

2015 — a year of good news?

► Experts predicting positive changes in housing, food, finances and more

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The ball has dropped at Times Square on New Year's Eve and the calendar has flipped to 2015.

We're another day older and maybe even another day wiser. With the New Year officially under our belt, 2014 is but a memory and this year brings us 365 new days of possibilities and opportunities.

No one has a crystal ball to accurately forecast

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Carlos Sanchez checks a soffit piece at the Well Bridge Construction site in Fenton on Wednesday.





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'One-of-a-kind' condos being built in Cornerstone

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

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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,

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“I grew up here, so I remember when it (downtown) was torn down, and everywhere in between.”
Ken Brant
Realtor



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Ghassan Saab of Sorenson Gross stands on the fourth floor balcony of a west-facing two-bedroom condo in the Cornerstone building Wednesday morning. This unit is one of the 12 that are pre-sold, of 23 total units.



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New Year's Eve was quiet around the tri-county area and downtown Fenton, despite the extra foot and vehicle traffic and new area bars and restaurants.

Calm start to the New Year

► Fenton police report no major problems

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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

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Rick Aro
Fenton police chief

Mild winter a boon for some, burden for others

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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.

This December was a complete reversal of December 2013, where thousands lost power,

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Summary

► It's difficult to predict whether the mild snowfall will hurt businesses, or help the city DPW budget due to less snow plowing, and salting of the roads.

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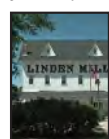
“I completely agree about shopping local. How could



That is how communities grow and prosper. Thanks.”

I have missed all these wonderful stores and the people who work in them. Best Christmas shopping ever.

“Linden Council, this new year, please start paying attention



we get burned again by irresponsible spending and poor employee management.”

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“Wouldn't it be nice if all Fenton, Holly and Linden residents made a resolution to shop local at every opportunity. We hold the future of our towns in our wallets and our mindsets. Happy 2015 to all.”

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A New Year, a changing McDonald's

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

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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



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The play area inside the Owen Road McDonald's will continue to be the place for kids to burn off some energy, new menu or not. Here, Leo Avallone, 9, and sister Duyen, 11, cling to the equipment, while Alaina Ramirez, 7, and Mad-dox Moore, 3, play inside.

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.

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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.



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The McDonald's menu has expanded to include items one wouldn't expect—such as these muffins.

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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 abused 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 to...?' 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 predatory 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 with 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 asked to give at checkout. Non-profits, like any good business, mirror what ever works for other non-profits.

If you don't want to 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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SO I'M TO believe the same America that elected a black President twice is now a seething caldron of racism? Quit listening to the race-baiting traitors disguised as ABC, NBC, and CBS that profit from their treasonous propaganda.

I WOULD BE infuriated if my son or daughter attended a school that was paying \$49 million to a football coach. It shows you that their priorities are sports, not education. U of M has, and is, going down the drain.

HOW CAN LIBERALS listen to the Jonathon Gruber tapes and not be outraged? This is a good lesson for all of us. No liberal will ever be swayed by facts, logic or evidence, no matter how compelling, authentic or outrageous the facts are. That, in itself, is a fact.

REGARDING THE TAYLOR Lake Road mailbox troubles, I am having the same problem on Fish Lake Road. I filed a report with the post office and police.

COMING HOME FROM Waterford every Christmas Eve, we try to catch Santa getting out of bed. But we're always too late. This year, we saw him. He was so smooth, slid out of bed and disappeared to the back of the store. I heard him take off over the tracks.

IN THE DARKEST nights of winter, it is so nice to see the bright lights of Christmas. Let us keep the lights shining until at least the 12th day of Christmas, Jan. 5 or 6. God Bless everyone and Happy New Year!

I HEARD THAT there were no rooms for Jim Harbaugh in Ann Arbor. All the rooms were booked, so he slept in a manger last night.

I GOT A little secret for all you teenagers out there looking for a job. Get up in the morning, tell your games you need a day off, go to the store and get a decent outfit that fits, then go home and take some of that chrome out of your face. Then you are off to a great start.

'IT IS EASIER to fool the people than it is to convince the people they have been fooled.' — Mark Twain

IN HIS BOOK, 'Stress Test,' the former Secretary of Treasury Tim Geithner explains how \$2.5 Trillion was siphoned from our Social Security Trust into a slush fund for the wealthy. Now congress is considering reducing benefits or increasing taxes rather than simply asking the wealthy to pay what they siphoned.

OBAMA DOESN'T NEED a website. He has ABC News where doing a negative story about him can get you fired. A well-publicized rule.

CAUTION, WHEN SWIMMING upstream in the river of liberal 'Kool Aid,' be sure to close one's mouth as the toxic solution could cause irreparable damage to the left side of the brain.

IT WOULD BE nice if you engineers that live in Rose Township would put your heavy stuff on top of your recycling bin so that it doesn't blow all over the neighborhood and we have to pick up after you every week.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the Michigan 'pig' that dumped the leather couch in the ditch along Milford Road in Rose Township. Your parents really did a good job teaching you to respect other people's property. Maybe your parents can come by and pick up after you.

DID YOUR PARENTS teach you respect for authority? Obviously not. If you do not agree you can hire ambulance chasers like the Bernsteins or Feigers. Otherwise you get what you deserve.

THANK YOU DAVE Troppens for not mentioning Mark Dantonio and the Spartans for 'Four on the way up.' Forty-five victories and two Big Ten Championships in the past four years plus six out of the last seven wins against Michigan. This arrogance only drives the Spartans to work harder.

TO THE PERSON asking for a link about accuracy of Fox News — A 2012 article www.poynter.org/news/media/174826/survey-nprs-listeners-best-informed-fox-news-viewers-worst-informed/

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What are you most looking forward to in 2015?

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"I am hoping that it will be a better year than last year."

— James Church
Holly



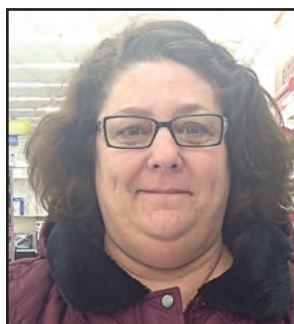
"I am looking forward to spear fishing because it is my hobby."

— Ron Lockhart
Fenton



"I hope that I can make more money."

— Steve Englund
Fenton



"I want 2015 to be a peaceful and healthy year."

— Dawn Marogy
Fenton Township



"I am looking forward to my new job."

— Ashley Brown
Fenton Township



"I am looking forward to my son getting married."

— Kay Merriwether
Fenton



The 63,000-square-foot Well Bridge facility is under construction near Eddy Lake Road in Fenton. It is one of several large Fenton projects in process in 2015.

What's next for Fenton 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.

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.

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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.

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"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’re looking at how we price our total menu so that it’s a value for our customers.”

Mark Pfau
Local McDonald's franchise owner

"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

Slogans over the years

- Look for the Golden Arches! (1960)
- The closest thing to home (1966)
- You deserve a break today (1971)
- Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun. (1974)
- We do it all for you (1975)
- It's a good time for the great taste of McDonald's (1984)
- My McDonald's (1997)
- Did somebody say McDonald's? (1997)
- I'm lovin' it (2003)
- It's what I eat and what I do (2005)
- What we're made of (2008)

Source: foodandwine.com

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 McRib's 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.

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This week last year, the area was pummeled with heavy snow and extreme cold temperatures. Here, a resident clears sidewalks on Jan. 6, 2014.

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and the state braced for those historic amounts of snow and low temperatures. So far, winter 2014-15 is looking more like winter 2012-13.

It was a white Christmas for technically a few hours, but mostly it's been more like autumn around here. While it's getting colder again, there's not a bunch of snow expected in the near future.

In mid November, it was cold enough, with enough snow to fire up Mt. Holly ski resort snow machines and open early. This week, they created 2 to 4 inches of snow over a 2-foot base, while the countryside is all green and brown.

This can be good for city services, if they incur less spending with salt, and overtime pay. It can be bad for businesses that rely on snowfall, but so far it's too early to tell.

"This winter still has over two months to go, so it's difficult to tell if we will have any savings by the time winter is over," said DPW Director Dan Czarnecki via email. "The weather is hard to predict." He said savings due to salt and overtime can be determined in March.

Czarnecki said the crews have dumped 232.8 tons of salt as of Tuesday, costing the city \$13,200. His crews have only plowed twice this winter season, both in November.

For comparison, his crews salted 15 times, and plowed six times last December. This time last year, they had already dumped 677 tons of salt, costing approximately \$35,600.

Without the extra plowing, DPW water department workers have been able to take on other projects as they aren't plowing or salting.

"The water employees have been working to contact residents to set up times to change out water meters and they have been cleaning out their storage area of obsolete materials," he said. "The DPW employees

have cleaned up some city properties, removed excess and reusable materials from the community center construction project, patched lots of potholes, and removed some rocks at city hall in preparation for the Streetscape project."

Some businesses may be hurting from the lack of snow so far this winter.

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.

With contract work, a business will pay APM a chunk of the overall contract fee each month, snow or no snow. They have clauses for blizzards, and can place limits on

really heavy seasons like last year.

And all that aside, he said things aren't all that terrible. All that snow in November kind of makes up for the lack of it now, at least for APM.

With weather-related businesses, Gilbert said they play the averages. Last year, they won, with the snow removal. This year is uncertain.

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.

They'll buy salt, and stockpile 50 to 100 tons, like the Fenton DPW. "It's always a gamble when you're buying salt," said Gilbert. "Being diversified is the way we get through things."

“This winter still has over two months to go, so it's difficult to tell if we will have any savings by the time winter is over.”

Dan Czarnecki
DPW Director, city of Fenton

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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

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David Scott
The State Bank

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 keep long-term interest rates low, benefiting 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 fact 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

2015

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Residents of older or crumbling neighborhood roads won't like the next bit of news — there aren't any new funds for local roads. In 2014, they spent around \$700,000 on certain roads, and that fund won't be replenished as it took several years to save.

In 2015, a request for proposal (RFP) will be sent out to develop more city-owned land near the Fenton United Methodist Church. Markland said it would be a multi-use building like the Cornerstone building, but will look more like a classic downtown building.

"Developments are difficult to predict," he said. "I know that there is interest."

Residents and visitors will be happy to know that more parking will be explored in 2015, namely behind the beanery building.

Markland and city administration will be working on other road projects for 2017, though, like replacing the Silver Lake Road bridge, and Poplar Street.

Things like bike paths will probably be explored. There are development projects in the works that Markland can't discuss yet, concerning unoccupied structures in the city.

The city ended up owning some properties due to tax reversions, like the Lexington Oaks subdivision with infrastructure, which they will look to sell.

Fenton now owns the old seminary building, which lays in ruin. They'll have to deal with that in 2015 also.

"We've got a lot going on. It's going to be pretty busy for us," said Markland.

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Lynn Markland
Manager, city of Fenton

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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



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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. Andringa turned his patrol car around in an attempt to follow the speeding vehicle. He lost track of the vehicle but continued 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 involved 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. Holland 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.

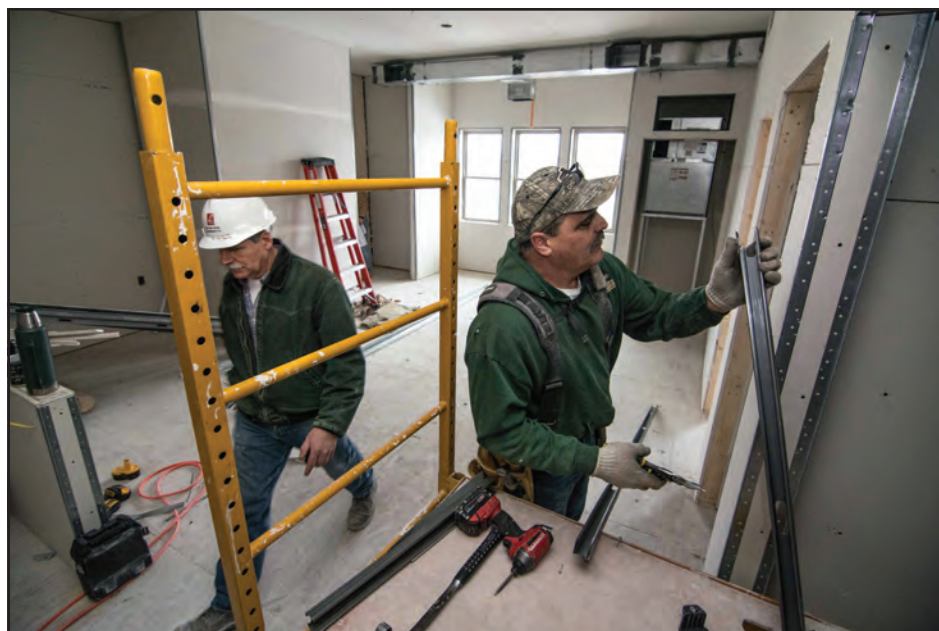
Michigan State Police tracks automobile crashes for the major holidays, including Memorial Day weekend, the Fourth of July, Labor Day weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve. It's too early to say how many fatal crashes took place over this New Year's Eve, however, most would expect the same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

Since 1972, MSP has been publishing 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 other years with the highest numbers of New Year's Eve deaths were 1984 (25 deaths), 1973 (24 deaths) and 1972 (23 deaths).

Looking at the past five New Year's Eves, 2013 had three fatalities, 2012 had 15, 2011 had 14, 2010 had five and 2009 had eight.

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Jeff McDonald (right) works on the studs and soffits of a condo closet on Wednesday, while Superintendent Rohn Smith walks by.

CONDOS

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and there are floor plans for each that vary in size by roughly 10 square feet. The one-bedroom units start at 800 square feet, and the two-bedrooms start at 1,200. The largest two-bedroom unit plan is 1,800 square feet.

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 Ghassan 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 determine 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.

Saab said that so far, two types of people have shown interest in the units. One being young "up-and-coming" professionals, whether single or a family, and another are "empty nesters" who are downsizing and simplifying their lives.

The developers aren't offering listings for the units, instead, they're offering a 3-percent commission for sales of the units.

Saab has been working with certain Realtors, like Ken Brant of Coldwell Banker Professionals. Brant has a word to describe the 23 condos going into the Cornerstone building: "Ecstatic," he said.

"It's going to bring a lot of business downtown." Just the idea of downtown condo living has brought excitement to an already buzzy topic like the Cornerstone building. "I think it's overdue, for a long time."

Brant has toured the three floors, and taken prospective tenants through as well, all of whom remained interested after seeing just the work in progress. In Brant's experience, these condos will be "one of a kind" for the area. "There's some really cool designs in there," he said.

Brant said that the Cornerstone building and other downtown developments have brought a lot of new business interest to Fenton, and there is more in the works that he can't talk about yet.

"I grew up here, so I remember when it (downtown) was torn down, and everywhere in between." He said as a long-time resident that has businesses here, "this is a very exciting thing for the city of Fenton and myself personally."

If anyone is interested in a Cornerstone condominium, they can email Saab at gksaab@gmail.com.

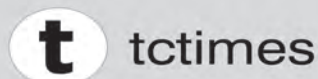


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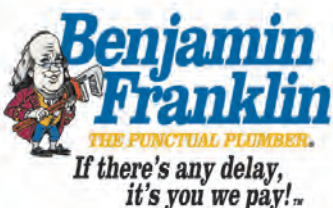
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Meet Andy Potter

- Holly DDA director
- Extreme hunter
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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 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 expire. I want to make sure that after I'm gone, our 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 fireworks 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



"If you develop a downtown with walkability and a sense of place, people will come."

Andy Potter
Holly DDA
director

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'll 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 certified firefighter. 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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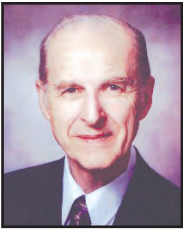
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Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



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 all 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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Police&Fire
report

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.

Military
milestones



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.

inBusiness

By **Sally Rummel** • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Almost Home Assisted Living

New owners take over senior living residence

A hidden driveway leads you off Ellen Street and you're "Almost Home," a cozy residence for seniors now under new ownership.
"You have to really look hard to find us, but it's worth it," said Tricia Mayfield, who purchased the business in June with Lucy Valeriano, from former owners John and Amy Hawkins. Mayfield had worked under the Hawkins as manager for several years and Valeriano came on board one-and-a-half years ago, fulfilling her dream of working with the elderly.
Almost Home Assisted Living, located at 305 Furlong Court in Fenton, is licensed to care for six residents. "We



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Residents of Almost Home are pictured here with their Christmas tree and new owners, Tricia Mayfield (center) and Lucy Valeriano, second from right.
have one opening right now," said Mayfield. "We're small; we're like a family." Rooms are private or semi-private and 24-hour on-site care is provided to residents. Meals are home cooked in a warm, home kitchen.
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DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Michigan football should sit back and enjoy its most recent accomplishment.

Sure the team finished the season with a losing record, but getting Jim Harbaugh to come back to the place where he played quarterback in the 1980s almost makes the last decade worth it for some Michigan fans.

No one can say it's a guarantee Harbaugh will be the answer at Michigan. However, he seems about as close to a lock as anyone could imagine. He should be able to solidify everyone involved at the university. He's a proven winner at both the collegiate ranks (Stanford) and at the professional level (San Francisco 49ers) and he's a guy most teams would've done just about anything to get.

I'm guessing it's not going to take Harbaugh very long to improve Michigan. If I was a betting man, I'd be willing to say the Wolverines win at least nine games next season. I'm sure he'll get in a coaching staff that can enhance what the Wolverines have right now. Don't be shocked if Michigan wins a Big 10 title in the next three years.



SAVANNAH FERRARA
Photo by: David Troppens

Linden's Ferrara is our leader of the pack

►Harrier overcomes mid-season illness to earn All-State honors, become the 2014 Tri-County Runner of the Year

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. She

had a strong season, helping the Linden girls finish the 2013 season in fourth place at the D2 state cross country meet.

In 2014, Ferrara had her issues as well. She had a bout with mono during the year, but still posted her best times of her career, earning All-State honors. She also finished the season as the 2014 Tri-County Cross Country Performer of the Year.

"I definitely wanted to beat my PR from last year (19:37) and also wanted to stand on that podium and be All-State," Ferrara said about her goals for 2014. "And I also wanted to be a good leader for my team."

Ferrara ended up doing all of those things. But those things didn't come without some struggles. The season started just fine. She earned first-place performances at the Durand Railroaders Invitational (21:16.5) and the Corunna Earlybird Invitational (19:53.39) before it was September. She also placed a solid fifth at the first Metro League jamboree (20:52.79). But by the time the Eagles were preparing for the second Metro jamboree, Ferrara wasn't feeling the same and went to see her doctor and was given bad news.

"The doctor said I had mono," Ferrara said. "I had to make a choice to run that day or not run. I chose to run (the second jamboree) and I ran faster than I had all year. That was exciting."

Ferrara, who plans on running at Mott Community College in the fall, finished the jamboree with a time of 19:54.18, placing seventh. However, dealing with her illness, her times dipped over the next couple of races. The illness changed her training.

"I was told I could not run for two days and I had to take it easy when I went back to run," Ferrara said. "All the hard workouts, I had to cut down on them. I was getting super nervous because I had my end-of-the-year goals. I needed to push through."

Ferrara managed a seventh-place finish at the Metro Championships and got under 20 minutes again with a time of 19:53.85 despite the illness. Soon after that race she felt healthy again.

"I felt completely better for the regional meet. It was a miracle," Ferrara said. "I was stressing out so bad (because of the mono), but through it my mom, coaches and teammates helped me calm down and realize I could have it for months or for weeks. I had to take it easy and

See **FERRARA** on 22

ALL TRI-COUNTY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Runner of the Year
Savannah Ferrara

Class
Senior

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 Holscher.....	Junior.....	Linden
Samantha Tschirhart.....	Freshman.....	Holly
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Note: The boys first team can be found on page 22.

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David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL THOUGHTS

It's an old bit to argue that January 1 bowl games just don't have the same feel they had 20 years ago.

I'll admit I've argued that to be the case in the past as well. But, you know what? Thursday's Jan. 1 bowl lineup was downright entertaining.

Maybe it was enhanced by Michigan State's exciting come-from-behind victory in the Cotton Bowl. Maybe it had something to do with the Big Ten going 3-1 during the day, which was concluded by a Ohio State victory against one of the SEC's overrated teams, Alabama. I'm sure those things helped give it an interesting regional flavor.

However, I think it was more than that. I think it had to do with a doable number of games, and with each contest, the stakes seemed to increase. The Outback Bowl pitting Wisconsin against Auburn was a nice starter. They were two teams who were strong squads, but not necessarily elite programs in 2014. Then we had Michigan State and Baylor, a strong Big Ten foe facing a squad that felt like it had reason to be in one of the two national semifinal bowlst. And, of course, we ended the day with the two semifinal contests, giving us the answer to the question who will play in the first-ever four-team playoff national championship game in Division 1 football. It seemed as the day went on the importance of the games increased. And it certainly didn't hurt that all but one game (Oregon's 59-20 defeat of Florida State in the Rose Bowl) was downright competitive.

It made for a great day of college football and made one feel like this was the 'good ol' days' when it comes to the Jan. 1 Bowl day.

WHAT ELSE WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT THE BOWL SEASON

I think we learned that when one is discussing the major conferences in college football, there is very little difference in terms of talent.

We heard all year how 'down' the Big Ten was. What did we see? We saw the Big Ten go 3-1 on Thursday with two squads beating SEC foes including Ohio State's defeating the No. 1 team in the nation with a third-string quarterback. MSU beat a co-Big 12 champ as well.

We've also heard how 'superior' the SEC is compared to the rest of the college football, particularly the highly praised SEC West. Well ESPN's darlings of college football dropped a big goose egg when they finally played teams outside the SEC going 5-5 so far, including a pretty embarrassing 2-5 mark with the vastly overrated SEC West squads.

I'm not saying the SEC and Big Ten's play suggests the Big Ten was the best conference or the SEC was clearly the worst, but what I am suggesting is when we are discussing the ACC, the Big 10, the Big 12, the SEC and the Pac 12 none are incredibly better or worse than the others like we are made to believe quite often through venues like ESPN. And for that reason I still think we need at least an eight-team playoff involving those five conference champions, two wild card teams and at least one conference champion among the other D1 conferences not deemed as solid as the other five leagues. That's still the one thing missing this year. I'm still not sure we'll get a true No. 1 team. But, for starters, Thursday was fun.

Foguth making strides with Mavericks

►Fenton native staring 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 1 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, there are college hockey polls in which the Mavericks find themselves atop all of Division 1 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 its 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



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Fenton native Carter Foguth (right) is a starting defenseman for the highly ranked Minnesota State Mavericks, a Division 1 hockey program.

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 a more 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 tourney 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 it 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.



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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 Tschirhart (left).

FERRARA

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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."

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Nate Frasier (photo)
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A Look back at the TOP 10 SONGS

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- Buttons And Bows**
- Dinah Shore
- All I Want For Christmas**
- Spike Jones
- A Little Bird Told me**
- Evelyn Knight
- On A Slow Boat to China**
- Kyser/Babbitt/Wood
- My Darling My Darling**
- Jo Stafford & Gordon MacRae
- On A Slow Boat To China**
- Martin/Hughes/Men
- White Christmas**
- Bing Crosby
- Here Comes Santa Claus**
- Gene Autry
- My Darling My Darling**
- Doris Day & Buddy Clark
- On A Slow Boat To China**
- Benny Goodman & Al Hendrickson

BY TRIBUNE MEDIA

SundaySudoku

			8	5	2			
5							6	4
8				6		1		
			9			7		5
	4						1	
7		6			5			
	1	9		2				7
4	5							3
			5	7	9			

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS

1 March day to "beware"

5 Does nothing

10 18-hole game

14 Made inquiries

19 Actor Green

20 Sends via the USPS

21 Verbalized

22 Dane's neighbor

23 Revolution around the moon

25 Yellow car

26 Smell, taste or touch

27 Inspecting individual

28 Truck and SUV maker

29 Feather-fixing bird

31 Existence like Riley's

35 Naval Academy

39 Camcorder button abbr.

40 Join the Navy, e.g.

41 M20 rocket launcher

46 Finished in the lead

DOWN

1 Atoll part

2 Two, in Paris

3 Erupter in Sicily

4 Pillowcase

5 "— roll!" (casino cry)

6 Risktaker

7 Cuba — (rum drink)

8 Certain Ivy Leaguer

9 JFK jet, once

10 "No ideal!"

11 Seer's site

12 Permissive

13 Abrupt policy reversal

14 Appraise

15 What candy satisfies

16 Rogers or Loggins

17 Ford fiasco

18 Plowmaker John

24 Spud sieves

28 Small lizard

30 Restraint

32 Move to and —

33 Early U.S. auto

34 Not external

ACROSS

47 Russian gymnast

51 "Hugo" director

52 Not bottled, as beer

54 The "P" of the S&P 500

55 Zap, as a suspect

56 "The Rachel" Maddow

59 Pit bull's warning

60 Lemon, lime or orange

61 Enterprise counselor

63 1970s Cincinnati team nickname

66 Ocean east of Mass.

69 Possesses

70 Discoloration

71 Bug a lot

72 Rte. suggestions

73 Like the Greek letter psi

76 Antlered deer

78 Rosie's bolts

79 Tennis shot

80 U-Haul rival

DOWN

82 Talk laryngitically

86 "— My Heart in San Francisco"

87 Ownership

89 Shimmer with

91 Banned fruit

92 Flower-to-be

93 Like a real treat

96 First game in a series

99 Flaky dessert

100 "A — santé!"

101 1990-2011 sport

108 Adolescents' support group

109 Unsound

110 Uppercase letters

115 Poison

116 Critic Siskel

118 Apt activity while solving this puzzle?

120 Olympics unit

121 PC image

122 Aired a second time

123 "... — the whole thing!"

ACROSS

124 Grasslike marsh plant

125 Proboscis

126 Feelers

127 Make tracks

DOWN

35 Discreet

36 "Looky here!"

37 Poetic saga

38 Artsy cap

42 Grieves over

43 Chip in

44 Japanese Buddhist sect

45 More mad

48 Loughlin and Petty

49 Pig's sound

50 Donkeys

53 In vogue

54 "— card, any card!"

57 Air rifle ammo

58 Quoteworthy

60 Excursion in an auto

62 Clark Gable's Butler

64 Interval

65 Cheapskates

66 Chambers of the heart

67 Diva's shake

68 — lie (be someone you're not)

74 Thawing out

75 Neighbors of swing sets

77 Painter El —

81 Day, to Julio

83 "Same — ever was"

84 Injury vestige

85 Soccer legend

87 Finding a radio station

88 Kick out

90 Prepare for eating, as a shrimp

92 Neuwirth of "Frasier"

94 Muscle jerk

95 Faith: Abbr.

97 "Mambo king" Tito

98 Protected pachyderms

101 Aussie pals

102 "How do — thee?"

103 Took a toll on

104 Actress Graff or Kristen

105 Bakery tools

106 Play with as a puppy might

107 Gyrates

111 Nine-to-five's cry

112 "(I've Got — in) Kalamazoo"

113 Sitar, e.g.

114 Captain

117 — warrior

118 PC screen

119 Bray syllable

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

IDES, IDLES, GOLF, ASKED, SETH, MAJLS, ORAL, SWED, LUNAR, ORBIT, FAX, ISENSE, EXAMINER, GMC, PREENER, CAREFREE, LIFESTYLE, PLEBE, REC, ENLIST, SUPERBAZOOKA, WON, OLGA, SCORSESE, ONTAP, POORS, TASE, MSNBO, GRR, CITRUS, TROI, BIGRED, MACHINE, ATL, HAS, STAIN, IRL, STS, TRIDENT, SHAPED, STAG, RIVETS, LOB, RYDER, RASP, ILEFT, TITLE, IRIDESCE, ALAR, BUD, EXTRASPECIAL, OPENER, PLE, VOTRE, MITSUBISHI, ECLIPSE, ALATEN, ILL, CAPITALS, TOXIN, GENE, CHEWINGGUM, EVENT, ICON, RERAN, IATE, SEDGE, NOSE, TESTS, FLEE

KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 21 mins.

PALM, GAS, SWAT, OLIO, URL, EACH, SORORITY, NINA, TEE, ASS, FILET, AGE, WOO, JANUS, BORROWS, ALOT, AUK, IDEA, WASHING, STEED, OLD, DIY, CLERK, GIL, KID, LOKI, MAJORITY, ABET, AGO, OWEN, NOISY, PAN, MIME

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

5	1	7	8	9	6	4	3	2
9	6	3	1	4	2	7	8	5
4	8	2	5	7	3	9	1	6
6	9	5	7	1	8	2	4	3
7	4	8	3	2	5	1	6	9
3	2	1	9	6	4	8	5	7
2	5	6	4	8	7	3	9	1
1	7	4	6	3	9	5	2	8
8	3	9	2	5	1	6	7	4

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

1	6	4	8	5	2	3	7	9
5	7	2	1	9	3	8	6	4
8	9	3	4	6	7	1	5	2
2	8	1	9	4	6	7	3	5
9	4	5	7	3	8	2	1	6
7	3	6	2	1	5	4	9	8
6	1	9	3	2	4	5	8	7
4	5	7	6	8	1	9	2	3
3	2	8	5	7	9	6	4	1

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: PAUSE ROUSE APIECE CORNER
Answer: Why Junior didn't sneak a peek at his presents — "PEER" PRESSURE

SUNDAY SCRAMBLERS ANSWERS

1. Obscure; 2. Aloof; 3. Severe; 4. Truce
Today's Word: REFEREE

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams



William Joseph Chouinard

1922-2014

You will be sadly missed by:
son, Bill (Jackie);
granddaughter, Lori (Joe);
grandson, Marc (Roth);
great-grandchildren, Joe,
Cody, Andrew and Spencer.

Brenda Wharton Lindsay

1950-2014

Brenda Wharton Lindsay – 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 Linton J. Lindsay on November 14, 1967 in Jacksonville, Alabama. He preceded her in death on February 26, 2001. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded 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 Henderson, Lafayette, Louisiana. She is also survived by her grandchildren, John Mack Holman, Jr. and Emma Carroll, both of Fairhope, Sam Henderson and David 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.

Sylvia Jean Butts

1935-2014

Sylvia Jean Butts - age 79, of Linden, died Tuesday, December 30, 2014. Funeral services will be held



1 PM
Friday,
January
2, 2014
at Sharp
Funeral
Homes,
Linden
Chapel,
209 E.

Broad St., Linden. 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 Linden Presbyterian Church, 119 W. Broad St, Linden, MI 48451. Sylvia was born April 27, 1935 in Flint the daughter of Leon Edward and Agnes Wilma (Buckler) Tanner. She was a 1952 graduate of Hoover High School in Flint. She married Carroll G. Butts December 27, 1984 in Linden. She sold Amway for 35 years and was a seamstress. Sylvia was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church. She also was an avid golfer. Surviving are: her husband, Carroll; daughters, Cindy and husband Don Norman of Elkhart, IN and Sue and husband Terry Rutan of Niota, TN; step-son, Jeffrey and wife Diane Butts of Boone, NC; step-daughters, Nancy and husband Bud Shaver of Cave Creek, AZ and Jana and husband Gary Hoensheid of Suttons Bay; grandchildren, Michelle, Matthew, Andrea, Jonathan, Aaron, Adrienne, Kiel, Kara, Ryan, and Taylor; 11 great-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



4 PM
Saturday,
January
10, 2015
at Sharp
Funeral
Homes,
Fenton
Chapel,
1000

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 Geneseo, 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 resided in Fenton since 1972 coming from Wallingford, CT. Ronald was a member of GEAPS and NCWM. He also 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; his former wife, 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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Wife wonders if she should curl up and dye

DEAR AMY:

I have been married for 17 years, and for the past year I have stopped coloring my hair. Last week my husband told me that he is not attracted to me anymore — mainly because of my hair color. I feel very strongly about not coloring my hair. I want to go through life being as authentic as I can be, but should I color my hair to save my marriage? — Inquiring Wife

ASK

Amy

BY AMY DICKINSON



AMY DICKINSON

DEAR MOM:

After acknowledging how shallow your husband's pronouncement seems to be, it might help if you try to figure out why your choice has thrown him off so much. Is this a power play, and your husband feels threatened by your choice to be independent and 'authentic'? Have you made other changes that go along with this choice? You don't

say, but if you have decided to go natural and your hair is gray, is your husband making a value judgment about being (or feeling) 'old'?

When you stop to ponder the many changes a partner can experience, including illness and disability, your husband's problem seems petty. If he had expressed himself in a sensitive, positive and loving way ('Oh, honey, I really miss the redhead you used to be,'), it might inspire you to gracefully capitulate.

Behave neutrally and patiently. If he doesn't adjust, I suspect there is more to this than he is acknowledging. He might be throwing this change at you to cover for an attraction he is feeling toward someone else. If you go 'round and 'round about this and don't make any headway, a professional counselor can help you get to the real root of the problem.

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 Type 2 diabetes with an A1C of 6.7 and high blood pressure. I was discharged after four days with no restrictions other than to eat light and refrain from alcohol 100 percent for the rest of my life to avoid another occurrence. I had 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

To your
GOOD HEALTH

BY KEITH ROACH, M.D.

KEITH ROACH, M.D.



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.

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
- 1/2 t. cayenne pepper

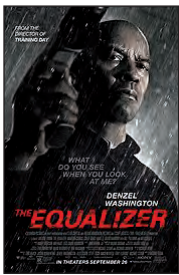
DIRECTIONS

1. In a food processor, process the black bean, jalapeno, tahini, garlic and lemon juice until combined.
2. Season with ground cumin, paprika and cayenne pepper and continue to process until smooth. Adjust seasoning to taste. Garnish with jalapeno slices, if desired.

Recipe from alidaskitchen.com



DVD RELEASES



79% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

THE EQUALIZER

In The Equalizer, Denzel Washington plays McCall, a man who believes he has

put his mysterious past behind him and dedicated himself to beginning a new, quiet life. But when McCall 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, McCall comes out of his self-imposed retirement and finds his desire for justice reawakened.

If someone has a problem, if the odds are stacked against them, if they have nowhere else to turn, McCall will help. He is The Equalizer. **R, 2 hr. 11 min**



47% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

TUSK

Red State director Kevin Smith takes the helm for this horror film star-

ring 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. **R, 1 hr. 42 min**



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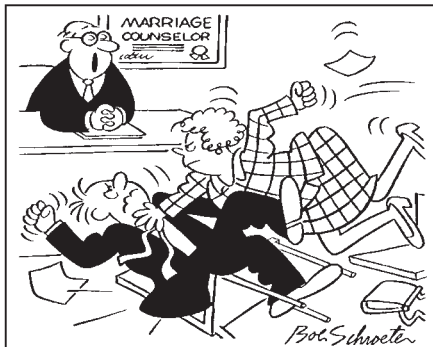
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TODAY'S WORD



"You don't need a marriage counselor, you need a _____!"

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