

# Where's the ice cream man?

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

"M-o-o-o-m, 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

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.



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### 'Much ado about nothing'

■ Attorney, police say Fenton teacher committed no crime

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A Fenton High School teacher remains on paid administrative leave this week while the district wraps up its investigation into allegations of inappropriate communication with a former student three years ago. The teacher's name has not been released as no criminal charges have been filed.

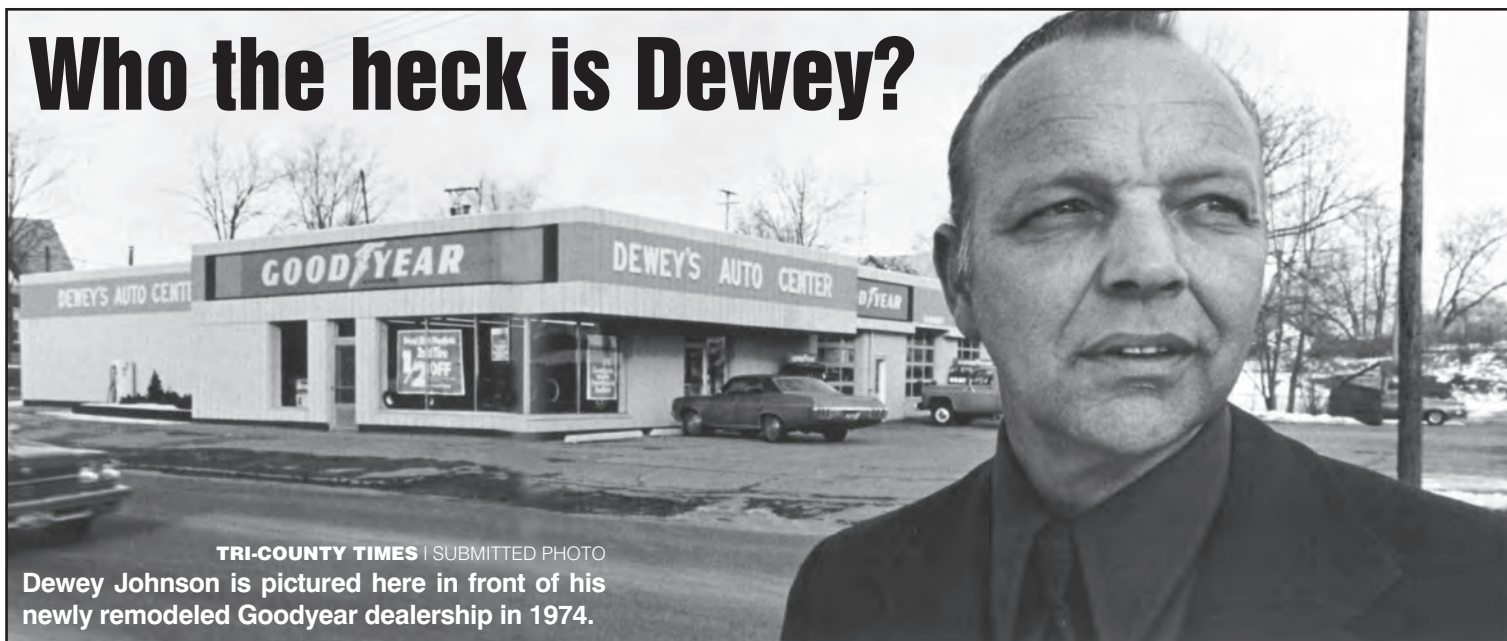
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“The level of hysteria that has been generated is far beyond anything that has occurred...”

Frank Manley

Attorney for Fenton teacher

### Who the heck is Dewey?



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Dewey Johnson is pictured here in front of his newly remodeled Goodyear dealership in 1974.

### He's the founder and namesake of Dewey's Auto Center in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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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.

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

■ More traffic shifts ahead as work continues

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

"To this point, we have primarily worked on the installation of storm and sanitary

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“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

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

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“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

“...  
We can’t  
second  
guess  
Mother  
Nature.”

Jeff Wright  
Genesee County  
Drain Commissioner



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Heavy rains lead to heavy floods in Fenton last May. Here, Alloy 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.

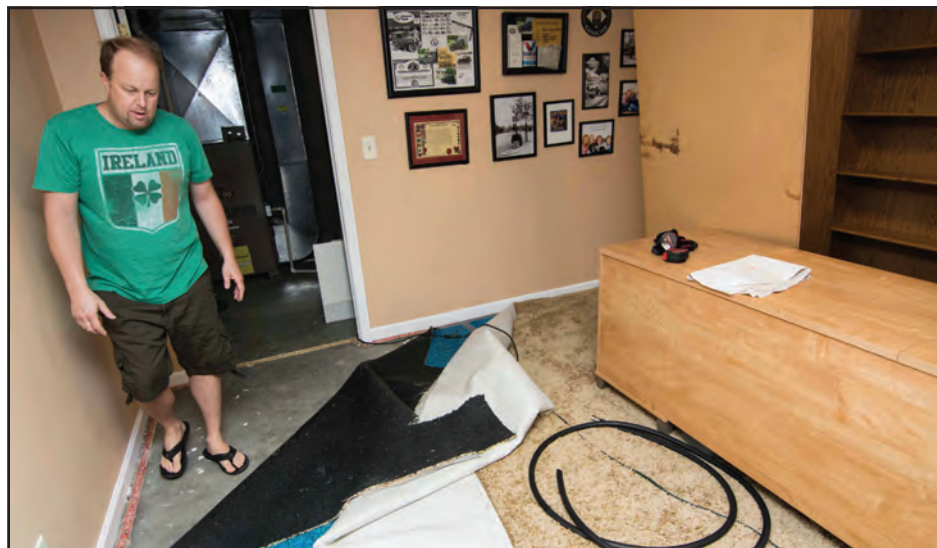
The worst of the storm took place in the Beecher district, where many residents had to be rescued by civil service workers in boats.

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

See FLOOD on 16A

## 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 1986, another major flood hit Saginaw, Midland and Bay City.



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Rick Orlowski of Fenton surveys the flood damage following the heavy rains in Fenton last May.



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# 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.

On 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.

• **Education is** a good thing, but you would do well to remember that very little worth knowing can be taught, it must be learned.

• **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 enunciate. 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 catalogues 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.

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**NOT TOO LONG** ago, stealing someone's horse, leaving them in the middle of nowhere, was akin to leaving them to die and the punishment was capital. So with carjacking, what's really the difference?

• **IF THE IB** program only has a 40-percent approval rating among teachers and parents, what justifies keeping it with the cost of the program?

• **OBAMACARE IS A** story of failure. The system is on life support and this is going to start occurring in many other states. The Supreme Court will be making its opinions known on Obamacare, hopefully finding that it is unconstitutional.

• **IT'S NOT SO** much what Bruce Jenner is doing that bothers me, it's that he insists on demanding that the media present it to the world as a healthy and a normal decision.

• **THE PERSON WHO** said that most teachers support IB is wrong. A study was done, including a poll of the teachers, and that majority did not support it. Get your facts straight. I'm a teacher.

• **INSTEAD OF DELEGATING** gangs and police, Obama decided to target police. Now the police are doing what they've been told to do, which is stand

down. There's been a dramatic rise in violence and criminality. So let's let the rioters, criminals, and thugs police their own city.

• **THEY SHOULD PAY** the weather people on TV triple their wage because that's all there is on the news. They have nothing to report, so they turn it all over to the weather and traffic.

• **WHO CARES THAT** Michael Jackson's property was worth millions of dollars? He should have given it to the poor.

• **WHEN DID SOCIETY** become so sterile that you can't let a cat outdoors? My goodness, I think God knew what he was doing when he taught them to hunt and climb trees. The world has gone crazy.

• **HOW IRONIC, NOW** people are coming out of the woodwork saying what a shame the Baptist seminary has to be torn down. It's such a beautiful building, too bad it can't be saved. Where were these people the last 20 years when the owner was begging for help to refurbish it?

• **WHOEVER CALLED IN** the thing about you don't deserve \$15 an hour if you skip school and be lazy, boy, you are stupid. That doesn't have anything to do with it. You don't know people at all.

• **RUBY, I KNOW** you're getting along in years but you'll always be the good dog because Denise takes such good care of you. Miss you very much.

• **I'VE READ ALL** I can about the IB program and still don't understand what advantage 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 this long? Other city residents could not do that.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## What do you remember about the ice cream man?

## streettalk



"I remember the red, white, and blue popsicles with the gum ball on the top and how he was always sold out of them."

— Derek Rose  
Mundy Township



"I remember that my dad had supersonic hearing when it came to the ice cream man. No other time was money thrust into my hand so quickly."

— Lauren Kondrat  
Fenton Township



"I remember the music and creamsicles."

— Dorothy Switalski  
Montrose Township



"Most of the time the ice cream was melted and refrozen so it stuck to the wrapper."

— Linda Andrada  
Fenton



"They used to come by our house every day in the summer and I spent \$260 on ice cream sandwiches and Nestle ice cream bars."

— Chris Sobczak  
Lyon Township



"We would stop playing, beg mom for money, and run down the street whenever he came by."

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# One in eight are addicted to their smartphone

■ Overuse leads to less meaningful conversations

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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



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Checking how many 'likes' your Facebook post receives can be addictive, but as that number increases, the number of people who enjoy spending time with you may decrease.

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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cell phones while  
in the shower



50%

of people text  
while driving



Women  
are more likely than men  
to experience phone-  
separation anxiety



# Holly teacher will visit D.C. three times this summer

■ School personnel use vacation time in various ways

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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 (1960), 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



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Anthony Coggins said that visiting monuments like the Lincoln Memorial is one of the most exciting aspects for students when they visit Washington, D.C.

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.

**"I have to revamp how I teach my kids. If we don't use this, we're doing a disservice to our students."**

**Anthony Coggins**  
Holly High School teacher

If we don't use this, we're doing a disservice to our students."

Lastly, Coggins will be in D.C. August 3-7 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

**See PLANS on 9A**

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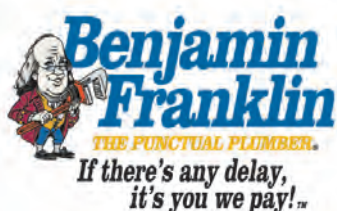
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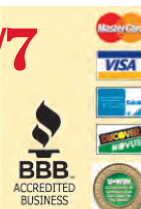
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## Family Fun Scavenger Hunt in downtown Fenton

A Family Fun Scavenger Hunt will be held in downtown Fenton on Saturday, June 13, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine. Participants may pick up entry cards at the information booth near Fenton City Hall and search for answers to clues at each participating business. Fill in all the blanks and get your card stamped at each business to enter a drawing for a prize basket filled with gift cards valued at over \$400. A clown, magician, children's author, live entertainment, refreshments, freebies and seasonal specials will also be featured at restaurants and shops along the way. Once participants have solved their entire list, they are to turn in their card at the information booth by 3:45 p.m. No purchase necessary. Only one entry per person will be allowed. Participants need not be present to win. It is not a race. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Drawing will take place at 4 p.m. June 13.

## PLANS

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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's also taking her husband 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.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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■■■■ **HEY, HOLLY HOW** long are you planning on dragging your feet on the Fish Lake Road detour? It seems like it has been closed for two years, maybe longer. What is up with that? And the fix on North Holly Road stinks, too.

■■■■ **MY DAUGHTER IS** graduating this Sunday. During the ceremony practice they were told that it is unprofessional to decorate their caps and it could be done when they graduate from college since they are paying for it themselves. We did pay for the cap and gown for high school graduation.

■■■■ **IF YOU WATCH**, read or listen to any of the freak show coverage regarding the Bruce Jenner saga, you are as deeply disturbed as the media that force-feeds this drivel to us.



### ADVENTURE PADDLE IN ITS 11TH YEAR

The 11th annual Headwaters Trail's Adventure Paddle will take place on Sunday, June 14. It will start at Waterworks Park on South Broad Street in Holly. Canoes and kayaks will paddle seven miles to Strom Park on East Street in Fenton. Registration starts at 11 a.m. with the launch at 12 p.m. from Waterworks Park. Registration is free to Headwaters Trail members and \$10 to non-members. For an optional \$5 fee, a shuttle back to vehicles in Holly is available. The trip takes approximately three and a half hours with everyone off river by 6 p.m. There will be spotters with cell phones all along the river for assistance. A sweep boat will follow paddlers in case anyone encounters any problems. Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) are mandatory and participants must sign a liability waiver. Sun hats and sunscreen are recommended. The Shiawassee River water is up and paddling conditions are ideal.

## News briefs

### JACK R. WINEGARDEN LIBRARY STARTS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year's Summer Reading Challenge at the Jack R. Winegarden Library in Fenton kicks off Saturday, June 13 and runs through Aug. 8. The theme will be "Every Hero Has a Story." Sign-up begins June 13 for kids aged 0 to 18. Prizes will include a sign-up prize, half-way prize, book prize at completion and a weekly drawing for Cedar Point, movie tickets, Michigan's Adventure and Longway Planetarium. For more information, visit thegd.org or call the Fenton library at (810) 629-7612.

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

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# Salon 416 earns runner-up 'Salon of the Year'

■ New Cornerstone tenant earns #2 spot out of 100 salons across the U.S.

By Sally Rummel

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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,

**“It's more fun than I ever expected.”**

**Toni Widing**  
Owner of Salon 416



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Salon 416 owner Toni Widing pauses for a moment during a busy day at the salon.

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."

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### Yesterday's Treasures



# No matter your situation, local help is available

■ People struggling with grief or addiction aided by multiple area support groups

**By Sally Rummel**  
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(Note: This 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, 14.

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 [fentontlc.org](http://fentontlc.org).



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Mark Fisher of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton has his own personal experience with addiction and is proud that this church holds 11 12-step programs every week to help others who struggle with alcohol and drug addiction.

**“I have a lot less fear/anxiety and a lot more peace. Many people never gave up on me.”**

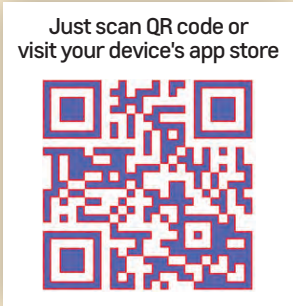
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# LOOKING BACK at this week IN LOCAL HISTORY

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### 5 years ...

**Sunday, June 6, 2010**  
Is the IB program all it's cracked up to be? As the fourth year of the Fenton Area Public Schools International Baccalaureate (IB) Program approaches, some parents in the community have expressed concerns. According to Superintendent Peggy Yates, many of the questions the parents asked are very similar to those asked by the teachers.

### 10 years ...

**Sunday, June 12, 2005**  
Downtown parking under scrutiny. Parking in downtown Fenton has been a topic of discussion for a long time and City Manager Michael Senyko had previously said there is no easy solution.

### 15 years ...

**Sunday, June 11, 2000**  
Fuming! Residents are fuming over gas prices, which climbed to over \$2 a gallon in some areas. Times publisher Rick Rockman urges everyone who is tired of paying outrageous gas prices to contact their legislators and demand an end to this price gouging.

### 20 years ...

**Sunday, June 11, 1995**  
Fenton businessman killed in train accident. Raymond Blaney, the owner of a Fenton tavern, Blaney's on the Water, was killed last Wednesday while attempting to drive over a railroad crossing, considered to be the most dangerous in the Fenton area. Blaney's vehicle was struck by a Grand Trunk Western Railroad train traveling westbound. Blaney had publicly expressed concern about the safety of the crossing and paid for the railroad crossing signal and its installation.

### 25 years ...

**Sunday, June 10, 1990**  
Railroad wins again. In a battle between federal power vs. the rights of city governments — the federal government won another round last week. The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that the city of Fenton can't establish a 25-mile-an-hour speed limit for trains traveling through the city. Fenton Police Chief Jerry Cattaneo speculated that the truck with three people killed this year would not have been struck if the train had been traveling 25 miles an hour.

### 30 years ...

**Sunday, June 9, 1985**  
Excessive legal fees? A \$4,781 bill for a lawsuit that never made it to court is raising some concerns about legal fees in the city of Fenton. The bill is part of a \$46,646 total that is expected to be paid to the city attorney for the fiscal year ending June 30.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**AS YOU DRIVE** down the road, remember your children are watching you. God will hold us accountable. I know that's not politically correct, but we need to stop burying our heads in the sand.

**BEFORE YOU CRITICIZE** the lawn at Fenton schools, know that it is one person doing it all. Know the whole story before you complain. He's one person trying his best.

**TO UNDERSTAND HOW** the township board could approve a home built too close to another, you need to look into who sits on some of those boards.

**THE OIL COMPANIES** say summer additives in gas make it more expensive, yet it

never goes down when winter comes. By the way, the last time oil was \$60 a barrel, which it is now, gas was \$2.29 per gallon.

**I'D LIKE TO** see the minimum wage go up. I know a lot of people who are struggling. I was one of them when I was young with children.

**FENTON CITY, EVERYBODY** is a tree hugger until one falls on somebody or someone's house. Please consider reviewing the trees on city property, over the sidewalks and over the city streets and remove all dead trees before someone gets killed.

**I WOULD JUST** like to say, thank you to Mr. Perkins and Mrs. Hayes for all they do and running such a great band program. All three of my kids were in band

and enjoyed it very much. My last one is graduating on June 7. Thanks again to Andy Perkins and Pam Hayes. Keep up the good work!

**IT WAS IN** the Times that someone wanted to recycle ink cartages. Walmart will take used ink cartages.

**HEY, VILLAGE OF HOLLY**, why use the resources and man hours to cut down trees and grind stumps when there's a major pothole problem in all of your subdivisions. Let's fix the roads first.

**I WOULD LIKE** to say a 'thank you' to the Hagerman family for fixing up the beanery and investing some money in our town of Fenton. I'm glad to see you're going to put it back the way it was when we were in high school. Thank you, Phil.

## News briefs

### ART IN THE PARK

Art in the Park has announced its event dates and times at various parks in Fenton. All of the events will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.  
**May 23** – Bush Park Gazebo  
**June 13** – Franklin D. Adams Park  
**July 25** – Freedom Park  
**Aug. 15** – O'Donnell Park (millpond)  
**Sept. 12** – Rackham Park

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an outstanding teacher and is now subject to all this public speculation and ridicule," Manley said. "He has done nothing wrong."

Manley said his client would like to continue teaching. After the school district completes its investigation, he expects his client's suspension will be lifted. If it is not, they will pursue any legal means necessary.

Jalkanen said the district received information that a teacher used social media to communicate with a student. "We did not believe the communication was appropriate," he said. "Because the district was not able to determine if the communication occurred when the student was enrolled in school or after the student had graduated, we asked the Fenton police to investigate the matter."

The police have determined that no illegal activity occurred. "The teacher has been on paid administrative leave while the district continues the investigation," said Jalkanen.

## MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

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**Senate Bill 186: Authorize professional sports teams specialty plates**  
To authorize a specialty license plate for professional sports teams, including the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Tigers and the Michigan International Speedway. Proceeds from the sale of the plates would go to charitable organizations created by these entities.

**Passed 35 to 1 in the Senate**

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

**House Bill 4182: Ban local government council "phone-in" voting**  
To establish that if a member of an elected public body is allowed to cast a vote on a decision by the body without being physically present, it is a violation of the state Open Meetings Act.

**Passed 91 to 19 in the House**

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

**House Bill 4542: Create tax advantaged savings plan for disabled individuals**  
To authorize a new type of tax advantaged education savings plan called an "ABLE account," which mirrors a recently enacted federal law, and can be used to pay for a disabled individual's living expenses in addition to education expenses. Other bills passed this week would exempt account balances and distributions from counting toward income or asset caps in various social welfare programs, and make contributions to a beneficiary's account deductible for state income tax purposes. Another bill would increase the maximum balance allowed in these and other "529" college savings plans to \$500,000.

**Passed 108 to 1 in the House**

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES



# WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 edition

- Parent survey on IB reveals close, mixed results
- Linden's weekly car show off to fast start
- Lang's Marine to become condos
- Senate votes to ban powdered alcohol, e-cigs for minors
- Holly man in police standoff remains in jail
- Legislation could help students who default on private loans
- Volunteers have city beautification covered
- Hand-washing not a common practice in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- I-75 possible vehicle shooting
- Fenton Concerts in the Park to start tomorrow night
- Cry "Wolf" for free zoo admission
- Linden baseball wins third straight district title
- Devils capture district crown
- Fenton softball loses to Lakeland in districts, 8-4
- Fenton's Hall, Holly 3,200 relay bring home All-State honors



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

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.

## STREETSCAPE Continued from Front Page

sewer 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](http://cityoffenton.org).

## 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.

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## DEWEY'S

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Business was booming in Fenton, especially 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 Chrysler and Kryza Jeeps, recalled Dewey. Ice cream shops like Hagerman'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 going," 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 at 607 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 importance of taking advantage of every business opportunity.

He also fell in love with a local girl named Susan Kelly, having become acquainted with her parents, Wayne and Loraine Kelly, through friends of Susan's sister, Sharon. "When my father returned 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 (Tammy, 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 at the corner of Poplar Street and Roberts (where the old Café Aroma was located) on July 10, 1958, "The same day the expressway opened from Fenton to Clio," said Dewey.

Next came a Sunoco station on the southwest corner of Owen Road and U.S. 23. "This was the only gas on the expressway from Miller Road in Flint all the way south toward Howell," he said.

Then came a Standard Oil service

### SUMMARY

■ Many people in the tri-county area don't know that there really is a "Dewey" behind the name of Dewey's Auto Center in Fenton. Here's his story.



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Dewey and Susan Johnson stand before Dewey's Auto Center, which opened in January 1974. Dewey retired in 1989. The business is now owned by a former long-term employee.

station on the northeast corner of Owen Road and U.S. 23 in July, 1966.

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 'til 10, so I'd drive out there so Doug (Dewey) could see the kids," said Susan. "When he got 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 service station owner, Dewey tired of the long hours and steered himself into business 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 and 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 remaining portion of the building and a trailer 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 heart attack several years before, Brehmer retired in June 2009 and passed away in January 2011.

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

"Everything I've learned over the years about taking care of customers and the shop in general, came from Dewey and Norm," said Lesperance, who began the process of buying the business in 1999, becoming sole owner in 2014.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**TO THE ANGEL** who helped save my daughter's life on a Saturday at the corner of LeRoy and North Road in the early evening, I would like to return your jean jacket you used to help stop the bleeding.

■■■■  
**SHAME ON THE** residents near the church on LeRoy Street who threatened to sue the church over kids playing baseball at 7 p.m. What would you like our youth to be doing? I sure hope you get a neighbor who loves to yell and party all summer.

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**TO THE FOLKS** who think just because the road bill didn't pass that is why gas went up. You could be no further from the truth. Over Memorial Day weekend I visited three other states and their gas was priced the same as ours.

■■■■  
**I'M REALLY TIRED** of the large running groups running on both sides of the road at the same time and when presented with vehicle traffic, are changing sides and running back and forth, causing me to totally stop my vehicle to wait until you make up your mind! It's dangerous!

■■■■  
**IN REFERENCE TO** the post about government not able to manipulate the gas prices. Why have all the liberals blamed President Bush for the high gas prices? Because they don't have a brain? Time to place the blame on the current President.

■■■■  
**I TRAVEL OVERSEAS** often. The business associates I have in Europe and China tell me that between race riots, our president and celebrity media coverage, America is becoming the laughingstock of the world. I didn't disagree with them.

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## FLOOD

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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. Cities 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 though 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 hitting 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 flooding 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 lifted 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 Bureau 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's 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 homeowner is \$711 per year. 'It's ridiculous,'" Bates said.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**SOME GO TO** church to talk a walk, some go to laugh and talk, some go to meet a lover, some go to doze and nod, but the wise go there to worship God.

**DID YOU SEE** the poll taken recently by our military? It shows that 85 percent of young men and women serving in our military do not approve of our current president and believe that he is incapable of addressing ISIS. How sad is that?

**I FEEL LIKE** I'm the only one who actually makes a stop at a stop sign, especially intersections like South Holly and South East. Say it isn't so.

**WHY WOULD THE** government send dead anthrax to anybody? They're so stupid. If it's dead, why are they shipping it around?

**DID YOU KNOW** our government released almost 4,000 illegal criminals last year while they were waiting for their deportation trials? Did you know this week President Obama authorized millions and millions of dollars to go to the solar industry, an industry that has proven to be rampant with fraud and corruption?

**I THINK LEGALIZING** marijuana to get the roads fixed is an excellent idea. People don't mind paying taxes for something they and others are going to buy, regardless if it's legal or illegal.

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Bernhard Langer captured the first of four majors during his career when he won the Masters in 1985.

**A**

# 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 **See BALLARD on 18A**

**MADISON BALLARD**

Advanced to semifinals of the D2 No. 1 singles flight bracket at the state meet. **See Page 17A**



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## DIVISION 2 REGIONAL SOCCER AT HARRISON

### TUESDAY'S SEMIS

Warren Regina 1,  
Notre Dame Prep 0  
Fenton 4, Clio 0

### THURSDAY'S FINAL

Fenton 1,  
Warren Regina 0  
(Fenton wins shootout 5-3)

## DIVISION 2 STATE SEMIFINALS

### TUESDAY'S GAME

Fenton vs. Trenton, at  
West Bloomfield High  
School, 7 p.m.

Holland Christian/Gull  
Lake winner vs. DeWitt/  
Spring Lake winner at  
Grand Rapids Christian  
High School, 6 p.m.

## DIVISION 2 STATE FINALS

### FRIDAY'S GAME

Semifinal winners at  
Michigan State Univer-  
sity's DeMartens Stadium,  
4 p.m.

**Note:** Tuesday's state semi-  
final contest will be Fenton's third  
state semi game since 2009

# Tigers headed to state semis

■ Fenton captures regional crown, defeats Regina, 1-0

By David Troppens

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**Farmington Hills**— Brennan Sullivan wasn't going to screw up the celebration this time.

The last time the Fenton senior took a shot to decide a contest during a shootout in a Fenton varsity girls soccer game, she converted the goal and ran in the wrong direction. She missed the celebration as others flocked to keeper Abbey Quesnelle.

"I thought to myself, run to Abbey," Sullivan said. "The last time I didn't and everyone ran past me."

During Fenton's Division 2 regional title victory against Warren Regina at Farmington Hills Harrison High School, Sullivan executed her celebration plans to perfection. Sullivan converted the PK just like last time, but this time ran toward Quesnelle making sure she was in the middle of Fenton's regional championship victory celebration. The 1-0 victory against Regina, decided



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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.

by 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-min-

ute overtime sessions, the contest went to the shoot out format giving each team five shooters a chance to score from the penalty spot. Fenton's Brianna Costigan, Chloe Foor, Miranda Crews, Carly Granger and Sullivan made their PK attempts. Meanwhile, Regina's Kendyl Fleming, **See SEMIS on 20A**

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

By David Troppens

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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 **See REGIONAL on 19A**



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Lake Fenton's Melissa Williams and Powers' Sydney Wilhoite compete for possession in Powers' 3-0 win on Wednesday.

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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 Sophiea 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 tourney 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 Isha Nadgauda 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 in a three-set thriller in the round of 16. However, Okemos' second-ranked Monika Franciscs won in the quarterfinals 6-0, 6-0. Finally, the No. 1 doubles team of Sydney Renehan and Paige Reid also advanced to the quarterfi-



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The Holly varsity girls tennis team celebrates their regional title. The Bronchos finished 10th at the D2 state meet this season.

nals. 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

Crimmins 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.

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## BALLARD

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could imagine, except one thing. And that was win a state title.

However, Ballard gave that goal a good run as well at the Division 2 state tennis meet as well. Ballard, ranked fifth entering the tourney, earned two straight-set victories in the No. 1 singles flight, before losing to eventual state champion and top-ranked Emily Struble from Okemos. That said, Ballard gave Struble her hardest challenge of the state tourney, dropping a tight 6-4, 7-5 verdict in the semifinal round.

"I'm pretty proud of (my career)," Ballard said. "I fought really hard and gave it my all. I never quit. I didn't reach my ultimate goal, but that's all right. I was a four-time regional and Metro champion, and I had a great time with my team and everything else. I had a great time."

Ballard's run for a state championship at the No. 1 singles flight at Kalamazoo College began with an easy 6-4, 6-0 victory against Birmingham Seaholm's Claire Markely, and it continued with the only 6-0, 6-0 victory in the quarterfinal round of the No. 1 singles flight tourney, beating Farmington's Hannah Pierce by that score. That set up the match against Struble.

"It was a really good match," Ballard said. "It had a lot of long rallies and a lot of big

## Ballard's Bio

Here is a quick look at Madison Ballard's four-year tennis career at Fenton High School

- Four-time Metro League and regional No. 1 singles flight champion.
- Finished with 95 varsity wins.
- Four-time All-State performer.

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 Rincon 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 95-8, 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 came 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. "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 GVSU 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, I 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.

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# 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' opening 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 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 18:42 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

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(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.

## REGIONAL

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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 another 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.

Lake Fenton was outshot 14-3 in the first half and 28-6 for the contest. Lake Fenton only had one shot that was on frame. It came with about 14:40 left in the contest when Begley sent a thru pass to Kuristin Porritt. Porritt dribbled for a bit, took the shot and it was saved by Powers' keeper Madis Evans, who recorded her 14th shutout the season.

Meanwhile, Powers gradually earned control of the game. The first goal came with 20:41 left when Sophie Bubner scored on a rebound shot. Kenne Clothier took the initial shot on a head. Lake Fenton trailed 1-0, and took the deficit into the second half.

In the second half, it took Powers 4:20 to score its second goal of the contest. The time it was set up by an Andrea Glubzins assist and scored by Rachel Phillpotts. The second goal wasn't enough to answer who was going to win the contest, the third one with 9:05 left, did.

Once again, it was a rebound shot that gave Powers its goal. This time Gabrielle Amato attempted the first shot. It was saved by Lake Fenton keeper Emily Moore, but the rebound went to Bubner, a freshman, who scored her second goal of the contest. Moore made 14 saves on 17 shots which ended up on target.

The Lake Fenton seniors enjoyed their career with the Blue Devils.

"I've been with these girls pre-kindergarten through 12th grade," Begley said. "I'm born and raised here. It means everything to me. I've come this far with a group of girls who I've lived with and worked together with. We are like family. It means a lot I have been here and nowhere else. I wouldn't want it any other way."



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## SEMIS

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Betsy Lueck and Lexie Finazzo made the Saddlelites first three shots. However, Quesnelle 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 Quesnelle for a team celebration on the turf.

"I don't really know what I was thinking," Quesnelle 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 be tired 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," Quesnelle 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.

**“We were just a lot tougher. We went for everything. We just outworked them.”**

**Carly Granger**  
Fenton senior



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(Above) The Fenton varsity girls soccer team celebrates seconds after Brennan Sullivan scored the game-winning penalty kick shootout goal in the Tigers' 1-0 regional championship victory against Warren Regina on Thursday night. (Left) Sullivan attempts the penalty kick and converted, giving Fenton its third Division 2 regional title since 2009. Fenton plays Trenton in a state semifinal game Tuesday at 7 p.m. at West Bloomfield High School.

## TIGERS

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"We always have to work hard and we continue to try to do our best each game," senior Riley Moore said.

"Everyone on this team gives their heart to every single minute they are on the field. I can not be more proud to play with a group of girls than the girls on our team."

Moore ended whatever suspense may have remained concerning the game five minutes into the second half, scoring on a Granger cross, scoring into an open goal.

"I didn't see it at first. It was my team building it up, and at the last minute I was at the perfect spot to finish it off," Moore said.

"Honestly, it was my team that did all the hard work to get it there."

The final Fenton goal was provided on a crossing assist from Eryn Isaacson to Cassidy Curtis for a goal from about eight



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Fenton's Brennan Sullivan drives down the field with the ball during the Tigers' 4-0 regional semifinal victory against Clio on Tuesday.

yards in front of the net.

The Tigers substituted liberally throughout the contest and it didn't seem to matter what combination was on the pitch — Fenton still dominated play from the opening whistle until the final whistle. That domination eventually earned them a spot in Thursday's regional title contest.



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In May, Maverick Latimer, 8, restocks his candy machine at Sagebrush Cantina with his father Josh looking on.

## Young entrepreneur sells first business

■ Maverick Latimer was 7 when he asked businesses to place candy machine in store

**By Hannah Ball**

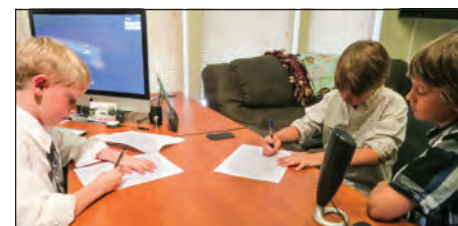
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**Fenton** — Proving that important business transactions don't only take place between multi-million dollar business moguls, Maverick Latimer, 8, signed over his business to Henry Munkres, 10, and Jackson Munkres, 12, on Monday. With their parents 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 book-keeping, 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

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Maverick Latimer, 8, (left) signs over his business, Mavericks Candy Co., to Henry Munkres, 10, and Jackson Munkres, 12, on Monday.

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 not 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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## ICE CREAM MAN

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(or other food vendor) truck in the city. One of those requirements involves insurance.

According to Fenton's Code of Ordinances (Sec. 23-40), ice cream truck vendors are required to maintain insurance in the amount of \$500,000. The policy also needs to name the city as an additional insured. The certificate proving the existence of the insurance must be filed with the city clerk prior to the issuance of any license or license renewal. Failure to maintain the insurance will be grounds for revocation of the license issued.

Neighboring communities, including Holly and Linden, have similar ordinances.

According to Douglas Fairbanks of Hartland Insurance Agency, Inc., the cost of an insurance premium can vary widely from business to business depending on past history, type of vehicle, location, etc.

"I have seen premiums as low as \$550

a year per truck for liability and physical damage coverage for an ice-cream truck," Fairbanks said. "Some companies do offer a six-month policy, some will allow you to remove liability when the vehicle is put in storage, some won't."

The auto coverage only covers auto claims, so a general liability policy also would be required to cover bodily injury or property damage claims not arising out of use of the vehicle, Fairbanks added. This policy again varies in cost depending on the individual characteristics of the business, but is usually rated based on sales.

"These policies usually start around \$300 or so," he said.

Ice cream vendors from outside the city may not be aware of the municipal requirements. Once they are informed, it may be the reason they only stick around for a short time early in the season.

Another reason ice cream trucks may not be around much may be the other costs associated with operating an ice cream truck. Just buying an old truck, for example, could cost \$10,000 or more.

According to a recent ad on craigslist.org, a 26-year-old, 1988 Chevy ice cream truck was listed for \$13,000 or best offer. It featured new tires, two big freezers and inside and outside lighting for day and nighttime service.

Before becoming an ice cream truck vendor, people should consider initial expenses, according to smallbusiness.chron.com. "These costs include the ice cream inventory, freezers, licenses, truck leasing or purchasing costs and

insurance. As an initial start-up, these costs can be substantial, especially as the business is usually only seasonal. With a used vending truck cost and licensing, initial costs can seriously eat into an owner's first year's profit."

If successful in getting an ice cream truck business going, vendors must add to that the cost of gasoline and ongoing truck maintenance, and have a plan in the event of equipment failure, such as refrigeration.

An ice cream truck business may not produce a large income, but it is a consistent warm-weather business. Ice cream is

always popular in the warmer seasons, so an owner will likely sell his product. However, this income may only be available for a few months during the year, as winter months are too cold for the ice cream business in many states, including Michigan.

Ice cream and frozen treats from a truck usually range in price between \$1 and \$3 each, depending on location and the product. Using an average of \$2 per treat, selling 100 per day for 90 days of summer, the total profit would be about \$18,000, which may not be worth it considering the initial costs and other factors, such as weather, etc.

The ice cream may or may not come to your neighborhood in Fenton this year. If not, there is always the local favorite — Uncle Ray's Dairyland.

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