

# New business at the beanery

■ Red Fox Outfitters to specialize in outdoor activities and equipment

**By Sally Rummel**  
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Jesse Anderson and Nick Brown may only be in their mid-20s, but their savvy business sense and vision for Fenton has already caught the attention of a much more experienced local visionary, Phil Hagerman.

“When we bought the beanery... we knew it had been an eyesore for a long time, but we didn’t want it torn down.”

**Phil Hagerman**

These two owners of Red Fox Footwear in downtown Fenton have just begun a brand new chapter in their young careers, as owners of Fenton’s newest upcoming  
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**ARTIST RENDERING**  
of completed renovation

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO

Crews subcontracted by Rhoads & Johnson began demolishing the east end of the beanery building on Main Street in Fenton Wednesday morning. By 10:30 a.m., much of the demolition was complete and trailers filled with rubble were being loaded and taken away.



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It’s not ‘what’ is taught, it’s ‘how’ it’s taught  
■ Teachers explain how and why IB really works

**By Vera Hogan**  
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**Fenton** — Area residents who attended elementary school in the mid- to late-1900s recall when the entire school day was spent in one classroom and at the same desk for the entire school year. Recess, lunch and gym were the only way out of the seat.  
**See IB on 20A**



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Fifth-grade students at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School present their findings on child car seats and seatbelts in a photo from 2013.

## Barricaded gunman puts Holly on alert



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Oakland County Sheriff’s deputies assist Holly police with a standoff at the Holly Village Mobile Home Park early Thursday morning. The standoff ended shortly after 9 a.m. Residents were then allowed to return to their homes.

■ Standoff ends with armored vehicle assault on mobile home

**By Sharon Stone**  
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After several hours a Holly man, who had locked himself in his mobile home Thursday morning, was forcibly removed and was arrested. No shots were fired and there were no injuries.  
According to Holly Police Chief Michael Story, Holly police were first called to a mobile home on Apollo Circle in the Holly Village Mobile Home Park at 3:40 a.m. for a domestic argument. Police were on scene by 3:48 a.m.  
Story said a 51-year-old Holly man and his girlfriend, in her mid-30s, had an argument. She stepped outside the home, with the door closing behind her. She was unsuccessful in getting back inside and walked across the street to a neighbor’s home. At this point, her boyfriend walked out onto the porch carrying a long  
**See GUNMAN on 20A**

## Can ‘pot for potholes’ work?

■ Some legislators believe legalizing marijuana is solution to funding road repairs

**By Vera Hogan**  
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If some state legislators have their way, the legalization of marijuana

could make it onto the ballot by 2016. One reason — to generate tax dollars needed to fund Michigan road repairs.  
Earlier this month, 80 percent of Michigan voters rejected Proposal I, which if passed would have raised the state sales tax from 6 to 7 percent, also aimed at generating funds to fix Michigan roads.  
**See POTHOLES on 9A**



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If marijuana is legalized, tax dollars generated by sales may be used to fund Michigan road repairs.

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“Am I the only one who wonders why we are tearing up the town and spending millions of tax dollars to increase the business of about a dozen stores? Shouldn’t this have been downtown, not in Dibbleville?”

“The IB program is primarily supported by teachers. Teachers are the closest to the program, thus common sense tells us they should be the best judges. End of discussion.”

“The Fenton school board members are all volunteers. In the last month they have spent 40 hours plus in meetings in order to continue to provide Fenton with one of the best school systems in the state. How about a little appreciation, rather than criticism. Signed, a spouse.”

**tctimes.com COMMENT OF THE WEEK**  
“People will certainly ask why no rioting from whites about the murders of an entire family, including a child. The solution to racial unrest is jobs. Jobs provide self-respect, income and a learning environment. When will we wake up?”

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Fish in your 9ft deep pond stocked with bass or roam over 20 acres of walking trails. Huge kitchen with granite counters, an enviable large laundry room also with granite. Partially finished walkout basement, 5 car garage.

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#### LINDEN

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#### LAPEER

1588 Bowers

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**\$315,000**

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#### LINDEN

16161 Knobhill

**Immaculate 2 Story home.** 2 separate decks off the back of the house allow for great views of Lobbell Lake. Home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and spacious kitchen that opens into nice size dining area. Stay cool this summer with central air. Full basement with 9 ft. ceiling is in perfect condition to finish and add more square footage to this already comfortable home. Pella windows, and 2.5 car garage.

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#### HOLLY

2476 S. Fenton Road

**Sprawling ranch has plenty of room** for a large family. Split floor plan has 2 bedrooms with master 1/2 bath and full bath on one side and 2 bedrooms with full bath on the other side. Third full bath in partially finished basement. Large living room and family room gives you plenty of space for entertaining. Enjoy the beautiful weather sitting in your 3 season room. Over 2100 sf of home on a beautiful acre of land.

**\$169,900**

Call Leah Fafard 810-407-0084



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1-3PM

#### HOLLY

863 Deer Valley

**Enjoy nature right on your back deck** and still be close to schools, town and expressways. This 4 bedroom home has crown molding, updated fixtures, granite counter tops and a finished walkout basement. Large deck off of the dining room allows you to enjoy cookouts while watching for wildlife. Come enjoy summer in your new home.

**\$209,500**

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OPEN  
SUNDAY  
1-3PM

#### LINDEN

1205 Ripley Road

**Wonderful Home on #18 Green**

Spring Meadows Golf Course. 3 huge bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Enjoy your firelit great room on those chilly fall nights. Custom designed with spacious rooms. Open loft area adds to the character of this home. Workshop off of garage, great for home business. Full basement. Must See to appreciate.

**\$180,900**

Call Donna Mynatt 810-397-5779



#### LINDEN

805 Byram Lake

**Beautiful lakefront home** on all sports Byram lake. This home features a beautifully landscaped yard with sandy beach. Covered brick patio is great for entertaining or relaxing and enjoying the cool summer breezes. This brick home has 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Plenty of space for gathering with a firelit living room and a huge family. Dining room allows for beautiful views of the water while sharing meals. All this on a park-like 1/2 acre lot.

**\$349,000**

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16222 Murray

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**\$210,000**

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#### HOLLY

817 Partridge

**Like new colonial built in 2004.** This 3 bedroom 2 bath home is cute and clean! Neutral colors throughout the house, kitchen and living area boast ceramic tile while bedrooms are hardwood. No carpet. All appliances stay including washer and dryer. Beautifully landscaped and the backyard is completely fenced. Full basement has the potential to add extra living space. This one owner home has been well cared for. Nothing for you to do but to unpack and move right in.

**\$157,000**

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#### BYRON

15353 Longfellow Drive

**Don't bother driving "up north."**

This large 3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch sits on over 1.5 acres with lake frontage on Meyers Lake. Enjoy all your water sports during the day and watch the beautiful sunsets over the lake in the evening. Nice kitchen with tons of counter space plus a separate dining area. Finished lower level walkout comes with a full bath, kitchenette and large living area; great for entertaining.

**\$259,900**



#### GRAND BLANC

5133 Spinning Wheel

**Beautifully maintained home** with hardwood floors in Dining and Living room, Kitchen and baths have ceramic tile. 4 bedrooms or room to have an office. All appliances included, also features natural fireplace in Family room. Add carpeted three season room and you have plenty of space. Fenced in backyard and nice size storage shed. Located in Grand Blanc schools.

**\$127,000**

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#### FLUSHING

7451 Potter

**Great location** in Flushing School district. Beautiful tudor home has tons of room with 5 bedrooms and 4 full baths. Plenty of space for everyone with over 2400 sf. Open floor plan with large kitchen, lots of counter space and roomy dining area. Almost 3 acres to roam around and play with a great 2 story barn that could be used for a home business or just about anything else you can think of. New 2013 generator means you will never be without power. Home is also barrier free allowing for handicap access.

**\$229,900**

Call Donna Mynatt 810-397-5779



#### HIGHLAND

342 Clyde Road

**Wow!** 11 acres, 2 barns, main house, guest house and 175 feet of frontage on private, all sports Knoblock Lake! Cute farmhouse with 3 bedrooms, over 1600 sf of living space with a full basement. In addition there is a 1 bedroom adorable guest cottage on the property. Fishing, boating, water skiing, horseback riding, nature watching. You can do it all from the privacy of your new home. Come enjoy the outdoors.

**\$400,000**

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# GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES

## Linden mom shares planning advice and tips for hosts and guests

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Jacques Pougnet, 18, makes his way past his open house guests on Saturday, May 23, in his Tyrone Township home. He'll graduate from Powers High School and move on to a career in modeling in New York City.



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Most graduating seniors have table decorations — Pougnet's includes much of his football career and modeling portfolio.

By Hannah Ball

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Open houses represent accomplishment and transition, and the event should be as worthy as the graduate. Deciding on food, decorations, and activities is difficult with so many options. It's important to learn simple tricks like not using paper cups.

One open house veteran, Wendy Hoeberling of Linden, is planning her third open house. Her first son, Joshua, graduated from Linden in 2012, her second son, Collin, gradu-

ated last year, her third son, Kevin, is graduating this year, and her fourth son, Tyler, will graduate in 2017.

She never uses paper cups.

"Everything's in a can or a bottle of water. That way, I can tell what everybody's drinking," she said.

Hoeberling said she has a couple "over 21-year-old coolers" and stations a family member to watch them. "If I serve beer, there are beer cans. It's not like a graduate can walk around with a beer can," she said.

See **OPEN HOUSES** on 22A



### Open house tips

- **Create a scavenger** hunt of funny things in the graduate's pictures, and challenge people to find all of them, or have guests guess what age the graduate is in certain pictures.

- **Huffington Post** suggests serving convenient finger-food like mini-sandwiches and mini-hot dogs.

- **Assume people** will eat three to four servings of each type of appetizer, five to six ounces of meat, a handful of vegetables, and one full dessert.

- **To know** how much food to order, asking people to RSVP is necessary, but try sending out "regret only invitations" when people only respond if they can't attend.

- **Prepare goodie** bags for guests. Fill them with mints, a "Thank You" note, a water bottle, and fun things.

Source: [punchbowl.com](http://punchbowl.com) and [Huffington Post](http://Huffington Post)



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# How to raise 'perfect' kids

Those of us who are blessed enough to live, work and play in Fenton, Holly and Linden have a unique problem that many other communities do not have: how to raise children that are stable, confident and yet grounded, despite them being raised in an environment that is filled with ...well, pretty much everything.

While our zip code is not 90210, most of the parents reading this have kids that were, or still are, being raised in a superior environment with premium education facilities, stable two-parent family life and the affluence to provide them nice homes, a cell phone, and all the latest technology and toys. Statistically speaking, these children are overwhelmingly

predisposed to become...um, a-holes. Historically, this lifestyle will give them a sense of entitlement, as well as an attitude of superiority — traits that will likely result in children that are spoiled rotten.

Yet, I don't see that in our communities. The kids I see and interact with in the classrooms, the athletic events, the concerts and roaming the halls are overwhelmingly polite, respectful and seem genuinely appreciative of winning life's environmental /parental/educational lottery.

But, I digress. Here's some information I found that is generally practiced in households that somehow manage to raise 'good' kids:

• **Say no, say it often.** Giving your chil-

dren anything they want, even if you can afford it, is a recipe for a brat.

• **Expect gratitude.** Go beyond teaching your child to say please and thank you. Also teach them eye contact, how to introduce someone and how to shake hands.

• **Give to others.** Donate often, both in cash and goods. Have your kids be a part of that process.

• **Be mindful** of the company both you and your kids keep. Question them about their friends. While you're at it, question yourself about your friends.

• **Make them** write thank you cards, handwritten (gasp!) on paper with a pen, and mailed! Don't let them use, spend or cash the gift until you see the thank you note.

• **Let them fail.** Let them learn the consequences of bad decisions. Share some of your own experiences and teach them lessons such as "life is not fair." Failure is a part of successful childhood

development.

• **Watch out for grandparents.** Most grandparents spoil their grandkids! Ask them to spoil them with love, time, affection and attention—not toys, treats and money.

• **Teach them the value of money.**

They should have a job, a real job, during summers beginning the summer after their sophomore year.

• **Share your story.** You should tell your kids the history of your family's hard work to attain the things you have. They should be aware of the value of earned wealth, at all levels.

Practicing these suggestions will go a long way toward fostering (I love that word) happier and better adjusted children, as well as more joy, peace and love in your home.

And that's something that no amount of money can buy.

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**WHEN IS THE** city of Fenton going to take care of the boulevard on Donaldson? Hundreds of people travel that street every day and it's a mess, just weeds and plastic with a few flowers. Take care of it like you're suppose to when we voted the millage in.

**WHAT IS THE** status of rat eradication in Fenton? My husband saw one in the driveway while sitting outside late yesterday afternoon and we live close to North Road on Worchester Drive.

**DO YOU WANT** \$15/hour? You shouldn't have skipped school and been lazy. While I studied and worked every day, you partied until 6 in the morning! You get out what you put in — \$8.15 is too much for you. If you work hard, you'll move up.

**IT WOULD BE** nice if I-HOP would put one of their restaurants in the old Luigi's restaurant building on North LeRoy Street. We don't have one close by and they have such good food.

**AMAZING HOW THE** righty-tighties distort history. Nixon did not lose his presidency because he erased a few tapes. He lost his presidency because he cheated on an election and a little thing called the Watergate break-in.

**NOT ONLY IS** the King not a pilot, but he's not a science major either. Probably hasn't taken a science class in his life.

**I JUST SAW** a sign for a lost cat and I thought to myself, responsible cat owners don't let cats out. I don't let my cat out. No sympathy.

**TO THE MEMBERS** of the Fenton Board of Education, you keep saying you have to make some tough decisions, then do it. The community and teachers disapprove of IB, by over 60 percent. Why has this turned into a compromise? Do your job.

**IT'S AMAZING HOW** gas price increases coincided with the 80-percent no-vote to

raise taxes. We are shafted if we do and shafted if we don't.

**QUICK MESSAGE FROM** an old-time voter. For over 60 years, I've been voting for presidents. I vote for the man, not the party. I don't care what the party is.

**THE BEST DECISION** you'll ever make on this earth is your eternal life, where you spend forever. This life is short. Check with a minister or priest.

**DOES ANYONE KNOW** where in town we can take used ink cartridges from printers? I have a bag of a them and I don't want to just throw them in the trash. Thank you.

**THE PERSON WHO** blames Reagan for today's economic woes ignores the facts! Reagan gave us the longest sustained prosperity in our history. Clinton signed NAFTA destroying our jobs. The Democrats took over congress in 2006 and we immediately went into a recession. Now Obama wants more job-stealing trade agreements.

**I LOOK FORWARD** to reading the Times. My favorite sections are the Hot lines and The King. However, it is kind of scary how The King seems to live inside my head. His words resonate with me. They are so common sense. Most people who disagree with him are probably liberals.

**KAYAK ARTICLE WAS** certainly correct regarding inflatables. My daughter and I recently completed an 18.5-mile event in our Intex Challengers. Winds created a tough time paddling through open areas, costing us an hour. But, I carried mine there and back on the train.

**FOR ALL YOU** voters who think we need a woman as president, meaning Hillary Clinton, you really need to read Clinton Cash and see what Bill and Hillary Clinton are all about. I cannot believe they at this point are not in jail for treason or something worse.

**MOST AMERICANS DO** not want to occupy another nation for 50 years. I don't want to put Americans' lives at risk. So, how much debt is on the books for that 50 years? I guess the good part is I can buy a Volkswagen.

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Compiled by Staff Reporter Hannah Ball

## Would you vote to legalize marijuana to pay for the roads?

## streettalk



"I don't believe in it unless it's for medicinal purposes. I think it tends to lead to worse things."

— Paulette Stabley  
Fenton



"No. I'm a nurse. I've worked in the hospital and seen the addiction. Marijuana's a gateway drug."

— Bonnie Leyder  
Linden



"Guaranteed. It's one of the largest cash growing crops in the United States. There are a lot of opportunities, money and medical wise."

— Joe Ward, Linden



"Yes. I just think it would create a lot of jobs here in Michigan and we definitely need that."

— Andrea Reynolds  
Linden



"If they were going to do it, put it toward the medical field. Something like research. I have clients who swear by it."

— Rick Rupert  
Fenton Township



"Yeah. I think it's a desired product. If it was taxable, it would help fix the roads."

— Jullian Dortman  
Fenton



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A deer in the Lansing area died from chronic wasting disease. There is no evidence that this disease, which is fatal to white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose, presents any risk to humans.

## First deer with fatal infectious disease reported in Michigan

■ Be wary of deer exhibiting symptoms of chronic wasting disease

By Sally Rummel  
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The deer you see wandering around in fields in the tri-county area now have a new health concern threatening their herd.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has confirmed that a white-tailed free-ranging deer in Meridian Township, in the Lansing area, has tested positive for chronic wasting disease, a fatal neurological disease that affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose.

According to the DNR, this disease is caused by the transmission of infectious, self-multiplying proteins contained in saliva and other body fluids of infected animals. Susceptible animals can acquire CWD by direct exposure to these fluids, environments contaminated with these fluids or the carcass of a diseased animal. Once contaminated, the soil can remain a source of infection for a long time, making CWD a difficult disease to eradicate. Once a deer in infected with CWD, it will die.

However, there is no evidence that

CWD presents any risk to humans, either through contact with an infected animal or from handling contaminated venison. As a precaution, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) still recommend that infected animals not be consumed as food, by either humans or domestic animals.

"This disease could potentially spring up anywhere," said Chad Stewart, deer management specialist for the Michigan DNR. "Meridian Township was not a place you'd expect to find the first case of it in Michigan. Where there is one, it's very likely there will also be a second one."

He added that if anything good is to come out of this situation, it would be that people will now have more heightened awareness about CWD. "It's important to take this disease seriously," he said. "If someone sees a deer with symptoms (unusually thin, exhibiting unusual behavior), early detection is key in controlling the disease."

To report a suspicious looking deer, call the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at (517) 336-5030 or submit an online observation report on the DNR website, [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

“The disease could potentially spring up anywhere.”

Chad Stewart  
Michigan DNR deer  
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**Drop in Dodge Ball:** May 27th 7-9pm. \$3 per person.\*

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Many styles covered, 6th grade – adult. \$50 for all classes.

**Trombone Lessons:** Looking to brush up on your skills this summer? Call for reservations!

**Craft Market:** June 20th, 10am-4pm. \$1 admittance.

Come check out all the great craft vendors. Sponsored by Holly Historical Society.

**CPR/AED Training:** June 27th 10am-12pm. \$60.

Get certified in CPR for adults, children and infants. Learn a skill for your work place,

on the go or even in your own home! If you would like a manual it will be an extra \$13.50\*\*

**Murder Mystery Show!** July 11th 7pm. \$10 a ticket. Come out for a night of interactive fun!

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# How a casual glance out a window changed her life

■ Fenton woman writes third  
'Chicken Soup for the Soul' entry

By Vera Hogan

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Denise Marks of Fenton is a perfect example of the many talented, creative people living and working in the tri-county area.

A writer and entrepreneur, Marks wears many hats — all of which take place in the comfort of her home. However, it wasn't always that way. She is a writer, having just been published for the third time in the Chicken Soup for the Soul books.

Her first story was published in Chicken Soup for the Soul, "Say Hello to a Better Body." In it, she addresses her own quest to lose and maintain a healthy weight after she gave up smoking.

The second Chicken Soup book, "Living with Alzheimer's & Other Dementias," addressed a topic close to her heart as her mother-in-law suffered from these maladies.

Her third and most recent Chicken Soup for the Soul entry was "Time to Thrive, 101 Inspiring Stories about Growth, Wisdom and Dreams." In it, Marks describes what led her to leave the corporate world and pursue her dreams of writing and other creative ventures.

In the story called "Breaking the Mold," she writes, "Gazing out my office window, my eyes fixed on the woman

**“That's gonna be me, sad and unhappy in later years.”**

**Denise Marks**  
Fenton author and entrepreneur



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Denise Marks of Fenton relaxes at her Fenton home, which also serves as a studio, workshop and office. The chair next to her is an example of her many creative endeavors.

moving slowly down the sidewalk. It appears the weight of the world rested on her shoulders. The methodical shuffle and the frown lines on her face seemed to signify a joyless life and hidden sadness.

"I sensed she knew I was watching when she stopped abruptly and turned toward me," Marks continued. "Uneasiness gripped me as the sun cast her shadow's outline across the desk. When I momentarily gazed into her sad eyes, I saw a reflection of myself. She turned and shuffled away, leaving her image to haunt me ..."

Marks said she was working at Hurley Medical Center in Flint when she saw that woman. Her job was in the Medical Finance Department, a job she said she didn't like much.

The woman she saw on the street that day gave her a glimpse into her own future — she did not want to become that sad, lonely looking woman and decided

to do something about it. "That's me," she said she thought at the time. "That's gonna be me, sad and unhappy in later years."

She left (Hurley) when her daughter graduated from college. "I felt it was my responsibility to get her through college," she said.

After leaving Hurley, Marks started a soap-making business that later evolved into creating soap molds. She also creates signature paints and holds workshops showing people how they can add some bright color to their furnishings.

Marks is also the author of the children's book "Remember the Rainbow," a book that was

inspired by her 9-year-old grandson, and deals with bullying issues so many children face today.

Another children's book is scheduled to be released soon. It's called "Reckless Rectangle" and has to do with teaching kids about kindness while at the same time learning about different shapes.

She also maintains several websites and blogs highlighting her goods and services. One in particular, shows her great sense of humor. It's blimpygirl.com, which shares information about her weight loss quest, recipes and more.

Marks said she is now starting to think about retirement and spending more time with her three grandchildren and her husband, Chris, a wine distributor who she refers to privately and publicly as "My Honey Man."

She will continue writing, though. It's a passion she will continue no matter where life leads her.

## SUMMARY

■ Denise Marks of Fenton looked at her own life through the eyes of another, something that changed the course of her life forever.

## Cardboard Boat Regatta open to all

■ Inaugural event will take place during Fenton River Fest

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The Keepers of the Shiawassee River have released information and rules about its first Cardboard Boat Regatta, which will take place on Sunday, June 28, during the Fenton River Fest.

Participants are asked to construct a "human-powered" boat made of corrugated cardboard that will hold at least one crew member and be "seaworthy" to set sail — for a short distance at least — on the Shiawassee River in Fenton.

Registration and set up will take place in the west parking lot of Bush Park starting at 12 p.m.

From 12 to 1 p.m., registration, set up, and the fine-tuning of boats will take place. The races begin at 1 p.m.

**“Whether you come as a crew member, pirate, captain, or an on-shore cheerleader, we want you to enjoy the river.”**

**Bradley Jacob**  
Keepers of the Shiawassee River member, Fenton City councilman

"This is one more activity for people as they enjoy a day filled with fun, art, laughter, good food, good music, good friends, and unbelievable photo opportunities," said Brad Jacob, chair and Fenton City councilman.

"Whether you come as a crew member, pirate, captain, or an on-shore cheerleader, we want you to enjoy the river," he added. "It will be fun for everyone in the family."

Anyone age 10 or older may enter the race. Individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, businesses, corporate and school teams are encouraged to participate.

Boats are to be constructed of corrugated cardboard and one other item — Duct tape.

"We hope to see a lot of creativity," Jacob said.

There will be two race classes.  
• Class 1 is the Kids' Paddle for sailors 10 to 14 years old. The cost is \$15.  
• Class 2 is the Whole Crew Group, with a minimum of one sailor to complete, ages 15 and up. The cost is \$20.

There will be a first-place cash prize for each class, 50/50 based on registrations. "Tell all your friends," said Jacob.



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# Facebook can be a welcome tool for seniors

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When I first started hearing the word 'Facebook' tossed around the office several years ago, I admit I had no idea what my coworkers were talking about. But the more they talked about it, the more curious I became. So I checked it out, opened my own page and now I am hooked. This amazing method of communication allows us to visit with friends whenever we want, 24 hours a day.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to see the first photos of my friends' new babies, and photos of them as they grow into toddlers. I share the happiness when I see photos of the children and their accomplishments, whether it's a performance in a play or other school activity, their homecoming dance and prom pictures and even graduation photos.

Through Facebook, I have learned that becoming a grandma appears to be one of the happiest moments in life. I'm not there yet, but my friends who are grandmothers all say the same thing, 'It's wonderful! There is nothing like it!'

Being able to see vacation pictures and reading the stories of places my friends travel is amazing. The recipes shared on Facebook are also a favorite, as are the funny cartoons and jokes and inspirational writings. It's a place where friends who are either themselves or have loved ones suffering from illnesses can ask for prayers for healing, prayers that come very quickly without hesitation. Friends also use this medium to let everyone know when a friend or loved one has died, which is followed very closely by more prayers and condolences, and support for the difficult days ahead.

One of my favorite things about Facebook, however, has been the ability to connect with friends as far back as grade school, people I never thought I would ever have a chance to communicate with again.

The reason I am carrying on about Facebook is because of my parents and what it would have meant to them to be able to share all of the things I have mentioned. My mother had a stroke in 2004, which resulted in severe speech impairment. They lived in Arizona and my family is in Michigan. Trying to speak with her on the phone was a very sad weekly nightmare. With a husband, two young sons in school, a full-time job and the typical household bills and expenses, picking up and flying to Arizona whenever I wanted was not an

option. It was heartbreaking.

I tried talking to my father about getting a computer so they could get on the Internet and at least be able to email and send photos back and forth. He could easily have afforded it but said no and pulled the 'we're old people' card. I think he was afraid that it would be too difficult to learn. This from a man who worked as a structural engineer, the chief of building management for the Sears (now Willis) Tower in Chicago when he retired. He was in charge of other building

projects around the country, including the renovation of the Matthew Brady building in Washington, D.C. My dad could fix anything. A computer, the Internet — I'm pretty sure he could have figured it out.

My parents are both gone now and I can't help but think of all the things they did not have to miss with their grandchildren, and old and new friends.

If you have elderly parents, relatives or friends who think they're too old to learn, show them what they're missing. For their sake, don't take no for an answer.



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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**AFTER THE LAST** board meeting, I decided to take a look at the transparency report of the Fenton Area Public Schools website. I agree we have too many administrators for the size of our student body and we are definitely over paying them. This needs to be looked at.

**NIXON TOLD ONE** lie and was involved in a cover up and for that we drove him out of office. Obama has told far more lies, about the stimulus, the economy, jobs, treaty with Iran, Benghazi, and our national debt and he is still in office.

**IT IS ESTIMATED** that the Baltimore riots will cost between \$20 and \$30 million to clean up and the mayor is now asking for federal aid and for FEMA to help foot the bill and all of this comes from taxpayer dollars.

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"Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners experience excessive dust. While work was being done in the home, your cold air returns sucked all the dust through the system. It settled on the bottom of the duct lines and little by little, that debris is being blown back into your home," Keith continued. "Here's a test. Take a walk down into your basement, and look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. Do you see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges? That, my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems, and this debris cannot be removed without the help of a professional. "This brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are essentially like a Shop-Vac that you would vacuum your car with. Then there are



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# H-L

Do you get all the vitamins you need each day in your regular meals? If you eat a well-rounded diet, you probably do. However, if you like to avoid your vegetables then it may be important to add a multi-vitamin to your diet.

By Yvonne Stegall • [news@tctimes.com](mailto:news@tctimes.com); 810-433-6792

Whether you are getting all the vitamins and nutrients you need in your meals each day, it can help to have a guide to what some important nutrients are and how you can get them without taking them in pill form.

Sometimes there are reasons that make it important to take a vitamin or supplement in pill form, like illnesses or certain medications that can cause the body to have trouble absorbing certain nutrients.

Sometimes there are even supplements that can only be found in pill form and offer you different healing and healthy elements.

You'll find H through L combined in this week's post, mostly because there just aren't that many popular choices in this section of the alphabet.

Limited or not, you will find some great things in this section when you start shopping for supplements.

### Holy Basil

If you've ever been in a health food store that sells dried herbs, you've probably come across this herb. This is a plant-derived herb that uses the leaves, stems and seeds of the Holy Basil plant. It's often steeped as a tea, and can help with bronchial issues, like colds. It is also good for relieving coughing.

### Iron

Sometimes when you go to the doctor and they prick your finger they are testing the iron in your blood. If your iron is low, they may prescribe some little red iron pills to help you out. If you have been feeling light headed or your blood pressure has been high, you may be short on iron. Meat, fish and poultry are all good ways to get iron naturally.

### Vitamin K

Vitamin K helps your blood clot. If you have bleeding issues, your doctor may tell you to get more vitamin K, which can be taken as a pill. You can find it naturally in a few different foods. Vitamin K1 is mostly found in leafy greens. Vitamin K2 is in meat bi-products, like meat, cheese and milk.

### Krill Oil

Krill is a little shrimp-like creature, which is where Krill Oil comes from. You'll find it in supplement form. Though less effective than fish oil, krill oil also contains DHA and EPA, healthy Omega-3 fats. It's most often taken for both heart health and brain health.

### L-carnitine

L-carnitine is naturally produced in your liver and kidneys, but you can also get it from meat products. Carnitine supplements can be purchased, too. What this item does is help give you energy and it is a popular supplement for athletes. The best foods to boost your L-carnitine are meats, fish, dairy, beans and even the avocado.

### L-tryptophan

L-tryptophan is an amino acid, which is used to create protein. Another thing this amino acid creates is serotonin. That means that tryptophan is good for helping you get enough sleep at night. It's great for fighting depression, too. While you can find it in supplement form, it's better to get it by eating a well-balanced diet that includes bananas, cheese, eggs, fish and tofu.

Next week, you'll learn about Magnesium and what it does for your body!

Resources: [evitamins.com](http://evitamins.com) and [rxlist.com](http://rxlist.com)

## LHS juniors earn Eagle rank

Jack Eck and Holden Holsinger, juniors at Linden High School, have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Both are part of Linden's Troop 111. They recently celebrated their accomplishment in a shared Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

In order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the scout must complete a service project to benefit the community. Eck's project consisted of refurbishing a portion of the Flint North End Soup Kitchen. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, considered the national honor society of scouting.

Holsinger conducted his service project for St. Jude's Episcopal Church of Fenton. He, his father, parishioners, and fellow scouts constructed a much-needed storage shed. Built from scratch, the project required several people to erect walls, attach the siding, stain the sides, and install the roofing.

In addition to scouting, Eck and Holsinger are involved in various sports, advanced high school classes, and church programs.



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Holden Holsinger (left) and Jack Eck, juniors at Linden High School share an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to celebrate them earning their Eagle rank.

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# LOOKING BACK at this week IN LOCAL HISTORY

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## 5 years ...

**Sunday, June 2, 2010**

Longtime Holly detective retires his badge. In just a few weeks, Det. Lt. Scott Fischer will turn out the light in his office, walk out of the Holly Police Department, and call it a day for good. Fischer is retiring after a 33-year career with the police department.

## 10 years ...

**Sunday, June 5, 2005**

Main Street/Silver Lake connector to open this week. The long awaited opening of the Main Street/Silver Lake Road connector has arrived. The new gateway to the city will officially open on Wednesday, June 8. "I'm very excited to open the new gateway to downtown Fenton," said City Manager Michael Senyko.

## 15 years ...

**Sunday, June 4, 2000**

Linden grad claims teacher overreacted. Once again a small community, this time in Florida, is reeling over the death of a teacher, who died at the hand of a young student. In Linden, a senior is walking with his class during commencement exercises this afternoon. Unlike the deadly, violent behaviors displayed by students around the country over the past couple of years, Brad, a Linden senior, recently stood accused of committing another crime – asking his teacher if she needed a hug.

## 20 years ...

**Sunday, June 4, 1995**

GPA record set at FHS. Andre Gharakhanian graduated May 31 with the highest grade point ever registered at Fenton High School. The son of Henry and Debbie Gharakhanian achieved a 4.12 GPA by taking honors courses at his previous high school in St. Louis, Missouri and at Fenton High School.

## 25 years ...

**Sunday, June 3, 1990**

Chicken adopts unusual family. An area chicken has adopted an unusual brood — a family of cats. Bill and Barb Shapley of Linden were recently surprised to find their Rhode Island Red playing mom to a litter of five kittens in the shed of their Ray Road home.

## 30 years ...

**Sunday, June 2, 1985**

Knickerbocker beats city hall. John Knickerbocker's (Main Street) backyard flooding problems may be solved at the expense of an \$86,000 bill to the city's taxpayers. That's how much it will cost to construct a storm sewer to alleviate the flooding problems that have plagued his neighbors for years.

## POTHOLES

Continued from Front Page

Legislators, like State Rep. Brandon Dillon (75th District, Grand Rapids), believe the legalization of marijuana to raise tax dollars for road repairs is a viable alternative.

"Legislation will be submitted by Rep. Jeff Irwin (53rd District, Ann Arbor) shortly," said Phil Skaggs, legislative director for Dillon. "There are also three groups working on a ballot proposal on legalization on the Nov. 2016 ballot.

"Rep. Dillon has not taken a stance on any specific legislation or proposal," Skaggs added. "He simply believes we should be having a rational, data-driven discussion on legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana."

In an opinion piece published on milive.com/opinion/grandrapids, Dillon wrote: "Taxpayers have made it clear in the voting booth that they are skeptical about forking over more of their hard-earned money until they know the Legislature has asked corporations to pay their fair share and looked to alternative options to generate significant revenue.

What we need are consistent, permanent revenue solutions that don't simply raise taxes on middle-class, working families."

He also said the attitudes toward marijuana are quickly changing. East Lansing recently became the latest city in Michigan to decriminalize marijuana, following other cities such as Ann Arbor, Detroit, Ferndale and Mount Pleasant.

"When decriminalization was put before Grand Rapids voters in 2012, 60 percent said yes," Dillon wrote. "Recent surveys show that more than half of Michigan residents are in favor of legalizing, regulating and taxing the adult use of marijuana."

Dillon said some are concerned that these reforms would result in an increase in crime. That has not been the case in states like Colorado, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, where marijuana is already legal and regulated, he added.

In the year after regulating marijuana, violent and property crimes fell by nearly 7 percent in Colorado. In the states that approved the medical use of marijuana, alcohol-related fatalities have fallen by 12 percent, according to Dillon.

"Clearly, regulating marijuana hasn't created a public safety crisis," Dillon said, adding that taking marijuana off street corners and tightly regulating its production and sale will make it less available to minors.

According to Skaggs, polling data from March 2015 by Pew Research (which corresponds to historical figures from Gallup and the General Social Survey), shows that 53 percent of Americans believe marijuana should be legal, 44 percent illegal, and 3 percent unsure.

Local legislators have chosen to give their thoughts on the matter until the actual proposed legislation is actually before them.

Source: milive.com/grandrapids

**“He simply believes we should be having a rational, data-driven discussion on legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana.”**

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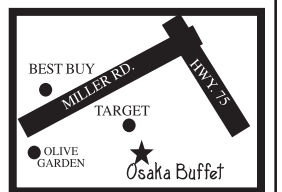
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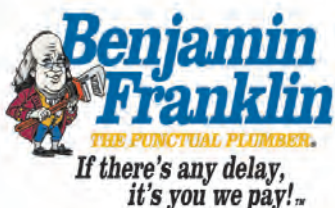
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# How to choose a sunscreen

■Broad spectrum coverage, SPF 30 and proper usage are most important factors

**By Sally Rummel**  
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With fun in the sun and warm summer days ahead comes the importance of protecting your skin from harmful UV rays.

Your risk is much greater in the summer, not because of the heat, but because of how high the sun is in the sky, according to Dermatologist Caleb Creswell, M.D. quoted in a recent article in USA Today.

Despite the fact that there are dozens of sunscreen products lining pharmacy shelves, the task of selecting the most effective one begins with a few simple guidelines:

• **Look for the term “broad spectrum,”** which means the product covers both UVA rays (ones that are most responsible for skin aging, wrinkles and sun spots) and UVB rays (stronger ones most responsible for sun burns and skin cancers). “This is the most important label to look for,” said Cortney Gwaltney, skin esthetician and co-owner of The Retreat Salon and Skin Spa in Fenton Township. “It should have both a chemical and physical block.”

• **SPF 30.** That’s the maximum most people need, according to most dermatologists. Sun Protection Factor is a measure of protection from the amount of UVB exposure. For example, if your skin would

normally burn after 10 minutes in the sun, applying SPF 30 sunscreen would allow you to stay in the sun without burning for approximately 300 minutes (a factor of 30 times longer), depending also on skin type, intensity of sunlight and amount of sunscreen used. Using higher SPFs often give people a false sense of security and they stay out in the sun too long.

• **Two of the best ingredients for protecting against UVB rays are titanium oxide and zinc oxide,** according to Gwaltney.

• **Beware of these two ingredients:** Oxybenzone can disrupt the hormone system and Retinyl palmitate may trigger damage, possibly cancer, according to the Environmental Working Group, a nonprofit environmental research firm in Washington, D.C.

Spray sunscreens are among the newest products in the market, but have come under criticism lately for two reasons:

1. Chemical inhalation isn’t safe for kids, especially those with asthma or other respiratory difficulties.
2. It may be difficult to fully cover yourself or your child. “The goal is to apply it to the skin with maximum coverage, rather than having it dissipate into the air,” said Gwaltney.

While the Food & Drug Administration has expressed doubts about their safety, they haven’t banned them, but parents should use caution.

## Tips for effective application of sunscreen:

- #1 — Rule of Thumb: Apply one teaspoon of sunscreen per body part, or approximately one ounce (visualize a shot glass) for the entire body.
- #2 — Apply it 15 to 20 minutes before going out in the sun.
- #3 — Minimize your time in the sun, especially from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More recent recommendations “to be on the safe side” is to avoid outdoor exposure from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- #4 — Re-apply sunscreen every two hours, or more often if you’re participating in water sports or are heavily perspiring.
- #5 — Apply sunscreen to areas you might forget, such as the tops of your feet, your ears, and your scalp.
- #6 — Apply sunscreen every day, not just on sunny days in the summer. You also need protection from the sun on cloudy days and if you’re outdoors on winter days.



“Broad spectrum is the most important label to look for on a sunscreen product.”

**Cortney Gwaltney**  
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Source: Consumer Reports

## Social News

### ANNIVERSARY



### STEHLINS CELEBRATE 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Anita Stehlin of Holly are proud to announce their 40th wedding anniversary on May 30. Richard Stehlin and the former Anita Castiglione of Detroit were married at Assumption Grotto in Detroit on May 30, 1975. They moved to Holly in 1978 to raise their family and still live there today. They have two children: Carrie (Preciliano) Mendoza and Christine (Lucas) Brill. They also have four grandchildren: Brandon, Logan, Jacob and Wyatt. They will be celebrating with family.



## ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,  
Certified Mechanic

**Q:** I have a 1998 Grand Am that has a p0301 misfire. I have paid a mechanic for a fuel injector, a pcm coding, fuel pump and code. I told him that I had poor acceleration, sluggish and sometime hard to start. Plus it has stalled out numerous times at a stop. Cruise will speed up to get to it set speed. Really pathetic gas mileage and the chugging continues. He claims he took a coil housing from a known Grand Am that was running and swapped it but the code and engine analysis shows the misfire still happens. What do I do next, since I keep paying for engine analysis that don't fix anything? Camshaft sensor and vacuum leaks and the idle air control valve are all I can think of as possible causes. Thanks for your help much appreciated. This car is a mechanics dream for experience and test case, but an owners nightmare for costs. —Kevin

**A:** Kevin, First off if you have paid to have this car fixed for this same problem more than one time, then you need to question the shop that is charging you and not repairing it properly. If they are not able to repair it, then you should not be paying, especially more than once. I would start with a compression test of that cylinder, both running and cranking compression. Compare it to the other cylinders. There are many other things that could be the cause like a vacuum leak, wiring to the fuel or spark control on that cylinder or a restricted fuel rail. You may need to go to a different repair shop to have this checked, but ask if the shop is sure that the quoted repair will definitely fix the problem.

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## BEANERY

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business, Red Fox Outfitters.

This business will be the single tenant in the renovated beanery building purchased by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman through their capital and real estate investment firm, SkyPoint Ventures, on March 5. Phil Hagerman is CEO of Diplomat Pharmacy in Flint, a global leader in specialized pharmaceuticals.

Site development plans for the property at 234 North LeRoy St. in Fenton were announced Wednesday at a media event attended by the Times, the Hagerman family, representatives of SkyPoint Ventures, Fenton city officials and other business professionals at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Red Fox Outfitters will be much more than just a retail store, according to Anderson. "The beauty of this building is that it will be a hub of activity downtown, including outdoor events," he said. "We really want to showcase lake and river activities like kayaking and fishing, while continuing to focus on walking and running."

Their current business, Red Fox Footwear in downtown Fenton, will be housed inside Red Fox Outfitters.

RedFox Outfitters will include reputable outdoor wear by such well-known brands as Patagonia, Merrell, etc., with many more vendor contracts now in the process of negotiation. Watch for sports equipment and accessories to enhance water recreation, from stand-up paddle boards to fly fishing. There may also be livery services offered in the future.

Anderson said he and Brown have been "blown away" by the support shown by Phil Hagerman, SkyPoint Ventures and the city of Fenton. "We found out about the beanery purchase like everyone else," said Anderson. "Then we met Phil through a mutual friend. They happened upon our store and really liked the atmosphere, outdoor feel."

Peter Hughes and Bryce Moe from SkyPoint Ventures then knew exactly what the beanery's future should be and whose hands it should be in. "We're renovating the building for them (Anderson and Brown)," said Hagerman. "It will be their business in our building, and we'll support them along the way."

With the early success of Red Fox Footwear, only in its second year of business, Anderson admits that this opportunity has accelerated the duo's own business plan. "It's something we could've envisioned in year five, and we're in year two," he said.

General contractor Rhoads & Johnson has already begun site work, with demolition of an addition built in 1945 on the east end of the building taking place last Wednesday. Hagerman, Anderson and Brown are hoping to have Red Fox Outfitters up and running by Thanksgiving, in time for the Christmas shopping season.

The completed building will retain its historical integrity right down to the red exterior paint color and the sheet metal roof that would have been characteristic of a granary built in 1856. Giving it a contemporary new character while adding visibility will be glass frontage on the east end of the building, welcoming visitors coming into the community off I-75 from Holly.

"It looks beautiful," said Fenton Mayor Sue



After years of being vacant, the beanery building, now owned by the Hagerman family via SkyPoint Ventures, will be renovated and become Red Fox Outfitters, operated by Jesse Anderson and Nick Brown. The announcement came at a Fenton Community Center news conference shortly after a section of the building had been demolished on Wednesday. A timeline for renovation has not yet been released.

Osborn. "I am so excited for this project. It's such an historical treasure and now will be a vibrant part of the community again."

Other news that came out of Wednesday's meeting is that the entire downtown Fenton will return to its original intent as a "vibrant, walkable community" with the re-opening of Caroline Street right through to the Jack R. Winegarden Library.

"We want to return the city back into a walking city," said Hagerman. "Caroline and LeRoy streets used to be the main corner. I firmly believe you've got to have a crossing point in order to make a successful downtown."

Hagerman added that they also bought the building at 132 North LeRoy St. for one main reason, to tear it down. "That will allow us to reopen Caroline Street. We need to work with

three of the businesses that will be affected, including Guenter Beholz Jewelers, Fenton Flowers & Gifts and Coldwell Banker Professionals. We've got a lot of work to do to create a flow of traffic in this city."

Osborn expressed her excitement about this aspect of Hagerman's vision for downtown Fenton. "It's been a dream of mine to revitalize Fenton," she said. "Thanks to the Hagermans, it's becoming a reality."

Watch for more site development news about the third parcel of land purchased by the Hagerman family through SkyPoint Ventures at 112 Silver Lake Rd., formerly the location of Fenton Collision. "We were hoping to announce them altogether at this meeting, but each project comes with its own timeline," he said.

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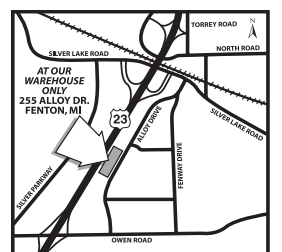
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# Linden golfers qualify for D2 state meet

By David Troppens

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At the start of the boys golf season, Devon Cota didn't really think there was a great chance of the Linden Eagles qualifying for the state meet.

The senior wasn't thinking about being a regional medalist either. By his own admission, he's the

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fourth-best golfer on Linden's team.

Sometimes the unexpected happen in sports. And in this case, both did. Cota shot a regional medalist score of three-over-par 75 at Jackson's Calderone Farms Golf Course, leading the Linden Eagles to a second-place team finish and to a spot in this season's Division 2 state meet.

Cota captured medalist honors by three strokes over Gibraltar Carlson's Brenan Meadows, who shot a 78. The Eagles' team score was a season-best 323, or three strokes behind regional champions Chelsea. The top three teams at the 12-squad regional qualified for state as did

the top three individuals who were not on a team that qualified. Holly finished just outside the top three, placing fourth with a team score of 336. Both of Fenton's individuals who competed at the meet — John Lloyd and Chris Gilbert — missed qualifying as individuals as well.

"At the beginning of the season coach (Tom Diegel) said our goal was to go to state. None of us thought we would be able to make it to state but we did," Cota said. "Coach worked hard with us and we qualified."

Cota said the 75 was his best round in any  
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## INSIDE SPORTS

**MADELEINE ZAYAN**

Zayan (left) and the Eagles defeated Brandon.

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## LF'S POTTS EARNS STATE GOLF TRIP

Lake Fenton senior golfer Wes Potts will get one more chance to compete as a prep golfer — at the Division 3 state meet.

Potts earned a spot at the D3 state meet by shooting an 18-hole score of 75, posting the best individual score among the golfers who weren't on a team which qualified for the state meet. In order to qualify, a team must've finished in the top three or an individual had to be among the best three scores among those who weren't on a team which qualified collectively.

As a team, the Blue Devils fell three places short, earning sixth with a team score of 341.

Potts' 75 earned him third overall. Other Lake Fenton scores were Andrew Allor with an 82, Jack Reese Miller with an 89, Brendan Rickert with a 95 and Sam Barringer with a 101. The D3 state meet is at Michigan State's Forest Akers West Golf Course.

# It's a Fenton-Linden final

**Tigers defeat Holly, Linden beats Fowlerville to set up district title match-up**

By David Troppens

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**Ortonville** — One team earned its spot with a blowout mercy-shortened 8-0 victory. The other earned its spot in the Division 2 Brandon district final by earning a tight 1-0 victory.

Either way, the tri-county area was able to enjoy another Fenton-Linden battle before the 2014-15 academic school year ended on Friday.

The Fenton varsity girls soccer team had a tough battle with the Holly Bronchos before earning a 1-0 victory in the district semifinal on Thursday, while the Linden Eagles had Erica Freeman score three goals in an 8-0 victory against Fowlerville, also on Thursday.

That set up a district title match-up between the two area foes on Friday night with the winner



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Fenton's Miranda Campbell goes to the ground after attempting a shot against Holly keeper Michaela Luchow and Linden defender Madison Brack. Fenton won the game 1-0.

earning a spot in the Farmington Hills Harrison regional, beginning on Tuesday. For the results on Friday's game check [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com).

Fenton's only goal against the Holly Bronchos was provided when Carly Granger sent a diagonal pass to Chloe Foor. Foor

tapped it on about a 45-degree angle into the net.

"(Carly) passed it to me and I saw the goalie come out, so I just took a touch and it went right past her," Foor said. "I liked how we passed to feet more than usual."

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## Devils headed to the finals

By David Troppens

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**Durand** — In a matter of 24 hours the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team saw quite a contrast when it comes to district victories.

The Blue Devils opened the Division 3 Durand District tourney on Tuesday by earning a thrilling 2-1 shoot out victory against Ovid-Elsie. A day later, the Blue Devils earned a spot in the

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Lake Fenton's Kuristin Porritt (left) battles for a ball with a Durand player.

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# Eagles' strong second half sparks 5-0 win vs. Brandon

By David Troppens

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**Ortonville** — Linden keeper Madison Paige and the Eagles' defense can be pretty stingy when they want to.

In fact, when Paige has been in net this season, the squad has allowed just one goal.

That streak remained alive on Tuesday. Paige made five saves in the first half, helping lead the Eagles to a 5-0 Division 2 district opening win against tourney hosts Brandon.

The Eagles' defense allowed eight shots in the opening half, forcing the sophomore netminder to be on the top of her game. Her saves allowed Linden to enter the second half with a 1-0 lead.

In the second half, the Eagles looked like a different team, dominating play throughout. Paige gave up the keeping duties about midway into the second half to Bridget Adams, and Adams helped the keepers earn the shared shutout.

"They've done really well for me," Paige said about the defense in front of her. "I'm extremely proud of them. It's the communication. We have to stay organized. Offensively and defensively, they know what they are doing, so it makes it a lot easier on me. I don't have to boss them around as much as I may have to (if that wasn't the case).

"I've worked really hard for it. I've put a lot of hard work into it. I just try

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The Linden soccer team celebrates a goal during the Eagles' 5-0 district opening victory against Brandon.

# Fenton soccer shuts out Goodrich, 3-0

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity girls soccer team took care of business during the opening round of districts.

The Tigers opened tourney play by earning a pretty convincing 3-0 victory against Goodrich. The win set up Fenton's Division 2 Brandon district contest against Holly on Thursday.

Fenton scored twice in the opening half to take control. Carly Granger scored the first goal on a pass to the corner of the net about midway through the first half. Later on, Margaret Berry scored on a header off a corner kick attempt, making it a 2-0 lead.

From there, the Tigers controlled action, never really giving the Martians a chance to get back into the game.

"We possessed the ball really well and shared it amongst many players which allowed us to attack from all parts of the field," Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said.

In the second half, Eryn Isaacson iced the victory with a goal. Miranda Campbell, Chloe Foor and Isaacson had assists during the contest.

Keeper Abbey Quesnelle earned the clean sheet, collecting three saves.



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Brennan Sullivan (left) attempts to kick a ball downfield during a recent Fenton contest. The Tigers defeated Goodrich 3-0 on Tuesday.

## PREP REPORT

### BASEBALL

#### ► Linden 7-10, Carman-Ainsworth 2-0:

The Eagles (28-10) prepared for districts in style with the sweep. In the opening game, Travis Petts had three hits and two RBI, while Jake Marshall drove in three runs in a 7-2 victory. Tim Sines was the winning pitcher, allowing one run and two hits over four innings. He struck out three. Aaron Sarkon earned the save, tossing three innings of one-run ball (an unearned run) while allowing two hits and striking out two.

In the second game, Bailey Davis had two hits and four RBI, leading the offense. Jake Marshall and Trevor Banasiak also had two hits each.

On the mound, Lucas Marshall pitched a five-inning complete-game victory, allowing three hits and no walks, while striking out six.

► **Holly 8, Withmore Lake 1:** The Bronchos (11-20) completed their season with a convincing victory. Travis Henski led the offense with three hits and two RBI.

On the mound, Charley Sump collected the win with two strike outs over four innings. Luke Copley earned the save.

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Linden's state-qualifying golfers are (from left) Devon Cota, Tony Mastin, Dylan Elmer, coach Tom Diegel, Tyler Ziccardi and Trevor Sundrla.

## GOLFERS

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situation. He said he likes playing links courses, which is the type of course Calderone Farms is. He also liked the group he was paired with. But what may have saved his medalist round was a little luck, finding one of his drives just inside the area of play.

"The amazing thing is I finished bogey, bogey the final two holes, so I really could've (done better)," Cota said. "But coach saved me on the 18th hole. He found my ball right next to the out of bounds marker, about a foot away (from being out of bounds). I already hit a provisional ball and it was out of bounds. If we didn't find my first ball, I would've been hitting five off the tee."

The Eagles' other scorers were Dylan Elmer with an 81, Tyler Ziccardi with an 83, Tony Mastin with an 84 and Trevor Sundrla with an 87.

"Earlier in the year we struggled, but I told them it doesn't matter what you do in April — it matters how you finish the year

off," Linden coach Tom Diegel said. "If you keep working your tails off and getting better every day I knew we'd have a chance at the end of the year (to qualify for the state tournament). Two weeks before the state tournament we started to put things together, and putting scores in the 330s. We almost won the district. The kids started to see if we remained focused and played well, we had a chance."

The Holly Bronchos missed qualifying for the state meet by one placing and by six strokes with a score of 336. Mitchell Hughes and Kyle Vanboemel missed tying for the final individual qualifying spot by one stroke, shooting 82s. Parker Rowse shot an 83, while David Mathews carded an 89. Mitchell Smith shot a 97.

Fenton had two golfers compete as individuals, and Lloyd also missed possibly qualifying by a stroke, shooting an 82. Teammate Gilbert shot an 84.

Linden travels to the D2 finals at Forest Akers East Golf Course on June 5 and June 6.

# Linden boys track places ninth at MITCA event

By David Troppens

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The Linden boys track and field team qualified to compete in the Division 2 Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association meet on Saturday.

That in itself was an honor. But, the Eagles also hosted the event and finished the event that some consider an unofficial state track meet in ninth place out of 14 teams.

The Eagles had six performers earn individual top-10 efforts. Andy Roberts had the best showing, placing third in the shot put with a distance of 47-feet-6. Following not too far behind Roberts was teammates Kyle Korman, who placed seventh with a throw of 46-10 1/2.

The Eagles had two more field event performers finish in the top 10. Nolan Hill placed seventh in the pole vault (10-9), while Mike Gold took eighth in the high jump (5-10).

The track performers two others place high. Jacob Cox placed ninth in the 100 dash (11.73), while Ryan Torok placed ninth in the 3,200 run (10:22.92).

Two relay squads earned fifth-place efforts. Mickey Varacalli, Nick McDonald, Conor Sproule and Andy Bennett earned one in the 3,200 relay (8:22.67), while Ryan Young, Gold, Cade Dickson and Cox earned another in the 400 relay (44.36).

"It was a great day, a great competition," Linden coach Nick Douglass said. "The Linden boys didn't place as high as



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Linden's Andy Roberts placed third in the shot put at the MITCA meet held at Linden High School.

we would've liked, but all in all, it was a good day."

## EAGLES'

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to give up the least amount of goals possible. My mental toughness (is a strength). I have to stay focused and that helps a lot."

Offensively, the Eagles were strong as well with five different girls scoring goals in the sometimes rainy conditions. Jessie Magalski, Alia Frederick, Erica Breitling, Gabrielle Freeman and Madeleine Zayan each had goals. But it did take a half before Linden put together their offensive threat.

Zayan may have shocked both sides when she took a pass from Grace Walterhouse, drove to the Brandon net and scored just 47 seconds into the contest. However, it was just one of two shots on target the Eagles had during the first half. In fact, after the goal, Brandon, with the aid of a strong wind for the majority of the half, dominated play but just couldn't score. A few of Paige's saves allowed Linden to enter the break up 1-0.

"In the first half we were against the wind so that didn't help," Magalski said. "But what we did in the second half was possess it better and we connected on our passes. We were moving and our defense held strong."

The Eagles got their second goal on a nice header by Breitling off a cross by Grace Walterhouse with 36:05 left in the contest. If that goal didn't end the competitive phase of the game, then Magalski's goal from about 30 yards out off a Teresa Walterhouse assist with 26:07 left, did. Less than three minutes later, Zayan sent a cross to a wide open Frederick, who scored the



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | KLARI FREDERICK

Linden's Breanna Howard (left) heads a ball in front of Brandon's Karlie Hoffman during the Eagles' 5-0 district opening victory against the Blackhawks on Tuesday.

Eagles' fourth goal. Finally, with 6:44 left, Freeman scored her goal on a Zayan assist.

"We have a well-rounded team," Magalski said. "Everyone does their part. We all click."



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## Holly baseball falls vs. Milford

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity baseball team gave Milford its best shot.

And for three innings, it was working.

However, the Mavericks' offense exploded for five runs in the fourth and five more in the fifth resulting in a 12-3 Division 1 pre-district loss for the Bronchos on Tuesday.

"We started out great," Holly coach Benny Jackson said. "We were ready, pumped up and focused. We had three solid innings, then we had the fourth."

The Bronchos scored single runs in each of the first three innings. The single runs helped Holly establish a 3-2 lead entering the fourth. However, Milford used three doubles, two Holly errors and a walk to score five runs. The Mavericks led 7-3. If the Bronchos were going to make any comeback attempt, the chances of that happening ended in the top of the fifth when Milford scored five more runs on three hits, a walk and an error.

"District games are great. You have to be on top of every part of your game — pitching, hitting, fielding and baserunning," Jackson said. "We struggled in a few of those areas in the fourth and fifth inning."

Milford scored a single run in the first inning, but Holly answered back when Adam Tooley doubled and eventually scored on an error. Holly took its first lead of the game in the bottom of the second. With one out, Peyton Belbia singled, was bunted to second by Noah Apfel, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball. Holly led 2-1.

Milford tied the game with another run in the third, but Holly answered back with another run in its half of the third. Tooley started the inning with a walk and eventually scored on Frankie Richmond's RBI-double. Holly led 3-2 entering the dreaded fourth inning.

Holly finished 11-20, but also captured its second straight Greater Flint Tournament championship.

"It was a tough year, we had our ups and downs in all different areas," Jackson said. "We were a little on the younger side with two freshmen throwing a lot of our innings the first half of the year. The experience will definitely help for next year. The future looks good for us, looking to come back strong next year."

## FINAL

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We all played better together. We connected well."

"Chloe always makes those runs to the middle, so I just knew she was going to be there no matter what," Granger said. "(When it's 1-0) it's scary, but we all trust each other so much we automatically know we are going to have this game because we have each other's backs all the time."

The Fenton goal came during the game's eighth minute, and from there it remained 1-0. Holly played a strong contest, but had a hard time getting to the Tigers' net. The Bronchos had two set plays in the second half with solid chances to score. The best chance came with about 25 minutes left on a kick by Ann Fetzer, but Fenton keeper Abigail Quesnelle made the save. The Tigers probably enjoyed more possession, but it wasn't like Fenton was getting a ton of scoring chances either. Holly keeper Michaela Luchow made 10 saves despite the tough loss.

"I think this is probably, by far, the best effort we had as a team," Fetzer said. "And even though the scoreboard didn't show it, we gave it our all. It was a victory in our eyes because we really

put 100 percent into it."

The Linden Eagles, who are a defending district champion, scored two goals in the first three minutes and dominated the Gladiators throughout. Jessie Magalski sent a cross to Freeman for her first goal with 37:47 left in the first half, and just 25 seconds later Katie Wilkowski scored, making it a 2-0 lead.

The Eagles held possession most of the game and did a ton of damage with their crosses. Before the opening half was done, Linden led 6-0. The contest ended with 32:35 remaining on the clock due to the eight-goal mercy rule. Maddie Zayan scored the goal off an Alia Frederick assist to end the game early.

"We are really good at keeping possession," Freeman said. "We had good passes and I think our team, as a whole, is good at passing."

"(On my goals) I was just going down the field every time a corner came in. I followed up on them."

After Freeman's three goals, Zayan finished with two goals and an assist. Wilkowski, Magalski and Frederick had a goal and an assist each. Teresa Walterhouse had an assist. In net, Bridget Adams earned the clean sheet, making one save.



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Linden's Katie Wilkowski traps a ball during the Eagles' 8-0 Division 2 district semifinal victory against Fowlerville on Thursday.

## DEVILS

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final by earning a 9-1 victory against tourney hosts Durand, in a game shortened due to the eight-goal mercy rule.

The combination of the two wins has Lake Fenton in Saturday's (May 30) district title game against Williamston at noon.

"We are like a family," said Lake Fenton's junior forward Kuristin Porritt, who had two goals and three assists in the victory against Durand. "We work really hard to continue our wins no matter what. ... As long as we work together as a team, in the end we are happy."

Tuesday's 2-1 victory against Ovid-Elsie was the thriller of the two. The Blue Devils enjoyed a great shooting edge, but trailed until MacKenzie Kato scored with about 20 minutes left in the second half. The game remained tied at 1-all, eventually forcing a shoot out. After the first shoot out, the teams remained tied, setting up a sudden death shoot out. During the round that broke the deadlock, freshman defender Tayana Brown made her penalty kick and Lake Fenton keeper Emily Moore made the save on Ovid-Elsie's final shot, sparking Lake Fenton's win.

"I wasn't thinking. I just kind of kicked it (to the right side)," Brown said about the winning PK attempt. "(When I saw it go in) I just ran. I didn't know what I was doing. I just ran and jumped into somebody's arms."

"You basically just go for it on one side and you have faith in yourself to just do it," Moore said about her approach to playing keeper during a shoot out. "I don't think about it."

On Wednesday, life was much easier. The Railroaders did have a semi-breakaway chance to take the lead first, but Moore made the save on the shot about 15 minutes into the game. Meanwhile, the Blue Devils kept bombarding the Durand net, but weren't able to score. However, just seconds after changing to a three-forward formation, Lake Fenton's Abbey Rhodes scored the game's first goal on a

shot from about 25 yards out with 14:38 left in the half. Before halftime came, the Blue Devils had three more goals. Porritt assisted a goal by Melissa Williams with 10:34 left. The third goal was probably the prettiest of the goals as Mackenzie Rampy took a shot off a volley that went right into the net from about 18 yards out. Then, with 1:27 left in the half, Ashlyn Skidmore scored a goal, making it 4-0.

In the second half, Porritt provided two goals and two more assists, while Williams and Kaitlyn Begley scored one second-half goal each.

"We may have started out kind of slow at the beginning of the year, but we've kind of built ourselves up as a team," Porritt said. "We have a lot of new players, so we are growing as a team in general. We've all done really well. We've all formed into something and I'm really happy about it."

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gun, allegedly threatening the neighbor twice. He then went back inside.

Police knocked on the man's door several times, however, he would not open the door. Police backed off, called in support and started securing the area. "He wouldn't answer any of our phone calls," said Story.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team arrived with an armored truck. Troy police also sent up a robot, in the event it was needed. A command post was set up behind Holly Foods, which is just west of the park.

As a precaution, police evacuated neighbors closest to the couple's home around 5 a.m. While some residents refused to leave their home, many were escorted to a waiting school bus that was brought in for this situation. Several school bus stops through the area were also rerouted.

Story said after the youngsters were gone from the area and heading toward school, the armored vehicle drove up to the front door and punched a hole through it to insert gas. Once the door was knocked down, the Special Response Team went in and removed the suspect,



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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office uses heavy SWAT vehicles, along with personnel, to handle the stand-off which ended with no one being harmed.

who was at this time under duress.

Story, as well as Sgt. Craig Simpson were on site and assisted with securing the perimeter. A search warrant was then authorized and executed. The police chief said there were firearms and a controlled substance in plain view inside the home. The narcotics enforcement team will be following up on testing the controlled substance for possible drug charges.

The suspect was transported to the Oakland County Jail, pending arraignment on charges from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

## IB

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Desks were arranged in even rows of five or six deep and across, facing the teacher, and students were seated alphabetically by their last name. If your last name started with a 'W,' your desk was at the back of the room for the whole year. The only way to get moved is if you wore Coke-bottle thick glasses and your mom begged your way to the front, closer to the teacher and blackboard.

Talking during class or passing notes was a sure-fire way to get in trouble, and if you kept it up, the principal's office was the next stop.

That doesn't mean an excellent education wasn't had. It means educators today believe they have since found a better way to teach children the basics — reading, writing, math, science, history, geography, for example — by engaging the students to take an active part in their own education.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program in Fenton is designed to do just that.

The Times visited with four teachers at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School last week, along with Robin Long, IB coordinator for the Primary Years Program at Tomek and North Road Elementary schools.

In previous years, Fenton educators and administrators created teaching units and lesson plans in accordance with state standards. Long, a 17-year veteran teacher with the district, said this occurred about every five years. During the first year, the plan was followed with integrity, she said. After that, teachers started getting away from the plan, doing things their own way and five years later, the whole thing became disjointed and there was no accountability.

The IB program forces accountability. As an IB coordinator, Long said it is her job to meet with teachers on a continual basis, teaching model lessons and maintaining and filing the appropriate IB paperwork.

"I am responsible for being the most knowledgeable person in the building about IB," Long said.

From kindergarten through fifth grade, Long has a complete understanding of the entire curriculum. "If I see the second grade is already doing something, I tell the teacher in another class to go in another direction."

Deborah Skergan, fourth-grade teacher at Tomek-Eastern, said the key piece of the coordinator's responsibility is to develop cohesive, international best practices. "It gives Fenton students the edge in the international marketplace," she said.

All of the teachers agreed that the ability to collaborate and reflect on their classroom teaching and activities with each other and the IB coordinator on a regular basis is critical.

First-grade teacher Sandy Munger gave an example of how students' learning has changed through IB. She said her class was studying a unit on sharing the planet, and how human actions and natural forces effect the animal environment. The students found a book and read where the polar caps are melting, resulting in the possible extinction of polar bears. Munger then showed the students a video on the topic.

**“...Is IB the issue or is there something else that is the basis for your difficulties? It sounds like IB is simply an easy target.”**

**Peggy Yates**  
Former superintendent  
Fenton schools

"They were shocked, they were indignant," Munger said. "They got excited and started talking with each other about it and sharing thoughts and opinions."

They could have been bound by the lesson plan — read the book, memorized the knowledge and thought too bad, too sad about the polar bears. Instead, the students decided to do something about it and wrote

to National Geographic Magazine (see sidebar below for example).

"The art of teaching is she taught the unit lesson and the students were more involved," Long said. "Teachers are artists, they understand how kids learn."

Long and the Tomek teachers in favor of IB say the last paragraph in a five-page letter to the Fenton school board by former superintendent Peggy Yates, which can be read in its entirety at [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com), says it all.

Yates wrote, "From 2005 to 2010, it was continually our mantra that the vision drives the budget. When there is no vision, there is chaos. Everyone grasps at his or her own straw and eventually follows the path of least resistance. Ultimately, the budget suffers as does the district. Does this sound familiar? Please ask yourselves, 'Is IB the issue or is there something else that is the basis for your difficulties?' It sounds like IB is simply an easy target."

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— Tomek first-grader

## Changed classrooms

Fenton elementary school classrooms are much different today than they were in the past. Through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, some of the changes are:

- Classroom space is inviting, stimulating and well organized. Displays of student work demonstrate individual achievement, ongoing learning and inquiry.
- Use of room enables students to switch flexibly between spaces appropriate to different activities.
- Classroom resources are labeled, easily accessible to and respected by students.
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- The teacher facilitates open-ended inquiry and real-life investigations.
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White's Landing owner Jonathan Hamel gets behind the wheel of a new Supreme model towing boat, with Silver Lake in the background.

## White's Landing adds new boat line

■ Well known for Bennington pontoons, local marine dealer adds towing boats to inventory

**By Sally Rummel**  
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282  
White's Landing in Fenton has been known for pontoon sales since Jonathan Hamel opened the marine store in 2009.

"Bennington pontoons are the No. 1 selling pontoon in the U.S.," said Hamel.

Now he is also catering to the water sports segment of boating with the addition of two new towing boats, the Centurion and the Supreme, both manufactured by family-owned Fineline Industries.

"This new line complements our Bennington pontoon lines," said Hamel. "Pontoons are who we are. But we're excited to be able to service our customers with two new boats in

an entirely different boating segment."

Both the Centurion and the Supreme focus specifically on wake surfing, according to Hamel. The Supreme is a standard model affordably priced "in the high 50s," he said. The Centurion is a world championship wake surfing boat with many more features and technology. "Everything's a touch screen," he said.

Hamel invites interested boaters to come out to White's Landing and demo either a pontoon or tow boat at the marina, across the street from Silver Lake. "We have a good selection of boats right now," he said.

Financing is also an easy option for boat buyers. White's Landing works with several local credit unions. "The rates are very

good right now," he said.

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“This new line (of towing boats) complements our Bennington Pontoon lines.”

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Lauren Oppenheiser (left) and Lucy Reigle hold the Brad Stone Scholarship plaque on Senior Awards Night at Lake Fenton High School.

### LAKE FENTON GRADUATES EACH WIN \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP IN BRAD STONE'S MEMORY

Lauren Oppenheiser and Lucy Reigle are the recipients of the 2015 Brad Stone Scholarship Award. They are graduating seniors at Lake Fenton High School. Sharon and Jeff Stone, parents of Brad Stone, made the announcement at the Senior Awards Night. Oppenheiser and Reigle will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and their names have been engraved on the plaque, which remains on display at the high school. Funding for the college scholarships is generated by the Stones' annual Brad Stone Summer Classic golf outing, this year at Fenton Farms Golf Club on Saturday, June 20.

## OPEN HOUSES

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She doesn't plan open houses for a Saturday because it's the busiest day. They have activities like volleyball, basketball, badminton, bocce ball, cornhole, and ladder golf.

Hoeberling learned it's easiest to order food instead of making it. Instead of making a cake, Hoeberling's friend makes a cupcake tower with Linden colors.

She mails out around 85 invitations, and then gives the graduate a stack to hand out at school.

For decorations, the Hoeberlings stick to Linden colors. "I use trophies as centerpieces and attach their pictures to them," she said. Her sons have collected sports trophies over the years, and they make great table weights and decorations with senior pictures attached.

Pictures are important and using digital picture frames that change every 10 seconds is a great way to entertain guests.

Hoeberling said, as a general rule of thumb, to give graduates around \$25.

"If they're a family member or a best friend then I give more," she said. Her sons do "Thank You" cards.

Hoeberling recommends keeping the event simple. "Get yourself showered and ready two hours before," she said. "Relax and enjoy your time talking with your friends and family. It usually helps to have a close friend or family member monitor the food situation, if something needs to be refilled."

Guests should congratulate the graduate.

### SUMMARY

■ It's appropriate to give \$25 to a graduate, and important to thank your hostess or host.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO  
(Above) Ursula Pougnet sits with family and friends during her son Jacques' open house last Saturday. Many parents consider open houses to be the perfect way to celebrate a son or daughter's high school graduation. (Right) Mallory Macksood, 16, plays a bean-bag game during the open house last Saturday. Yard activities are a staple of open house parties.

When leaving, guests should thank the hostess and clean up after eating.

"I think it's important the graduate talk to every guest and thank them for coming," she said. "It's a fun way for the kids to make that transition. Celebrate that they accomplished getting their high school diploma. It's almost a send off into their next step."



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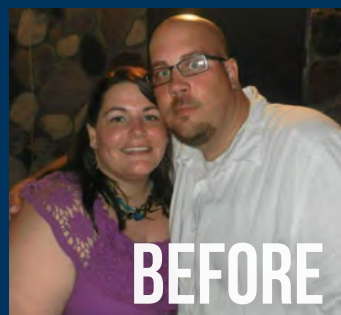
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## Senate Bill 103: Reduce "student growth" portion of teacher rating criteria

To delay until the 2018-19 school year the final deadline to establish a teacher "effectiveness" rating system, and reduce from 50 percent to 40 percent the amount of the assessments based on actual state test results of students in a teacher's classroom, with various exceptions. Rigorous evaluation standards prescribed by a 2011 law have been resisted by public schools.

### Passed 22 to 15 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	✗ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	✗ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	✗ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	✗ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	✗ NO

## Senate Bill 231: Ban selling "e-cigarettes" to minors

To ban selling or giving minors electronic vapor cigarettes, or any product or device that delivers nicotine. Violations would be a misdemeanor with a \$50 fine, which also applies to giving a minor regular cigarettes.

### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	✗ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	✗ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	✗ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	✗ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	✗ YES

## Senate Bill 240: Ban powdered alcohol

To ban the sale, use or possession of "powdered alcohol" in Michigan.

## Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	✗ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	✗ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	✗ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	✗ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	✗ YES

## Senate Bill 329: Authorize correction of Flint mayor election error

To revise the state election law to allow several candidates for the mayor of Flint to be placed on the ballot even though they missed the candidate filing deadline, reportedly because the Flint city clerk office posted a wrong filing deadline on the city website.

### Passed 34 to 2 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	✗ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	✗ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	✗ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	✗ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	✗ YES

## Senate Bill 86: Authorize more local pension debt

on a 2012 law that allows local governments to incur long-term debt to cover unfunded pension liabilities, but only if they close their traditional "defined benefit" pension system to new employees. The 2012 law also allows new debt to pay for retiree health insurance, which unlike pensions is not a legal obligation.

### Passed 109 to 1 in the House

To extend for three years the sunset	
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	✗ YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.)	✗ YES

## House Bill 4052: Preempt local employer wage, benefit or labor law mandates

To preempt local governments, public schools, state colleges and universities, and other governmental authorities from imposing wage, benefit, or leave time mandates on employers that exceed state or federal law. Also, to preempt local restrictions on an employer or employee's full freedom to act under state and federal labor laws, including the right to express views on unionization, to have secret ballots on unionization votes, not compelling employers to deliver employee information to unions, and more.

### Passed 57 to 52 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	✗ YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.)	✗ YES

# 'MISS POPPY'



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Alida Rose Smith has been selected as Miss Poppy American Legion Auxiliary 119 Linden. She began her year offering veterans poppies at Linden Alpine Marketplace during Memorial Day week. She will also visit VA facilities to lift the spirits of disabled veterans while distributing clothing and personal products purchased with donated funds.

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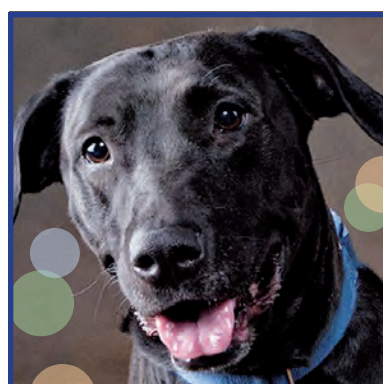
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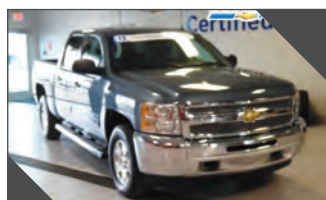
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