Police prepare for busy bar, party night

Vehicle, foot traffic in downtown areas combined with alcohol is dangerous mix

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As you and your family and friends make your final New Year’s Eve preparations, police officers are making their necessary preparations for what is one of the busiest party nights of the year.

Officer Thomas Cole of the Fenton Police Department

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Michigan gets mixed grades for health

Obesity, immunization waivers a concern of United Health Foundation

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The United Health Foundation has ranked Michigan at 34th overall for health. Hawaii has the best health rating, while Mississippi is at the bottom.

Things like the high rates of obesity, the abundance of binge drinking and the low rates of high school graduation weigh down Michigan’s health scores. The state received good marks for high teen immunization coverage, the low incidences of infectious diseases and ready access to dentists though.

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Local bars expect wall-to-wall patrons on NYE

Rachel Dainty of Deerfield Township hustles through drink orders at the busy and lively Fireplace Bar and Grill in Fenton Township Saturday night. Bars are expecting wall-to-wall activity on Wednesday, New Year’s Eve 2014. Fortunately for her, The Fireplace is closing at 6 p.m. that evening. “I’m pretty excited about it, it’s kinda nice.”

End of year auto sales booming

Best sales year since 2006, thanks to low interest rates, gas prices and consumer confidence

By Sally Rummel
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While most auto manufacturers take a work break between Christmas and New Year’s, dealerships have been going full throttle to get the most mileage out of the 2014 sales year.

This holiday weekend ending Dec. 31 is the busiest of the year, according to the car experts at Edmunds.com.

A surge in leasing dominates sales with many 0-percent down deals and new car loans with an average term nationally of 67 months.

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Pedleys named Holly’s Family of the Year

Local couple recognized for their volunteerism, outstanding service in the Holly community

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Rev. Ed Pedley and his wife Charlotte may be retired from active ministry, but they continue to do the work of meeting the needs of the people of Holly.

That commitment of volunteerism has earned this local couple recognition as Holly’s Family of the Year for 2014.

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U.S. foods banned in other countries

Should Americans be concerned or are other areas overreacting to ingredients?

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Sure, if you look around you’ll find lists of foods that are banned by the U.S. like Beluga Caviar and food items containing non-food ingredients that shouldn’t be ingested (think toys inside of chocolate eggs), but there are many foods we eat here in the U.S. on a regular

See U.S. FOODS on 9

Contact your Michigan Congress representatives and make sure they base new road funding revenue requests based only on vehicle GVW (gross vehicle weight) and speed, not ‘value’ or fuel consumption. You have no idea what you all have done to the roadbeds with your trucks.”

“Everything we buy goes up in price due to lawsuits by lawyers. Then you turn around and vote a Bernstein onto the Michigan Supreme Court for no other reason than you have seen his name on TV commercials. You — the uninformed fools — are your own worst enemy.”

“Waterboarding and sleep deprivation of known terrorists who attacked and killed 3,000 innocent Americans is torture, but aborting a million babies a year is a right.”

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FENTON’S LIBRARY

RENOVATION NEARING COMPLETION

Will re-open mid-January

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Fenton — The Jack R. Winegarden Library is closed, however, it has been very busy inside.
For the last couple weeks, several contractors worked amidst the maze of temporary and newly assembled bookshelves. It smelled of paint and new carpet inside. On Monday Bayview Electric Company worked on the library’s electrical upgrades.

Painting, plumbing, electrical, shelving, tiling and restocking continue in tandem, and are on track to open a refreshed library, on time, according to Assistant City Manager Mike Burns. The library closed the week of Thanksgiving, and is expected to open mid-January.

The overall renovation is being done in two phases, costing $310,000 total, and financed by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Once completed, patrons will be able to see the original terrazzo floor at the entrance. Employees will see new plaster overhead, and all will enjoy upgraded bathrooms and electrical service. There is already new carpeting underfoot and paint on the walls. Books are being shifted to newly rearranged shelving.

Two new study rooms will be added, and the children’s library area will be modernized. Shelves are already going up in the children’s area, which also has new paint and carpet.

The first phase included necessary roof repairs and exterior painting, which have already been completed. Since the library was converted from a post office in 1987, this is the first time it has been renovated.

“We are still on pace for meeting our timeline, which is six to eight weeks from December first.”

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A year that took the ‘awe’ out of ‘awesome’

It was an ‘awesome’ year. In my annual search for a word that pretty much describes the past year, I have found that almost everything, everywhere, was ‘awesome’.

I am using the A-word in the sense that I have heard my son’s generation use it since he was in grade school in the 1990s.

To the new generation, I detected, the world now goes down to two extremes: everything is either ‘awesome’ or ‘it’s sucks.’ No longer is ‘awesome’ reserved for those people or things that actually inspire ‘awe’.

But nothing marked 2014 as The Year of Awesome as profoundly as an early December tirade by Fox News co-host Andrea Tantaros against a Senate committee’s report on CIA torture. ‘The United States of America is awesome, we are awesome,’ she insisted.

My comment: Fear not, Ms. Tantaros. America is still awesome. In fact, I think we look even more awesome for arguing our torture policy openly and honestly, instead of sweeping the issue aside — which would be the opposite of awesome.

But failure could be as awesome as success in 2014. For example:

Awesome Fails, Political Division: This will be remembered as the year when President Barack Obama’s approval ratings slipped so low that, as one friend of mine quipped, even the Thanksgiving turkey wouldn’t take his pardon.

Most Awesome Fail, Entertainment Division: Bill Cosby faced and survived public allegations a decade ago that he had drugged and raped women. But this was the year when the star and creator of a monologue in which rising comedian Hannibal Buress mocked Cosby as ‘a rapist’ went viral in ways that devastated Cosby’s reputation as he refused to discuss the matter.

Awesome Banking: Lenders have become so tight-fisted since Wall Street’s 2008 crash that even former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke was turned down for a loan. ‘I recently tried to refinance my mortgage,’ he said during an October conference in Chicago, ‘and I was unsuccessful in doing so.’

Will 2014 be the year that buries the overuse of ‘awesome’? I hope. For now, have an awesome New Year.

IF THE THUG that murdered the cops in New York were white and the cops black, you would have heard from Obama, Holder, and Sharpton within minutes talking about racism. Obama is yet to make a public statement. Yet in the Brown and Garner cases, he commented publicly within minutes and days.

WE SHOULD WEEKLY submit to an arrest or risk death? Thank God not everyone feels the way you do or there would be no America. Do you really want to live in a country where you can be choked to death for questioning why you are being targeted? USE SALES TAX to pay for road maintenance is a bad idea. Gas tax is directly tied to road use (buying gasoline). Sales tax is regressive since poorer households spend more of their incomes on goods and services. Raising it punishes the working poor more than wealthier classes.

TO THOSE WHO dumped the roofing materials on Thompson Road — jerk, careless, scuzz. To those who removed them, ‘thank you.’ WISH SOMEONE WOULD tell Mr. Krueger how harmful it is to feed flour, salt and sugar in them.

I THOUGHT FENTON always had a sweet, friendly, retired population, then I read the Hot Line.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Fenton Community Orchestra on celebrating live seasons! It’s great to see a growing art and cultural scene along with new businesses in the tri-county area.

THIS IS THE age of the zealot. Politicians and news media are all extreme, either left or far right. The far left imposes big government on us; the far right uses government to impose their religious beliefs on us. Where are the moderates to represent us?

DOES ANYONE KNOW the details of the memorial cross with the picture of a young Marine at Ore Creek on Hogan Road?

TO MY DEAREST vegan/vegetarian friends, after this past week, I have come to realize that your recipes are better with bacon.

CONSTABLE OF SECTION 4 would like to remind several social services organizations that the bounty on after-hours explorers is set at $2,700 per hour, one-hour minimum straight time. No permits required, no limits set. Still looking for the freight truck.

THE HOT LINER who believes we are a Christian nation because of box office receipts must then also agree we are a nation of witches (Harry Potter), and oracles and elves (Lord of the Rings).

FUNNY HOW NO one bates an eye that the government ‘forces’ us to buy car insurance but they are the ones who scream the loudest about a healthcare mandate.

See HOT LINE throughout Times

COMPETITIVE SHOPPERS will find a 15% seasonal discount when you shop at Hallmark.

What healthy habit do you intend to adopt in 2015?

“I intend to exercise every day for better health, and to have more energy.”
— Lesa Neuwirth
Holly Township

“I want to go back to the gym to keep off the weight I lost.”
— Jana Kaminski
Green Oak Township

“I am going to eat healthier and exercise more for overall health.”
— Kristine Mast
Gaines

“None, because I am happy with the way I am.”
— Gordon Fendert
Fenton Township

“I am going to exercise more because I need to control my cholesterol.”
— Doug VanHulle
Mundy Township

“I want to quit smoking for my personal health, and to be fit.”
— Myra Boyd
Linden
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“In Michigan, we struggle with obesity. More than two thirds of our adult population is either overweight or obese,” said Angela Minicuci, public information officer at the Michigan Department of Community Health. She said there is a significant concern because obesity is closely linked with some very serious chronic health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and stroke.

“Governor Snyder called upon MDCH to address this in his health message in 2011. We’ve since launched the Michigan Health and Wellness 4x4 Plan and a campaign called MI Healthier Tomorrow to encourage residents to get healthier,” she said.

“In addition, while some of our immunization rates like the one mentioned above have gotten better, we have the fourth highest immunization waiver rate in the country. With more parents opting out of vaccinating their children, we’re seeing alarming increases in the number of vaccine preventable diseases such as whooping cough and measles,” said Minicuci.

There are many ways that Michigan can get farther up that list and be a healthier state.

Minicuci said, “In general, we can do better as a state by eating healthier and being more active.”

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Public Information Officer, MDCH

**REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- In the past year, smoking decreased by 8 percent from 23.3 percent to 21.4 percent of adults. In 1990, 34 percent of Michigan adults smoked.
- In the past year, preventable hospitalizations decreased by 8 percent from 70.3 to 64.5 per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries.
- In the past two years, immunization coverage among adolescents increased by 14 percent from 60.2 percent to 68.7 percent of adolescents aged 13 to 17 years.
- In the past five years, air pollution decreased by 27 percent from 12.1 to 8.8 micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter.
- Since 1990, violent crime decreased by 42 percent from 780 to 455 offenses per 100,000 population.

Source: americashealthrankings.org

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will be working second shift this New Year’s Eve. A 10-year veteran of the Fenton Police Department and 15 years total in law enforcement, he’s worked many New Year’s Eves.

This night is different as there is extra vehicle traffic and there is extra foot traffic, especially now in downtown Fenton with its several new restaurants. Cole said people from out of town are trying to find their way around as they drive or walk to their destinations.

“Even though we are well marked, some will walk right in front you,” Cole said about pedestrians walking from businesses to their parked vehicles.

“We try to make ourselves as visible as possible,” he said. “We spend our shift patrolling the roads, driving through parking lots—so that people will know we are out here.”

Cole said their main goal is not just to go out there and arrest every drunk driver. It’s to keep everyone safe and for them to have a good time.

Police officers and any emergency responders can find themselves working holidays. Cole said, “You get used to the holidays. It’s part of your job. I worked Christmas Day. You do your holidays on off days.

“It’s difficult, but you learn to work around the holidays.”

As Cole, and officers across the country, settle in to their shift, they use their training to stop drivers who could be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. When asked what police look for when patroling for drunk drivers, he said it’s easy to spot swerving vehicles, or vehicles that are traveling extremely slow.

“You see it — you know it,” he said when it comes to spotting a drunk driver.

Erratic driving, combined with fluctuating speeds, drifting over the centerline, stopping at green lights or driving right through a stop sign are all signs of a highly intoxicated driver.

Another type of driver is the “buzzed” driver. Cole said these impaired drivers are the most dangerous because they don’t believe they are too drunk to drive. “If you have to ask yourself if you’ve had too much, you’ve had too much.”

Cole advises anyone who is going out to have travel arrangements already in place so that they will have a safe ride home despite drinking too many cocktails or beer. “Have a taxi number ready, or know of a friend you can call.”

Jennifer Ears, a Hey Taxi dispatcher said the Flint Bishop Airport based taxi service will be working around the clock for New Year’s Eve. She said they provide rides on a first-come, first-served basis with a quick phone call, or people can schedule their ride in advance. She said they provide taxi service in the Fenton area on a daily basis. To schedule a ride, call (810) 629-7080.

Tips on post-holiday recycling
The National Retail Federation estimates that consumers will fork out $586.1 billion for gifts during the months of November and December this year. Between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day alone, the U.S. EPA estimates that an extra million tons of waste is generated nationwide each week. Les Beare, The UPS Store franchise owner said, “An easy way for individuals to do their part in keeping their community clean is by recycling.”

Here are some simple tips:
• Recycle packaging peanuts
• Recycle old documents
• Reuse wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, tissue paper, etc. Also, save gift boxes and bags and reuse them throughout the year. Recycle those you can’t reuse.
• Recycle greeting cards.
• Recycle your tree.

The UPS Store is located at 17195 Silver Parkway. For more information, go to www.theupsstorelocal.com/3351.

The collateral consequences of a criminal conviction

It is a fact of life that every year there are thousands of people, both in Michigan and nationally, who are convicted of crimes.

The immediate impact of these convictions of course depends on the severity of the offense, with criminal sentences typically ranging from a fine all the way up to life imprisonment or even the death penalty.

Hopefully most people are aware of the reality that a criminal conviction will result in a criminal sanction of some sort.

However what may not be as well known is the fact that there are also what has been described as “collateral consequences” for a criminal defendant in addition to the criminal penalty.

The term “collateral consequences” has been defined as being additional civil penalties or sanctions separate from the criminal sentence which can be imposed by the government.

For example, under Michigan law, if a person is convicted of drunk driving not only is there the possibility of criminal fines and/or a jail sentence, but in addition the Michigan Secretary of State, upon being informed of the conviction, will suspend the defendant’s driver’s license for a certain period of time.

On the federal level if an individual, who is not a citizen but holds permanent residence status, is convicted of certain federal or state offenses, they face deportation.

Nationally there are literally thousands of possible consequences for criminal convictions, but until recently there was no central source for attorneys and the general public to refer to for precise information.

This all changed on Dec. 16, when the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section announced that it had completed the National Inventory of the Collateral Consequences of Conviction. This online database details the additional legal restrictions and penalties for people who have been convicted of crimes. It covers the laws, rules and regulations of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and federal law. It promises to be a valuable research tool for all concerned.

For example under Michigan’s section, there are 769 entries listing various consequences affecting such things as ability to hold public office, licenses and the right to vote. Nationally there are a total of 45,631 entries.

To access this database and for more information on the topic go to www.abacollateralconsequences.org.
‘Photobomb,’ ‘culture,’ ‘Ebola’ are top ‘words’

From ‘culture’ to ‘vape,’ dictionaries base selection on Internet searches

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If you think about it, our culture has changed a lot since the implementation of such technologies as the Internet.

It makes sense that the words chosen for word of the year by various dictionaries and other outlets would include words such as a “vape,” that express the changes in culture, which also happens to be a “word of the year.”

Popular dictionary, Merriam-Webster, announced recently that its word of the year for 2014 is “culture.” Their selection committee based their word choice on how many people looked up the word in their online dictionary.

Merriam-Webster isn’t the only dictionary to pick a word of the year, and each one seems to pick something different each year.

The Oxford Dictionaries chose “vape” as their word of the year, used to describe the act of smoking an e-cigarette.

Chambers Dictionary’s word of the year for 2014 is “overshare.” Dictionary.com chose the word “exposure,” after the outbreak of Ebola in Africa.

Collins Dictionary chose “photobomb” as their word of the year.

Another list you may or may not be familiar with, when it comes to words of the year, is the annual Lake Superior State University list of banished words. According to the school’s website, “the word-watchers at Lake Superior State University have released their 39th annual List of Words to Be Banished from the Queen’s English for Misuse, Overuse and General Uselessness.”

This list is compiled from nominations sent to LSSU throughout the year, and it dates back to Dec. 31, 1975, when former LSSU Public Relations Director Bill Rabe and some colleagues cooked up the whimsical idea to banish oversused words and phrases from the language. Through the years, LSSU has received tens of thousands of nominations for the list.

This year’s list is culled from nominations received mostly through the university’s website, www.lssu.edu/banished.

Editors of the list consider pet peeves from everyday speech, as well as from the news, fields of education, technology, advertising, politics and more. A committee makes a final cut in late December.

Some of the words on the 2014 list include “selfie,” “twotaking,” “hashtag,” “twitterphere,” “adversity” and “Obamacare.”

Private mailboxes provide a safe, secure place to receive mail, packages

The UPS Store sends e-mail and text alerts to mailbox customers

Have you ever wondered who would pay to have private mailbox services when mail delivery is free? With personal mailbox services from The UPS Store, there’s no need to wait at home (or anywhere else for that matter) for a package delivery or risk having valuable shipments left on your doorstep.

The UPS Store can receive packages from any carrier and hold them in a secure location for pick-up at your convenience. As an additional advantage, mailbox holders have the option to receive notifications, via e-mail or text, alerting them that their packages have been received, eliminating unnecessary trips to the center. For small-business owners, The UPS Store provides an actual street address for their businesses, which conveys a more professional touch, and if they’re running a business out of their home, they don’t have to give out their home address.

“Our 24-hour access mailbox services are a convenience that more general and small-business consumers are discovering,” said Les Beare, The UPS Store owner. “They like the fact that we provide them with a street address, not a P.O. box number, as well as the option to receive an e-mail or a text alert when they have a package waiting,” he added.

The UPS Store also provides a package only option for customers. “Package only is a great service. We can receive most packages a customer is expecting one-time or on a regular basis, without the need to purchase a mailbox,” says Beare.

Other mailbox service options include mail holding and, forwarding for snowbirds or travelers—The UPS Store will hold your packages in a secure location for pick-up at your convenience or forward them to you, wherever you are.

In addition to domestic and international shipping, The UPS Store offers full-service packaging; digital printing and online printing; black-and-white and color copies; document finishing (binding, laminating, etc.); printing services (business cards, letterhead, rubber stamps, etc.); notary; custom crating and shipping for large items (furniture, artwork, motorcycles, etc.); mailbox and postal services; office and packaging supplies; and more.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

YOU SHOULD be worried about these illegals as well. It has nothing to do with nucleations. The illegals they are bringing into this country have not been seen here in decades.

EVEN THOUGH you don’t see oncoming traffic you still have to stop for stop signs. Remember, it’s the law.

WHEN FOX is actually reporting the news, they are fact-based and correct. The problem is all the guests they have are one right-wing opinions. They say their lies over and over until you believe them. Sounds like it’s your problem if you just try to understand their word.

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“We sell the most cars this last week of the year,” said Vic Canever Chevrolet New Car Sales Manager Jeff Canever. “We can sell cars through Jan. 2 to count for this year, and we’re already up for the year compared to 2013.”

The majority of new car sales at Vic Canever are leasing deals, with some lease prices lower for third-year deals than two-year, i.e. the 2015 Equinox. “We still have leases for 2014 Cruizes, including a Cruze diesel that gets 50 mpg,” said Canever. “The 2015 trucks are big sellers, too.” New car loans average 72-month terms at Vic Canever, but some can extend to 84 months.

Lasco Ford in Fenton is ending its sales year with a slight increase in new and used car volume and more than a 25-percent increase in service business.

“Our highest impacting units were the Ford Fusion and the Escape,” said Jay Lasco. “The most sought after unit is the all-new 2015 Mustang. Our most optimistic vehicle of 2015 is the all-new F-150 truck. Rebates are now very impressive. The year-end blowout of 2014 F-150s will most likely clean out inventories soon, we are encouraging customers to shop now for the deep discounts they may have been waiting for.”

The biggest news at Lasco Ford is its state-of-the-art green service facility now open. “Just for stopping in for a visit we offer free alignment checks, free engine code checks, free battery checks and more,” said Lasco. “Our brand new building includes a waiting lounge with business center, kids’ corner, coffee and water bar and more.”

At the State Bank, auto loan rates are between 3.99 and 7 percent, depending on the year of the vehicle and the customer’s credit score and ability to qualify for other discounts. “The farthest back we can go for financing right now is a 2008 vehicle,” said Dennis Richardson, retail banking officer.

‘Should old acquaintances be forgotten …’

For more than 200 years, Scottish folk song has been ringing in the New Year

New Year’s Eve festivities peak when the official countdown of the clock begins. After the ball drops and midnight has arrived, revelers cheer to the New Year and exchange kisses and well wishes.

Once these-era wishes have been exchanged, many people begin to sing “Auld Lang Syne.” But few know what “Auld Lang Syne” means or why it is sung on New Year’s Eve. Confusion regarding this song is almost as notable as the tradition of singing it. Many people mumble through the lyrics because they never bothered to learn them.

“Auld Lang Syne” is a Scottish composition that is well over 200 years old. Written by Robert Burns in the 1700s, the author never intended for the song to become a staple of the holiday season. It was originally a poem that was later put to the tune of a traditional folk song. The title translates roughly in English as “old long since,” or “long, long ago.”

The song pays homage to times gone by and past experiences.

The song has been performed at group funerals, funerals, and other special occasions all over the world, but it is best known for its affiliation with New Year’s festivities. The man behind that affiliation may be Canadian musician Guy Lombardo, whose band used “Auld Lang Syne” as a bridge between two radio programs during a live New Year’s Eve performance in 1929. Coincidentally, the song was played directly after the clock struck midnight, laying the groundwork for a New Year’s Eve tradition. Now “Auld Lang Syne” has forever been tied to well-intentioned resolutions and sappy slaps on the back. Despite selling millions of records, Lombardo became more famous for his New Year’s Eve song than anything else did.

Confusion over “Auld Lang Syne” remains to this day. It has been the butt of jokes in popular culture, even earning a nod in the movie “When Harry Met Sally.” Harry laments to Sally that he never quite understood what the song meant and wonders whether it is about forgetting about friends or remembering them. Sally sums it up by saying the song is simply about old friends.

That is the interpretation many New Year’s Eve celebrants embrace as they toast to the new year and sing their hearts out. For those who never bothered to learn or have forgotten the words to this staple of New Year’s celebrations, here is the popularized English translation sung most often.

‘Auld Lang Syne’
Shouldold acquaintances be forgotten, and never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintances be forgotten, and days of old lang syne.

Chorus:
For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne, We will take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne, We will take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne, And surely you will pay for your pint, and surely I will pay for mine!
For auld lang syne, And surely you will pay for your pint, and surely I will pay for mine!

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
ON SATURDAY, DEC. 27, my wife and I were having breakfast at Fenton Coney. Our server told us that breakfast had been paid for by a ‘friend’. How wonderful. Thank you, thank you. Pay it forward!

IF YOU FIND it difficult to use your turn signal when driving because one hand is on the wheel and one on your phone, maybe you should just let the less important go — if you can figure out which one it is.

COULD YOU PLEASE provide me with a link to a study that shows that Fox News is wrong 50 percent of the time — or is that just another liberal lie?

U.S. FOODS
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basis that are banned by other countries.
Here are a few of them, and why other
countries don’t eat them, according to
mercola.com.
Farm-raised salmon
Australia, New Zealand and Russia have all banned farm-raised salmon, which contains more harmful toxins, including more mercury, than wild
caught salmon. These farm-raised fish,
although fattier, also contain less of the
healthy omega-fatty acids as those in
the wild.
GMO foods
The European Union has banned ge-
etically engineered papaya from their
menus, as well as other GMO (geneti-
cally modified organisms) foods. Marjie Andrejczw, at Marjie’s Gluten Free
Pantry, said, “Just walk through the
grocery store aisles and look at the ingre-
dients in foods. You will be horrified by
all of the GMO corn and soy added
to our packaged foods.”
GMOs are being blamed for maladies in farm ani-
mals that live on rich diets of
these foods, including organ damage,
birth defects and tumors.
Drinks with flame retardant
Brominated vegetable oil (BVO) was
originally patented by chemical compa-
nies as a flame retardant, and somewhere
along the line, it started being used in bev-
erages. It is most commonly found in citrus
flavored drinks. According to Snopes.com, the claims against this substance are
a mixture of fact and fiction. Either way, it
is banned in Europe and in Japan, and
in 2014 PepsiCo agreed to begin work-
ing toward removing it from their line of
drinks, including Mountain Dew.
Artificial food colors and dyes
Many of the FD&C (Federal Food,
Drug, and Cosmetic) colors are banned
in other countries but are allowed here.
These include Red #40 and Yellow #5
(tartrazine), which are believed to cause
cancer and birth defects and have shown
allergy-like hypersensitivity in some
children. Food dyes and other preserva-
tives are banned in Norway and Austria.
Arsenic chicken
The European Union has banned
arsenic-laced chicken from the U.S., as
chronic exposure to arsenic can cause
headaches, low blood pressure, kidney
damage and more. Recent studies done
by Consumer Reports shows that rice and
many other grains also contain a fair to
mild amount of arsenic in them.
Bread with potassium bromate
Potassium bromate has been banned
in Canada, China and the European Union
because it has been linked to kidney
and nervous system damage. It is used
in wraps, bread and bagels to make the
dough more elastic. This isn’t the only
bread ingredient under scrutiny in the U.S.
Subway was recently at-
tacked for their use of a
“yoga mat” ingredient in
their breads that they are
now working to remove.
Fat substitute Olestra
Proctor & Gamble cre-
ated this ingredient, also
known as Olean, for fat free snacks, like
chips and fries. It is banned in the United
Kingdom and Canada because it causes
many bowel issues and can actually lead
to weight gain.
BHA and BHT
These are both toxic preservatives and
can often be found in beer, cereal, nuts,
meat, chewing gum and potato chips.
They can trigger allergic reactions in
some people and are banned in the Eu-
ropean Union and Japan.
rBGH cows
When shopping for dairy products,
look for items that are rBGH free.
This synthetic version of cow hormones is
banned in Australia, New Zealand, Israel,
the European Union and Canada. It is be-
lieved to be linked to numerous cancers,
including breast and prostate.

PEDLEYs
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They were honored on Friday,
Dec. 12 at the Holly Area Chamber
of Commerce Annual Dinner, along
with other award recipients:
• Business of the Year — Wilkinson’s
  Auto Repair,
• Person of the Year — George Kullis,
• Organization of the Year — Holly
  Area Classic Car Show.
“We were certainly
surprised,” said Ed, who retired
from the pulpit of First
Baptist Church of
Holly in July. “It’s
pretty humbling
when you think about
all the other deserv-
ing people in the
community.”
Residents of Holly
for the past 14 years, the Pedleys
quickly got involved in community
work by starting an affiliate group of
Christmas in Action to help seniors
with home renovations and yard work.
“Phil Long helped us get
the ministry started,” said Ed. “He also
helped us spin off a group in Penton.
We’ve done 37 homes and raised over
$120,000 to help with the ministry,
along with many other generous com-
unity donors.” His wife, Charlotte,
has been involved with the food end of
Christmas in Action, rounding up
donors to help feed the workers one
day every April.

Some of their ministry work has
involved a trip to Honduras and
closer to home, senior adult camp at
Lake Louise in Van-
derbilt, Michigan.
They’ve participated
every year in a live
nativity during the
Dickens Festival at
their church, with
Charlotte creating all of the costum-
ing. Five years ago, the Pedleys raised
money in their church and through
donations from community groups like Kiwanis, Holly Youth Assistance,
etc., to take 100 teens to camp for a
week for free.
“It’s all about caring for people and
meeting their needs, wherever they are,” said Ed.
The couple recently purchased
a 20-foot RV and hope to do some
traveling this coming year, while
keeping up with their volunteer work,
their three grown kids and five
grandchildren.

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Granger leads our volleyball team

Fenton senior is an easy MVP selection

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When one sees Carly Granger walking in a gym, it would be hard to think of her as the ideal volleyball player.

Granger is athletic. There’s no doubt about that. However, at 5-foot-9, it’s not like she has the size one would expect out of a dominant hitter in a sport like volleyball.

However, once a match begins, there’s a good chance few will shine like Granger can. The outside hitter can leap and create the type of hit one would expect of a player three inches taller than her.

Quite frequently, Granger will be the best player on the court regardless of the competition. That was the case when Fenton played Class A’s eventual state runner-up Novi in the regional semis.

The Tigers lost in three sets, but none of Novi’s impressive array of attacking players shone brighter than Granger and her match-high 18 kills. She finished her senior season with a whopping 458 kills, helping her capture the Tri-County’s Volleyball Player of the Year honors for 2014.

“Carly is a leader and a hard worker,” said Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger. “The first thing I noticed about her was how hard she was. She came to summer camps and worked hard during court times. But frequently she’d stay after and do jump training or run stairs. She’s clearly self-motivated and that translates on the court.

“The other girls see her do that stuff. She is a natural leader.”

Granger entered her senior season as an already well-known quality volleyball player, but it seemed her game catapulted to higher levels during her senior season. Granger finished the season with 458 kills in 946 attempts, recording kills on 48 percent of the balls she attacked. However, that’s just part of her game. Defensively, she’s as good as she is on offense. Granger recorded 378 digs during her senior season, while also posting 26 blocks. She also passed at 92 percent for the season. She’s a strong jump server as well, collecting 56 aces this season.

Amazingly it’s her passing where Granger gets the most satisfaction out of her play.

“I think being able to serve receive to my target is my biggest strength,” Granger said. “I like that part of the game the best actually.”

“That’s the most important part of the game. Getting that kill is a great feeling, but you can’t get the kill if you can’t pass. Passing builds the confidence to be able to attack in the first place.”

Eisinger seems to agree with Granger.

“Probably her biggest improvements this season has been her defensive abilities.”

Eisinger said. “She’s one of our better defensive players as well. ... She’s become a better all-around player. She led the team in almost all the most important categories this year. She’s not just a one-dimensional player, but an outstanding all-around player.”

“Comment: Carly Granger was the easy choice for this year’s honor, recording 458 kills with the Fenton Tigers’ Class A district championship squad. She pounded 48 percent of all of her attack attempts down for a kill. But Granger was a versatile player too. She had 56 service aces, 378 digs and 26 blocks.

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ALL TRI-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Volleyball MVP

Carly Granger

Grade Senior Pos Outside Hitter School Fenton

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Rest of first team

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Sam Jones

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Grade Pos Outside Hitter School Fenton

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LOOkINg Back At 2014

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There were plenty of stories in the sports world in 2014, and many key ones involved Michigan sports. We thought it would be fun to take a look at some of the ones that were talked about, wrote about and tweeted about this year.

On the Way Up

Four individuals who saw their stock rise during the 2014 sports year.

#4

**Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Max Scherzer**

**Summary:** Before 2014, Max Scherzer was already one of the best starting pitchers in baseball. However, most didn’t even consider him the best starting pitcher with the Tigers. With Justin Verlander’s issues, that’s not the case any more. Now a free agent, Scherzer can take his 39-8 record and 3.02 earned run average over the last two years to anywhere willing to sign him, and the price won’t be cheap. He’s hoping for $200 million. Can the Tigers compete and sign him? I guess we’ll find out soon.

#3

**Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh**

**Summary:** It was a contract year for Suh, and he’s performed magnificently, leading the Detroit Lions to the playoffs with an 11-5 record. The defensive line helped make the Lions one of the best defensive squads in the NFL. Suh has positioned himself to possibly become the top-paid defensive player in the NFL by someone next season. Will it be with the Lions? Only time will tell.

#2

**The Detroit Lions & head coach Jim Caldwell**

**Summary:** When Caldwell has hired, he wasn’t most people’s ideal choice to take the Lions’ helm. Yet, he’s led the team to an 11-5 record and back into the playoffs. The loss to Green Bay was a setback, but most Lions’ fans are excited the squad bounced back from the Jim Schwartz era.

#1

**Ex-Michigan Wolverine quarterback & New Michigan Head Coach Jim Harbaugh**

**Summary:** Not many people could finish an NFL season a disappointing 8-8, be reportedly on his way out for most of the season and still be on top of the world. Jim Harbaugh has figured a way to do it. With his seven-year, $35 million contract, Harbaugh has done pretty good for himself. Many think Harbaugh could turn the Wolverines around immediately. Given his track record, it seems a likely scenario. Watch out Spartans!

On the Way Down

Five aspects, people or organizations about sports that saw their stock fall in 2014.

1. Ex-Michigan football coach Brady Hoke
2. Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander
3. Pistons owner Tom Gores
4. Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford
5. College football bowl games

Note: Brady Hoke’s four-year run as Michigan coach came to an end after he led the Wolverines to a 5-7 record overall. His tenure started with so much promise with Hoke going 11-2 his first year. However, each season got progressively worse with the 2014 fiasco concluding it. Of course, it wasn’t just losses that Michigan fans had to endure. It was also the constant bad publicity that hit Hoke’s team. There was the concussion story when backup quarterback Shane Morris returned to a game despite it being reasonably evident to all witnessing his actions, he shouldn’t have been brought back into the contest. Many blamed Hoke’s unwillingness to wear a headset as the problem. It was obvious Hoke’s time would end after he lost to Notre Dame, Michigan State and Ohio State by a combined score of 108-39.

Justin Verlander maybe dating supermodel Kate Upton, but his pitching performances continued to suffer in 2014. Verlander became nothing more than a mediocore workhorse pitcher in 2014, posting an earned run average (4.54) well above the American League average.

Pistons owner Tom Gores finally fired Joe Dumars as head of basketball operations, but the Pistons remain inept. The squad looks destined to win 30 or less games for the sixth straight season. They are 7-23 right now.

The Lions are in the playoffs, so it may be hard seeing Matthew Stafford’s name on this list. However, it’s the Lions’ defense that has led them to where they are now, not Stafford. Stafford has yet to win a game on the road against a squad with a winning record. His QB rating isn’t even in the top 20.

The college football season is now 39 bowl games and, seemingly, every game involves a 6-6 squad you’ve hardly heard about.
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Late rally ends Rhino’s tourney run in final game

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It was a 50-50 season for Harold Krueger’s baseball team.

Rhino’s Recycling’s 35 and Over City of Flint Baseball team
captured the regular season title of their league — that’s positive his-
tory repeating itself.

However, a shocker happened in the tournament when the squad lost
in the championship game of the tournament, by a tight 7-6 score.

Still, taking a regular-season ti-
tle and getting to the finals of the tournament remained an outstand-
ing season for the Krueger-man-
aged team.

In the title game of the tourney, Rhinos led at one time 6-3, but a
four-run sixth-inning by Ideal put Rhinos down 7-6. Rhinos went out
in order to end the contest in the seventh. Rhinos’ offense was paced
by Steve Buerkel who pounded a three-run home run in the squad’s
three-run fifth. The team scored its
first run in the opening inning when
Steve Michlez singled and eventu-
ally scored on back-to-back singles
by Buerkel and Larry Lamphere.

In the second inning two more
runs were added. Aaron Rubio
walked and Dave Bean singled.
Both eventually scored after a sin-
gle my Matt Hoffman and walks to
Matt Idoni and Dennis Younce.
Rhinos led 3-0.

However, Ideal scored two runs
in the fourth, cutting the gap to
3-2. Rhinos answered back with
the three-run home run by Buerkel.
Tim Fromwiller singled and Joe
Schneider walked, providing the
runners on the bags for the four-
basger hit. Rhinos led 6-2. The
lead was cut to 6-3 with a single
run in the bottom of the fifth, but
then came the four-run sixth.

GRANGER
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Three-sport athlete

Granger is much more than a volleyball player, however. As soon as volleyball season ended, she started playing on
the varsity girls basketball team. When that season ends, she’ll be seen on Fenton’s
varsity girls soccer team. On each she
provides a valuable role on what is a successful team.

Granger thinks playing all three sports helps her volleyball performance.

“Some of the movement and stuff from
basketball and volleyball help in soccer and
jumping carries through all of those
sports,” Granger said. “Being a three-
sport athlete helps out with everything.
It helps out in life as well. You learn to
get along with different types of people,
dergent coaches and different stuff.”

However, while Granger enjoys all three sports, volleyball remains her true love.

“I like the game because it’s constantly happening,” Granger said. “In soccer and
basketball you get points in the
game where you don’t get the ball all
the time. Volleyball is a six-player sport so
everyone gets to touch the ball and have an impact.”

Career at Fenton

The Tigers have enjoyed a lot of suc-
cess since Granger became a part of the
varsity volleyball program.

During her sophomore season, the
Tigers earned their first-ever Class A
regional title, before bowing out of the
tournament in the state quarterfinals.

The Tigers captured Metro League titles her sophomore and junior seasons
without losing a set in a match. Flushing
joined the Metro and ended the Tigers’
dominance atop the league, but Fenton
still finished second and earned a third straight Class A district crown as well.

Fenton earned that district title capturing a thrilling 25-10, 23-25, 25-23, 25-15, 15-
13 against Grand Blanc. Granger finished
that match with 23 kills.

“We worked on what we wanted to do
and we definitely wanted to win leagues,
but we had trouble doing that,” Granger
said. “However, winning districts was a
big goal as well. All three years I’ve been
on varsity we’ve won a district and we
kept that streak going as well.”

Granger also finished on the Metro’s
first team, another goal she had for herself.

Regional semis vs. Novi

No matter how good Granger was
most of her senior season, it probably
wasn’t until the Tigers reached the Class
A regional semifinals that some started
taking notice.

The Tigers were playing second-
ranked Novi in the semis and were con-
siderable underdogs. And while
Fenton eventually did lose, Granger was the star,
collecting 18 kills and 12 digs. She was
the talk among coaches within the audi-
ence and of Novi coach Jennifer Cottrill
after the match was over.

“She’s an outstanding player. ... We
didn’t see them, but the coaches and
teachers (I talked to) said to just key on her,
but she was still able to hurt us,” Cottrill
said of Granger. “We moved our block in
to try to slow her down a little bit because
she was getting some kills across court,
but she read it and was hitting the ball
down the line.”

“It’s awesome that people are able
to recognize that I work hard. That is
super-cool,” Granger said when told
about how much of the match talk was
about her play. “Unfortunately, we didn’t
win, but it’s cool. People came to me
at the end of the game I never met and
were telling me how good of a job I did.”

With the injuries we had Carly was
told to take a big role in that match, and
boy did she step up,” Eisinger said. “The
conversation with Novi’s coach after the
game was how impressed she was with
Carly that day. It probably was her best
match of the year.”

Overall, Granger enjoyed her prep
volleyball career.

“It was a great team to be a part of,”
Granger said. “We had a new coach but
we got used to Jerry right away. It’s great
to be a part of a team that supports you
all the time.”
House Bill 4480: Require more detailed reports on corporate subsidy costs, outcomes
To require state economic development agencies to submit and post on-line more detailed reports on the costs and outcomes generated by their various loan, tax break and subsidy programs targeted at specific corporations, developers or industries.
Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate State Sen. Jim Ananich (R-Genesee County) YES NO

Senate Bill 789: Revise concealed pistol license procedures
To eliminate county concealed weapon licensing boards, and transfer the responsibility for administering and issuing concealed pistol licenses to county clerks, with the State Police still performing the background checks required by the law.
Passed 84 to 26 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arrow Township)

Senate Bill 1033: Exempt “direct primary care” and “concierge medicine” to extensive insurance regulation
To establish that fixed-fee medical retainer agreements between a physician and a potential patient covering routine health care services are not considered “insurance” subject to the extensive regulatory regime imposed on conventional health insurance policies. This could presumably apply to “direct primary care” agreements, “concierge medicine” and similar in novations.
Passed 60 to 50 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arrow Township)

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 65 to 45 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arrow Township)

Senate Bill 269: Extend $75 million annual corporate subsidy earmark
To extend through 2019 an annual $75 million earmark to a “21st Century Jobs Fund” program created by the previous administration, which provides various subsidies to particular firms or industries chosen by a board of political appointees. Under current law, the earmark expires in 2015.
Passed 59 to 50 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arrow Township)

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Senator Bill 658: Impose “Amazon tax” on Internet purchases
To require merchants outside the state with no affiliate who have an affiliation with a different business located in Michigan (in the manner pioneered by internet retailer Amazon.com) to collect sales tax on purchases by Michigan residents. This bill does not require voter approval of a sales tax hike like other bills in the $1.945 billion road funding/fixing bills in the $1.945 billion road funding/district. The Senate passed the measure on Dec. 11.
Passed 83 to 27 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arrow Township)

Senate Bill 879: Adopt financial services agreement
Passed 59 to 50 in the House State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arrow Township)

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Red State director Kevin Smith takes the helm for this horror film starring Justin Long as a podcaster who is targeted by a sadistic killer while attempting to land an interview with a misanthropic adventurer (Michael Parks). Genesis Rodriguez and Haley Joel Osment co-star.
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CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Your most important New Year’s resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpian, who isn’t afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You’ll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of “help.” You work best when you’re free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
The New Year offers changes that you might feel you’re not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you’ve built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
This New Year brings news about a change you’ve been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.
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