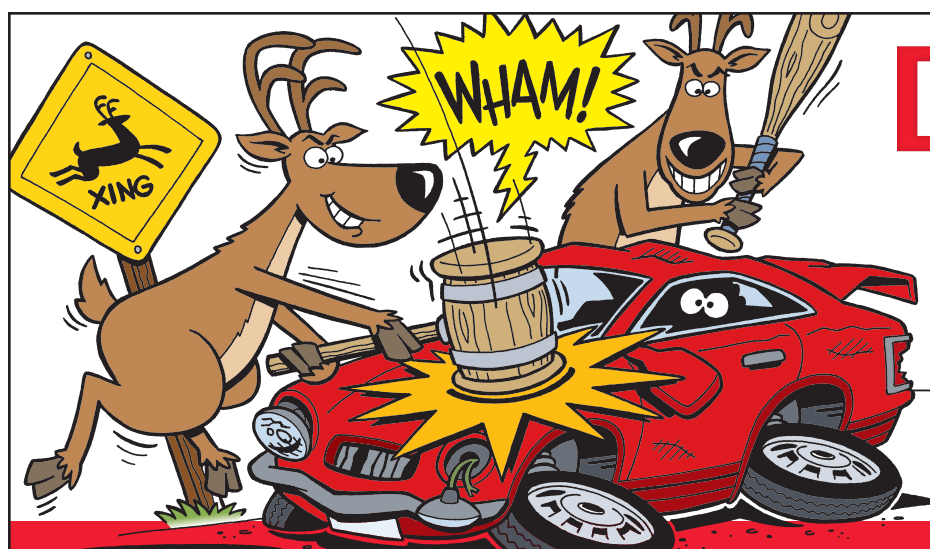
"I had to change some of the things we do," Linden varsity

girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. "I could've gotten ourselves in trouble with pressing. We were fouling, reaching and grabbing, but that's the way they like to play. We are not good at picking up at halfcourt. We do our best when we are pressing. We just

have to do a better job at it."

The press did work. Lake Fenton's young varsity squad turned the ball over 36 times, including on 12 occasions during the first quarter. Those turnovers enabled Linden to take a

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16-2 lead into the second period. Megan Kenney had three of her four steals in the opening quarter, helping spark the Eagles' defense. Meanwhile, Sterling DeGayner, who finished with six steals herself, scored six of her 12 points in the opening quarter, helping set up the large lead entering the second period. The Blue Devils were able to cut the gap to 16-7 after a layup by Sierra Arroyo with 6:30 left in the first half, but the Eagles outscored Lake Fenton 19-4 the rest of the quarter. Linden went into the break leading 35-11, and the Eagles' lead was never threatened in the second half.

All seven Eagles helped contribute to the victory. After Smith's performance, Alexis Brandt had 14 points and seven rebounds. DeGayner had a big game, while Madison Maxheimer came off the bench to score seven and collect three steals and three rebounds. Kenney had nine rebounds before fouling out with one second left in the game, while Jordan Holscher provided six points and five rebounds. Lauren Klein didn't score, but came off the bench to provide four steals, two rebounds and two assists.

"Madison and Lauren played awesome," Varner said about his two players off the bench. "They went in, played defense and rebounded. ... I'm pleased with how they played tonight."

The contest was a learning experience for Lake Fenton's first-year varsity coach Brian VanBuren, as he saw his team play its first actual game. Arroyo, a sophomore, was probably the team's biggest bright spot, scoring a team-high 11 points, while also earning four rebounds and two



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Linden's Taylor Smith (left) scored a game-high 20 points in the Eagles' 65-31 victory against Lake Fenton on Monday night. Lake Fenton's Lauren Oppenheiser (right) had six rebounds in the contest.

steals. Sydney Sheyachich had six points and six rebounds, while freshman Hannah Garty came off the bench and finished with six points, three rebounds and two steals. Autumn Beardsley had five points and two blocks, but found herself in foul trouble for most of the game.

"We need to relax," VanBuren said. "Once (Linden) made a little bit of a run, it kind of rattled us. Part of it is being younger. We had two freshmen guards and a sophomore guard. ... And the speed

of is something we didn't expect. People say 'speed kills'. You can't replicate in practice what you see in games, and that came to fruition."

Lake Fenton hosts Atherton on Thursday.

"I'm looking forward to Thursday," VanBuren said. They say a lot of times, especially with football, you make your most improvements between game one and game two. I want to see if we can do that."

Linden travels to Brighton today.

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to area foe Linden on Tuesday for a 7 p.m. tip-off. The squad includes one of the area's best players, point guard Chris Bell. It appears the Blue Devils have a squad that should earn their share of victories this year as well.

"The first five days of practice I thought from an intensity, energy and defensive standpoint were five of the best days I've seen as a player or a coach," Lake Fenton coach Jake Erway said. "We had a bad day (after those five days), but we've been getting it back. I've been excited about what we have."

"We want to win a championship and we think this is a year we can contend for a championship and a district championship. ... If we rebound, take care of the ball and play defense the way we can, we can win a championship."

Linden is a team coming off a three-win season, but the squad is excited about improving upon that victory total this season.

"Last year was kind of disappointing, but this year we have seven returning seniors and a junior and that makes this season a little exciting," Linden player Kyle Korman said. "We have people with experience who had good playing time last year."

"It's nice having all of these returning seniors, and it's cool I get to play with my little brother Tyler," Linden senior Kevin Hoeberling said. "And we have a new court for our senior year as well. That's exciting."

The Fenton Tigers were predicted to finish third in the Metro League race by the conference's coaches. The Tigers



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Linden's Kyle Korman is one of the Eagles' top returning players this season.

expect energy and depth to be the key to a successful season this year. Fenton also opens the season against the Holly Bronchos, hosting Holly on Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm most excited about our group of guys. We have really good team chemistry," Fenton senior Austin Bossenberger said. "We have a lot of guys who have been in the program for awhile and it will be cool to see us come together. We have a lot of hard workers and that's one of our symbols for this year. We are going to work hard and hold ourselves accountable every single day. Not necessarily the team, but also holding yourself accountable."

"We have a lot of speed," Fenton senior Beau LePage said. "We have a lot of young talent and a lot of good returning talent. We are going to work hard to improve every day."

PREP REPORT

HOCKEY

► **Fenton/Linden Griffins:** The co-op hockey squad advanced to the finals of the Hudsonville Invitational during the weekend.

The Metro League Griffins opened with a 5-2 victory against the Hudsonville Eagles, but lost to the Grand Ledge/Fowlerville Gladiators 6-2.

In the opening game, the Griffins trailed 2-0 after one period, but then scored the game's final five goals. Brendan Buerkel scored three of them, including the game winner. The Griffins also got goals from Connor Phillips and Jonah Lainsesse. Phillips and Brandon Diener had assists.

The Griffins cut the gap to 2-1 after two periods, but tied it the contest 2-all just 30 seconds into the third period on Phillips' goal. Buerkel scored the game-winning tally 4:03 into the final period.

The Griffins were strong while short-handed, killing off four power plays, including one during the final minute of the contest.

In net, Manny Vomvolakis and Adam Glomb made a combined 34 saves to assure the victory. Vomvolakis was a perfect 24-for-24 on his shots.

The Griffins always trailed in the title game once Grand Ledge/Fowlerville got the lead. Diener and Phillips scored, while Jake Thompson and Brendan Buerkel had assists. The Griffins hurt themselves by taking 15 penalty minutes during the course of the contest, resulting in three power-play goals for the opposition.

Natalie Miller played in net, making 28 saves.

The Griffins (1-3) host Davison for a 6 p.m. contest at Hartland Sports Center on Wednesday.

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Tri-County's 2014-15 Boys Basketball Previews

LINDEN EAGLES

Coach: Anthony Wright
2013-14 Record: 2-14 in Metro, 3-18 overall, lost to Grand Blanc in opening round of districts.

Graduated All-TCT players: Collin Hoeberling.

Returning All-TCT players: None.

Team summary: The Eagles enter Wright's third season with more optimism than in the past. The squad has younger players coming up the pipe who are more dedicated to the sport and have also had more success at younger levels. The program also has more depth than ever before. Trent Strang and Kevin Hoeberling return and should be starting guards. Others returning include Kyle Korman and Mike Gold. They represent Linden's bodies inside the paint. Logan Steiert, Jake Zorn and Johnny Campbell will help provide depth. So will Kevin Hoeberling's younger brother, Tyler Hoeberling.

Coach Wright says: "We are fielding 18 players and 18 of which can come in and contribute. That's good. In the past if I had to make a sub, there would be a significant drop from the starter. Moving forward this team goes two to three deep at every spot."

Prediction: The Eagles lost only two players due to graduation and should be an improved team. How improved is the question. It's probably best to be a bit conservative and go for some modest improvement. Doubling last year's three victories would be a nice start.



Lake Fenton's Chris Bell

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

Coach: Jake Erway
2013-14 Record: 10-10 overall, lost to Goodrich in opening round of districts.

Graduated All-TCT players: Pete Plasters.

Returning All-TCT players: Chris Bell.

Team summary: Last season the Blue Devils had talent, but hardly had a chance to play with their full complement of players due to transfer rules, injuries and other issues. This year some of that talent returns and some of those past issues should be over with.

Five players return starting with Chris Bell. Bell has a chance to be one of the best players in the GAC Red, and will patrol the point. Tyler Browning is expected to be a leader on the floor and bring a strong work ethic. Jalen Miller

made an impact at times as a freshman, and should become a better resource for scoring and competitive desire since he's a year older. Isaac Golson is a guard who can get to the hoop and also get offensive rebounds. He's also an outstanding defender. Tony Hathaway provides rebounding and Jake Zielinski provides gritty leadership. Others on the team include Jordan Bond and Ryan Sisk.

Coach Erway says: "We want to win a championship. We think it is a year we can contend for a championship or a district championship. We'll have to take it a game at a time, need to build up our confidence with each game. If we do, I think a league championship is a reasonable goal for us."

Prediction: The Blue Devils look like a team on the rise. This is a team that should finish above .500.

HOLLY BRONCHOS

Coach: Lance Baylis
2013-14 Record: 13-3 Metro champions, 16-5 overall, lost district opener against Grand Blanc

Graduated All-TCT players: None.

Returning All-TCT players: Returning Tri-County Player of the Year Jake Daniels, Joshua Simms, Kyle Woodruff.

Team summary: The Bronchos captured a Metro crown last year and appear to have even more talent this season than last. Ten players return on a squad that has only gotten deeper. This team has many scoring options. Jake Daniels, Kyle Woodruff and Joshua Simms all can score 20-plus points any given night, and at least once last year all three did in the same game. Parker Rowse will be the point guard, while Morgan Baylis and Isaac Casillas are two other strong options. Steven Redmond is the back up

point guard, while Scott Maki is another strong perimeter shooter. Trevor Bland provides rebounding. Newcomers Paris Partee and Ian Hodges are quality players as well.

Coach Baylis says: "They are a great group of guys and are super dedicated, the most dedicated players I've ever had. We're done with practice and 45 minutes to an hour later they are in the gym doing drills and pushing themselves. I can't get them out of the gym. (Ex-San Francisco 49er coach) Bill Walsh said at some point in the season the coach has to turn the team over to the team. We are already doing that. We have the senior leadership and captains to do that right now."

Prediction: The Bronchos have a great chance to make this one magical season. They are the favorites to defend their Metro League title and have a good chance to win the school's first district title since 1982. It should be a fun season at the Horseshoe.

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FENTON TIGERS

Coach: Tim Olszewski
2013-14 Record: 8-8 in Metro, 9-12 overall, lost to Ortonville-Brandon in districts.

Graduated All-TCT players: James Claborn.

Returning All-TCT players: None.

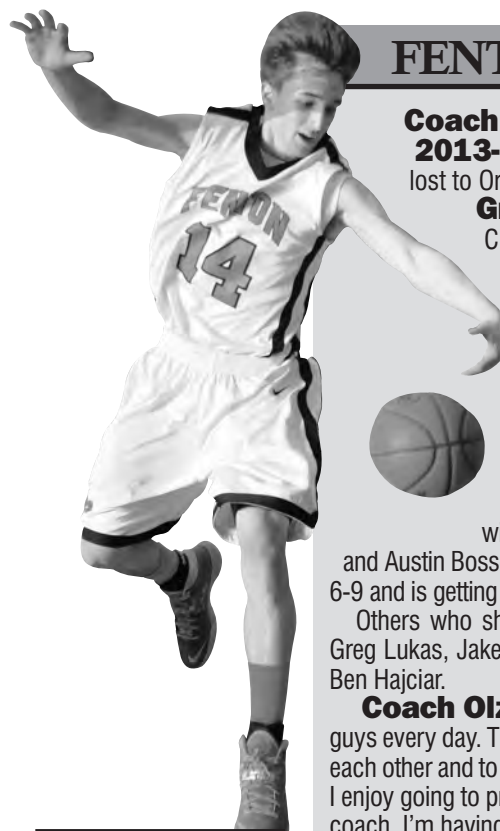
Team summary: The Tigers have six players returning from last year, and Olszewski figures the squad will go 10 deep on a nightly basis. Ross Ebert returns to the post after missing most of last season. Evan Welch should see some time in the frontcourt and returns as well. Alec Thomas returns on the wing, while guards Beau LePage, Dillon Gardner

and Austin Bossenberger also return. Sophomore Nick Wyrick is 6-9 and is getting stronger every month.

Others who should battle for playing time are Chris Gilbert, Greg Lukas, Jake Cairnduff, Aaron Boulay, Peyton Coffman and Ben Hajciar.

Coach Olszewski says: "I enjoy being around these guys every day. They are working hard, all seem to get along with each other and to the best I can tell are giving me their best effort. I enjoy going to practice because they listen and work hard. As a coach, I'm having a very good time right now."

Prediction: The Tigers were selected by the Metro coaches to finish third this season, and that's probably a real nice goal for the squad considering Holly appears loaded and Flushing appears to be the clear second-best team. Fenton will work hard and should be a fun team to watch play. Expect the Tigers to return to the positive side of .500 this winter.



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Austin Bossenberger is one of Fenton's top returning players from last year's 9-12 squad this winter.

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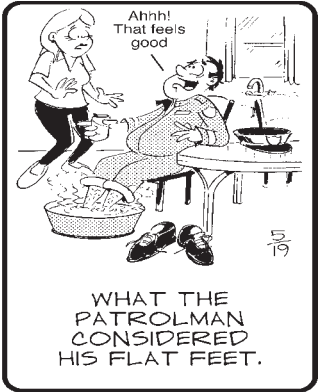
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
There could be an unexpected change in plans for your upcoming holiday travels. But keep in mind that a little flexibility goes a long way in resolving any disappointments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
A new relationship might not be responding quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Could you be expecting too much too soon? Try to ease up and let things happen at their own pace.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
As we approach the frenetic pace of pre-holiday planning, take time out now to reconnect with the wonderful people who share your life, especially the one who also shares your dreams.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A misunderstanding should be resolved before you get caught up in the flurry of holiday preparations. Set your pride aside and deal with it,

regardless of who might have hurt whom first.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Being told that a colleague might have been trying to undercut your effectiveness might or might not be true. Get all the facts before you even think about acting on this so-called information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
It's a good idea to start your holiday preparation plans early in order to avoid a time crunch if an unresolved workplace situation causes a problem. That old friend might have some welcome news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A family member's actions continue to surprise you, but this time with positive results. Could be your wise counsel finally got through. It's like having an early holiday gift, isn't it?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Your reluctance to act in a current situation could be traced to your

inner self advising you to take more time to study its complexities before you attempt to deal with it. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Soothing hurt feelings before they can ignite an angry outburst is the wise thing to do. And, of course, when it comes to doing the "wisdom thing," you do it so well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Budget your time so that you can handle both your workplace duties and your personal holiday planning — including travel arrangements — without burning out on either end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You might find that you still need to firm up one or two of those still-outstanding decisions so that you finally can move forward as you had planned. Weigh the facts, then act.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Elinor Jane Huff

1924-2014

Elinor Jane Huff - age 90, of Fenton, died Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at The Oaks at Woodfield, Grand Blanc. Funeral services were held 1 PM Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Burial followed in Cowell Cemetery, Tyrone Township. Pastor Daryl Taylor officiated. Visitation was held 5-8 PM Sunday, 11-8 PM Monday and 11 AM until time of service Tuesday. Elinor was born November 4, 1924 in Flint, MI the daughter of the late George D. and Edna M. (Spears) Root. She married Junior Huff on July 27, 1946 in Swartz Creek, MI, he preceded her in death on July 15, 1990. Elinor attended Longfellow School until the 5th grade then moved to Swartz Creek in 1935 where she graduated from Mary Crapo June of 1943. Elinor worked at the A.C. Spark Plug Division during the war and at Fenton Area Schools for 19 years as a cook. She was a member of V.F.W. Auxillary Post 3243 of Fenton where she was Past President and held many other chairs. Elinor enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family and watching the Red Wings and Detroit Lions. Surviving are: children, Lana (Daniel) Bentley of Mesa AZ, Michael (Lois) Huff of Swartz Creek, Jane (Gary) Adams of Linden, Lynne (Mike) Lauer of Fenton, Patricia (Steven) Murphy of Swartz Creek; 17 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her great-granddaughter, Emily Donnert; sister, Jean Larobardiare and brother, Robert Root. The family wishes to thank Dr. Kenneth Steibel, Dr. Amy Daros, Heartland Hospice, Special friend Cecelia Williams, and the Caregivers at the Oaks for their love and support. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kyle Lee Campbell

1964-2014

Kyle Lee Campbell - age 50, of Fenton, died Saturday, November 29, 2014. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, December 4, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (Also, a memorial service will be held in Anderson, IN at a later date). Pastor Wes Morris officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-9 PM and Thursday from 12 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project or National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation. Kyle was born November 12, 1964 in Noblesville, IN the son of Don M. and Peggy J. (Brown) Campbell. He was a 1983 graduate of Lapel High School in Lapel, IN and received a Bachelor's Degree in 1988 from Anderson University. He married Cherie Ann Green June 18, 1988 in Anderson, IN. Kyle was employed by Quaker Chemical Corporation for the past 18 years as the Global Sustainability Manager. He was an avid golfer and a member of Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. He also enjoyed fishing and fantasy football. Kyle was well loved by everyone he met. He brightened the lives he touched with his quick wit and unmatched generosity. Surviving are: his wife, Cherie; 2 daughters, Lauren Nicole and husband Kyle Modad of Holland and Morgan Campbell of Lansing; parents, Don and Peggy Campbell of Anderson, IN; sister, Jeri and husband Craig Wilson of Anderson, IN; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bob and Nancy Green of Anderson, IN; sisters-in-law, Teresa Lafata of Free Soil, Kathy and husband Jason Brown of Brazil, IN, and Anne and husband Justin Waltz of Lowell; brothers-in-law, Bill and wife Kelli Green of Pendleton, IN and Rich and wife Angie Green of Oxford; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



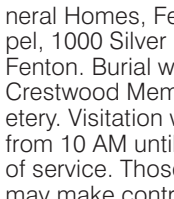
Ethel Marie Crowley

1928-2014

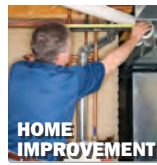
Ethel Marie Crowley - age 86, Fenton, died November 26, 2014 in Clearwater, FL.



Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Burial will follow in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the family. Ethel was born July 18, 1928 in Flint, the daughter of Lester and Louella (Walters) Koon. She had lived in Florida since 2009, but spent most of her life in Fenton. Surviving are: children, Linda Nagy, Donald (Linda) Crowley, Dale (April) Crowley, Mike (Christine) Crowley, John (Suzanne) Crowley, Joyce Holland, Gordon (Gail) Crowley; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Randy Holland. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Sunday, October 24, 2010 MICHIGAN'S LARGEST SEMI-WEEKLY NEWSPAPER



Fenton's Sean Rusaw and Jamie Garcia tackle Swartz Creek's Alvin Jones in the Tigers' 38-13 victory Friday.

By David Troppens

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Fenton — For the second straight season, the Fenton varsity football team had to win its final five regular season games just to automatically qualify for the MHSAA football playoffs.

The Tigers (6-5) did just that. The Tigers overcame an early 7-0 deficit by scoring three TDs in a span of four minutes in the second quarter, earning a 38-13 home victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons Friday night.

"We have great chemistry on this team," senior Chad Schupbach said. "Our seniors and

juniors bond well and the sophomores we've brought up are like family."

The Tigers got a break when a Creek punt snap went wild. The Tigers took possession at the Dragons' 7 and just a play later, Georgakopoulos scored on a seven-yard TD run. Kenny Allen made the first of his five extra points, and Fenton was tied 7-7 with 6:21 left in the half.

A caused fumble by Schupbach on a tackle of Creek QB Mitchell Ryan set up the next score. Starting at the Creek 21, the Tigers scored on a four-yard TD pass from Houston Shaw to Jamie

Garcia. Fenton led 14-7.

On Creek's second play from scrimmage after the Fenton TD, another fumble was recovered by Fenton's Justin Mott. Starting at the Creek 22, Fenton took six plays to score. This one came on a Garcia two-yard plunge up the middle. Suddenly, Fenton led 21-7 with 2:26 left until halftime.

Fenton opened the second half with another scoring drive. A 38-yard run by Georgakopoulos helped set up Allen's 22-yard field goal, making it 24-7 with 9:52 left.

Set up by completions of 13 yards to Braiden Marion and 19

yards to Dan Tausley, the Tigers scored on Georgakopoulos' nine-yard score. The Tigers led 31-7 with 4:41 left in the third quarter, and the run was officially on.

Each team scored in the fourth. Creek scored on a seven-yard TD pass to Max Cummings. The extra-point was blocked by Tausley.

On the ensuing kickoff, Marion scored on an 80-yard kickoff return for a TD.

Creek put together a 45-yard TD run from Alvin Jones with 6:21 left in the first quarter, setting up the Dragons' early 7-0 lead.



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