Where’s the ice cream man?

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It’s one of the happiest sounds of summer — the sing-song melody of the approaching ice cream truck. Kids stop in their tracks before dashing into the house for some money.

“My mom, the ice cream man is coming!”

In the city of Fenton though, one doesn’t hear the ice cream truck very often anymore. They’re around the neighborhoods for a short time and then disappear. Some speculate that the reason might be the requirements to operate an ice cream truck.

See ICE CREAM MAN on 23A

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The ice cream truck is becoming a rare site in the tri-county area. Costs and regulations associated with operating one may be the reason.

Who the heck is Dewey?

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Who’s Dewey?

That’s one of the first questions many people ask when they stop in at Dewey’s Auto Center in Fenton, not realizing the history of the business and the man behind the success today of one of Fenton’s landmark businesses.

Dewey is actually the nickname of Doug “Dewey” Johnson, a 1948 graduate of Holly High School, who dreamed big and made his reality even bigger with a string of successful gas stations and auto repair businesses in Fenton, starting in the 1950s.

He’s the founder and namesake of Dewey’s Auto Center in Fenton.

That was back in the day when gas stations were actually called “service stations” because they not only pumped gas for customers, they also performed various checks on tires and oil, and washed their windshields for free.

See DEWEY’S on 15A

Streetscape project on schedule

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Mike Burns, assistant city manager and director for the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), says Streetscape project, which began in late March, is on schedule.

“To this point, we have primarily worked on the installation of storm and sanitary sewer along with the installation of the water main.”

Mike Burns
Assistant City Manager
and DDA Director

Streetscape in Fenton is on schedule. This week, Shiawassee Avenue was completely closed between Adelaide and LeBeau streets.

More traffic shifts ahead as work continues

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“Thanks, Bruce, for confirming to the world what they already knew, that we are a nation of silly, stupid and superficial morons with the IQ and attention span of a gnat.”

“I want to remind residents that we have a family-owned hardware store in all three of our communities. Skip the big-box store and get easy parking, one-on-one assistance and keep our money local. Give them a chance, you’ll be pleasantly surprised.”

“Bikers, I do not want to hit you. Please don’t pretend that the same rules that apply to cars apply to bikers. You are not a vehicle and thus are not entitled to drive down the middle of the road. You are endangering yourself and others.”

A reminder to all residents. School will be out this coming week which means there will be lots of kids bike riding, walking, running and skateboarding on our roads and streets. Please be extra cautious when driving. Thanks, from a mom.”
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Most don’t remember that Genesee County was washed out 30 years ago

Inundated with 17 inches of rain in 24 hours

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There is a saying in Michigan — “If you don’t like the weather, wait five minutes.” A new saying popped up over the past several weeks — “It could be worse, we could live in Texas.”

Watching news coverage of the record rainfalls, devastation and death caused by floods in the state of Texas and surrounding states makes one wonder — can it happen here?

According to Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright, “It has happened here.”

Wright said 17 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period in September 1985, a week after he was named deputy drain commissioner.

That flood resulted in loss of life in the Flint area, he said. “A lady was driving on a road where the culvert blew out and she was washed downstream,” Wright said.

Many of the county drains were lost in the event. The county and other parts of Michigan were declared state and national disaster areas.

“There was much more damage to the county road system, so many roads were washed out,” Wright added. Flooding caused millions of dollars in damage, but when it was all said and done the county received $56,000 from the federal government.

Officials estimated the damage to public property outside of the city Flint to be $3.5 million, and $10.7 million to private property. The city of Flint sustained $5.3 million in public property damage, and $26.1 million to private property.

According to Tri-County News reports, the storm resulted in the closure of Tomek Eastern Elementary School in Eastern Elementary School in Midland and Bay City.

SUMMARY

Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright talks about the big 1985 flood, when 17 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period. The last big flood before that was in 1947, and in 1966, another major flood hit Saginaw, Midland and Bay City.

Heavy rains lead to heavy floods in Fenton last May. Here, Ally Drive claims a vehicle, while the Fenton Fire Department assists.

Fenton and Sherman Middle School in Holly due to power outages. Tomek students had only arrived at the school five minutes before they were sent back home. Sherman kids were never unloaded off the buses. Linden teachers were on strike at the time, keeping students out of the school.

The worst of the storm took place in the Beecher district, where many residents had to be rescued by civil service workers in boats.

Wright said the 1985 flood sparked significant interest in improving the county’s drain systems. “Hundreds of petitions were received from homeowners and hundreds of public hearings were set,” he said. As a result, millions of dollars in improvements took place.

See FLOOD on 16A
I wish someone had told me...

It’s that time of year again when hundreds of thousands of graduates all across America will be subjected to banal, boring, and predictable speeches by well-intentioned but misguided speakers. Litmus test: do you remember your graduation speaker? Me neither.

My graduation day, I wish someone had told me:

• When you get a job be fired with enthusiasm or you will be fired with enthusiasm.

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• Don’t feel guilty if you don’t know what to do with your life. Very few people know at 21. Some don’t at 40. Some never will.

• Be bold, be cautious, but for God’s sake, take some calculated risks.

• From the day of your first paycheck, save money automatically, pay all your bills, and establish good credit.

• Stand up straight and unacquaint. Most people will form their first impression of you by your posture and your speech.

• Respect your body. Don’t compare it to others, especially the ones in celebrity/glamour magazines. It’s a gift from God and the most wondrous machine ever created. Treat it as such.

• It’s all right if you don’t know what you want to do, but at least know what you don’t want to do.

• Live life. Do your job well but don’t allow the relentless quest for the next promotion, the bigger paycheck or the dream home to warp your priorities. Do you really think you’ll care about any of those things if you are diagnosed with a terminal illness? No one on their deathbed has ever said, ‘I wish I had worked more.’

• Never, ever read beauty magazines. They will only make you feel unattractive.

• Understand that friends come and go, but a precious few you should hold on to. The older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young.

• See America — all of it. I have visited many exotic countries but the most memorable and enjoyable vacations of my life have been in America.

• Get to know your parents. You will miss them terribly when they are gone.

• Never let anybody but yourself determine the definition of happiness or success in your own life.

• Know your strengths, but more importantly, know your weaknesses. Work daily toward minimizing or eliminating them.

• Read for pleasure. Doesn’t matter what you read, but that you do read. Keep books, newspapers, magazines or even a good magazine nearby in your living room. With few exceptions, there is nothing of value to learn in the vast wasteland of television.

• The most important moments in life are not the ones that Hallmark makes cards for — not the birthdays, the graduations or even the weddings. The real treasures are less pretentious. They enter our lives unscheduled, unannounced and unexpected, like a surprise kiss from a grandchild. These are what will become your most precious moments and memories.

I’ve read all I can about the IB program and still don’t understand what a good idea it gives to a graduate who has one. Could someone please explain that to me? Thank you.

With prices so high and ends hard to meet, no one should deny a $15 minimum wage. It’s great for people trying to make a living.

Oh, great, now instead of worrying about hitting potholes, we’re going to have to worry about getting hit by potholes.

Hooray for RAND Paul. Can you imagine someone in government actually believes the constitution matters and that it means what it says?

Well done, Holly Academy. Our grandson attended kindergarten this year and we were given the opportunity to be present at the wonderful program. We were so impressed with the compassion and direction given by the teachers and music directors. We feel very fortunate to have our grandson attending Holly Academy.

In Sunday’s Hot lines, someone wanted to know where in town we can take used ink cartages from printers. They can take them to Dr. King’s office in Linden. He has a box there and he disposes of them.

Can anyone tell what Fenton High School is doing with the very large pile of junk/brush/debris on the west side of the school? How are they able to get away with that for long? Other city residents could not do that.

See Hot Line throughout Times.
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**A:** Terry. There are a couple of things you need to look at on this vehicle. First, you should check the joints in the steering shaft for binding. This is a common problem. Next, is to remove the power steering pump and drain all the fluid to check the screen in the reservoir for any kind of restrictions. Clean or replace as necessary. Also, you should flush the power steering fluid with the proper type of fluid for this vehicle. Do not just assume that it takes power steering fluid. Call your local dealer for this or look in the owner's manual.

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**One in eight are addicted to their smartphone**

Overuse leads to less meaningful conversations

By Hannah Ball

If you’re reading this article on your phone, stop for a second. Look at the people you’re with and ask yourself if you’re engaging in the conversation. If you’re with a group of people, ignoring them in favor of the bright light coming from a little rectangle of technology, there’s a good chance the people you’re with are annoyed with you.

If you’re not addicted to your smartphone, you probably know someone who is. Talking to someone in New Zealand or Scotland, researching what to feed certain animals, or watching a football game live on your phone is incredibly appealing with adapting technology, but it can harm social interaction.

Sean Ahern of Fenton said, “Being ignored in favor of a text is kind of a bummer,” but he’s used to it. He described smartphones as great tools if used well, but they’re a “major force of destruction in real, physical interaction.”

“They hear what you say and will respond, but in a way that feels distant,” Ahern said. Smartphones diminish eye contact and there’s the “waiting” mode when people only pay attention to human interaction until they get a text or notification.

“There’s the ‘lag’ when you have to stop dead in your tracks while they read something or respond,” Ahern said.

Multiple studies have shown that people addicted to their smartphones have less meaningful conversations.

In “The iPhone Effect: The Quality of In-Person Social Interactions in the Presence of Mobile Devices,” a study published in “Environment and Behavior” by a group of students in Virginia Tech and Lulu Cheng of Monsanto, observed 100 pairs of people in a coffee shop and recorded how often they checked their phone, and emotional responses to their conversations.

The study found “many individuals in pairs or small groups checked their phones every three to five minutes regardless of whether it rang or buzzed, often held their phones, or placed them on table in front of them.”

Jaime Genevie, one of the students who worked on the study at Virginia Tech, graduated from Linden in 2005. She said this was the “first real-world experimental study” and they wanted to have more real-life situations.

“I personally hate feeling tethered to a phone,” she said. “I try to leave it put away or at home.”

The study found that people not looking at their phones had higher empathetic concern for their partner, which is what Genevie was most surprised at.

When someone’s on their cell phone and trying to hold a conversation, their attention is divided. According to this study, multi-tasking impedes understanding, retention and learning, inhibits capacity for deep thought, concentration, critical analysis, imagination, and makes it difficult to distinguish between relevant and irrelevant information.

Even when not in use, cell phones allow people to exist in another dimension. People worry about an online presence and a human one. People constantly seek information and connectedness, which can take away from everyday human interaction.

**How to get people off their smartphone**

- **Play “Pileup,”** where everyone places their phone in the middle of the table. If you’re at a restaurant, the first person to reach for their phone pays for everyone.
- **Draw attention** to it. Sometimes people don’t realize they check their phone every three to five minutes.
- **Text the person** who’s texting. Take a picture of them and send it to their phone.
- **Hide everyone’s** phone and put them all on silent. Allow for periodic checks in case of emergencies.
- **Vocalize** that you want someone to pay attention to you, not their cell phone.
- **Ask everyone** to turn their cell phones off.
- **If someone** is on their phone, simply ask them a question. This forces their attention away from technology.

**Smartphone facts**

- **One in eight** people are addicted to their smartphone.
- **Nomophobia** — the fear of being without your phone affects 40 percent of the population.
- **Two-thirds** of American’s own a smartphone.
- **Young people** and people with higher income and education have a higher ownership rate of smartphones.

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- **12%** of people use their cell phones while in the shower
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Holly teacher will visit D.C. three times this summer

School personnel use vacation time in various ways

By Hannah Ball
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Holly High School teacher Anthony Coggins is going to Washington, D.C. three times this summer. For the first trip, from June 14-19, the government teacher is taking 15 students to the nation’s capital, along with Linden High School teacher Melissa Mueller.

“If you want students to appreciate government, you have to put them in the center of it,” Coggins said. “You have to let them feel it. You have to go and be where it happens. You have to read the documents. You have to meet the people.”

This is his ninth trip to D.C. with students and it will be the first time a few of the students will visit the capital.

Coggins said he has some of the best students this year. “A lot of them are saying the most exciting thing is actually being there, by the monuments, and being in their presence,” he said.

A past member of the Holly community, Karl Richter, was killed in the Vietnam War and his name appears on the memorial. Coggins said taking the students to see that memorial and the name drives the experience home. Richter flew 199 missions and was killed on the last one from sustaining injuries.

“When they see that name on the wall, it kind of sinks in more,” he said. “He was an actual hero from our small community here in Michigan. The first time I saw it, it was incredibly moving. It’s now a sense of pride for me to take the kids.”

The Conferences

Coggins will also be in D.C. from June 21-26 by himself. Out of about 8,000 applicants, he was chosen for the Federal Judicial Center/American Bar Association Summer Institute titled, “Federal Trials and Great Debates in United States History.”

Last year, 20 teachers were chosen. They look at the effect of three landmark court cases that deal with studying controversy in the public eye: United States v. The Amistad (1841), Bush v. Orleans Parish School Board (1966), and United States v. Dellinger et al (“Chicago Seven”) (1969).

“In the conference, our goal is to use primary source materials and original transcripts to develop lesson plans on the workings of the United States judicial system,” he said. These lesson plans will be implemented in his classroom. He’ll also sit in with the U.S. Supreme Court and discuss cases with one justice, as well as the U.S. District Court.

Last year, the conference was in Philadelphia through the Bill of Rights Institute, where Coggins discussed rights of the individual vs. security of the country.

“I think teachers need to constantly be trying to learn, continue to get better,” Coggins said. “If I want to be a good teacher, I need to revamp what education is. I have to revamp how I teach my kids. If we don’t use this, we’re doing a disservice to our students.”

Lastly, Coggins will be in D.C. August 5-7 at the Library of Congress studying civil rights with a program similar to the Philadelphia Bill of Rights Institute.

Helping Students

Coggins said he’s been successful furthering his students’ education with these programs. “The real success is when students are able to apply it,” he said. “I’ve had great results.” Students have higher test scores and are more enthusiastic, and are more prepared to take the Advanced Placement Government test.

Other teachers share plans

Brad Wright, choir director at Fenton High School, is running a vocal camp. Junior Ambassadors Vocal Camp starts the Monday after school lets out. On June 29, the kids put on a free performance at the high school. “It’s fun to do. It could be a great opportunity to encourage a theatre program,” Wright said.

During the camp, which takes place from 9 a.m. to noon at Fenton High School for two weeks, students will learn vocal techniques, vocal health, and choreography. They will prepare songs as small groups and a few as one large group. He said the kids learn so much in two weeks.

“It’s a way for me to educate,” Wright said, adding that people in the tri-county area don’t know that they have four choirs. He wanted to create a safe opportunity for students to experience choir. Last year, 60 kids were involved, and Wright said students often return the following year.

“I like the idea of students teaching the next generation,” he said. “It really is a great time seeing the kids perform.”

Melissa Mueller, Linden High School theatre and English teacher, is going to Washington, D.C. with Anthony Coggins and Holly students this summer. She said she’s very excited because the first time she went to D.C., she visited her aunt who was stationed in the naval hospital and

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**PLANS**

*Continued from Page 7A*

Mueller didn’t get to walk around much. She and Coggins tried to plan a joint Holly-Linden D.C. trip a few years ago, but it didn’t work out. She’s excited to see the Vietnam Memorial and the World War II Memorial because her dad is a veteran.

“I sang in Paris and at the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach in France last summer as a part of the 70th anniversary of D-Day, and so I think seeing our own WWII memorial will be even more special,” Mueller said.

She and her husband have reservations to the lighthouse at Whitefish Point for their fourth anniversary. “We try to hit one a summer or two a summer,” Mueller said. They’re staying in a structure attached to the lighthouse where they’ll be able to see ships go by. On the way there, they’ll pass through St. Ignace for a car show.

Dan Schneider, an English teacher at Linden High School, will take courses at the University of Michigan-Flint to acquire his Literacy K-12 master’s degree. He already had one master’s in English Literature from Oakland University. His goal is to become a certified reading specialist. One class will focus on integrating technology into the classroom, and the other will include working with a variety of students in a writing camp.

Molly Plunkett, a math teacher at Linden High School, is planning “The Roadtrip Summer” for her three children, Sean, Amy, and Zoe.

“My kids are of an age now that they’re eager to travel. Just educate them a little on areas around Michigan and the surrounding cities like Chicago and Indianapolis. We’ll do fun things too,” she said. The kids also want to go to Cedar Point and visit more amusement parks. Plunkett said they’re definitely going to the Sand Dunes at Empire, Michigan and Mackinac Island. Also on the travel agenda is Florida.
Salon 416 earns runner-up ‘Salon of the Year’

By Sally Rummel

Salon 416 in downtown Fenton’s Cornerstone building is not only earning accolades from many local clients, it’s also being recognized nationally among salons across the U.S.

Owner Toni Widing received word that her salon was named runner-up for “Salon of the Year” by Salon Today magazine, receiving the award Saturday, May 30 in Orlando, Florida.

“I never expected to be recognized like this,” said Widing. “Many of the 100 salons that were in the running for this award are in much larger metropolitan areas and have been doing business for a long time.”

Salon 416 opened its doors in the new Cornerstone building at 134 North LeRoy St. on Dec. 2, 2014. It had been a dream of more than three years in the making, as Widing, a hair stylist for more than 32 years, placed all of her passion and expertise into the design and staffing of her dream salon.

The salon was designed by Leslie McGwire of Leslie McGwire & Associates Interior Design Company of West Bloomfield and built by Widing’s husband, Patrick Widing of Patrick Widing Custom Homes.

The aqua color scheme is a backdrop to silver metals and white textured marble, offering clients a relaxed, beach-like feel, while a professional staff of 19 hair stylists, plus assistants and reception staff, offer exceptional service and specializations.

“We provide hair services only and specialize in color, including Balyage, which is a technique in hair painting without foils, and a lot of Brazilian blowouts,” said Widing.

Salon 416 offers Oribe hair products, a concentrated luxury line, and will soon be offering an organic line of products. Clients also enjoy fruit-enhanced waters and sweet treats during their salon visit.

“It’s more fun than I ever expected,” said Widing, who named her salon after a Bible verse, 1 John 4:16.

“I couldn’t be happier.”

**Salon 416**

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people struggling with grief or addiction aided by multiple area support groups

By Sally Rummel

(The story is the first in a four-part series about support groups and how they can help people who struggle with addictions to alcohol and drugs, eating disorders, gambling, or who need help with life issues like grief.)

Mark Fisher was in his 30s when fast living and hard drinking began to take its toll on his life, his marriage and his career. As a former professional in Detroit area public television, fundraising and public relations, he saw his life crumble away from alcohol use, suffering great personal and professional loss.

He had his first drink at a friend’s sister’s wedding at age 14 and it was the first time he had been drunk. “I realized then how good it felt,” he said. “I knew it was best to put this (drinking) away for awhile, but I knew I’d go back to it.”

For Fisher, it was all about feelings, and how to be comfortable with them. “We’re all going to experience joy and heartache,” he said. “To wish a life without pain is to wish not to be born. But where do we go with these emotions and experiences? Feelings are huge for people who struggle with addictions.”

“Everything I had built, I had squandered away,” said Fisher. “I was in torture the whole time. I was never comfortable doing what I was doing, but I couldn’t get out of it.”

What saved him was a book, “The Courage to Change,” given to him by the author, Dennis Wholly, who became a close friend while they worked together on funding for PBS Late Night, which preceded The Larry King Show back in the ’80s.

“I began to bottom out in my life after I left PBS,” said Fisher. “Dennis had written this book about famous alcoholics who had the courage to change. I read Dennis’s own story, then Doc Severinsen’s (from The Tonight Show) story next. I fell apart, and never took another drink. I found out I wasn’t alone, that these guys had the same story. There was a way out of this.”

The 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous was a big player in the recovery for many of these alcoholics, but for anonymity reasons, it was never mentioned by name. “I learned you don’t have to live alone and you don’t have to be a victim,” said Fisher.

Today, at age 63, Fisher has been sober for 27 years. Married now to his wife, Beth, they have four children, including the two oldest Ryan, 35, and Lauren, 32, from Fisher’s first marriage, and the two youngest, Joel, 22, and Kara, 19.

Fisher, who has earned the title of Dr. Mark Fisher but prefers to be called “Dr. Mark” or just “Mark,” is working toward his pastoral ordination while serving as spiritual leader for Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton. “These two stories (from “The Courage to Change”) are what got me started, then my faith really took over,” said Fisher.

He is very pleased that the people of Transfiguration Lutheran Church have committed themselves to hosting 11 12-step programs that meet there on a weekly basis. “I’m proud of the fact that the church where I minister has opened its doors to people here. That’s what the church should be doing. It’s extraordinary. We have meetings here five days a week.”

For meeting times and places, visit fentonlc.org.
Water service installation continues at Mill Street and LeRoy for the Streetscape project. The project is two weeks away from shifting to the area north of the Shiawassee River.

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sawer along with the installation of the water main,” he said.

This work took place on the south end of the project in the areas of South LeRoy Street and Shiawassee Avenue, east of Adelaide.

The installation of water services on Mill Street is nearing completion. Once that is done and to accommodate U.S. Post Office traffic, Mill Street will remain a two-way street, with entrance and exit from Adelaide, throughout the construction project.

“We are now close to beginning the process of grading Shiawassee,” said Burns. “Next week, workers will be laying electrical and irrigation lines south of the bridge. We are about two weeks out from them beginning to pour concrete along the sidewalks with the road base being constructed.”

Once that is completed, Burns said contractors will begin construction north of the bridge. Reconstruction will continue on LeRoy from the Shiawassee River bridge north to Second Street.

Throughout the construction project, there will be shifts in traffic flow on local streets, but for the most part, one lane will be open to traffic.

On Nov. 1, it is expected that both LeRoy Street and Shiawassee Avenue will be open both ways to traffic.

Restoration and landscaping work will take place in April 2016, once the winter weather clears. That’s when aesthetic improvements including the placement of planters, improved landscaping, and the installation of new lighting, seating and trash receptacles will take place.

The Streetscape project is a $4.7 million undertaking by the city, being paid for by the DDA and federal and state grant monies. The work on LeRoy Street extends from Elizabeth to Second Street, with reconstruction on Shiawassee Avenue, Mill and Ellen streets and some work on Caroline Street. The majority of the project entails the complete replacement of the roads and underlying infrastructure.

For regular updates on the Streetscape project, visit the city’s website at cityoffenton.org.

**SUMMARY**

- Officials say the Streetscape project in downtown Fenton is on schedule, with work north of the Shiawassee River to be completed.
- The installation of water services along with electrical and irrigation lines is expected to be completed next week.
- Traffic flow on local streets will be shifted during the construction phase.
- Restoration and landscaping work is scheduled for April 2016.

**Downtown activities continue**

According to Fenton Freedom Festival Chair Patricia Lockwood, all downtown activities will remain the same during the upcoming Fourth of July celebrations. “The Rubber Ducky Race will start downtown just as it always has,” she said. “LeRoy will be closed, but there will be a walking path for people to use. We encourage people to come downtown.”

After the Rubber Ducky Race, people will be able to walk across the bridge to the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, where all other activities people have become accustomed to will take place.

The city’s Concerts in the Park began on Thursday, June 4 and will continue to take place at the downtown gazebo and park through August. The Farmers Market will also take place downtown on Thursdays from June through September.

**Open for business**

The doors remain open at all downtown businesses, and owners encourage patrons to visit their shops and restaurants, most of which have entrances in the back. Parking on South LeRoy Street is permitted.

Additional activities, such as the upcoming June 13 scavenger hunt, for example, are aimed at providing fun things for families to do while keeping traffic flowing through downtown businesses.
DEWEY’S
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Business was booming in Fenton, es-
pecially in the downtown area of North
LeRoy Street where Locke’s Party Store
is today. “Owen Road was mostly dirt,
and farmland,” said Dewey.

Cars were king back in the ’50s with
car dealers like Sullivan’s, Kirk’s Chrys-
ler and Kryza Jeeps, recalled Dewey. Ice
cream shops like Hageman’s Dairy and
Kelly’s were popular
hangouts.

Dewey was one of 10 siblings in a
hardworking family that had
lost their mother
when Dewey was just 13. “We all
did our part to keep things go-
ing,” said Dewey, who worked at
Kroger’s in his early teen years. After
graduating from high school, he served 18
months in Korea, coming home on June
22, 1953, and going to work.

While pumping gas at the Sinclair Gas
Station on the then-North LeRoy St., owner
Leo Foley asked him, “Do you want to
buy this place?” By June 28, Dewey had
made the purchase, learning quickly the
value of customer service and the im-
portance of taking advantage of every
business opportunity.

He also fell in love
cal girl named Susan
Kelly, having become
acquainted with her par-
ents, Wayne and Loraine
Kelly, through friends of
Susan’s sister, Sharon.

“When my father re-
turned from the military,
my mom was 16 and she
would get gas at least
daily in her parent’s car
so she could see him,”
said their daughter, Cindy,
who worked for her dad
through her high school
years until he retired in
1989. “It seems her school girl crush
developed into much more.

“He was so handsome, I’d just watch him,”
added Susan. “He was so kind and
nice.” Four children followed, Cindy,
Karyn and Brian) and 28 grand- and great-
grandchildren later, the couple celebrated
their 60th wedding anniversary with a
party on Feb. 25.

Just five years after buying his first
station, Dewey opened a Mobil service
station on the northeast corner of Owen

Throughout these early years, Dewey
was a family man, as much as a seven-day
workweek would allow. “They were open
seven days a week and didn’t close ‘till 10,
so I’d drive out there so Doug (Dewey)
could see the kids,” said Susan. “When he
get home after 10, the kids would shout,
‘Dad’s home!’ and they’d
come downstairs and have dinner with him.”

Family vacations were
spent in an RV, traveling
to every state in the U.S.,
including Alaska in later
years.

After 20 years as a ser-
vice station owner, Dewey
tired of the long hours and
steered himself into busi-
ness as a Goodyear dealer,
purchasing the old Glenn
Wilson dealership across
the street on North LeRoy,
where he had first begun his career.

After remodeling the dealership,
Dewey’s Auto Center opened in January
1974, earning a “Make America Better
award from the Flint Board of Realtors
for his efforts to improve the appearance
of the community. At that time, Norm
Brehmer was the Goodyear sales rep for
Dewey’s, laying a strong foundation for
the business, and for what was to follow.

Tragically, the building and its contents
were 85 percent destroyed in a fire on
Oct. 29, 1976, leaving only the truck stall
tire storage areas intact. “I kept all
my employees and paid their wages
the entire time of the rebuild,” said Dewey.

“We reopened in two weeks in the re-
mainning portion of the building and a
truck office.”

Dewey brought Brehmer in as partner
after the 1976 fire, and Jerry Lesperance,
who now owns Dewey’s Auto Center,
came on board as an employee on July 5,
1985. Dewey sold the business to
Brehmer in 1989. After suffering a hear
tack several years before, Brehmer
retired in June 2009 and passed away in
January 2011.

Today, Dewey and his wife still live in
Fenton, are getting ready to celebrate
his 85th birthday on June 17.

“For the past 14 years, I’ve lived in the
same home,” said Dewey. “I’ve lived a
happy life, so I’m not going to
complain and I don’t want to
hear any complaints.”

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place in the county’s drain system.
But regardless of how big a drainage
system we have, Wright said, “Mother
Nature can take it out. We can’t second
guess Mother Nature.”
Wright said it is not possible to build
a drainage system big enough to handle
another 17-inch rain event. “We would
end up having a drain as big as the Grand
Canyon.”
Wright said it normally took him about
20 minutes to get to work in 1985. “The
day of the flood, it took two and a half
hours to find a road that I could drive on
to get to work.”
His own house flooded that day. “I
bought that house thinking it would never
be susceptible to flooding,” Wright said.
“I saw areas flooded that I have never
seen flooded before that and not since.”
The Flint River and Saginaw Valley
was originally marshland, Wright said.
Cries there and areas along the Shiawassee
River are susceptible to flooding. Many
areas of the county have clay-based
soil, too, which slows down the drainage
process, he added.
“Our systems are better than they were
in September 1985, but there is no system
in Michigan or the country that is capable
of handling a 17-inch rainfall, Wright
said. “Seventeen inches would inundate
our system.”
In 1985, countywide, basement walls
collapsed in about 400 homes, 300 of
which were in Flint, he added.
“I will never forget the images,” said
Wright. “It was like Genesee County had
become one giant lake. It only took a day
and a half to drain off, but by then the
damage to the drains, and especially the
roads, was already done.”
The most vulnerable areas for floods
include roadway underpasses, near rivers
and county drains, he added. The biggest
danger through is the roads.

Fire chief says ‘get out of the car’
In the event of heavy rainfall and
major flooding, Fenton Fire Chief Bob
Cairnduff said, “Never, ever, attempt
to drive through water. Six inches of water
is enough to move a vehicle and 12 inches
is enough to sweep it down stream quickly.
“If you are in your vehicle and it is being
swept away, the first thing you should do
is take off your seat belt and then lower
the windows,” he added. “You won’t be
able to open doors once the water rises up
on to the doors. You do not want to end
up stuck in the vehicle if it is moving in
water. You must get out of the vehicle
and head to high ground before the vehicle is
swept away.

“If you have to get into the water, keep
your feet elevated and out in front of you
so you can brace for something,” he
added. “Attempt to make your way to
shore or higher ground. Being stuck in
the vehicle is more dangerous than trying
to get out and make it to dry ground.”

People should never take the force of
water for granted, Cairnduff said. “It
is very powerful.”

One of the other dangers of flood-
ing water is what is beneath the water,
Cairnduff said. “People will be unable to
see into flood water due to the dirt and
debris. There are many dangers under
the water. One of the most dangerous
is storm drains and manholes. Manhole
covers can be swept away during flooding
and the potential to fall into them or be sucked
into them is very high.

“Adults and especially children should
never venture into flood waters,” he
added.

The cost of flood insurance

According to Dan Bates of Farm Bu-
reau Insurance in Fenton, the cost of
flood insurance depends on the flood zone,
which is determined by FEMA, and the
value of the home.

Bates said he recently quoted flood
insurance to a homeowner wishing to
refinance his $185,000 seasonal Lobdell
lakefront home. “His house is 150 feet
from the water on a hill,” said Bates,
adding that the likelihood of his home
ever being flooded is nil to none. The
cost of the insurance would have been
$3,700 per year.

Bates said he also just quoted flood
insurance for a small rental home in
Burton, “where he’s on the flood zone there,”
he said, adding that the flood insurance
is required because of its close proximity to
the storm drain.” The cost for that home-
owner is $571 per year. “It’s ridiculous,”
Bates said.
Ballard pleased with her prep tennis career

Fenton senior advances to semis at state, headed to GVSU

By David Troppens
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Madison Ballard can’t complain too much. In fact, she is pretty proud.
During her four years with the Fenton varsity girls tennis team, she saw the squad elevate its level of play, capturing two Metro League titles and earning team state tournament invitations during three of her seasons with the squad.
Ballard finished her career with 97 victories and had undefeated records entering the state tournament twice (her freshman and junior seasons). Ballard is headed to play college tennis on a full-ride scholarship at Grand Valley State University, and should become a four-time All-State performer when the 2015 team is officially listed. Individually, she was a four-time No. 1 singles Metro champion and regional champion. Ballard did just about everything she was expected to do.

LF’s run ends in regional semis vs. Powers, 3-0

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Williamston — They finished their career with four straight Genesee Area Conference championships, earning undefeated league records in all four seasons.
The Lake Fenton seniors on the varsity girls soccer team also captured two district crowns, including one this season. However, one road block was too much.

Tigers headed to state semis

Fenton captures regional crown, defeats Regina, 1-0

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The Fenton varsity soccer team charges on to the field after defeating Regina 1-0 in a 5-3 shootout, capturing their third D2 regional crown since 2009.

Fenton’s 5-3 edge during the shootout, gave the Tigers their third regional crown since 2009.
The Tigers play Trenton, 1-0 winners against Livonia Ladywood, in the state semifinals. The semifinal game is Tuesday at West Bloomfield High School at 7 p.m.
After a scoreless 80 minutes during regulation and two 10-minute overtime sessions, the contest went to the shootout format giving each team five shooters a chance to score from the penalty spot. Fenton’s Brianna Costigan, Chloee Foor, Miranda Crews, Carly Granger and Sullivan made their PK attempts. Meanwhile, Regina’s Kendyl Fleming.

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Holly girls tennis places 10th at state meet

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity girls tennis team has made it a habit to make the Division 2 state tennis meet as a part of their regular schedule. And the 2015 season was no different.

However, the Bronchos made this season a little bit more special than most years, placing 10th at the state meet held at Kalamazoo College.

The Bronchos scored eight points, earning them the 10th-place team finish. Fenton finished in a tie for 15th with three points. The performance was the best the Bronchos have done at a state meet since taking third in 2004.

“It was quite the season,” Holly coach Will Sophia said. “The team was thrilled about the top-10 finish as well as the league and regional championships.

Especially from such a young, inexperienced team, the growth throughout was incredible. We hope to use this momentum in to the summer and on to next season.”

Holly had three flights advance to the quarterfinals of their bracket. Nicole Johnson began her journey by defeating Allen Park’s Kayla Hawthorne 6-2, 7-6(3) in the round of 16 in the No. 2 singles flight. However, her run ended with a loss in the next round to second-seeded Portage Central’s Carly Pratt 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 3 singles, Jenna Pepper defeated Farmington’s Isla Nigadau 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 in a three-set thriller in the round of 16. However, Okemos’ second-ranked Monika Fransciks won in the quarterfinals 6-0, 6-0. Finally, the No. 1 doubles team of Sydney Renhean and Paige Reid also advanced to the quarterfinals. They defeated Farmington’s No. 2 doubles flight 6-0, 6-1 before losing to the top seeded team from Bloomfield Hills Marian 6-1, 6-0.

Two other Holly flights won opening round matches. They were the No. 3 doubles team of Kate Beauregard and Abby Graff and the No. 4 doubles team of Michelle Major and Megan Lesperance.

Others who competed for Holly at the state meet were Haley Crimmans at No. 1 singles, Journee Kerner at No. 4 singles, and Lily Kossak and Danielle Sink at No. 2 doubles.

Holly finished the season as Metro League champions and regional champions.

BUBBLE SOCCER

-Ballard’s Bio

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points. It was really tight. She got up on me, and I’d get back up on her. It was a really great match. She just happened to get up on top.”

Tennis has been a life-long passion for Ballard, who is coached by Gilbert Raison out of the Genesee Valley Sports Center, and her determination on the court during her prep career has proven that. Deadly on the baseline, Ballard completed her career with an overall record of 99-8, with half of those losses eventually coming at the state meet.

The record included a sophomore year that was hampered by shoulder and back injuries due to a car accident. Still, she showed her determination to finish the year with a 21-4 mark, and, of course, earning All-State honors.

“Ninety-five wins, I didn’t know that,” Ballard said when she found out about her prep win total. “That’s a pretty good career.”

“I’m so proud of my four years. I couldn’t have had better teammates than I had. They always supported me.”

“She won four regional titles and was four-time all-state,” Fenton coach and Madison’s father, Gary Ballard said. “Very few girls have done that at No. 1 singles. She’s had a good career. Her ultimate goal was to win a state title, which she really close to doing this year. She gave that girl the toughest match at the state tournament.”

And now, comes the next chapter of Ballard’s career. She’ll be playing college tennis at the D2 level for Grand Valley State University. The Lakers are a strong squad, posting a 22-7 record overall and a 10-2 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record. The team qualified for the Division 2 national tourney for the 15th time during the spring. Due to graduations, Ballard could see herself jump into the starting lineup quickly.

“It’s always been a goal of mine. All of the hard work I’ve put in has led me to the collegiate level,” Ballard said. “It’s a dream.”

Ballard’s other school she was looking into was Fordham University. She visited Fordham in February, but the Fenton graduate selected Grand Valley.

“I really liked Grand Valley when I visited there,” Ballard said. “The campus is gorgeous and I really like the girls on the team. One of the girls on the team, Abbey Perkins, I’ve known since sophomore year.”

And now, Ballard will get a chance to play doubles as well as singles.

“Doubles is my favorite, because I love to volley,” Ballard said. “Doubles is just real fun, real competitive and real quick.”

Ballard hasn’t established her goals for GVUSJ just yet.

“I haven’t gotten there yet, I have long-term goals, but I haven’t made my short-term ones yet,” Ballard said. “My long-term goals, hopefully play at the top of the lineup at singles, train really hard and perform well. My short-term goals will involve getting used to and getting the feel of the different schedule – time management.”

If her prep career is any indication, it’ll only be a matter of time before Ballard’s name is a household name in Grand Valley State athletics.
Tigers push aside Clio, advance to regional final

By David Troppens
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Farmington Hills — Anyone who thought the Clio Lady Mustangs had a chance of posting an upset against the Fenton varsity girls soccer team in the two team’s Division 2 regional semifinal game on Tuesday, saw those chances end less than a minute into the contest. To be precise, it took 51 seconds to see those chances end.

That was how long it took Chloe Foor to score the Tigers’ first goal, sparking Fenton to an easy 4-0 regional semifinal victory at Farmington Hills Harrison High School.

The win means Fenton played Warren Regina at Harrison High School on Thursday for the regional crown. The results of the Regina game can be found elsewhere in this publication.

“Yeah, you could,” Foor said when asked if she could sense Clio’s enthusiasm fall after the game’s opening goal. “We all wanted to come out winning and fast. That was a priority for us. I don’t think that goal was good for their confidence at all.”

The Mustangs probably needed some sort of confidence-builder in order to compete, considering the Tigers defeated Clio 4-0 on May 6, but that wasn’t happening. Fenton earned a corner kick within 40 seconds of the start of the game. Bri Costigan crossed the ball, and it got to Foor at the far-side post for the goal. “Bri crossed it and I thought Carly (Granger) was going to head it in,” Foor said. “But I thought she was kind of far away, so I went behind them and put it in.”

“We were really lucky to get that early goal,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “I think that took the wind out of their sails and gave us some confidence. We were really able to push forward. Once we got that second goal, they had to change things up a bit and we took advantage of it.”

The Tigers took advantage of just about everything that happened on the pitch. In fact, Fenton dominated possession so much that Clio only earned one shot on net against Fenton keeper Abbey Quesnelle throughout the entire game. That shot came with Clio trailing 1-0 with about 23 minutes left in the opening half. It was a quality shot by Sarah Wilkinson, but Quesnelle made the save.

About five minutes later, with 14:42 left in the opening half, another cross resulted in the Tigers’ second goal. This time it was a cross from Emma Evo which initially had a flick by Foor. However, the ball continued toward the far post where Carly Granger tapped the ball in for the easy open goal. Fenton led 2-0.

That goal ended any small chance Clio had of getting back into the contest. Fenton enjoyed a 11-1 shot edge in the opening half and a 25-2 edge for the entire contest. Clio’s only shot in the second half came on a harmless shot from distance that ended up about eight feet wide from the net.

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has been around, ending each strong season. And it happened again this year. The Blue Devils saw their season come to an end in the Division 3 regional semifinals at Williamston High School as the Flint Powers Chargers held possession for most of the contest and collected a 3-0 victory.

Powers’ win advanced the Chargers to Friday’s regional title game against Jackson Lumen Christi. For Lake Fenton the loss was an other tough one against the Chargers (23-3), but not one that dampened their spirits. After all, the loss didn’t tarnish the strong season.

“This season has meant so much to me, especially going as far as we did,” senior co-captain Melissa Williams said. “We had a lot of new players, a lot of freshmen. It was a lot different this year, but I think we did really well.”

“This season has been a great season,” fellow senior co-captain Kaitlyn Begley said. “Out of my whole four years this season ranks right up there with our sophomore season. I couldn’t ask for a better team. We had a great run. We have a lot of heart. And they’ll be fine next year and years to come.”

The Blue Devils (17-6-2) weren’t able to get many scoring chances against what was a very strong possession Chargers’ squad. However, it took Powers awhile to grasp strong enough control of the game to completely assure the contest’s outcome.

Lake Fenton actually had one of the first outstanding chances to score in the contest. About 11:30 into the game, Lake Fenton’s Abbey RHodes took a shot from about 20 yards out, and the ball hit the crossbar. However, the scoring chances were rare.

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Image: (Top photo) Fenton’s Cassidy Curtis (center) celebrates a goal with teammates Emma Bellini (left) and Rachel Becker during Fenton’s 4-0 regional semifinal victory against Clio. (Right photo) Fenton’s Emma Bellini (right) competes for a ball. (Above left) Eryn Isaacson (right) tries to get to a ball.
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Betsy Lueck and Lexie Pinazzo made the Saddlelites first three shots. However, Quenselle saved the fourth one by Audrey Fleming, giving Fenton a 4-3 lead and setting up Sullivan’s chance to clinch the regional crown. Regina keeper Sarah Hirschmann got her hands on it, but the shot was strong enough to go into the net, setting up the Tigers’ charge toward Sullivan and Quenselle for a team celebration on the turf.

“I don’t really know what I was thinking,” Quenselle said about the PK she saved. “I was taking a step right and it came right at me, so I decided not to move.

“(Winning the regional title) is insane. I’m completely excited. I love these girls so much.”

Love was a common theme of the players during the celebration.

“It’s overwhelming. I’m really excited and really happy,” Fenton senior Carly Granger said. “I’m filled with a lot of love.”

“We just made sure every time we came together during the breaks or after the overtime,” Sullivan said. “We came together and smiled at each other. We looked at each other and just cherished it. We made sure we were on the same page. It doesn’t matter if we win or lose, we just all love each other.”

The Tigers entered the contest as the underdogs on paper. And with the start of each half, Regina looked like the more skilled squad. Fenton allowed Regina to keep more possession just as long as the Tigers had strong numbers to prevent any type of shot. The Tigers delivered the game plan brilliantly. However, as each half went on, the Tigers’ constant substitution patterns — assuring a fresh Fenton lineup at all times — paid dividends. The Tigers finished each half on equal terms with the Saddlelites, and by the final 10 to 15 minutes were usually taking control of the period themselves.

“I think we started to get a little stronger toward the end,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “That’s the subbing. We wanted to keep extending the game and that’s why we kept subbing people. It worked.

“We let them play with the ball. We tried to keep them in front of us.”

When the contest entered the two 10-minute overtime periods, it was Regina who appeared to tire and to be holding on for the possibility of trying to win the contest with a shootout. The Tigers outshot Regina 7-1 in the two extra periods, and had several dangerous set plays and shots in an attempt to win it before the shootout.

“We were just a lot tougher, we went for everything,” Granger said. “We outworked them.”

“We thought about each other and we didn’t give up on each other,” Quenselle said. “We constantly looked at each other and made sure everything we were doing was as much as we could be doing.”

The Tigers’ last two trips to the state semifinals ended in the semis, both times to Marian. In 2013, Fenton lost to Marian 2-1 at Fenton High School. In 2009, Marian defeated Fenton 1-0 at the same place Thursday night’s game was played, at Farmington Hills Harrison High School.
Maverick Latimer was 7 when he asked businesses to place candy machine in store

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Fenton — Proving that important business transactions don’t only take place between multi-million dollar business moguls, Maverick Latimer, 8, signed over his business to Henry Munkres, 10, and Jackson Munkres, 12, on Monday. With their parents in the room and the signing of the papers, tri-county area’s youngest entrepreneurs discussed business and candy with Maverick selling his first business, Mavericks Candy Co., a candy machine business.

The machines, full of Skittles, peanut M&M’s, and Reese’s Pieces, are located in Sagebrush Cantina, Kan Rock Tire on North LeRoy Street, Birds Beware, and LaBeau Salon & DaySpa on Owen Road. Each has Maverick’s face on it, which will be replaced with the new owners’ faces.

Maverick started his candy vending machine business last year when he was 7. His father, Josh Latimer, owner of Birds Beware Window Cleaning and Bugs Beware in Fenton, gave him a $500 loan to buy an Android tablet for bookkeeping, a uniform, and candy, which he is required to pay back with 0 percent interest. Maverick is the oldest of three sons, and each will have an opportunity to start a business.

When Maverick chose his candy machine business, he memorized a long script and recited it to businesses to find locations for his machines. At first, businesses were hesitant, Latimer said, but once Maverick followed up, they were more open to the idea.

He chose a candy business because, “I wanted a business and to start an easy business,” Maverick said. He always cleaned his machines and made sure they were full of fresh candy.

He split his earnings into three categories: savings, spending and giving.

“We are huge believers in giving and think teaching our son this now will equip him for lifelong prosperity,” Latimer said.

By starting a business, Maverick learned about profit, inventory, revenue, and getting people’s attention. He made between $500 and $1,000 in profit.

He also learned the value of a dollar and fake dollars when people stole from him. A few people put fake money in his machines.

“He learned a great deal about people stealing from him,” Latimer said, adding that it was a great lesson for him.

Maverick sold his business because the Latimers are moving to Costa Rica in six weeks. He’s sure what kind of business he wants to own there, though.

Henry and Jackson are excited to take over the business. “It’s good that we found more machines,” Jackson said.

However, this is not their first business. They previously owned one candy machine.

“It’s pretty cool starting your own business because you learn a lot for later in life,” Jackson said.

He also has a mowing company. Three years ago, Jackson started the business with a push mower, but now owns and uses a riding mower.
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