‘One-of-a-kind’ condos being built in Cornerstone

Of 23 units, 12 are pre-sold; costing between $100,000 and $200,000

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — From the westward facing balcony of the fourth floor Cornerstone building lofts, one can take in an enviable view of downtown Fenton.

The top three residential floors of the building are in various phases of completion, with the second floor hallways and condo units just in need of finishing, while the fourth floor is getting its drywall.

While most of the businesses are open below, all signs point to a unique downtown living opportunity for interested parties in a growing community.

There are 23 units, with eight on the first two floors, and seven on the fourth floor. The condos are one- and two-bedroom.

Calm start to the New Year

Fenton police report no major problems

By Sharon Stone

It was a cold start to 2015 as temperatures in the Fenton area hovered around 17 degrees at midnight. Depending on what your plans were, driving to a destination was likely.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said his officers had a relatively quiet New Year’s Eve and Day, with just a couple known drunk drivers. He added that the department did not receive any noise complaints or any other complaints regarding New Year’s Eve celebrations.

“All in all, it was pretty quiet,” said Aro.

At about 2 a.m. on Jan. 1, Fenton police officer Bill Andringa observed a northbound vehicle on North LeRoy.

Mild winter a boon for some, burden for others

By Tim Jagielo

The city of Fenton finally received a dusting of snow on New Year’s Eve, compelling the city’s Department of Public Works (DPW) to salt for just the fourth time in December.

They didn’t plow at all in December.

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Fast food icon since 1955 is simplifying menu, prices and eyeing customization in 2015

By Sally Rummel
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“I’m Loving It” has been McDonald’s slogan since 2003, but recent sales figures aren’t showing the love for the world’s largest and original fast food chain.

With U.S. sales on a decline of 4.6 percent in the month of November, McDonald’s will start the New Year off by changing its menu and pricing.

“The bottom line is, for 12 years McDonald’s has been ‘on a rocket’ of sales, with our coffee, dollar menu and new menu items,” said Mark Pfau, franchise owner of eight McDonald’s, including two in Fenton and one in Linden. “In about 2012, things started slowing down as our menu got too complicated and peoples’ tastes changed.”

McDonald’s menu has grown 42.4 percent in the past seven years to 121 items from 85 items in 2007, according to The Wall Street Journal. Such an extensive menu has slowed down the customer ordering process, especially through the drive-thru, which fuels 70 percent of McDonald’s business.

Have no fear, favorites like the Big Mac, Chicken McNuggets, the Quarter Pounder and other iconic menu items won’t be facing the chopping block. What you’ll see less of is the variety of choices in different categories.

“We’ll be simplifying our entire menu,” said Pfau. “The Quarter Pounder will still be here, but not with so many options. We’ll offer one Snack Wrap option instead of three, and one premium Chicken Sandwich option instead of three. We’ll also be changing the items available on our dollar menu.”

Pricing will be another huge change, but that doesn’t mean all the prices are going up – some will be coming down. “We’re looking at how we price our total menu so that it’s a value for our customers,” said Pfau. “There has been too big of a difference between the prices on our dollar menu and our core menu items. People may actually see lower prices on some of our core products like our Big Mac and Quarter Pounder.”

With today’s more critical thinking younger customers, McDonald’s plans to add more flexibility and customization options in the future.

5 interesting facts about McDonald’s

1. McDonald’s is the largest purchaser of beef, pork, potatoes and apples in the U.S.
2. McDonald’s is second only to Walmart in being the world’s largest employer, with more than 440,000 employees worldwide. Nearly one in eight workers in the U.S. at one time or another worked at a McDonald’s.
3. McDonald’s is the largest private operator of playgrounds in the U.S.
4. McDonald’s is one of the largest property owners in the world, owning the land underneath each of its restaurants, then renting it back to the franchise owner.
5. McDonald’s operates almost 35,000 locations in 119 countries.
Checkout charity? I'm not a fan

As Americans, we are asked every day to donate to charities. We are continually solicited by phone, email, social media and our mailbox to give more away. Even a drive to visit grandma is guilt-ridden by dozens of billboards depicting starving children, abandoned puppies and abandoned spouses.

Over the last couple of years a new and very clever twist has been added to our donation angst — the aptly named ‘checkout charity.’ It’s when retail transactions in the checkout line are concluded with ‘would you like to make a donation?’ Nowadays it’s not at all unusual to get solicited like this half a dozen times a day.

It’s no secret why charities like this approach. Having no-cost, third party individuals soliciting donations from customers who already have their cash and credit cards in their hands is sheer genius. Who can resist? Especially when fellow customers, friends and neighbors are craning their necks to see what kind of cheap bastard would cold-heartedly deny a lousy buck or two to help homeless veterans or cancer-battling children. Not to mention they just watched enviously as a $15 bottle of wine, two thick steaks and a pound of expensive organic Brussels sprouts were bagged by an elderly, arthritic-ridden, minimum wage cashier.

So why do retailers allow this? When you consider the investment they make in optimizing the customer experience through micro-managed lighting, carefully chosen music, colors that make us feel comfortable, and a store flow that assures we visit every aisle in the store — one has to wonder why they would mar our Disney-like shopping experience with awkward and preda- torian panhandling?

Not surprisingly, it’s simply good business. The soliciting retailer qualifies for a tax credit for simply passing our donations on to a charity organization. In 2012, the Safeway Grocery chain ‘donated’ $30.8 million checkout charity dollars, effectively earning itself a $10 million cash tax discount. The donors got nothing. Additionally, the money could have gone to the SOS (‘Save Our Squirrels’) foundation for all we know.

I have to believe that I am not the only one who is not a fan of checkout charity. I find it odd that the same people who have a ‘No Solicitors’ sign on their door have no problem soliciting me. Why do they have the sign? Because being solicited is an unpleasant and awkward experience they wish to avoid. Hmm.

I believe in giving, but not under the duress of being pressured in an environment where it is a snap decision made in little or no information. Some charities don’t reflect my value system, some produce better results than others and some are complete scams.

This I can guarantee. The more we give at checkout, the more we will be continually solicited, you have to start declining. Americans are the most generous people in the world but there is a limit. Checkout charity is that limit.

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What’s next for Fenton in 2015?

Big projects, stable budgets, new developments, parking in the works

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — To peer ahead into 2015, residents need only look around at their city today. Many of the big projects started in 2014 will come to fruition in 2015.

Mayor Sue Osborn is happy with the goals Fenton City Council, with the aid of a facilitator, picked for 2015. The goals are prioritized and in order.

Some projects started in 2014 will bleed into early 2015. The Cornerstone building’s 23 condo units will be done in spring of 2015. The Jack R. Winegarden Library renovations should be done by February. Technically the Streetscape project started in 2014, but the bulk of the work will happen in 2015.

Right now, a 63,000-square-foot memory care and rehab facility called Well Bridge is being built on scenic Pine Creek North, off Eddy Lake Road. City Manager Lynn Markland said it will employ at least 100 people.

Downtown Fenton will look really different at the end of 2015. The Streetscape project will have disrupted, but hopefully improved, the look, drivability and walkability of much of the downtown area.

Osborn acknowledges the project will be a pain for businesses and motorists while it’s happening. “I think once it’s complete, everyone will be so pleased,” she said.

Basic services are the most important thing to city administration, along with the budget. Markland said he expects little change to either.

The budget will look much like last year, with maybe a little more revenue. The good news is they’re pretty sure they’ve weathered the “financial storm” caused by the recession, and the budget is stable.

Basic services won’t change — except with the city solid waste services. Markland said they may trash the ticket system for garbage, instead moving to a monthly or quarterly flat bill, which will include recycling. There will be updates as it develops, along with at least one public hearing. Overall, city council and administration expect residents to save money with the new system.

See 2015 on 8
Mark Pfau owns eight McDonald’s restaurants, including the one on Owen Road in Fenton. The McDonald’s menu, while including some new items will actually shrink and simplify soon.

"We’re looking at evolving our Value Meals," said Pfau. "Now we offer a sandwich, drink and fries, but we are testing the option to allow customers to choose which side items they would like with their sandwich, like salads. Not right away, but sometime in the future, you’ll be able to customize your sandwich by choosing the kind of meat (even the thickness of the patties) and bun you want. Lots of test marketing is going on right now."

Because food quality is on the minds of so many people today, McDonald’s plans to be more pro-active in telling its story.

“We use real cracked eggs and cook with real grills and ovens,” said Pfau. “We also use 100 percent real beef and cook with our own bacon and sausage.”

McDonald’s recently hired former “Myth Busters” TV host Grant Imahara to show an inside view of chicken nugget production at the Tyson plant in Tennessee, for McDonald’s new ad campaign called “Our Food. Your Questions.”

“We also just recently came out with videos in our plants showing how our beef and McRibs are made,” said Pfau. That sounds much more serious than slogans in the past, which ranged from “You Deserve a Break Today” in the early 1970s to the lyrical 1975 slogan, “Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun.”

Starting early in 2015, the slogan “I’m Loving It” will be joined by “Lovin’ Beats Hatin.’” This new catchphrase debuted Jan. 1 and will be included in a 60-second Super Bowl ad during the game on Feb. 1. “You’ll be seeing some major changes at McDonald’s by the end of 2015,” said Pfau.
This week last year, the area was pummeled with heavy snow and extreme cold temperatures. Here, a resident clears sidewalks on Jan. 6, 2014.

**WEATHER**

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Fortunately, Casey Gilbert, owner of Alliance Property Management (APM), has diversified their services enough that they can pivot and carry on other activities, like caring for homes whose owners are away. Trimming oak trees is another activity they push in the winter.

Plowing snow is a big part of their business, but Gilbert said they try to keep half of the plowing business “pay-per-push,” and the other half, contract work.

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Salt prices are also a big factor for DPWs and snow removal businesses. He said salt started at $70 per ton last year, and may have peaked at nearly $300 per ton. They were eventually cut off by suppliers. This year, suppliers are calling him, offering salt at $100 or so. Slow years like this, salt prices come back down.

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what the world will be like in 2015, but here are a few unofficial glances at the coming year.

Housing

“This year will be the best year yet,” said John Wentworth of ReMAX Platinum, although he admits he said that in 2013 and 2014 and they both came true. “There’s an overall confidence in the economy that extends to the real estate market.”

He predicts the local market will be strong and that waterfront property will continue to rise in value. “More people will enter the real estate market as their homes recover from being underwater,” said Wentworth. “That trend will continue.”

Housing prices are still increasing, according to David Scott, of The State Bank’s Residential Lending Department. “New construction is really hot. Subdivisions that had been started and never finished are now being revitalized.” Housing inventory will be the trump card that’s unknown for this year. “This is the tricky part,” he said. “Banks are pricing foreclosures higher than sellers would, so they aren’t a significant part of the market this year.”

While winter is traditionally a slower time for real estate sales, Wentworth says that picture will change in a month’s time and will significantly change in three months. “Don’t wait for a home to drop to what you hope will be its lowest value,” he said. “Find what you love and buy it. There’s not always a better deal around the corner.”

**Interest rates**

“Interest rates should be consistently low, between 3 and 4 percent, throughout 2015,” said Scott. “We’re starting to see a little relaxation of some of the guidelines for getting a mortgage, but there won’t be any of the sham loans that took place back in 2003 and 2004. You don’t have to be ‘perfect’ to get a loan, but it all has to be verified and documented.”

**Stocks**

Best areas of the stock market will be in technology, health care from an aging population and the Affordable Care Act and consumer discretionary, as employment gains increase household spending in 2015, according to Allen Sinai, CEO and chief global economist for Decision Economics, Inc. He predicts the U.S. economy and markets will remain healthy in 2015, thanks to plunging oil prices, which have resulted in lower prices for gas and other forms of energy and a tamer inflation rate. This has helped consumer and business borrowers.

**Food prices**

Supermarket prices will see normal to slightly lower than average food price inflation increasing 2 to 3 percent.

Consumers will likely see a modest price increase in beef prices, although most of the significant increases have already happened. Pork and poultry production are both anticipated to be up in 2015, which will help moderate the rise in consumer beef prices, which already rose 20 percent in the past 15 months.

Dairy prices are expected to fall 22 percent from 2014 prices, because of expected record production, lower exports and ample domestic supply, according to World Agriculture Demand and Supply Estimates. Similar to projections for cheese, butter is expected to drop $1.66 to $1.70 per pound.

Of course, weather is always the unknown factor in food production and may have far-reaching effects on produce prices and availability on your grocery shelves.

**Food trends**

Local sourcing, sustainability and nutrition top the list of menu trends for 2015, according to the National Restaurant Association.

The top five alcohol and cocktail trends will be:

- Micro-distilled/artisan spirits, locally produced beer/wine/spirits, onsite barrel-aged drinks, regional signature cocktails and culinary cocktails.
- Cauliflower will replace kale as the new super food, with versatility to present itself as a “steak,” mashed as a potato, fried, as a super food, with versatility to present itself as a “steak,” mashed as a potato, fried, or as a salad. It’s a key vegetable ingredient in micro-alcoholic drinks.
- Carbonated water is a trend to watch, as more sweetened beverages are replaced by low sugar or sugar free carbonated water.
- Acai, the Brazilian berry, will continue to be popular. It’s a super fruit with high antioxidant and anti-aging properties.
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50 Sips Wine

New wine specialty shop offers tastings, olive oil/vinegar bar, wine club

50 Sips Wine is more of a wine experience than a retailer. Yes, owner Nicole Grenon sells bottles of wine in her new retail location at 1545 North LeRoy St. in Fenton, but her store offers far more than just wine sales.

“My wine philosophy is ‘try before you buy,’” said Grenon, who opened her store on Nov. 22 in the former Fenton Winery & Brewery location. 50 Sips Wine offers complimentary wine tastings daily, with an opportunity for customers to sample six out of eight featured wines each week.

Her wine shelves are filled with unique wines you won’t find anywhere else. “We offer many exclusive wines, unlike what you’d find at a grocery store or party store,” she said. “We also carry some Michigan wines, but most of the wines are foreign, based on my travel experiences with a 20-year career in the Air Force. Food and wine are a passion of mine.”

She also offers a complimentary olive oil and vinegar tasting bar, providing samples of bread for dipping from CRUST Bakery and gluten-free samples from Marjie’s Gluten-Free Pantry in Fenton. With an emphasis on events, 50 Sips Wine offers seating for up to 50 for wine dinners, ladies night out, painting events, showers, birthdays and anniversaries and other private parties.

“An appreciation of wine is an experience,” said Grenon, a native of Davisburg and graduate of Holly High School. “We provide this kind of relationship through our wine.”

For customers who want a monthly wine experience, 50 Sips Wine has a Wine Club that provides wine handselected for the members, discounts on products and events, in three different price tiers.

50 Sips Wine is open Wednesday through Friday from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit 50sipswine.com, like them on Facebook or call (810) 208-0253 for more information.

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50 Sips Wine owner Nicole Grenon stands in front of the wine shelves that feature 95 percent unique, exclusive wines you won’t find anywhere else.
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Street pass him at about 80 miles per hour as he traveled southbound. And- ringa turned his patrol car around in an attempt to follow the speeding vehicle. He lost track of the vehicle but con- tinued north into Fenton Township. There he saw that the vehicle had crashed near Windsor Beach.

Being that the crash occurred in Fenton Township, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department took over the crash.

Det. Mark Holland of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department said that once a sheriff’s deputy was alerted to the speeding car, the Chevy Cobalt nearly ran him off the road as it sped by going at least 80 miles per hour on northbound North Fenton Road. By the time the deputy caught up with the car, it had already crashed into some trees.

The driver, a 26-year-old Fenton male, was transported by ambulance to the hospital for observation. No other cars or individuals were in- volved with the crash. Holland said the driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Similar to Fenton City, things were also calm in Fenton Township. Hol- land said, “It was wonderfully quiet.”

Aro said another incident involved an intoxicated driver from Dearborn Heights. At about noon on Jan. 1, Fenton police were advised of a pos- sible drunk driver. Officers began a search for the 2007 Ford pickup truck and located it at Oakwood Cemetery.

After determining the 40-year-old driver was highly intoxicated, he was placed under arrest. Aro said the man was intending to visit a gravesite of a loved one and fortunately, neither he, nor anyone else was injured because of his drinking and driving.

Michigan State Police tracks au- tomobile crashes for the major holidays, including Memorial Day weekend, the Fourth of July, Labor Day weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Eve. It’s too early to say how many fatal crashes took place over this New Year’s Eve, however, most would ex- pect the same as New Year’s Eve 2013, when the MSP recorded three fatalities.

Since 1972, MSP has been publish- ing statistics and a quick scan of the report shows that fatalities have gone in a downward direction, although one fatality is still one too many.

The year with the highest number of fatal New Year’s Eve crashes since 1972 was 1979, when the MSP reported 27 deaths.

The units will range in price from $100,000 to around $200,000, and each two- bedroom unit gets a balcony. Initially, apartments were the plan for the building, but Ghasan Saab of Sorensen Gross, Inc. construction said they responded to input and suggestions that pointed to ownership instead of renting. “I think a lot of people are seeing a future of growth there,” he said, and that they expect a return on their investment.

An elected condo association will de- termine rules for the units, but as of now, two pets are allowed per unit, cat or dog, up to 45 pounds.

Anyone interested can place a $3,000 refundable deposit on the unit, and it will be held until they move in, or change their mind.

So far, 12 units have been pre-sold, and Saab expects tenants to be able to move in by March.

Currently, builders are finishing drywall. Cabinets and interior trim are next. When finished, the units will offer a contemporary, modern look, with all hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and 9-foot ceilings.

The only comparable condo option nearby is in the Roe and Wade Trim buildings in downtown Flint, for which Saab said there is always a waiting list.
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By Sally Rummel
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Andy Potter, 51, has been on the job as director of the Holly Downtown Development Authority since Jan. 1 of last year. A retired police officer for the city of Oak Park, Potter brings a passion for business and economic development to his second career, now working for the village of Holly. He and his wife, Patricia, a cardiac nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, have a son, Andrew, 15.

What's the most exciting thing that has happened since you started as Holly DDA director in January? All the new business coming to town. Our downtown is 100 percent occupied for the first time in 25 years. It's exciting for me to be personally involved in making this happen. I get to see two to four calls a week from someone wanting to do business downtown. Now, I'm working with Village Manager Jerry Walker on developing the midtown and uptown business district.

Nineteen new businesses opened in Holly in 2014 and we already have two new businesses opening in March 2015, Northern Oak Microbrewery and Davisburg Bread Company.

How do you get this job? When I was a police officer, I did a lot of driving around and was always looking at businesses, retention, economic development, etc. When I retired after 17 years at the police department, I volunteered for the Ortonville DDA. When Holly had an opening, I thought it might be fun to once again work for a paycheck. I had been a customer in Holly for a long time.

What's your biggest project right now? I am re-developing Holly’s TIF (Tax Increment Financing) plan through Oakland County Development and Planning to extend it to 2040. Our current plan will expire in 2020, and if we don’t have an updated plan, the DDA will still be here.

Any other goals? I want to fix up Battle Alley, first with the road. The DDA is working with the village through the Holly Community Fund to hold a Motorcycle Raffle to raise money for wildfires on July 4th and for water relief, helping people who can’t afford their water bills. Any funds left will go to capital improvements for Battle Alley. We’re also looking at grants and other funding. It has to be done. I’ve set a goal of May 2016, which gives me a year-and-a-half for fundraising.

You work a lot of hours. What drives you? Holly’s just a fun place to be. I’ve been in the military as Security Police for the U.S. Air Force, I’ve been a police officer ‘in the hood;’ believe me, this is a fun job. All the doors in Holly are open and accessible. There’s something different going on all the time. I work with everyone, from business people to civic organizations and municipalities.

I also hear you are quite a hunter. I hunt grizzly bears, moose, elk and pheasants. I’ve been an extreme hunter for 20 years; I go on horseback. I’ve been to Alaska, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado, Beaver Island. I skipped this year because I wanted to dedicate myself 100 percent to the job. There’s a lot to learn; I figure I only know about 20 percent of it and still have 80 percent to go. I’ll go to Montana in 2015, but I still have my ear tuned to what’s going on in Holly.

What’s the scariest thing that has happened to you on a hunt? My horse was fatally injured falling down the mountain, when he slipped on an icy trail. I was packing out a trophy bull elk at the time.

What’s something that people don’t know about you? I’m a fighters. If our firefighters need help, I’ll drop whatever I’m doing and I’ll be there. I also ran for office twice and got my _ _ _ handed to me on a plate. I ran for county commissioner district 1 in 2010 and for Brandon Township Supervisor in 2012. I really wanted something done about the roads, but I guess people were satisfied with the way they were. I’m also a Scoutmaster for Troop 377 in Clarkston. We just completed a 21-mile hike (in one day!) on the North Country Trail in Mesick, near Cadillac.
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The most important day of the year

On the ‘winding down’ day of 2014, we’re still alive; making it, for you and me, the most important day of the year. What shall we do with it? After the death of their son, the following list of his resolutions for each day was placed by his parents in their local newspaper: ‘Our wonderful son, only 20, was buried yesterday. He died of leukemia after a valiant fight that lasted five years. In his wallet we found the following:’

JUST FOR TODAY: I will live through the next 12 hours and not try to tackle life’s problems at once.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will improve my mind. I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. JUST FOR TODAY: I will be agreeable. I will look my best, speak in a well modulated voice; be courteous and considerate.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two enemies — hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will exercise my character in three ways. I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won’t count.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will do two things I don’t want to do, just for the exercise.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will be unafraid. Especially will I be unafraid to enjoy what is beautiful and believe that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will reveal to others the peace Christ has given to me.

Jonathan Edwards, the prime mover in America’s first great spiritual awakening, lived by the following five timely and morally sensitive resolutions:

1. ‘To live with all my might while I do live.
2. ‘Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.
3. ‘Never to do anything, which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
4. ‘Never to do anything out of revenge.
5. ‘Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.’

After Christmas fatigue and the prospect of facing a new year may combine to intimidate us, but here’s the good news: whatever this new year holds of joy or sorrow, strength or weakness, will arrive one day at a time (Matthew 6:33-34).

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: ‘One of the illusions of life is that the present hour is not the critical decisive one. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. He only is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with worry, fret, and anxiety.

We don’t know what the future holds, but the One who holds the future has given us this important day to entrust all our tomorrows to Him.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net

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WOMAN’S BELONGINGS STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

At 2:45 a.m. on Dec. 26, Fenton police were called to a business in the 500 block of Beach Street to investigate a larceny from an auto complaint. A 58-year-old Burton woman told police that her Chevy HHR was parked along the road and sometime between 5:20 p.m. on Dec. 25 and 2:30 a.m. on Dec. 26, someone entered it and stole several items including her laptop, iPod, clothes, cosmetics and a wrapped Christmas gift. She thought the car was locked, however, there were no signs of forced entry.

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Ensign Justin R. Pratt graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Officer Training Command, Newport Rhode Island, Oct. 31, 2014, receiving his Commission as a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy. The 12-week OCS program is designed to give a working knowledge of the Navy (afloat and ashore) and prepares the candidate to assume the responsibilities of a Naval Officer. OCS is extremely demanding — morally, mentally and physically. Personal honor, courage and commitment are tested at OCS and candidates are challenged to live up to the highest standards of these core values.

Ensign Pratt is a 2006 graduate of Linden High School and his parents are Jackie and Jeff Pratt of Fenton. He is currently stationed in San Diego, California.
Linden’s Ferrara is our leader of the pack

By David Troppens
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Savannah Ferrara had to quit running.
She ran in middle school, but eventually it became a painful sport for her.
“I ran during middle school, but I had a hip injury,” Ferrara said. “My hip started hurting a lot so I went to the doctors.”
The doctors found out her hip wasn’t in alignment, making running a tough sport. So Ferrara made the change to figure skating.
“I took a few years off and did figure skating,” Ferrara said. “With running it was a constant pounding. With figure skating it was movement. It was a strength activity.”
But Ferrara never could get running out of her mind. And during her junior season, the Linden senior returned to the Eagles’ cross country team.

SAVANNAH FERRARA
Photo by: David Troppens

ALL TRI-COUNTY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

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Comment: Ferrara had a strong start to the season, placing first at the Durand Invitational and the Corunna Early Bird Invitational, but then had a bout with mono during midseason. However, Ferrara was able to bounce back and by regionals was back to her normal self. She placed second at regionals with a lifetime best time of 19:04.9 and ended the season by earning All-State honors at the state meet with a 25th-place effort (19:10.6). Using a formula that graded area male and female runners based on their placings and times at league events, at regionals and at the state meet, we selected our Runner of the Year. Ferrara earned the nod in 2014.

REST OF GIRLS FIRST TEAM GRADE______________SCHOOL
Courtney Davis .......................Senior ...............Linden
Jordan Holtscher ...............Junior ...............Linden
Samantha Fischhart ...............Freshman ...............Holly
Jenna Keiser .......................Sophomore ...............Fenton
Lauren Hackett ...............Freshman ...............Fenton
Emma Lane .......................Junior ...............Fenton

Note: The boys first team can be found on page 22.
Foguth making strides with Mavericks

Fenton native starring on defense on one of nation’s top college hockey teams

By David Troppens
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Carter Foguth must be having fun.
He’s living his dream of playing college hockey. He’s a starting defenseman for Division I the Minnesota State Mavericks. Life is good.
But it’s even better than that. For the first time in a long time the Fenton native is healthy. Also for the first time ever, college hockey polls in which the Mavericks find themselves atop all of Division I hockey.

Yes, it’s a good time to play for Minnesota State.

“We are No. 3 in one poll and No. 1 in the PairWise rankings, so we are at the top this year,” Foguth said. “I think it’s the highest we’ve been ranked. Last year we were ranked sixth so this is the highest in school history and it’s a new feeling for everyone around. With the guys we had coming in, we knew we would be a good team and everyone expected us to be near the top. It’s nice to be fulfilling expectations so far.”

There’s no question Minnesota State is doing just that. The Mavericks are tied for first place in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) with Michigan Tech at 10-2-0, sweeping a pair of games against Michigan Tech prior to Thanksgiving. The campus is buzzing about the Mavericks.

“It’s completely different,” Foguth said. “From the students to our coach say the atmosphere is completely different than a few years ago. We are not only trying to win a couple of games here or there, but we are expected to win these games. It’s a completely different mindset that is new to us, so it’s exciting. We have to earn it every weekend.”

Foguth is earning his playing time.
The 6-foot-3, 205-pound sophomore defenseman is playing about as much hockey as anyone on the squad, playing in all 17 games. He’s on the first line for the defensemen and has earned 26 blocked shots this year, second-highest total on the team. He holds a +/- rating of +4.

One of the changes this year for Foguth, who serves as an alternate captain, has been injuries, or more the lack of them. In the past he’s missed games due to at least a couple of aches and pains during the season. However, this year he feels fit.

“I feel good,” Foguth said. “It’s different not having to deal with injuries. It’s nice to go out there and focus on playing instead of trying to recover from an injury. I’ve been happy so far I’ve been able to play the way I have. I have been fortunate to get the opportunity to play a lot every night. I’ve been happy so far.”

Foguth remains a stay-at-home defender. Therefore his scoring stats aren’t high. He’s had three assists this season.
He also plays on penalty kills. Foguth has become more a disciplined player.
He’s had just six penalties for 12 minutes in 17 games this season. Last year he had 47 minutes in 32 contests.

Last year as a freshman, Minnesota State had a pretty strong season as well. The squad finished 26-14-1 overall and 20-7-1 in the WCHA, just missing out of first place during the regular season.

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FOGUTH
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However, the Mavericks did win the WCHA tournament and earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament. The Mavericks lost to The University of Massachusetts Lowell, 3-2, in its only tournament contest.

This year the group wants to accomplish a little more.

“We accomplished a lot last year but we still have a bitter taste because we didn’t win the league last year. Losing to Ferris and not winning the title hurt, but we did win the tournament.”

“Our goals this year since the beginning of the season is to be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. We feel we can advance past that first round of the (NCAA) tournament. We’ve been there the last two years, but ultimately we want to win a national championship, so we need to advance beyond the opening round.

Foguth’s future
Foguth is starting to get some looks from the professional ranks as well. Because he is an older player he won’t be eligible for the NHL draft, but Foguth can be picked up as a free agent. It’s possible he could sign a contract between seasons.

“It’s nice,” Foguth said. “I’ve been playing a lot so I am getting some looks from teams watching. Usually toward the end of the season, you can make a decision not really about signing (as a free agent), but going to their camps. I’m playing by ear, but my mindset has always been to finish my four years. That’s kind of where I stand now — finish my schooling and whatever happens, happens once I finish. If I get a chance (to play professionally), I’ll gladly take it. But it comes to injuries again. If something happens, I have my education.”

And right now, Foguth’s having plenty of fun with the Mavericks.

FERRARA
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Linden senior Savannah Ferrara (left) is our 2014 Tri-County Runner of the Year. She was an All-State performer, placing 25th at the D2 event. Another member of our Tri-County Girls First-Team member was Holly’s Samantha Tscharhart (left).

It ended up turning out pretty good.” Ferrara’s time was more than good. It was great. She placed second with a personal-best time of 19:04.9, the third-best time in Linden girls cross country history. Her placing helped lead the Eagles to a regional title and another trip to the state meet.

“I was overwhelmed. When I crossed the finish line. (Linden boys cross country coach) Clint Lawhorne saw my time and asked if that was correct,” Ferrara said. It was. I was shocked I had the ability to run that time.”

Only one thing remained — a final trip to the state meet. Ferrara needed to finish in the top 30 of the D2 event to earn a spot on the podium as All-State. She accomplished the task, posting 25th in 19:10.6.

“At the beginning of the race I was very nervous, but I kept hearing from coaches, family and teammates that you have to go out there, give it your all but have fun with it,” Ferrara said. “I went out there with that mentality. Through the race I maintained the 24th to 25th spot. It was an amazing feeling.”

“Focus, commitment and a positive attitude makes Savannah a good runner,” Linden girls varsity coach Teresa Wright said. “She trusted and believed in the training. She dedicated herself to doing all the little things like getting rest when she needed it. She changed her diet and stuck to the workouts and recovery days.”

Ferrara’s performance helped the Eagles finish 10th at the state meet. It also continued a trend of outstanding Linden women runners. Past Tri-County Cross Country Performer of the Years from Linden’s girls team included 2014 graduate Sydney Elmer and McKayla Guy. Both were on last year’s team, helping lead to the fourth-place effort at the state meet. Ferrara loves that she’s part of the tradition and the Linden cross country family.

“It’s special because I just enjoy the family aspect of the sport. It’s great there’s someone there to push yourself, and when you accomplish your goals it feels great,” Ferrara said. “It is a really amazing sport.”

“I have some close friends on the team and it’s great to see the tradition continue. And I know for a fact the legend is going to keep rolling next year and for years to come. It’s exciting to see.”

“Savannah brought leadership and accountability to the team,” Wright said. “She was our captain this past season which required trust between the coaches and teammates. She was a good example for the girls to follow next year.”

TRI-COUNTY SPORTS
Fenton native Carter Foguth (right) is a starting defenseman for the highly ranked Minnesota State Mavericks. The sophomore has started all but one game and has a +4 +/- rating for the season.

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Note: The teams, and Runner of the Year, were selected by the sports staff.
THE PRAYER
to the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Never been known to fail).
Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin. Assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the sea, help me and show me you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (You make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Holy Mother I place this prayer in your hands. (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Publish it, it will be granted to you. In loving gratitude. JR

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Kristine Blanchard...SL 51
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Hampshire:
PLANS 30-799

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A Look back at the
TOP 10 SONGS
Week of Jan. 1, 1949
As determined by Billboard
1. Buttons And Bows
   - Dinah Shore
2. I Want For Christmas
   - Spike Jones
3. A Little Bird Told Me
   - Evelyn Knight
4. On A Slow Boat To China
   - Jo Stafford & Gordon MacRae
5. My Darling My Darling
   - Kyser/Babbitt/Wood
6. White Christmas
   - Bing Crosby
7. Here Comes Santa Claus
   - Gene Autry
8. My Darling My Darling
   - Doris Day & Buddy Clark
9. On A Slow Boat To China
   - Benny Goodman & Al Hendrickson
10. My Darling My Darling
    - Jo Stafford & Gordon MacRae

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION
KING FEATURES
ACROSS
1. March day to beware
5. Does nothing
10. Mole game
12. Race
16. Inquiries
19. A wire
20. Sends us the USPS
21. Vibration
22. Dark
23. Revolution around the moon
25. Sow taste of touch
28. Inspecting individual
31. Truck and RUV maker
32. Feather-feeding bird
33. Existence
35. Naval Academy frog
36. Commander button
37. The heavy, e.g.
41. Most modern launcher
42. Firearm, e.g.
46. Favorite lead
47. Russian gemstone
48. "Hey, My Heart"
50. "I'm a Fool"
51. "I'm a Fool"
52. "Please Don't Be That Way"
53. "How Deep Is Your Love"
54. "The Bacharach Show"
55. "It's Not Enough"
56. "Toot Toot"
57. "It's A Beautiful Day"
59. "For All We Know"
60. "I'm Your Puppet"
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1. Ant part
2. In pairs
3. Emperor
4. Sprinkled
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SUNDAY SCRAMBLERS ANSWERS
Today’s Word: REFEREE

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION
SUNDAY SUDOKU
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7 8 9 6 4 5 3 2 1
2 1 8 3 5 6 7 9 4
3 4 5 7 9 1 2 6 8
9 6 7 1 3 2 4 8 5
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SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS
Jumbles: PAUSE ROUSE A PIECE CORNER
Answer:Why Junia didn’t sneak a peek at his present – “PEER” PRESSURE
**Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials**

**William Joseph Chouinard**
1922-2014

You will be sadly missed by: son, Bill (Jackie); grandchildren, Marc (Ruth); great-grandchildren, Joe, Cindy, Andrew and Spencer.

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**Brenda Wharton Lindsey**
1950-2014

Brenda Wharton Lindsey, age 64, died on December 22, 2014 at her home in Fairhope, Alabama after battling cancer. She was born on March 21, 1950 in Gideon, Missouri to the late George and Flora Wharton. She married the love of her life Lindon J. Lindsey on November 14, 1967 in Jacksonville, Alabama. He preceded her in death by her brother, Larry Wharton; and sister, Sherry Neubecker, both of Holly, Michigan. She is survived by her daughters, Amy Bulloch, Chesapeake, Virginia, Jennifer Lindsay, Fairhope, Alabama, and Sarah Henson, Lafayette, Louisiana. She is also survived by her grandchildren, John Mack Holman, Jr. and Emma Carroll, both of Fairhope, Sam Henderson and Kiel Henderson, both of Lafayette. Brenda loved to cook, sip fine wine and spend time with her grandchildren. She was a woman of remarkable strength who will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Private services will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America. www.curesarcoma.org.

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**Sylvia Jean Butts**
1935-2014

Sylvia Jean Butts - age 79, of Lindon, died Tuesday, December 30, 2014. Funeral services were held at Broad St., Lindon. Pastor Seth Normington officiated. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held at the funeral home Thursday from 4-9 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to Lindon Presbyterian Church, 119 W. Broad St, Lindon, MI 48451. Sylvia was born April 27, 1935 in Flint to the daughter of Lewis and Margaret Wilma (Buckler) Tanner. She was a 1952 graduate of Northwestern High School in Flint. She married Carroll G. Butts December 27, 1964 in Lindon. She lived in Marysville for 35 years and was a seamstress. Sylvia was a member of Lindon Presbyterian Church. She also was an avid golfer. Surviving are: her husband, Carroll; daughters, Cindy and husband Don Norman of Elekhar, IN and Sue and husband Terry Rutan of Niota, TN; grandchildren, Kiel, Kara, Ryan, and Taylor, 11 grandchildren, brother, Earl and wife Addie Tanner of St. Clair Shores; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Kenneth Tanner. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Ronald Richard O’Hara**
1939-2014

Ronald Richard O’Hara - age 75, of Fenton, died Wednesday, December 31, 2014. Services will be held Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton Chapel, 1006 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday from 2 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Heartland Hospice, 6211 Taylor Dr., Flint, MI 48507. Ronald was born February 6, 1939 in Genesee, IL, the son of William and Marion (Anderson) O’Hara. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He owned and operated NuWeigh Scales for many years. He had re- sided in Fenton since 1972 coming from Wallingford, CT. Ronald was a member of the Fenton Moose Lodge. The family wishes to extend special thanks to Wynwood Assisted Living of Grand Blanc for their care given to Ronald. Surviving are: sons, David and wife Karen O’Hara of Fenton and Timothy and wife Francette O’Hara of Macomb; 4 grandchildren, Max, Olivia, Austin, and Jackson; 3 step-grandchildren; Roberta O’Hara of Fenton. He was preceded in death by his parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Melvin Kelly**
1950-2014


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**Keith Pritchett**
1926-2014


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**Gordon Deacon**
1937-2014


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**Robert Gill**
1953-2014


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**Marion Barker**
1922-2014


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**Carol Voller**
1936-2014


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**Marina Little**
1922-2014


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**Harold Seymour**
1922-2014


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**Vesta Holley**
1915-2014


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**Victoria Evans**
1922-2014


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**Douglas Cripps**
1922-2014

Pancreatitis means giving up alcohol

DR. ROACH:
I went to the emergency ward with severe chest pains and bloating. I was sure I was having a heart attack. After tests, a CT scan revealed I had pancreatitis; also, my potassium was low and sodium was critically low. I am 62, 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weigh 210. I have never heard of pancreatitis, and it was devastating news to me. I make wine, and have for years. I do not drink anything except wine, and the thought of never being able to drink again is very disturbing. Is there a possibility that I may be able to drink wine again in the future? The doctor’s assessment seemed pretty harsh to me. — J.C.

ANSWER:
Acute pancreatitis is an inflammation of the pancreas, an organ that makes digestive enzymes and insulin. Acute pancreatitis can be very severe, even life-threatening on occasion. There are many causes, but the most common in North America are gallstones and alcohol. The diagnosis is made from the history and physical exam, and an elevated pancreas enzyme level, usually amylase or lipase. These often are elevated into the thousand range. A CT scan also can help confirm the diagnosis. Before concluding that alcohol is the cause of the pancreatitis, it’s important to make sure there is nothing blocking the pancreatic and common bile duct, such as a stone or tumor. The CT scan is good, but if there is doubt, an endoscopy may need to be performed. If your doctor determined that the cause is alcohol, then I’m afraid I have to agree that no amount of alcohol is safe. Drinking even modest amounts of wine, even months or years later, could bring about pancreatitis again. In addition to the pain and suffering that go with an episode, the more episodes of acute pancreatitis you have, the more likely you are to develop chronic pancreatitis (with constant pain), pancreatic insufficiency (leading to inability to properly digest food) and worsen your diabetes.

Recipe from alidaskitchen.com
BLACK BEAN JALAPENO HUMMUS

INGREDIENTS:
• 1 can (15 oz) black beans, rinsed and drained
• 1 jalapeno pepper, finely chopped (adjust to taste)
• 2 garlic cloves, grated
• 2 T. Extra Virgin Olive Oil
• 2 T. tahini
• 2 T. freshly squeezed lemon juice (or lime juice)
• 1 t. ground cumin
• 1/2 t. paprika
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DIRECTIONS
1. In a food processor, process the black bean, jalapeno, tahini, garlic and lemon juice until combined.
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THE EQUALIZER
In The Equalizer, Denzel Washington plays McColl, a man who believes he has put his mysterious past behind him and dedicated himself to beginning a new, quiet life. But when McColl meets Teri (Chloë Grace Moretz), a young girl under the control of ultra-violent Russian gangsters, he can’t stand idly by - he has to help her. Armed with hidden skills that allow him to serve vengeance against anyone who would brutalize the helpless, McColl comes out of his self-imposed retirement and finds his desire for justice reawakened.

TUSK
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 adventurist (Michael Parks). Genesis Rodriguez and Haley Joel Osment co-star. R, 1 hr. 42 min

SUNDAY SCRAMBLER

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words.

Answer key located in this edition

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