School assemblies today — high tech, high energy

The Jump with Jill show at Linden’s Central Elementary featured Laura Brown and Devon Watson, who kept students up and excited during the assembly, which was about eating healthy and staying active.

Annual motorcycle debate over noise heats up with warmer temps

Loud exhaust systems — alert or annoyance?

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Spring isn’t only about warmer temperatures, flowers blooming, the sounds of lawn mowers and birds chirping. You’ll also notice the roar of more than 250,000 registered motorcycle riders in the state of Michigan. Spring means breaking out their treasured bike that has been stored all winter long.

But for some, that noise is more of an annoyance than a thrill. Affected residents dealing with the problem of constant motorcycle noise are actively seeking TRAPS on 8

The other side of the vaccine controversy

Parents’ experience results in quest to make vaccines optional, not mandated by government

By Sally Rummel
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Patrik and Laura Welty of Fenton will never forget when their child reacted to a DTP (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis) vaccine back in 1998 with a fever, an episode of vomiting.

“We went by ambulance to Hurley and doctors tried to search for an explanation as to what had happened,” said Welty, the See VACCINE on 8
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Imagine the sound of a fire truck passing you with its siren blaring. The siren points forward because its purpose is to warn drivers the truck is approaching from behind. Notice the siren is louder when it’s coming toward you. Motorcycle riders with loud aftermarket exhaust systems say, “louder pipes save lives,” arguing that they are more likely to grab the attention of distracted motorists when they are on the road. Noiseoff.com notes that there is no study on record demonstrating a correlation between the noise levels of a motorcycle exhaust system and its ability to reduce accidents.

The Governors Traffic Safety Advisory Committee conducted a three-year study to better understand the circumstances of serious motorcycle crashes. Their findings concluded that in 56 percent of all serious motorcycle crashes, the operator of the motorcycle was at fault.

According to the Michigan State Police, in crashes involving a motorcycle and another vehicle, the operator of the other vehicle states that they “didn’t see the motorcycle” in an average of 13 percent of accidents.

Would a louder exhaust come in handy when switching lanes at a low speed? It may let drivers in front of the motorcyclist know someone is approaching, preventing them from cutting them off or opening doors. But crash statistics from the MSP show us that 77 percent of hazards come from in front of the biker, and only 3 percent from behind.

Visibility is a major concern with regard to motorcycle riders. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recommends a light colored helmet and eye protection, brightly colored high visibility clothing, leather or thick protective clothing and long sleeves and pants and over the ankle boots and gloves.

Michigan helmet laws

When certain conditions are met, Michigan law allows for motorcyclists to decide for themselves whether to wear a helmet. According to the Michigan Secretary of State, to ride without a helmet a rider must be at least 21 years old, have had a motorcycle endorsement on their license for at least two years or have passed an approved state motorcycle course. Riders must also carry at least $20,000 in first-party medical benefits on their auto insurance coverage.

Passengers riding along who wish to go without a helmet must also be at least 21 years old and carry $20,000 first-party medical coverage in addition to the driver’s coverage. Any rider under the age of 21 must wear a helmet approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recommends wearing an approved helmet as well as over-the-ankle footwear, long pants, a long-sleeved jacket and full-fingered motorcycle gloves. Since head injuries account for a majority of motorcycle fatalities, protection is vital. Even the best helmet is no guarantee against injury. However, without a helmet you are more likely to have serious head injuries than a rider who is wearing one.
Public can get involved with community’s safety with anonymous tips to help solve crimes

If you watch TV at all, you’ve likely heard the haunting theme music of the Crime Stoppers ads, encouraging you to step forward with an anonymous tip if you know something about a felony crime that has taken place in Genesee County.

While not all tips result in an arrest, the public can provide tips that may get a local crime solved and a dangerous person off the streets.

This past Monday, Crime Stoppers got a tip that resulted in the arrest of William Blake Jr. of Mt. Morris, who was wanted on three counts of sex crimes, two of them involving children under age 13. The heinous nature of the crimes provided the community with a push to get this criminal arrested after ABC12 reported last month that police were looking for help in finding him.

Drug operations, robberies, fuggitives and any felonies are the crimes tipsters can help solve, according to Julie Lopez, executive director of Crime Stoppers in Flint/Genesee County, with an office at the city of Flint Police Department.

“We awarded more than $24,000 to tipsters last year,” said Lopez. So far in 2015, five rewards have been paid out from tips made in 2014. “Forty-seven percent of tips end up not useful. But those other tips are still active, because the cases are still open.”

Locally, the suspicious missing persons case of Randa Jawhari from her Fenton apartment in 2009 was the subject of Crime Stoppers ads, billboards and flyers. “We had many opportunities to meet with her family,” said Lopez. “We’re taking tips in her disappearance. It’s still an active case.”

The Walgreens robbery in Fenton on Dec. 7, 2012 is another active case. “We’ve got nothing yet that’s led to an arrest,” said Det. Scott Townsend of the Fenton Police Department. “Crime Stoppers is a useful tool to get a physical description of the suspect out into the media.”

While Crime Stoppers doesn’t do the investigating of a crime, it does serve as a public forum for solving a crime, gathering tips and paying a reward for a tip that See CRIME STOPPERS on 6

Summary

Crime Stoppers of Michigan expanded into Genesee County in January 2014, netting more than 40 arrests and awarding more than $24,000 to tipsters.

TO SUBMIT A TIP about a local felony crime, call your local police department or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP or text CSM and your tip to CRIMES (274637) or online at www.1800speakup.org.
LIKE A RACE RIOT WITH YOUR COFFEE?

A couple of years ago, Dan Cathy of Chick-fil-A got in trouble for condemning same-sex marriage, which triggered a boycott of his fast-food chain. In 2013, Whole Foods CEO John Mackey called Obamacare a form of ‘fascism,’ driving liberals from his high-end grocery stores.

Now Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz has stepped in by encouraging baristas to engage their customers in a conversation about race, while they’re making lattes and pouring coffees. That’s right. Watch out! Next time you stagger into a Starbucks on your way to the office, dying for the day’s first cup of Joe, you could be met with a question from the pimpy teenager behind the counter: ‘How are you doing with that black thing? Or white thing? Or brown thing? Let’s talk about it.’

Well, yes, race relations are still a serious problem in this country. We were reminded of that recently in Ferguson, Cleveland, and Madison. And, as President Obama has suggested, we should, in fact, have a national conversation about race. But is Starbucks really the place to have it? Are young baristas really the ones to lead it?

The much bigger question is: A barista may know how to make a good latte, but what does he or she know about race relations in the first place? What kind of training do they have to lead a conversation about race?

Do black baristas only talk to black customers, and whites only to whites? Did Howard Schultz think about any of this before launching his campaign for president?

SO WHAT IF the CIA trumped up charges and arrested a popular Iranian leader and put the Shah in charge of Iran. And we trained Iranian scientists how to enrich uranium. That was almost 50 years ago. I don’t get the point you are trying to make.

I GUESS SOME people think we are better off if anyone can buy elections and politicians. If everyone can do it then what could be the worst thing to happen? Gridlock — the end of democracy.

This always confounds me while driving and observing posted gas prices. When the price of crude oil goes up, the price of gasoline takes the elevator up. On the other hand, when the price of crude oil goes down, the price of gasoline takes the stairs down.

just to set the record straight on gravity. There is the law of universal gravitation discovered by Isaac Newton. That explains the effect of gravity on objects. Then there is the theory of gravity that attempts to explain the how and why of gravity.

It takes a lot of courage to look at the world today, compared with how it was before the industrial age, and still believe that humankind has not affected the climate. In the Midwest and east USA, we’ve had two cold winters; the rest of the world has not.

To the Progressive who does not like the smell of wood smoke. Please hold your breath until you go indoors. You believe CO2 is a pollutant and therefore you cannot exhale. Have a nice two minutes.

Fenton Police Consider this. The louder the pipes on motorcycles can save lives. Cars really don’t look for bikes. Being loud can save lives. Enjoy the ride.

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Protecting pets from pests

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With spring and warm weather just around the corner, it’s time for pet owners to start thinking about prevention. Warm weather means it’s time for the bugs to come back out and start bugging your pets, whether they only spend minutes outside or hours.

Fleas

Vicky Bales, office manager at Fenton Veterinary Clinic, said, “The lifecycle of the flea is three months. That means if your pet gets fleas, you’ll need to treat every pet in the household for at least three months.”

Prevention is the best way to avoid an infestation of your pet or home. Bales recommends Frontline for flea protection, but your veterinarian may be able to recommend another brand.

Not only are they hard to get rid of, fleas can cause a variety of problems, including skin irritation, allergic reactions and more. They can also carry tapeworms.

Ticks

Ticks weren’t always an issue in this area, but according to Bales, they have been making their way here in recent years and are no longer just a vacation issue.

Ticks can carry a myriad of diseases that can affect both humans and pets when transferred through their saliva from a bite. Some possible diseases spread by Michigan ticks include Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

Talk to your veterinarian about tick prevention for your pet, and check them regularly when they come in from the outdoors, especially if they spend a lot of time in areas with many trees or high grasses. Ticks should only be removed with tweezers, grasping as close to the head of the tick as possible and pulled swiftly. Any other treatments, such as dumping rubbing alcohol on them, can just make them bite in deeper and release more saliva.

Soaking them in rubbing alcohol after removal will kill them.

Mosquitoes

Although there have been very few cases, dogs are susceptible to West Nile Virus. However, the most important reason to adopt a preventative measure when it comes to mosquitoes for your dogs and cats is the risk of heartworm. Even indoor pets need this, since mosquitoes don’t just stay outdoors.

Heartworm is deadly, if left untreated. Bales said the average cost for treatment is around $2,000. It is far cheaper to keep your pet on a preventative, like Heartguard.

Flea

Even the cleanest dog can have pinhead-sized fleas hiding within the coat. Once the weather warms, be sure to check your pet’s fur regularly.

Tick

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Mosquito

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Summary

Prevention is the best protection for pets when it comes to pests.

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Business by the (poop) scooeful

Young entrepreneur creates pet waste service business to fund monthly cell phone bill

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Carson Mlinarich earns his money the old-fashioned hard way, one poop scoop at a time.

This enterprising sixth-grader at Linden Middle School is sitting (or squatting) at the helm of his own company, The Poop Hunter, providing a doggy cleanup service for area lawns beginning this spring.

What has prompted this young person’s entrepreneurial spirit? “I got a cell phone from my parents for Christmas, and now I have to earn money to pay my monthly bill,” he said. “Whatever money I earn after that will go toward tools, making company shirts and saving for college.”

His parents are Matt and Jamie Mlinarich of Byron. When brainstorming ideas for possible job opportunities for an 11-year-old, Carson and his grandmother Denise Marks came up with a business plan using his skills as a family member with two dogs of their own. “I’m already an expert pooper scooper,” he said. “My dad has his own business (CMS Landscaping), so I thought I could have my own.”

The first thing he had to do was gather and purchase tools for the job, including five-gallon buckets, a pooper scooper, garden shovels, spades and plenty of latex gloves.

He lined up his first job last week and already has a number of lawns to clean up, now that the winter snow has melted. “He’ll do not only a post-winter cleanup of a yard, but also offers weekly and bi-weekly cleanup through the fall, to keep up with messy doggy buildup. His mom, who is also his CPA (cell phone administrator) also assists “on the job.” “I’m not old enough to drive yet,” he said with a smile.

Carson has already enlisted the help of his younger brother, Fischer, 6, but hasn’t heard any interest in pooper scooping from his sister, Olivia, 8.

He’s already looking to expand his business services this summer, “I am thinking of doing goose poop removal on lakefront properties,” he said.

Prospective clients can message his mother Jamie Beard Mlinarich on Facebook.

Summary

Carson Mlinarich gets ‘down and dirty’ in his after-school job of pooper scooping lawns for his new pet waste business, The Poop Hunter.

How $1 of lotto money is spent

In each dollar sold on Michigan Lottery games, 29 cents goes to schools, and 61 cents goes into prizes. After that, 7 cents is for retailers and 3 cents is for lottery administration.
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The U.S. is the leading producer, exporter, and consumer of tobacco leaves, and raising the price of cigarettes by 10-per cent lowered smoking in the U.S. by 3 to 5 percent.

This isn’t necessarily news to anyone, but what is news is that the Institute of Medicine (IOM) says that raising the minimum age to buy cigarettes will reduce instances of 15-17 year-olds starting to smoke.

The “intimation rates,” are important, because according to the report, 90 percent of daily smokers began smoking before age 19. Raising the minimum age could reduce the instances of early initiation rates.

See sidebar for more details, but the report argues that raising the smoking age could reduce smoking in the critical age range of 15 to 17. The caveat is that it depends on the cultural climate, and specific local and statewide policies. Also, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) cannot raise the federal minimum age to buy cigarettes — that’s up to states and local municipalities.

The IOM explored the impacts of raising the age to 19, 21 and 25. At 21, a young adult is able to buy beer, while voting age is 18. “It’s not unusual to have that as the age of attainment for adult kinds of things,” said Valacak.

Naturally, the department is in favor of restrictions to tobacco. Valacak believes it leads to an overall positive outcome for the state, like when smoking indoors was outlawed in 2009.

Of course, anyone who really wants cigarettes will still be able to get them, but a new law would decrease access to minors, and reduce the overall youth smoking rate in communities where it’s been instituted.

Several larger cities have already raised the smoking age, like New York in 2013, along with New Jersey and Columbia, Missouri in 2014.

Hawaii raised its smoking age as well in 2013. Valacak said that 30 communities in Massachusetts have raised the smoking age to 21.

The Genesee County Health Department has worked on various issues through their SMART coalition, smoking being one of them. They’ve been encouraging smoke-free parks and rental housing. Swartz Creek doesn’t allow smoking or vaping in public parks.

The GCDCH licenses tobacco retailers, and also does regular sting operations to make sure tobacco products aren’t being sold to minors. Since the sting operations started, which subjects the worker who sold the tobacco, and the business itself, to a fine.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WOULD LIKE clarification. Which father decided to quit his job because he wanted to get up early? Is this the same person in the news, who had a baby with his girlfriend and not married? So, I hope the baby’s mom is still working.

I DON’T MIND the smell of a wood burner but I do when a wood burner turns into a corn burner. The smell of burnt corn in the city is horrible.

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It was (low-fat) cheesy fun about eating healthy, respecting their bodies and keeping active for 60 minutes each day. The show was air tight, with corresponding sound effects like breaking glass and a ship’s foghorn, to punctuate the humorous, but educational points she was making. Of course, there was a ton of music too, which Brown and Watson performed to.

School assemblies have been around for generations. Of course, there weren’t Macbook Pro laptops running light and sound shows at assemblies of the distant past, but events that pull the entire student body into one place for a shared message or experience is a staple of school life.

At Andrew G. Schmidt (AGS) Middle School in Fenton, Assistant Principal Eric Rettenmund recalls visits from the Flint Generals hockey team when he was in third or fourth grade. “I don’t recall what their message was about, but I do remember how cool it was to have them in our school,” he said via email.

Holly High School Principal Peter LoFiego remembers a charity basketball game at the high school by the Detroit Lions, when he was in elementary school.

Elementary, middle and high schools have different types of assemblies to match their students.

At AGS, they had positive behavior assemblies like “minute to win it” and staff/student basketball games each year to reward their students for positive behaviors. They have comedian Craig Tourniquist speak to eighth-graders about career choices and the importance of school.

Like many local districts, they brought the Chasing the Dragon anti-drug message to their student via assembly.

“We hope the assemblies are impactful, memorable, and provide a positive message,” said Rettenmund. “The assemblies usually supplement the curriculum or reinforce the school vision.”

Budgets aren’t huge for hosting an assembly, which is why Linden Central Elementary Principal Cheryl Thomas was excited to have been selected for a free show, which would normally cost $3,500.

Districts have to rely on the parent-teacher organization, grants and cost sharing with other districts to make assemblies affordable.

LoFiego said through a grant, they brought Detroit Lions wide receiver Herman Moore. LoFiego said he spoke to about 400 students about overcoming obstacles and setting goals for their future.

Holly Area Youth Coalition set up an assembly with former Michigan Wolverine Quarterback Devin Gardner, who spoke about steroid use in schools.

“We always hope that our students pull valuable life lessons out of all of our presentiations,” said LoFiego in an email. “Even something as simple as future scheduling, can have a huge impact on what they do after they leave high school.”

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father of six, ranging in age from 9 to 26. “He recovered from that emergency situation, but there were consequences. Over a period of months, he began to retreat from us, gave up his speech and was diagnosed with autism. Thanks to many medical interventions since that time, he no longer exhibits any of the symptoms on the autism spectrum.”

But this experience did change the way the Welty family viewed the mandatory use of vaccines. “The issue of vaccinations is personal for us, but it’s not like I’ve got a vendetta against all vaccines; I’m more passionate that people are informed about them. The issue isn’t all that simple. Vaccines are pharmaceutical products that carry risks, which can be greater for some than for others. There are significant numbers of people who are damaged every year by vaccines.”

As of March 4, 2015, almost 4,000 petitions for damages have been awarded of more than $3 billion by the United States Court of Federal Claims to children and adults injured by vaccines since the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. Every dose of vaccine has a tax levied on it to help fund the damages, to protect the people who produce the vaccine from liability.

The DTP vaccine has resulted in the filing of 3,286 injury petitions and 696 deaths since 1986. Changes in this vaccine have reduced the number of side effects, resulting in safer vaccines. A more purified acellular pertussis (aP) vaccine has been licensed for use, replacing the whole-cell pertussis vaccine used in DTP.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says on their website that certain at-risk people should avoid vaccines with caution, including those with suppressed immune systems, cancer and Lyme’s Disease, for example.

Before making a decision to vaccinate, individuals should consider:

1) a current illness
2) history of family reactions
3) current medications or conditions which may impact the immune system
4) age to introduce the vaccine
5) multiple vs. individual vaccines.

“It’s not that all vaccines are bad,” said Welty. “The more we know about vaccines and the human body, the better decisions we can make about if or when to vaccinate, or question multiple vaccinations given in one shot.”

Welty just wants the vaccine decision to be in the hands of parents, not the government. “It’s a complex issue that doesn’t have simple answers. I believe that parents should have a say in how their children’s health issues are handled.”
I AM HAVING a little more confidence in the people in our government, since I read they decided to terminate state film producer subsidies. As I read in another Hot line, the money saved could be spent on our roads; besides other ways to benefit people in Michigan.

NUMBER ONE, PRESIDENT Reagan had an amnesty plan. This congress has no plan. President Obama’s plan is really just a green card plan. Second, there are no plan. President Obama’s plan is really there would have been no more Jews alive.

HERE WE GO again. Tyrone Township, there would have been no more Jews alive.

WHEN DEALING with exterminators of rats, if you don’t like it, write your Congressperson not the paper. Write your Congressperson not the paper. It’s not just a green card plan. They have to pay into the system to qualify for benefits. You may want to read the laws on the books that govern how non-U.S. citizens there are already non-residents who pay into the system. Social Security only pays per person. There would have been no more Jews alive.

WONDERFUL SHOUT-OUT to the Holly Post Office. The staff there is always amazingly helpful and friendly. It is truly a pleasure dealing with them, and being from a small town! Way to go Holly Post Office!

CAN YOU IMAGINE if Obama was President when the Hitler regime was in power. There would have been no more Jews alive.

HERE WE GO again. Tyrone Township, we have a board that is going to force everyone to pay into the system like residents to qualify. If you don’t like it, write your Congressperson not the paper.

THANKS FOR THE history lesson about Earth Day. Those darn lefties. It’s confusing why they are hiding Lenin’s B-Day. I appreciate you educating 99 percent of the public that never heard of him. All that clean air and water talk, planting trees sure has killed the economy for 45 years.

DOES ANYONE KNOW the status of Bowe Bergdahl, or Hillary Clinton signing the State Department employee separation statement?

TO THE CHRISTIAN conservative. For the record, the couple with the new baby are not married. Strike 1. They have no intention of getting married. Strike 2. Neither has any intention of getting a job. Strike 3. You can pray all you want but it’s not going to change the facts.

SO, THE REPUBLICAN-led house committee released the Republican-led report on Benghazi and found no wrongdoing. Funny, Fox News never mentioned that story at all. They should be apologizing for all their misinformation but I won’t hold my breath.

I NOW KNOW why you love Bibi. He was for a two-state solution then against it the day before the election, then open to it after he squeaked out a win. You are against foreign aid but have no issue paying both Israel and Palestine.

JUST WONDERING WHERE all that trash against the freeway fence on North Road comes from? I would think/hope whomever it belonged to would clean it up. There is quite a bit of spring clean up needed around town. Let’s all do our part!

WE DO TOO have a pot hole problem. If you cannot pull in your driveway because of pot holes you have a pot hole problem. If you don’t have a pot hole problem you must live south of the RR tracks.

TAKE NOTICE CITY of Fenton officials. When dealing with exterminators of rats, if in the process, you poison my dog you will hear more than just this message.
Bonding sessions helped improve Holly’s season

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Morgan Baylis had some great memories of his last season with the Holly varsity boys basketball team.

But what may have been his biggest, may have not had anything to do with any basketball practice, game or conditioning session. It had to do with a bathroom.

“The seniors took a trip to (The University of) Cincinnati because that’s the school I’m attending next year,” said the senior. “We went to a football game and it was like 25 degrees. My dad looked up and says, ‘Where is everybody?’ So me and Isaac (Casillas) go to see where everybody is at. Everybody is in the bathroom next to the urinal because there’s one heater next to it. Everyone was huddled up trying to warm up because it was 25 degrees.”

Practices are important in making a team great. There’s no doubt about it. But many squads in recent years are realizing there’s another way to make teams better, and that’s team bonding memories away from the sport they play. The Holly Bronchos, who recently completed a record-breaking season by becoming the first team in school history to capture a Class A regional title, are proof positive of that. Varsity head coach Lance Baylis is a firm believer, beginning team bonding trips as early as August for this season.

“We started team building activities in August,” Baylis said. “Our first team building activity, we played putt-putt. On Aug. 15 we went to putt-putt as a team. I have pictures. It started that day.”

It may have started with putt-putt, but that there were plenty of other non-basketball activities the team used to bond among each other, trust each other and consequently become a better team on the court. Each player seems to have their favorite memory. One great memory was the barbeque at Roger Rakowski’s home.

“One thing we always did was have barbeques,” Holly senior Jake Daniels said. “We’d sit down and watch ESPN’s 30-for-30 (shows), watch basketball teams and watch different games.

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Three Eagles headed for the next level

By David Troppens
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When the 2015 college football season begins, there will be three more Linden Eagles making their presences felt at the Division 2 level.

That’s because Linden seniors Ethan Quesnelle, Kyle Korman and Marshael Ryan recently made their decisions on where to play football at the collegiate level. Korman and Ryan are headed to Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schools. Ryan is going to Michigan Tech, while Korman is headed to Grand Valley State University.

Three Eagles have worked hard off the field to get to this point. They are the first to play football at Linden High School in recent memory.

Quesnelle is a running back, Ryan is a defensive end and Korman is a running back/defensive end.

“Yeah, I heard that thing. I’m in college. I’ve been thinking about it since I was a kid,” Quesnelle said.

Korman is excited to attend Grand Valley.

“I want to play football. It was my dream since I was six,” Korman said.

While Quesnelle is staying in the Midwest and leaving for the state of Indiana where he’ll play at St. Joseph’s, a school belonging to the Great Lakes Valley Conference, the trio are excited to be making the transition to collegiate football.

“I’ve wanted to play college football since day one of my freshman year,” Ryan said. “I started thinking about it when I was 8 or 9 years old.”

See EAGLES on 11

TRIVIA

Baseball

Q

Name the last MLB team Babe Ruth played for.

A

Ruth spent about half of the 1935 season with the Boston Braves.

Fourth-Annual Tiger Trot Slated for May 16

The fourth-annual Tiger Trot is May 16 at Fenton High School. The 5K walk and run begins at 8:30 a.m. The children’s race for ages 3 to 10 will be at 9:30 a.m. and be held exclusively on the Fenton High School track. Each child earns a medal. The School begins at Fenton High School, runs thru the City of Fenton and finishes at the high school track. For more information or to register go to www.fenton.k12.mi.us.

NCAA Tournament

Everyone loves the upset in the NCAA men’s basketball tournament. My issue is this — what real Cinderellas truly remain? UCLA is an 11th seed. Does anyone look at UCLA as an underdog?

Many of the teams remaining are perennial tourney teams and/or have made reasonable runs in the not too far distant past. In an odd way, one could argue Gonzaga, a No. 2 seed, could be one of the biggest underdogs left. The Bulldogs have been in every tourney since 1999 and are routinely expected to do well, but the Zags haven’t made it this far since 2009.

Utah probably qualifies as the biggest shocker, but the Utes are still No. 5 and, well, they are Utah. Who wants to root for them? I don’t.

Raymond Floyd was the first PGA golfer to win tour events in four different decades.
I was pretty cool with the guys, and they accepted me early. We were in the car and it was just knock-out laughter. That’s all we could do was laugh and giggle about the most hideous things. Me, Jake (Daniels) and Parker (Rouse) were in the backseat crying. They (the players in the front seats) were looking at us wondering what we were laughing at. It was just an awesome feeling.

The bonding activities do work. Teams begin to look upon themselves in loving or family relationships and start playing harder for each other because of those relationships. Anyone who witnessed the effort the Bronchos put into their season could tell that the activities worked.

“I’ve never experienced something as great as this,” Morgan Baylis said moments after the end of the Bronchos’ last game of the season, an entertaining 73-71 Class A regional final loss to Walled Lake Central.

“I know this is going to be my family forever. I am at a loss for words right now knowing I’ll never be on the court with these guys again. But I’m going to be brothers with them forever.”
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Proposals will be accepted beginning

Monday, March 16, 2015

Through

Thursday, April 30, 2015 @ 3:00 PM.

For more details, copies of this RFP can be obtained from the Village of Holly Administrative Offices, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, MI 48442 or on the web at www.hollyvillage.org.

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Proposals are being accepted by the Village of Holly for the sale of commercial property located at 405 Cogshall, parcel ID #IH-01-34-455-003, in Holly, Michigan.

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Monday, March 16, 2015

Through

Thursday, April 30, 2015 @ 3:00 PM.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Village of Holly Council will hold a public hearing at the Village of Holly Council on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the Holly Area Schools Board of Education Room, 920 E. Baird Street, at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as possible to consider the adoption of the Village of Holly Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a five-year recommended program for improving parks and recreation opportunities for Holly residents.
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Raymond E. Leppert
1932-2015
Raymond E. Leppert - age 87, of Fenton, died Friday, March 20, 2015. Services were held 12 PM Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Karl Banarick officiated. The family received friends from 10 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Faith City Church or the American Cancer Society. Raymond was born October 17, 1932 in Galion, Ohio, the son of Cyril Robert and Martha Lucille (Fabian) Leppert. He married Grace Leppert on February 4, 1961. She preceded him in death in March 1999. Raymond worked for Glidden Paint Company for 27 years, Cotter & Company for 15 and for the past 14 years had worked at the Coyote Preserve Golf Course. Ray was a past Chairman of Oakwood Cemetery Board, a member of Faith City Church and the City of Fenton Election Commissioner. He was an avid skydiver at the age of 74 and 77. Raymond is survived by his children, Kellie Leppert of Columbus, OH, Lincoln (Melanie) Leppert of Royal Oak, and Fay (Keith) Villarreal of Holly. She was preceded in death by her father Eugene Wolf, sister Pat Cooper (Kim) Leppert of Royal Oak, and mother-in-law Peggy and Ray Villarreal of Holly. She was born November 26, 1932 in Galion, Ohio, the daughter of Cyril Tomlinson and Dorothy Wolf of Fenton, and mother-in-law Peggy and Ray Villarreal of Holly. She was preceded in death by her father Eugene Wolf, sister Pat Cooper, and grandfather Ward Wolf. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.dryerfuneral-homeholly.com.

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REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornell and Trustee Ruth.
Approved: Consent Agenda.
No Action: Hazardous Waste Disposal.
No Action: 2015 Tri-Party Program.
No Action: Recycling – Discontinue April 1, 2015.
Postponed: Farmstead.
Approved: 2015 Dust Control Program.
Postponed: Metro Act Permit Application.
No Action: Community Forums.
No Action: SMART Program.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A pesky health problem should clear up soon. Meanwhile, travel -- both for personal as well as for business reasons -- is strong in the Aries aspect this week, and well into the next.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Look for Bovines to be on the move this week, whether it’s traveling for fun or for business. Other "moves" include workplace adjustments and, for some, relationship changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Geminis who have just gone through a hectic period involving job and/or family matters might want to take some well-earned time out to relax and restore those drained energy levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A romantic situation seems to have stalled, just when the Moon Child was expecting it to go forward. Could that be a bad case of miscommunication going on? Talk it over openly and honestly.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Showing a genuine interest in something that’s important to a friend, family member or colleague could open a communication line that had been pretty much shut down for a while.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Making a potentially life-changing decision takes as much knowledge as you can gather, plus determination and patience. Take your time working it out. Don’t let anyone rush you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You should be back on schedule and heading in the right direction after clearing up a misunderstanding. But there could still be some setbacks. If so, correct them immediately.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A business matter keeps you pretty busy, but try to squeeze in time to be with family as well as close friends. You need the good vibrations you get from people who care for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Investing in an attractive prospect (business or personal) with little or no information can be risky. Avoid future problems by getting all the facts before you act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Someone close to you might have an unexpected reaction to a decision you feel you’re prepared to make. Listen to his or her point of view. It could prove to be surprisingly helpful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don’t give up yet. That once warm, personal relationship that seems to be cooling off fast could recover with some tender, loving care, and who better than you to provide it?

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Career matters are strong this week. You might want to enter a training program to enhance your skills. Also, consider getting professional help in preparing a brilliant resume.

DVD RELEASES

UNBROKEN
Academy Award (R) winner Angelina Jolie directs and produces Unbroken, an epic drama that follows the incredible life of Olympian and war hero Louis “Louie” Zamperini (Jack O’Connell) who, along with two other crewmen, survived in a raft for 47 days after a near-fatal plane crash in WWII-only to be caught by the Japanese Navy and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp.
P-13, 2 hr. 17 min

71% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES
“The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies” brings to an epic conclusion the adventures of Bilbo Baggins, Thorin Oakenshield and the Company of Dwarves. Having reclaimed their homeland from the Dragon Smaug, the Company has unwittingly unleashed a deadly force into the world. Enraged, Smaug rains his fiery wrath down upon the defenseless men, women and children of Lake-town.
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