Proposed gas tax hits roadblock

House and Senate differ on ways to fund road repairs

By Sally Rummel
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Everyone who lives in Michigan knows that our state’s roads are crumbling, yet the solution may be held up as it falls through the cracks of politics in the Michigan Legislature.

Fuel tax legislation from Michigan House Bill 4539 and Senate Bill 5477 is now in conference committee, working out a compromise of both bills following the unanimous defeat of the Senate-passed version of the bill on Thursday, Dec. 11.

“No one in the House, either Democrat or Republican, liked the bill that just failed,” said State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township). “The increase in gas tax brings in ROAD on 5

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Unsolicited advice on how to take great holiday photos

Use natural light, and the nighttime portrait setting for best results

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As a news photographer, it’s holiday feature photo time for me. Many evenings it’s parades, Christmas festivals, and other special events. Most are full of families, and most are taking fun pictures of their kids, or each other.

This brings me to more unsolicited advice — holiday photo edition.

When shooting in any case, for the casual shooter, natural daylight is still the best, and still what probably works best for your camera.

Natural sunlight is also in short supply this time of year. When you can shoot outside, do it. With more light, your camera will struggle less to get all the faces in a group shot in focus.

You also can deal with wriggling children or animals better. Keep in mind also, that the camera doesn’t “see” light as well as you do. If it doesn’t look nice and bright to your eyes, then it will be dark to the camera. With automatic settings, it will either slow the shutter down, leading to a blurry photo, or use flash.

So if at all possible, take photos outside. If not outside, shoot near a window, before 5 p.m.

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A family takes a photo at Crossroads Village in late November. Holiday scenes are great for family photos — just make sure your batteries are fresh, as the camera will need that flash. (Right) with low light either inside or outside, try the “night portrait” or “slow sync” setting on your camera’s main dial.

Switching to digital books can free up space in your home and open you up to a library worth of reading material, even magazines and comic books.

Digital books are a fingertip away for the avid reader

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Between tech gadgets and the Internet, you almost don’t need to have a bookshelf in your home anymore. While many of us still love the feel and smell of a real book, this writer can attest to the fact that technology can be addicting and even the things you said you’d never do may one day come to fruition.

Avid book readers, like my husband,
Cop cams: A good tool, not a cure

As one tragic chokehold case of Eric Garner illustrates, police body cameras are not the solution to all police brutality complaints. But they can bring a much-needed clarity to what we’re arguing about.

Unlike the recent death by police shooting of unarmed 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, the police assault on unarmed Eric Garner, an asthmatic and diabetic, had a single narrative provided by the video.

‘The grand jury kept interviewing witnesses but you didn’t need witnesses,’ Garner’s widow said of the video to the New York Daily News. ‘But when a Staten Island grand jury declined to indict police officer Daniel Pantaleo in Garner’s death, the strength of that video sparked national outrage that crossed racial and political lines.’

You don’t have to be a liberal to be outraged by the sight of a half-dozen of New York’s finest holding a large, handcuffed man down on pavement while he gasps, ‘I can’t breathe’ before he passes out. Cause of death, according to the autopsy: ‘He couldn’t breathe.’

Indeed, police were arresting Garner for selling ‘loosies,’ single cigarettes, without paying New York’s $5.85-a-pack tax on cigarettes.

That inspired Libertarian Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) to put part of the blame for the death on New York lawmakers. ‘We put our police in a dangerous situation with bad laws’ he said on MSNBC.

Two days before the grand jury’s decision, President Obama announced that he would seek funding to pay for 50,000 body cams for police officers across the country.

Yet, as Garner’s case shows, even with video evidence it is nearly impossible to charge a police officer. For one, it is generally agreed that police behavior better when they know the camera is on, even when the people they’re arresting don’t.

For now, video technology has helped many people across racial and political spectrums feel the anger and frustrations that members of low-income communities have been feeling for generations: the rage of being victimized by an unequal system.

To the Misin-Formed reader stating Obama prioritized the illegals. It has already been reported these people will receive Social Security and Medicare. What if not yet been announced is they will at some point be allowed to vote as well. Why else would the Democrats go to all this trouble?

Thank you opec for our gas prices and delivering what our inept government officials have yet to achieve… a successful ‘stimulus package.’

My gains, Michigan mail delivery has extremely deteriorated since our mail delivery was switched to Linden, it might be delivered anywhere between 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week. My mail sometime comes smelling like it is in the local pub all night.

Wow! Lake fenton Schools has had many great events recently. The Ten Can Raffle for the Music Boosters was near and fun and then there was Santa's Sham Dodge Ball and Holiday Raffle for Toys for Tots! Great support from, and for, this community! See ya next year!

I cannot believe someone stole the handmade headbands off the Holly Township Library’s mitten tree. The tree supports the effort of the Holly Kwanis Club. Shame on you!

I would like to thank the person for turning in my lost wallet at VG’s to the Fenton Police Department. Thank you for your kindness.

I am totally appealled. A white police officer shoots and kills a black kid who is brandishing a weapon. Now the authorities have determined that it is a homicide. What is a cop supposed to do, wait until he is shot before taking action?

Congratulations to the Fenton Community Orchestra and Fenton High School band on their great concert Friday night. It was such a joy to hear the music and see how the musicians enjoyed performing. Awesome job Andrew and crew.

Stop open carry. Walk out of any establishment that permits it. Eating a meal and someone walks in with a gun on their hip? Leave your meal. This is the only way businesses will learn. Open carry is tough-guy-wannabe posturing. Get a CPL or keep it at home.

Medical marijuana has been saving our community. If you’re too simple-minded not to look at the big picture, well you’re probably just another yippie.

Article last call at 4 a.m. Why? To allow more broken homes and marriages, lost wages, innocent accidental lives lost and much more, all for a lousy buck.

The article ‘Finding Fine Wine,’ sounds so great, I call it fool’s gold. Read Proverbs 28:30-35. Millions of lives changed or ruined through its use. Pure grape juice is the way to go.

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Why release a report on the CIA in wartime?

Why another report is served by releasing a report on CIA enhanced interrogation techniques while we are still at war with an enemy whose techniques include beheading Americans?

Senate Intelligence Committee Chair Dianne Feinstein (D-California) and her Democratic colleagues say that the CIA lied about their tactics and exceeded their authority while seeking to obtain information from suspected terrorists.

The CIA maintains the tactics, the use of which ended more than seven years ago, prevented new attacks and were responsible for gaining intelligence information from Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Whatever the ultimate truth contained in the 528-page document, which cost more than $40 million to produce, our enemies are bound to be encouraged and even more motivated. CIA agents are likely to be targeted. Demonstrations will occur by people who enjoy the blessings of freedom without having to pay its price. America will again be diminished in the eyes of some while the Taliban, al-Qaeda and ISIS continue to sever heads and kill those, including women and children, who won’t submit to their tyranny.

Former Vice President Dick Cheney said the interrogation tactics were reviewed by the Justice Department and were declared legal and that if he had to do it all over again, he would.

Justin Fishel and Jennifer Griffin of FoxNews.com found that, ‘Of the 62 detainees released from Guantanamo Bay, 180 have returned or are suspected to have returned to the battlefield.’

Adding to the confusion over whether we are in a war to win it, is Hillary Clinton’s remark that we need to ‘understand’ our enemy and even have ‘empathy’ for them. Good to know before we consider electing her president.

There is one enhanced tactic most people might use and should be used — winning this long war. We should commit ourselves to that, defeating those who wish to obliterate us, instead of worrying about whether we feel good about ourselves while we’re doing it.

What services do you use at the library?

“I use their audio books, and get books from them, and I used to take me grandkids to the children’s center.” — Ceil Ladd Tyrone Township

“Checking out books. Our 5- and 6-year-old love to go, too.” — Dane Justice Howell

“Just the books and the computers at the kids section. It’s a nice resource.” — Tera Hamilton Fenton

“I just check out the books, because I like to read.” — Norma Jean Wilke Fenton Township

“I have given that up, but I take my grandkids to readings during the summer.” — Pat Blasco Holly

“I check out books, sometimes DVDs. Online, you can use a lot of library resources without being there.” — Barry McGhan Fenton Township
County’s dispatch service saves Holly Village two-thirds of operating budget

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Holly — The Oakland County Communications Bureau office took over dispatching service for Holly police and fire departments and Groveland Township in August 2013. Holly Village then joined with many others in Oakland County under the Bureau’s wing, including Holly Township, Pontiac and Walled Lake.

“We do no dispatching over the system,” said Holly Police Chief Michael Story. “Oakland County is doing that.”

The police chief said that the main reason for getting rid of the 25-year-old in-house dispatching service was cost saving. Last year, the village was facing more expenses for upgrades on the horizon and a tight budget that led to the decision.

The decision is so far, effective at saving cost. Story said the department has saved two-thirds of the operating budget, for the fiscal year July 2014 to June 2015.

The Holly Police Department, however, had layoffs following Oakland County taking over the dispatching service. They had four layoffs of full-time dispatchers and one part-time person.

This year, Holly police responded to 7,100 calls from the Oakland County office, and is currently doing so with 10 full-time sworn officers, and a contingent of part-time officers and reserve members.

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taxes just keeps feeding the same ‘failed beat.”

The House and Senate had each passed a bill that would raise an estimated $1.2 billion a year for roads, once fully implemented. The Senate plan would roughly double the state’s 19 cents per gallon fuel tax. The House plan would remove the 6 percent sales tax on fuel, while hiking the fuel tax to keep the price constant.

The original House Bill 4539, known as “The Bolger Plan,” established priorities for roads and public school K-12 funding. Our package put 61 cents of every gas tax dollar on local roads, bypassing Public Act 51, which allowed MDOT to fix the roads they wanted,” said Graves. “What people have been waiting for is a bill like this that allows people to decide on their local roads that need fixing.”

Schools are still our number one priority, according to Graves. “This bill would put in state statute that if there is a downturn in the state economy, schools would never take less than the funding base from the previous year. Every other department would be subject to cuts, but not schools. It’s a matter of establishing priorities.”

“The Senate view is that taxes need to increase. Our priority is more about tightening our belts. The last thing we need is a tax increase,” said Graves.

While the bills are now in the hands of the conference committee, Graves is less than optimistic that anything will be accomplished during this lame duck session. “Passing no legislation is better than passing bad legislation,” he said.

“I’ve been too close to this for too long. I’m passionate about it.”

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This year however, those vaccinations may not be quite as effective according to Mark Valacak, of the Genesee County Health Department.

Flu vaccines allow for the creation of antibodies around two weeks after vaccination. These antibodies are what protect against the infection of flu viruses that are in the vaccine.

The flu vaccine protects against multiple different strains of the flu virus, those that research indicates will be the most prevalent strains of the year. Traditionally vaccines will protect against three strains, while quadrivalent vaccines will protect against four different strains. However, there are many different strains, and they can evolve over time. According to Valacak, this is the problem that is being faced this year.

“We are still early in the flu season, one of the concerns is what was known is a drift in one of the strains,” Valacak said. “So the vaccine will not be as effective in inducing immunization against that particular strain, but it will still give partial protection.”

Still, Valacak highly recommends the flu vaccine, and in addition to providing partial protection against the shifting strain, will continue to provide protection against the other three. Valacak said that he has vaccinated himself and his family. It is estimated by the CDC that every year the United States sees between 3,000 and 49,000 flu-associated deaths, the majority of which occur in people 65 years and older.

“We tend to think of the vaccines as something for seniors because they are more at risk from dying from the flu. It is also important for people suffering from chronic conditions,” Valacak said. “We recommend it for everyone over 6 months old.”

There are no concerns over a shortage of flu vaccines, Valacak said, and the vaccine comes in many different forms to suit many different needs. For those who do not care for needles, they can receive the vaccine in a nasal spray.

Valacak also likes to remind people that the vaccine is covered by the Genesee Health Plan, and many insurance plans. For those who have additional questions, Valacak recommends people speak to their doctor or pharmacist to learn more.
Corunna man charged in fatal motorcycle crash

Estate of Argentine Township man sues driver, employer Frontier Communications

By Sharon Stone

Thomas Schneider, 55, of Corunna had been charged in connection with the death of Richard Homentum, 73, of Argentine Township.

Homentum was struck and killed on May 13 as he rode his motorcycle. Just after 2 p.m., Argentine Township police and fire departments responded to Lobdell Road and Hilltop Drive after a Frontier Communications bucket truck struck a motorcycle, driven by Homentum.

Schneider was arraigned on Dec. 11 in Genesee County’s 67th District Court. He was charged with a moving violation causing death, a one-year misdemeanor. He pleaded not guilty and was released on personal bond.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said early on that it appeared that the truck and motorcycle collided when the truck turned left onto Hilltop Drive. The crash reconstruction report indicated that Homentum was traveling in his own lane at 36 miles per hour when the truck turned in front of him.

There was no drug, alcohol or phone use by Schneider or Homentum at the time of the crash and Allen added that while on scene, Schneider told officers that he just did not see the motorcycle. Attorney Michael Manley is representing Schneider. The estate of Homentum also has a pending civil complaint against Schneider and Frontier.

Richard

Homentum

The lawyer’s oath and the Community Holiday Dinner

The concept of an ‘oath’ traces its origins to biblical and Roman times when people swore to tell the truth in court or elsewhere with the understanding that at the very least a failure to adhere to one’s oath was a moral wrong. There are many types of oaths and although it may not be a particularly well known fact, all lawyers take an oath before they are admitted to the practice of law, which is called the Lawyers Oath. I won’t repeat the entire oath here but I’d like to quote the oath’s last sentence, which reads: ‘I will in all other respects conduct myself personally and professionally in conformity with the high standards of conduct imposed upon members of the bar as conditions for the privilege to practice law in this state.’ I am a proud member of the State Bar of Michigan. I am also a proud member of our local Genesee County Bar Association (GCBA). The GCBA is one of the most active bar associations in Michigan.

I won’t go into everything that we do every year, but in the area of helping people who are a little down on their luck, the annual GCBA/Genesee County Bar Foundation Community Holiday Dinner ranks at the top of the list. This coming Thursday night Dec. 18, marks the 24th anniversary of this event, which is funded entirely by Genesee County lawyers and the legal community. It is held at the Flint Masonic Temple and the Battiste family does all of the cooking. Last year well over a thousand people were fed, hundreds of presents were given to children by Santa and approximately 150 GCBA volunteers were on hand to help.

There has never been a year when there wasn’t enough contributed money and volunteers to ensure a successful event. I believe, along with all of the other members of the GCBA, that being a lawyer means doing the right thing both in and out of the courtroom and the Community Holiday Dinner is one of the best examples of this and of adhering to the last sentence of our oath.

On this special night, we are privileged to provide some joy to others who need and deserve it. I hope that this tradition always continues.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

LET’S ALL STEP back and remember it’s the holidays. A week or two without political discussion would be fine with me.

ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS are criminals. Our government officials that don’t throw them out are contributing to an illegal organization and should be arrested and fined. I pay into Social Security and Obama and his ilk want to give it to criminals. Hands off!
CHARITY

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sence of giving, or hope to save on your tax bill come April 2015, there are plenty of worthwhile organizations that can use a gift.

Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton is just one example of dozens of local organizations in need of funding. “We operate strictly through donations and receive no government or county funding,” according to its website. “Nearly two-thirds of our budget goes for veterinary care, and the rest is used for operational and building expenses.” Whether you support a “pet project” like Adopt-a-Pet or a rehabilitative animal group like Wild Oat Animal Rescue, your dollars will be put to good use.

Many other organizations can also use a donation to a local veteran’s group in Fenton, Linden or Holly through the VFW, American Legion or Great Lakes National Cemetery.

For a wider scope of giving, consider highly rated charities in Genesee County (by charity watch group charitynavigator.org), including United Way of Genesee County, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Carillon House Ministries, North End Soup Kitchen, Catholic Charities-Flint, and Old Newsboys, etc.

If you want your dollars to go to a larger group, consider charities like St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. UNICEF USA, Samaritan’s Purse, Heifer International, to name just a few.

“You have until Dec. 31 to make donations that you can claim on your 1041 taxes,” said Joyce King, CPA in Fenton. “As long as you itemize your deductions when doing your taxes, you can save money by giving,” said King. “If you’re in the 25-percent tax bracket, you can save 25 percent of whatever you’re giving to a qualifying organization, such as a church, educational group, non-profit, hospital, public park, etc.”

According to bankrate.com, there is no limit on how much you can deduct, but only contributions to IRS-qualified charities are deductible. This means the group must meet Uncle Sam’s requirements to be classified as a tax-exempt organization.

Timing is everything, though. “You have until Dec. 31 to make donations that you can claim on your 1041 taxes,” said King.

If you put a check dated Dec. 31 in the mail by that day, your contribution can still be claimed for this year. So are donations charged by year’s end to your credit card, even if you don’t pay the card’s bill until 2015.

10 WORST CHARITIES FOR GIVING

Don’t bother writing a check for these charities. They already pay themselves plenty, spending much more money on administrative fees than on actual giving, according to The Center for Investigative Reporting.

1. The Kids Wish Network – only 2.5 percent of funds go to direct cash aid.
2. Cancer Fund of America – only 1 percent of funds went to principle mission.
3. Children’s Wish Foundation International – only 10 percent of funds spent making kids’ wishes come true.
4. The Firefighters Charitable Foundation – fewer than 8 cents on the dollar provided money to people affected by fire or disaster.
6. Breast Cancer Relief Foundation – just 2 cents of every dollar actually supports breast cancer awareness, education, etc.
7. American Association of State Troopers – just 8.9 percent of $48.1 million raised is gifted as aid.
8. National Veteran’s Service Fund – spends less than 8 cents of every dollar on its mission.
9. Children’s Cancer Fund of America – they pass on just 4.6 percent of their funds raised.
10. Children’s Cancer Recovery Foundation – less than 1 percent actually goes to help children and their families “recover.”

However, don’t let some of the wording of these names cause you to hesitate in writing a check to some very worthwhile groups with similar names.

Check out every charitable group you’d like to donate to on:
• charitynavigator.org
• guidestar.org
• BBB Wise Giving Alliance (www.give.org).

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AFTER SCHOOL

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letter from their school warning them about this app.

In late November, Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo sent out letters to parents about the After School app. In his letter he wrote, “We want to make sure you understand even though this app is self-described as an ‘After School – Funny Anonymous School News Site For Confessions and Compliments,’ it seems many users are not experiencing anything positive pertaining to this app.”

The After School app is free and available for any children with access to a computer, tablet or smartphone. Even though it has recently been said they changed the age to 17, for kids that can sign up, their terms on the website, afterschoolapp.com, still say that you must be 13 years of age or older to use the app.

The app has reportedly become a bullying platform, and most recently was pulled from the Apple store after school shooting threats were posted on it. It’s a high school age only app, that allows teens a place to sound off about school related things where adults can’t read, and the posts all appear anonymously.

The app forces them to sign up through Facebook so that it can verify that they are a student at their particular school.

According to a Facebook post from the Linden Police Department, “The postings on this app are completely inappropriate. There is cyber bullying and sexually explicit material being posted.”

Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright said, “I spoke with the high school principal and he checked and determined there was multiple use of this app by the students. A letter was sent home by the principal at the high school regarding the app.” Although he hasn’t heard of any problems since the letter was sent out, he said, “Students need to understand we can trace origin of messages back to the device that sent it. Threats sent on this app carry a severe punishment or a misdemeanor or felony crime.”

Koledo said, “What they advertise this app to be used for and what the kids do with it are two different things. Be aware of what your children are doing online and let them know what is inappropriate behavior.”

The After School App site is operated by Ambient. Their contact email is support@afterschoolapp.com. It is suggested that parents delete the app from their child’s phone, tablet or computer and install a password for apps to be downloaded to the phones to keep them from getting apps that are inappropriate.

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Linden schools superintendent

SEWAGE

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center pulled out an old concrete footing that was in contact with a sanitary sewer main pipe. The removal work caused the sewer pipe to break. That broken pipe then allowed sanitary sewer water to discharge into the river.

The flow was stopped by 10 a.m., at which time pumps were used to discharge the sanitary sewer water back into the sanitary sewer main.

The pipe was repaired and water samples have been taken downstream to test for E. coli, in accordance with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Genesee County Health Department.

As of Tuesday morning, Dan Czarnecki, the Department of Public Works director dropped off a river water sample to the Genesee County Health Department for testing. It’s a 24-48 hour test cycle to receive the report back from the health department.

Czarnecki added, “The pipe has been repaired and everything is flowing properly. This sewer line break and discharge into the Shiawassee River has no affect on the drinking water in Fenton. There are no water boil advisories in effect.

As a precaution, the city did advise people not to go in the river and to keep their pets out of the river in the vicinity of the Community Center.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELLO

Crews had the leak contained on Monday, after 15,000 gallons discharged into the Shiawassee River.

MICHIGAN VOTES

MichiganVoter.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide the people of Michigan a broad definition of “reform,” or affiliation with a different business that is located in Michigan, in the manner pioneered by Internet retailer Amazon.com.

Passed 21 to 16 in the Senate
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

Passed 30 to 7 in the Senate
State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

Senate Bill 761: Spend $841 million for new college and university building projects

To authorize $841 million in new government spending for more than 40 state college and university construction projects. The bill would cause the state to increase its own debt burden by $370.3 million.

Passed 27 to 10 in the Senate
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

Senate Bill 993: Join multi-state Health Care Compact

To join a multi-state health care compact. If approved by congress all federal Medicaid and Medicare funds would be block-granted to member states, and member states would be exempt from health-related federal regulations and mandates (including the federal health care law).

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State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

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Yes ☑ No ☐

Senate Bill 74: Mandate school “cyberbullying” policies

To revise the 2011 law mandating that schools adopt anti-“bullying” policies by requiring that their policies also address “cyberbullying.”

Passed 30 to 7 in the Senate
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

Senate Bill 1159: Revise GOP primary election process

To require the Republican presidential primary election to be conducted on the third Tuesday in March, rather than fourth Saturday in February as currently required.

Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

Yes ☑ No ☐

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Hey mom! Here’s a club just for you

By Yvonne Stegall

The MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club is a support group for mothers, whether they work full-time, part-time or stay at home. It helps support moms by offering activities for both mom and child.

Internationally, the MOMS Club has more than 2,000 chapters in seven countries, and they represent more than 100,000 members. They have a free event and then group members.

Kristen Plew, treasurer of the local chapter and resident of Tyrone Township, said, “We have a lot more avenues for participation than we ever thought.” Members can participate in as many or as little of the events and activities as they want. “Community service is a big part of MOMS Club, as many of us wish to minister to our children’s charitable spirit.”

The MOMS Club meets once a month for a business meeting, which is usually well attended. Meetings sometimes include speakers and children’s activities. Some of their other activities include trips to a museum or zoo, children’s playgroups and more, depending on the interests of group members.

Plew said that once a month they have a free event and then they also do one event that costs a little something. They also have a monthly children’s craft day and one for just the moms. In addition, they always have one mom’s night out a month. According to Plew, for 2014-15 face-mug-service projects are Mask Baby Blanket to bene- fit the St. Gabriel Project, Adopt-a-Family, Clothing Drive to sup-port The Fencro Closet, and Fleece Blanket Fun for the pediat-ric patients at Hurley Medical Center.

If you would like more information on the Linden/Fenton chapter send an email to momsclublf@yahoo.com or call Plew at (517) 908-6557. They can also be found on Facebook by searching ‘Linden/Fenton MOMS Club’. Chapters are required to ac-cpt anyone who is not served by another MOMS Club. The Linden/Fenton club has moms from over including Swartz Creek, Holly, Byron and Ortonville. For other chapters, visit momsclub.org.

Plew, who has been a member of the organization for two and a half years, said, “I was looking to connect with other moms in the area and found MOMS Club through my cover-to-cover readings of the Times. I have gotten so much more from my membership in the club than I ever expected.”

Linden/Fenton MOMS Club, invites and welcomes all to join them as they celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

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What is a podcast?

More than 40 million people listen to audio, video regularly

By Yvonne Stegall
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Podcast is often one of those buzzwords you hear in the Internet world, but what is it? According to Ryan Battishill, founder of Think Marketing in Fenton, a podcast is an audio or video file formatted to be played on an Apple device or other MP3 player and made available for free or for purchase online.

“Podcasts are similar to that of radio or TV shows and are made available online for download, listening or viewing,” said Battishill.

Podcasts can be downloaded individually or subscribed to for a user to receive the latest episode directly to their device. Users can subscribe to a podcast at the iTunes Store or websites for the podcasts.

While podcasts make great entertainment for many people, they can also be used as a marketing device for businesses. Battishill said, “From a marketing perspective, I think they can be divided in two ways: creation and participation.”

Businesses and individuals can start from the ground floor, creating, promoting and distributing episodes online. Though this can be challenging, it has the reward of building awareness and relationships with a specific brand at a relatively low cost.

Battishill said, “Some of the most successful podcasts seem to be from areas of comedy, news or industry experts.”

Ryan Battishill
Founder of Think Marketing

Making your own podcast isn’t the only way to use this technological invention though. Battishill said, “I think a more rewarding opportunity for brands is in the participation of podcasts.”

Many podcasts look out for show sponsorship. This presents brands with a great marketing opportunity to get in front of a specific audience. Battishill said, “If brands want to take a more interactive part in podcasts over the traditional sponsorship opportunities, they may look to showcase a team member or product on an episode.” This allows them to share their knowledge and insight on a specific topic, reveal new product or have shows review their product.

More than 40 million Americans regularly listen to podcasts, or roughly 15 percent of the population. That’s up from 9 percent in 2008, according to Edison Research.

Top five podcasts

1. Serial — Serial is a new podcast from the creators of “This American Life,” hosted by Sarah Koenig. Serial will follow one story - a true story - over the course of a whole season.

2. This American Life — Official free, weekly podcast of the award-winning NPR radio show “This American Life.” It includes first-person stories and short fiction pieces that are touching, funny, and surprising.

3. Radiolab — On Radiolab, science meets culture and information sounds like music. Each episode of Radiolab is an investigation — a patchwork of people, sounds, stories and experiences centered around one big idea.

4. NPR: Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me — NPR’s weekly current events quiz. Have a laugh and test your news knowledge while figuring out what’s real and what they’ve made up.

5. Freakonomics Radio — In their books “Freakonomics” and “SuperFreakonomics,” Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner explore “the hidden side of everything,” with stories about cheating schoolteachers, self-dealing real estate agents, and crack-selling mama’s boys. The Freakonomics Radio podcast, hosted by Dubner, carries on that tradition with weekly episodes.

Source: podbays.fm

News briefs

Fenton Township honors Alberta Martin
Alberta Martin has retired from the Lake Fenton Board of Education, after 30 years on the board. She has been on the Lake Fenton school board since 1982. Prior to that, she served on the Detroit Public Schools Board of Education. She has also worked on many other boards, including the Loose Senior Center and the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation. The Fenton Township Board of Trustees honored Martin Monday evening for all of her work, although she was not in attendance.

Fenton Township denies grant for community park
Fenton Township applied for a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund this year in order to build a community park on Thompson Road, near North Fenton Road. The hope is to have a park in the township area, where there currently is none. The proposed park would have ball fields and more. The application was not approved, but the township board will be applying again in 2015 and looking at other avenues to raise money. Township Clerk Robert Kug said, “I personally want to go forward with it.”
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Make sure your subject is facing the window, and your (the photographer) back is to the light. This puts the best light on your subject.

Once it is pretty dark outside, you’ll only have artificial light inside, and your camera will probably use the flash, unless it’s got a really fast, bright lens. News photographers will shutter at this suggestion, but turn on all the lights inside you can, if you’re taking photos.

For low light shooting, I’m a fan of the “slow sync” or “night portrait” setting on the camera’s dummy dial. This is the dial with the “M,” “S,” or the green mark for automatic. If your camera has a little image of a person with moonlight behind them, try that setting. It’s designed to preserve the natural ambient light, while putting just enough light from the flash on your subject.

It will shoot with a slower shutter, so if your subject is moving, try moving the camera with them, as you push the shutter. It could end up as a blurry mess, or a really cool action shot. It’s digital, so experiment away. This setting works fine inside, or outside, and will make Christmas lights look especially pretty.

If you’re more advanced with a camera that lets you choose all the settings, here is a suggestion for outside, at dusk or at night, with your subjects about six feet away.

I prefer a shot that exposes the background environment, while using the flash to put a little light on your subject. For example, the photo in downtown Holly, with the kids meeting Santa Claus on a stage.

First, set the flash to the lowest setting it can go — preferably 1/128th, or 1/64th. Set the ISO for either 1600, or 800. This kind of depends on how nice, high ISO photos look with your camera. If your camera was made in the last few years, an ISO of 1600 probably won’t look too grainy.

Set the aperture (f stop) for the lowest number you can — this depends on the lens. Some lenses have a “maximum aperture” of f4, while others can be f1.4. Whatever that is, set it for the lowest number it allows.

Finally set the shutter. Start with 1/50th of a second, and remember to hold still. If the shot is too bright, then lower the ISO. If it’s too dark, raise it to 2000 or 2500 if possible.

By the way, what can you do with this foggy weather? Shoot without distracting objects behind your subject’s head, and try shooting slightly off center. Try timing your photos for peak moments of laughter.

In a matter of one day’s work, this crew, including Henry Vega (right) removes and replaces the roof of this home on Bush Lake in Holly last Thursday.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WE HUNG AN ornament for grandma at Oakwood Cemetery’s Memory Tree today. She passed away earlier this year. What a nice thing to do. We sure appreciate it.

WE WOULD HAVE more money in Social Security if our freeload government officials paid into it and quit borrowing. It’s not their money, it’s ours.

I DON’T CARE if it’s the Pope, if woman after woman tells the same story then there is definitely a pattern that indicates clear guilt. Cosby is guilty of being a rapist and sexual predator.

IF YOU ARE stupid enough to pay $988 a month for insurance you should pay $1,684 a month. Cancel all your insurance, put the money in the bank, and be careful.
Hot shooting Holly beats Fenton

Tigers post strong offensive showing as well in 93-81 defeat

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Ever since Lance Baylis took over the Holly varsity boys basketball program in 2005, the Bronchos have been known as a shooting team.

It looks like the 2014-15 version of the Bronchos may end up being Baylis’ best shooting team yet.

In what was an uptempo game, Holly hit on 31-of-63 shots with nine of those 31 converted shots being three-pointers, resulting in a 93-81 victory against the Fenton Tigers at Fenton High School Friday night.

Actually, both teams shot the ball well. The Tigers netted 11 treys and converted on a blistering 16-of-29 shots from the field in the second half, but it was a 9-for-32 first half that did Fenton in. By halftime the Tigers trailed 49-32. And while Fenton tried to cut into the lead several times, the Tigers were unable to ever get Holly’s lead into single-digits.

Holly had three players score 20 or more. Joshua Simms and Jake Daniels led the squad with 22 points each, while Kyle Woodruff had 20 points. Adam Tooley gave the squad four double-digit scores netting 15 points. The squad’s unselfishness of those goals within 182 seconds of Flushing’s final tally. Connor Phillips, Jackson Steel and Brendan Bueller each scored during that run, helping earn the Griffins (2-4) their second victory of the season. Jake Thompson scored both of the Griffins’ goals.

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How many points did Lew Alcindor score in his debut at UCLA?
A
Later known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Alcindor scored 56 points to lead UCLA past Southern California 105-90.

Sports

LINDEN WRESTLING GOES 4-1 AT OWN TOURNAMENT

The Eagles went 4-1, posting their only loss of the day against state-ranked Gaylord by a 40-33 score at the Linden Christmas Duals. Posting perfect records for the day were Luke Zimmermann, Patrick Kerr and Aaron Streedman. Meanwhile, Austin McNell went 4-1. “The boys did well on Saturday,” Linden coach Todd Skinner said. “They kept it close against Gaylord, which is nice. They were tough matches all around.”

Linden travels to Owosso High School for an assembly dual on Friday.

LAKE FENTON, FENTON AT HARTLAND INVITATIONAL

The Blue Devils had three champions and placed fourth in the tough tournament. Hunter Corcoran (119), Devan Melick (130) and Trent Hilliger (215) won the titles. Jackson Nevandormsky (125) also made it to the championship match of his weight class, but lost in the finals, earning second. Ryan Franks (171) placed third, while Bobbie Kinkaid (103) and Tristan Nevandormsky (160) placed fourth.

Fenton’s Scott Becker (189) placed fourth, pacing the Tigers. Jake Church placed fifth.

LADY TIGERS POUNCE ON BRONCHOS

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It became pretty apparent, the Fenton varsity girls basketball team had every intention of working the ball through Sarah Cummings and Emma Evo against the defending Flint Metro League champions on Friday night.

The plan worked masterfully. Cummings scored a game-high 21 points and Evo chipped in 17 points, leading the Fenton Tigers to a 60-44 victory against the Holly Bronchos at Fenton High School.

“This was a big step up from what we did last week,” said Cummings, who also had 13 rebounds and two assists. “I feel like the team has improved my game. It makes it a lot easier to score when you have 12 other good girls on the team.”

“She’s capable of that any day,”

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CONNOR PHILLIPS

Helped lead the Griffins to a 5-4 victory against Flushing.

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"If we keep her healthy she’s capable of that every single night.”

The Fenton coach Becki Moore said.

"The Fenton pair dominated the inside game all night long. Eno also had six rebounds and two steals before fouling out with 1:14 remaining in the contest.

“They work at it,” Moore said. “They’ve been working really hard. It’s definitely pretty important we get the ball in their hands. They work at it too. We are pretty tough on them and expect a lot from them.”

Fenton took control from the start, scoring nine of the first 10 points. The run ended with a post layup from Eno and then two converted free throws. Fenton led 9-1 with 5:46 left in the first quarter and never trailed.

Holly spent the rest of the game trailing by double-digits. Fenton had an 18-5 lead after a putback hoop from Cummings with 2:42 left in the first quarter, and took an 18-7 lead into the second. The Bronchos cut the deficit to 28-18 after a Kailtyn Smith dish to Shayla Lipstick resulted in a layup, but a runner by Fenton’s Emma Brant and a driving layup by Cummings raised the gap back to 32-18. Fenton led 32-20 at the break.

The Bronchos never got the deficit into single-digits in the second half. The last time it was as close as 12 was at 54-42 after a layup by Smith with about two minutes remaining. Holly’s lack of size was a huge issue all night long. Fenton dominated the boards, resulting in a 52-36 shot attempt edge. In the opening half it was extremely noticeable as Fenton enjoyed a 34-18 shot attempt edge. The Tigers’ defense also did an outstanding job on Smith. Smith finished with a team-high 14 points, but only had one field goal through the first three quarters. She scored six of her points in the final four minutes of the contest when the victor was pretty much already established.

“Going into this game we focused on defense, keeping the intensity up and that’s what got us the rebounds, working hard,” Cummings said.

“We have to play really well to make up for our lack of size and those kinds of things,” Holly coach David Hall said.

“We still have a good team, and we’ll learn from this. We have to do a better job getting our body on people earlier. We are trying to win a reaching contest (with rebounds) and we can’t win a reaching contest. We have to do a better job rebounding and we have to do a better coaching job. That’s the bottom line.”

The Bronchos went undefeated in league play last year and were one of the preseason favorites to contend against this year. The victory established the Tigers are probably contenders as well.

“( Winning against the defending champions) is just like any other game,” Cummings said.

“We don’t set the bar higher playing any other teams. We go out there thinking the same thing every game and that’s to win.”

Holly’s Paige Reid and Brooke Jackman finished with 12 points. Jackman had a team-high five rebounds. Smith had three rebounds and two steals.

Fenton’s Sarah Cummings drives to the basket against the Bronchos in the Tigers’ 60-44 victory versus Holly.

Blue Devils fall on late-game jump shot vs. Corunna, 62-61

Linden boys lose tough league contest to Mustangs

By David Troppens
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Corunna’s Corey Mort hit a three-pointer with five seconds remaining in regulation, handing the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team a tough 62-61 road loss Friday night.

The contest was close throughout with both teams scoring double-digits in each quarter. Chris Bell led the Blue Devils (1-1) with 17 points and five assists, while Tony Hathaway had 14 points and nine rebounds. Andrew Foerster and Jake Zielinski had nine points each while Jalen Miller netted eight points.

Clio 54, Linden 50

Playing without starter Kyle Korman, the Eagles lost a tough contest at home against the Mustangs on Friday night.

The Eagles (0-1, 0-2) were paced by Tyler Hoeberling’s 13 points and two assists, while Mike Gold added 11 points and 13 rebounds. Johnny Campbell netted eight points, two blocks and two assists.

Clio was paced by Kolton Langdon’s 16 points and seven rebounds.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Corunna 65, Lake Fenton 51

The Blue Devils (1-3) were tied at 25-all at the half, but were outscored 25-15 in the fourth quarter, resulting in the loss.

Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils with 17 points, while Sierra Arroyo and Hanna Garty had nine points each. Co-

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Linden’s Johnny Campbell (right) scored eight points in the Eagles’ loss to Clio.

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Corunna’s Skylar Narpei led all scorers with 22 points.

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Coach: Todd Skinner
2013-14 Record: 4-4, tied for fifth in Metro. Lost in team district.

Top wrestlers: The Eagles are mighty young. There’s only one senior, but Austin McNeil (215) is a pretty good one to have. There are 26 wrestlers and of them only eight others after McNeil are returners. Some of those returners are junior Luke Zimmerman (112/119), and sophomores Dawson Blank (135), Patrick Kerr (130/140), Aaron Steedman (171), Jaylen Steedman (169) and Skyler Stites (285). There are plenty of freshmen with good club experience, but they’ll need to prove their mettle at the varsity level.

Coach Skinner says: “Last year we were kind of the middle-of-the-pack so if it would be nice if we finished higher than last year because these guys have one more year experience under their belt. This is the third year in a row our middle school has had a strong program. The coaches have done a great job and we are getting a great group of kids.”

Prediction: The Eagles are probably a year away from being a true contender in the Metro, but don’t be shocked if they improve upon last year’s fifth-place effort. They should be a solid team with their best days ahead of them next season.

Lake Fenton Blue Devils

Coach: Vance Corcoran
2013-14 Record: Second in GAC. Lost in team state quarterfinals.

Top wrestlers: The Blue Devils graduated seven from last year, and every single one of them were all-state wrestlers. That’s how good the Blue Devils were last season. They’ll remain a strong squad this year, but they should only get better over the next couple of seasons. There are only 18 on the squad, but there is talent. Hunter Corcoran (119), Tristan Nevandowski (160) and Trent Hilger (215) are the team’s top returners. Also returning from last year are Ryan Franks (171), A.J. Geyer (103) and Keegan Beardsley (140). All will be expected to have strong seasons. Freshman Devan Melick (130) is off to a strong start as well, taking first at the Hartland Invitational. Plenty of other freshmen should have strong seasons as well.

Coach Corcoran says: “We were voted as having the third-ranked freshman class last year. Plus, we have three really good freshmen coming in to build off of that. This year we are a little light and young, but we should still be up there. Within the next year, this group is going to be scary.”

Prediction: The Blue Devils enter the season as one of the strongest teams in the GAC, but beating New Lothrop will be tough. However, this team will rack up the victories, and by season’s end who knows how good they could be. The Blue Devils should be the tri-county’s elite team again this season.

Fenton Tigers

Coach: Bruce Burwitz
2013-14 Record: 1-7, ninth in Metro. Lost in team districts.

Top wrestlers: The Tigers have 23 wrestlers this season and nine returning from a squad that did earn a victory in Metro action a year ago, and placed eighth at the Metro meet. There was some progress last year. Wrestlers to look out for include Scott Becker (180) and Tommy Adams (135). Also off to a decent start so far are Jake Church (140) and David Church (160).

Coach Burwitz says: “(We have) a good work ethic, are very young and we get better every week.”

Prediction: The Tigers won’t compete for a high place in the Metro League this season, but looking to get a couple of wins in the conference would be nice. The team remains young, but getting a couple victories is a legitimate thought.

Holly Bronchos

Coach: Don Pluta
2013-14 Record: 7-1, second in the Metro League. Lost in Team Districts.

Top wrestlers: For the first time in about a decade, the Bronchos appear in a rebuilding stage. The squad has only one returning state-qualifier. That’s Colton Cleaver (135/140) who went to state two years ago. Trevor Hatfield (125) was a league champion last year. Jacob Caldwell (119/125) was a regional qualifier a year ago and should be ready to take a step up. Seniors Jacob Pallieson (145) and Wyatt Lupro (189/215) will be looking to have big seasons. Jimmy Gray (189/215) was hurt early last year and missed the rest of the season. He could be one to watch. The team has 21 wrestlers.

Coach Pluta says: “We don’t have a lot of returning kids. It’s going to be a matter of the JV kids stepping up in the lineup. We have some decent freshmen, but we’ll have to wait to see how that goes.”

Prediction: The Bronchos took second last year and before that won each of the last three Metro titles. This year, Holly will have to be a bit more modest about its goals and just look to finish in the upper-half of the eight team league. Even the strong have rebuilding years.

SHOOTING

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Play was also evident. Parker Rowe finished with eight assists while Daniels had six assists.

“It’s ball movement,” Simms said. “We work on it every day in practice and our team is good at it. It’s all ball movement. We move the ball around and share it.”

“This is how we play. This is no different than anything we do,” Baylis said. “We do this every day in practice. We are accustomed to it.”

Fenton’s last lead came at 7-5 when Alec Thomas scored on a putback and was fouled. He made the free throw, capping the three-point play. However, Holly went on a 9-0 run after that, capped by a three-pointer by Daniels. Holly led 14-7 at that point and took a 22-16 lead into the second quarter.

The Tigers cut the gap to just 26-24 after a three-pointer by Beau LePage, early in the second quarter, but Simms answered back with a trey of his own. That started a 23-8 Holly run. Fenton trailed 49-32 at halftime.

In the second half Fenton’s offense matched Holly’s impressively. But the Tigers were never able to cut the gap to single-digits. Fenton’s last good run came after Ben Hajcjar hit a trey, and it was followed by two converted free throws by LePage. Fenton trailed 85-73 and had the ball with just about three minutes left. However, the Tigers missed on its next shot and a Fenton personal foul and a technical foul was called during Holly’s next possession. Woodruff made of-4 free throws and Daniels netted a layup after the free throws pretty much icing the game away.

“I am very optimistic,” Fenton coach Tim Oliszewski said. “Just started working into the way we are playing and we have so much room for improvement. I feel better about who we are than I did before the game. Holly) played a game already and I think that allowed them to be a little looser, and our guys were a little tighter.”

Fenton had four double-digit scorers themselves. LePage led all scorers with 25 points, while Hajcjar had 16 points, including 12 on four second-half three-pointers. Peyton Coffman had 13 points, while Ross Ebert had 10 points. LePage also had 10 assists, while Ebert finished with seven rebounds.
**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)
Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)
Ease this year’s holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)
You’ll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)
Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)
The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

**VIRGO** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

**LIBRA** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

**SCORPIO** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Don’t put off making decisions about this year’s holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you’ve been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

**CAPRICORN** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

**AQUARIUS** (Feb. 19 to March 20)
There’s good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

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Brandon “Corey” Lutrell
1978-2014
Brandon “Corey” Lutrell - age 36, went to be with his Heavenly Father on December 11, 2014. He is the beloved husband of Patti, loving father of Noah; dear son of Tina and Steve Moore; special brother of Aaron Lutrell; uncle of Dave and Deb Cheney, brother-in-law of Mike (Monica) Cheney. Corey also leaves extended family members and many loving friends, as well as, his special dogs and cats. Corey was an exceptional husband, father, son, brother, grand- son, uncle and friend. He will be greatly missed. His funeral service will be held on Friday, December 19, 2014. 12 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Friends may gather Thursday 4-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Helen was born July 28, 1938 in Louisville, KY, the daughter of Edward Albert and Edwina Miles (Moore) Mohr. She was married to Louis P. Webb on July 14, 1956. He preceded her in death on February 7, 2010. Mrs. Webb worked as a nurse’s aide at Fenton Extended Care for 15 years. Surviving are: his children, Bonnie Webb, Constance (David) Stockemer, Louis (Ruth) Webb Jr., Fannie Lee (Tony) Johnson, Mary Edwina Webb, John Luke (Kimberly) Webb; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, brothers, Jimmy and Cecil, sisters, Marilyn and Bernice; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was also preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharfuneralhome.com.

Jeffery Allen Verhelle
1961-2014
Jeffery Allen Verhelle - age 53, of Fenton, died on December 13, 2014. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday December 18, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Interment in St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-5 PM and 6-9 PM Wednesday with a 6:30 PM vigil service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, and 10 AM until time of service at the church Thursday.

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