Goodbye, Topps Fruit Market. Hello, Chassé Ballroom

■LaJoice Enterprises purchases one of Fenton's most talked about vacant properties

By Sally Rummel

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One of the most blighted properties in the city of Fenton will be getting a new lease on life, thanks to Michael and Ashleigh LaJoice of Fenton.

LaJoice Enterprises/La-Joice Properties purchased the commercial parcel at

225 West Caroline St., which had formerly housed the Topps Fruit Market and Wash King, as well as a grocery store and a skating rink in its more prosperous years. Seller of the property was Tony Allor of Fenton.

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The former Topps building is currently being used as a staging area for Streetscape Project material and equipment.





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HGTV celebrity buys in Holly

Cari Cucksey of "Cash & Cari" new owner of former village offices

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Cari Cucksey, host of the

popular HGTV show "Cash & Cari," will be bringing her talents to the village of Holly



Cari Cucksey

this summer. If all goes according to plan, Cucksey will be the new owner of the former Holly Village Offices building at

202 South Saginaw St., which became vacant when the village offices were moved to the Karl Richter Campus last year.

She is also the owner of RePurpose Estate Services and RePurpose Shop. According to her website, she refurbishes "just about anything she can get her hands on." From antique furniture and vintage toys to retro See HGTV on 9A



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Mary Jane Gougherty of Hartland Township picks strawberries with husband Dennis and daughter Mayah,6, on Tuesday at Spicer Orchards in Hartland Township. Over the next three weeks 7.5 acres of strawberries will be hand-picked, amounting to more than 750,000 pounds sold. See story on page 14A.

Dad wears many hats, including deacon

44The memory of family, the good times and love is all you take with you. The rest is meaningless and it all stays here. 77

Deacon Terry Carsten St. John the Evangelist Church ■ Serves as husband, father, grandfather, employee and deacon of the church

By Vera Hogan

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Deacon Terry Carsten is not only a husband, father and grandfather, he has another great calling — setting in motion the journey through life for many Catholic babies

toward their Father in heaven. As the deacon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton, Carsten is responsible for the majority of baptisms that take place at the church. He also occasionally officiates

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SUBMITTED PHOTO Deacon Terry Carsten baptized baby Shane earlier this year. He is ac-

Rosellen VanCura.

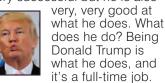
companied (from left) by parents Brendon McPharlin and Angel Rynearson, and godmothers Katherine VanCura and







L Donald Trump is not only very successful but he is also



Game show host? Um, yes. President? No, thank you.'

L Another wedding tradition

that is regrettably phasing out

is marriage. Many, if not most, millennials live together prior to marriage these days. Many, if not most, split before marriage.

That's likely why the divorce rate is finally dropping. Is that good or bad?"

LE Before you vote in the next presidential election,



whether you are a Republican or Democrat, please read the book 'Clinton Cash.' If you

can't afford it, I will buy you a copy. Thank you. Signed, lifelong Democrat.'



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Unsubscribe? Why should I have to 'unsubscribe' from

unsolicited emails that I never subscribed to in the first place? That's if we can even find where they bury the 'unsubscribe' link. I spend 30 minutes each day 'unsubscribing.' It should be illegal. What a crock. ""



Michigan ranked 6th in nation for number of breweries

By Hannah Ball

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Michigan has plenty of brewery options, but how does it compare to the rest of the nation?

Crack open a cold one and ponder these numbers from last year.

- Michigan ranks 6th in the nation for number of breweries with 159 in the state.
- We have a rate of 2.2 breweries per capita, which is per 100,000 adults age 21 and up.
- Our state is ranked 10th for number of barrels of craft beer produced a year with 825,103 barrels.
- That's 3.6 gallons of beer per every adult age 21 and up.
- The number of breweries in Michigan has steadily increased in the past four years.

2011- 105 breweries

2012- 122 breweries

2013- 131 breweries

2014- 159 breweries

- •There are three types of beer manufacturing licenses: brewer, microbrewer, and brewpub.
- •According to Michigan law, one brewpub license allows producing up to 18,000 barrels a year. Brewers have no barrel limit, and microbrewers can produce no more than 60,000 barrels.

Source: brewersassociation.org



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Fenton Winery and Brewery Owners Matt and Ginny Sherrow have a seven-barrel brewing system in their North Long Lake Road location in Fenton Township. The three closest tanks are used for brewing, while the rear tanks are for fermenting and carbonation. That morning, Matt brewed their Lights Out Wheat Porter.

'You can do it right in your kitchen'

■ Tyrone Township man is registered nurse by day, homebrewer by night

By Hannah Ball

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Tyrone Twp. — A skull in an ace of spades with the words "Lucky Room Brewery" is the label stuck to a few empty kegs, cabinets full of ingredients, and a few bottles of beer in a Tyrone Township resident's house.

This homebrewery is small, 62 degrees Fahrenheit, and full of beer at different stages. Bottles of conditioning Oberon clones sit in a crate, and bubbles float around in the airlock of the fermenting Belgian tripel. A

15-gallon fermentor sits in the corner.

This homebrewery belongs to Jim Howard, who's thinking about brewing a grand cru, a Belgian of beer, for his 50th birthday. "It has its own characteristics. You can go a couple different directions. It packs a punch. It has higher alcohol, a lot of flavor," Howard said.

He started brewing his own beer around 1998, 17 years ago, when there was a buzz about home brewing. Since then, he's made about 50 different kinds.

"I've had some success and a lot of setbacks. I've learned a lot. It's been an up and down hobby," he said. "It sounded really interesting. I've liked beer, I've always liked beer. You can do it right in your kitchen. Well, you

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Jim Howard of Tyrone Township stands in the "Lucky Room Brewery"

located in his home.

"I like beer, so I melded my like of beer into a hobby," he said. "It gives me satisfaction to take four ingredients and throw them all together and end up with something that is drinkable and enjoyable."







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ad, we need you.

By Foster Childs

If I Were

An important message for all fathers: Dad, we need you. Your family needs

you. Your sons and daughters need you. Society needs you. Good fathers have been the nucleus of strong families and the force behind happy, adjusted children since the beginning of time.

Today is Father's Day. Today is the day we honor all dads, but especially those who still teach their sons to open doors for women, who demand respect for and from their daughters, who stand on

principle in the face of adversity, and who are models of courage, conviction and character for their families.

I was one of the lucky ones. The lessons my father taught me have been a rock in my life for over half a century. He may be

gone, but his principles are still with me. Former Chicago Tribune columnist Bob

> Greene echoed the thoughts of many sons and daughters when he wrote about watching his father slowly die. 'For me,' he wrote, 'as my father, day by day, slipped away, the overwhelming feeling was that a safety net was being removed — a safety net that had been there since the day I was born, a safety net I was often unaware of.

That's what the best safety nets do — they allow you to forget they're there. No genera-

tion has ever given its children a sturdier and more reliable safety net than the one our parents' generation gave us.

These days not everyone is so fortunate. An appalling 40 percent of our country's children are nine times more likely to end

up incarcerated as their peers from traditional, two-parent households. Even more

compelling is the fact that abandoning your children is learned behavior that will very likely be repeated by the next generation — and so on, and so on.

How did this happen? How did we go from the strongest fathers in history - the 'Greatest Generation'

fathers — to the weakest fathers in history in a mere two or three generations?

It's simple. Nearly all the lifelong characteristics of a child are embedded at an early age by the environment of the home. The vast majority of fatherless households become breeding grounds for drug use, pregnancy, gang activity, dropouts and crime because — despite what Hollywood, TV and society tell us - moms make lousy dads. The combination of unwed births, rampant divorce, and 'liberated' women has resulted in an

explosion of single parent — nearly all mom — households. Meanwhile, our

> culture incentivizes single motherhood by rewarding it with monthly welfare checks. Replacing dad with a government check has resulted in an ever-growing population of cradle-to-thegrave taxpayer-sponsored households spawning the next generation of criminals

and social misfits.

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Sons of good

Being a good father is tough — a lot is riding on your shoulders. Little eyes are always watching. And there's no shortcuts. Good fathers are the result of good fathering. Sons of good fathers become good fathers. Daughters of good fathers marry good fathers. Being a good dad is the ultimate legacy to pass on to your children.

Happy Father's Day.

This column repeats every Father's Day. Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Some content adapted from the internet.

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THOSE BOATS WITH the blinding bright yellowish lights also go along the shores of Ponemah and Squaw, oftentimes pointing their lights through the windows of homes late at night. They might be legal, but pretty creepy, too.

ISIS EMERGED DURING the vacuum created by Obama pulling our troops out of Iraq too soon. This is what happens when we have a leader with no strategy or worldly or military experience. As ISIS continues to grow around the world and kill, Obama has rendered the United States weak and impotent.

WHAT IS THE earned income tax credit and why is it so important? Would somebody please answer this in the Hot lines? I am not joking. I do not under-

THE DEMOCRATS IN the U.S. House of Representatives have voted against the president. As a Democrat, I think that's wonderful. That's something the Republicans could never do. Hell would freeze over if they could do that.

SOMEONE LOST A vehicle ignition key and magnetic holder on the east side of North Bridge Street in Linden. It is at the police station.

IN REGARD TO the Hot line comment of the obnoxious bow fishermen.

They're completely out of control. I agree they're disrupting everyone else and yes, you do have recourse. It's easy to figure out where that boat is parked and what comes around goes around.

I JUST WONDERED if someone out there could tell me why you can't rent a carpet shampooer without a credit card. I can see cash only, but credit only? What is it? Someone wants to commit identity theft? Thank you.

WHAT'S WITH THE price of gas lately? It is \$2.99 in Linden today, June 11. Haven't heard the price of a barrel has gone up. When GM shuts down for two weeks for model change, prices of cars don't go up. When no one is growing beans, no prices up there either.

THE BEST SELLING book, 'Clinton Cash,' gives impeccable detail and documentation into the corrupt financial and political practices of Bill and Hillary Clinton through their Clinton Foundation. They have pocketed over \$120 million dollars during the last 10 years. Read this book, you won't believe it.

FAPS TAXPAYERS, YOU also are funding administrators' advanced degrees. Check the FAPS check registry. If the administration truly desires this district to succeed, they would have suspended this 'perk.' Instead, we cut teachers.

THE ANTIQUE STORE on the corner of Elm and Saginaw in Holly — does anyone know where they moved?

SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOES at midnight is not a very smart idea for all the households that have their windows open and are fast asleep. Lucky it woke me up and I was able to close our windows. Try a time besides late at night next time please.

NO, I DON'T agree. For 2016, I think it should be Michelle Obama and Kimberly Ann Guilfoyle, the woman who is a co-host on The Five television show.

FAPS BOARD OF Education, I have faith in you because I don't have it in the administration. Thank you for the hard work you do and the decisions you face. It should have never come to this.

AS A STATE employee, I can't be the cause of 'nearly all of your problems,' and, I'm not 'incompetent.' Hate the game, not the players

IT WAS REPORTED on CNN and it was written up in the Military Town newsletter. A survey of active duty troops found that 15 percent support Obama and 85 percent do not support Obama. This article also says that troop morale is at an all-time low.

I JUST WANT to say I enjoyed the King's article on advice for high school seniors. The most important advice is for them so save money out of their first paycheck. It will build up and they will be on fire with the idea. It's a wonderful thing if they can do that. I thank the King for his great advice.

THE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT over by Mancino's was Joey's Only. They had excellent fish and chips. I was sad to

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What's the best lesson you learned from your dad?



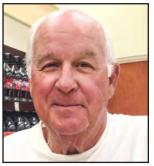
"The best lesson I learned is to be yourself and work hard."

- Pam Ruhlen Grand Blanc Township



"The best lesson my dad taught me was to be a good person to everyone and be honest."

Jillian DuVall Fenton Township



"The best lesson that I have learned from my father is not to drink."

- Richard Baanall Fenton Township



"The best lesson I learned is to always be kind."



"Best lesson I learned is to love others."



"Best lesson I learned is pay it forward."

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ummertime is busiest season for injuries

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Summer is the time for sunshine, swimming, cycling and travel. That means this season is also the busiest time of year for sunburns, sports injuries and accidents.

Unfortunately, medical emergencies don't go by the clock, and you might find yourself needing help on a Sunday afternoon or a Thursday evening. With most traditional doctor's offices closed on evenings and weekends, you can turn to after-hour clinics to fill in this gap, keeping emergency rooms open for those events that are truly an emergency.

See the sidebar accompanying this article for information about local emergency rooms and after-hour clinics.

Some minor injuries can also be treated at home. Here are a few treatment suggestions by mayoclinic.com

Minor burns/sunburn

- Cool the burn to help soothe the pain by holding the burned area under cool running water for 10 to 15 minutes.
- **Remove rings** or other tight items from the burned area before it swells.

• Don't break small blisters. If blisters do break, clean with mild soap and water, apply an antibiotic ointment and cover with a nonstick gauze bandage. See your doctor if you develop

- large blisters. • Apply moisturizer, aloe vera lotion or gel, or low-dose hydrocortisone cream.
- If needed, take an over-thecounter pain reliever, such a ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB), naproxen sodium (Aleve) or acetaminophen (Tylenol).
- Make sure your tetanus shot is up to date.

SEEK MEDICAL HELP

IF: you develop large blisters, the burn covers a large area, or if you notice signs of infection, such as oozing from the wound and increased pain, redness and swelling.

Heatstroke

Signs and symptoms include a fever of 104 degrees fahrenheit or higher, changes in mental status or behavior, hot dry skin or heavy sweating, nausea and vomiting,



SUMMARY

■ Summer's hot summer days and time for recreational activities create a high risk for injuries and accidents.

flushed skin, rapid pulse and breathing, headache or fainting.

Seek medical help right away, then:

- Move the person out of the heat and cool them in a cool tub of water or shower, sponge with cool water, fan while misting with cool water.
- Place ice packs or cool wet towels on the neck, armpits and groin.
- Begin CPR if the person loses consciousness, and shows no sign of circulation, such as breathing, coughing or movement.

Drowning

- Call 911 immediately. An adult can struggle in the water for only about three minutes and a child can last only about 30 seconds.
- Scream to get attention fast.
- Reach if you are in a safe position and can't be pulled in by the victim. Lie flat on the ground or a firm structure and stretch your hand to the victim, or use a tree branch

or towel to pull him in.

- Throw a safety ring toward the victim and have them grab it, then pull it toward the shore.
- Row, by going close to the victim in a boat, then throw a safety ring to the victim to help them stabilize before you get there.
- Swimming to rescue someone should be the last resort, because it requires swimming skills and training. Take a towel or any object the victim can hold onto as you tow him into safety.
- After the rescue, feel for the pulse on the neck's side or the wrist. If they are still breathing, feel for the air coming through the nose and ensure it is open.

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This is the second in a four-part series dealing with human addictions and the support groups available to help.

Gambling addiction is believed to be the strongest

■ Problem gamblers always looking for the 'big win'

By Vera Hogan

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Gambling is said to be the strongest addiction there is — one that doesn't have visual evidence like drugs or alcohol — but it has the strongest pull.

With casinos and other gambling establishments popping up all over the country, it is likely that the number of people suffering from gambling addictions will continue to grow.

Reneé, a local woman who wishes to remain anonymous, admits she has a gambling addiction, and it started

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Problem gambler

Reneé

when she was very young.

"I remember being 11 and going to a fair," said Reneé. "You could spend 25 cents and throw some balls to win a prize. I didn't have 25 cents and no one would give it to me. I just knew if I had the money I would be able to win. I

was angry because I knew that I would win. "I can still feel that feeling today," she added. "That is how I am when I gamble. Even if I am losing, I just know if I put more money in I will win."

Reneé said her first experience with real gambling came when she went on her first cruise.

"I tried it and was hooked," she said. "Those feelings I experienced then are the same feelings that I still have when gambling."

Reneé said there wasn't any one thing that triggered her gambling problem. It is something that has always been in her, she said.

"Anytime there was a chance to gamble, whether it was sports, bingo, just betting with someone about something, I would be the first in line," said Reneé. "Just the thought of playing is thrilling. My first big win got me hooked. I am talking about \$5,000 and I wanted that feeling again."

Before machines were put in bars and restaurants, Reneé said she found herself in casinos and not coming home until 6 a.m. in the morning. "That's when my husband made me ban myself (from casinos)," she said, adding that she is now banned from all casinos in the state.

As a result, Reneé would find herself going out of state to feed her addictions. This caused many problems both financially and emotionally.

"I went to a casino once after I was banned and got caught," Reneé said. "I was arrested because I was literally trespassing and had to go to court, go in front of a judge and pay a fine. It was very embarrassing."

Reneé said the feeling is just a high. "If I am on my way to gamble, my heart starts speeding up, my breathing becomes fast, and nothing else matters but getting to that machine. Once there, it doesn't matter if I lose or win, I just get high in the next pull and that there is a chance that I will win the big one."

Reneé said even if she had to write a check at the counter, she would get angry if there were people ahead of her because it kept her away from the machine.

"I knew I needed help from the beginning, but it didn't matter," she said. "I just wanted to be where I could get that feeling of perhaps winning the big one."

These feelings would come and be strong



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some days and then there would be weeks and months when they would hide, she said.

"I have gone to counselors, therapists, who put me on drugs that did nothing, and

friends," Reneé said. "The only thing that has worked is my faith in God. Although I do slip now and then, I turn back to God and put it in His hands. Knowing that I will disappoint Him is my greatest strength."

The urge to gamble is always there, Reneé said. "Even knowing I could lose my husband,

friends, family and money — the urge is there. When that urge comes, I just say 'Jesus' over and over until it passes."

Gambling makes a person a liar, thief, cheat and everything the other addictions do to a person's heart and soul, she added.

"I have made my loved ones worry, cry, yell, get angry with me, but the only thing that has helped is becoming a born-again Christian, Bible studies, going to church every Sunday and constant prayers," said

Getting help

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling. There are no dues or fees for Gamblers Anonymous membership. Gamblers Anonymous is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution. Their primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same.

For information on Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the tri-county area, visit gamblersanonymous.org.

MICHIGAN PROBLEM GAMBLING HELPLINE

The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services offers assistance for those with a gambling problem through the Michigan Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-270-7117.

Reneé. "God knows that I am weak and I know He always forgives me, even though I receive a slap from Him when I do digress, but each time I get stronger."

DENTAL TIP— OF THE WEEK —

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WAS A Republican Precinct Delegate for 24 years. Now, I found out

that Mike Bishop, my congressman, voted for Obama's secret China, Asian trade agreement. If finally

passed, this agreement will complete

the destruction of the middle class.

This is not a free trade agreement!

THE BEST THING you can do with

your child this summer is to teach

them manners, respect and account-

ability. Their bus driver will thank you.

OH, AND WHY is it that bicyclists can-

to me if someone is on a bicycle while

under the influence they could weave

and drive erratically and possibly cause

WEDNESDAY, TWO COMMENTS in

the Hot lines must have come from

titled to the same salary and Repub-

licans take money from the poor and

redistribute it to the rich.' A third post

IF YOU KNOW of a charity group that can use some slightly used 'AA' batter-

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indicated that some people are too

dumb to teach. I rest my case.

the same person. 'Everyone is en-

not receive a DUI citation? It seems

I'm now Independent!

a terrible accident.

One Day Crown

Have you ever been in a situation where you broke a tooth before an important meeting or right before a trip? So you go to your dentist and sit in the chair just to be told you need a crown to protect your tooth. However, it won't be ready for two weeks and now you have to deal with an annoying temporary tooth for the next couple of weeks – through your meeting/ vacation! New technology is making it easier for dentists to give you the look and comfort you want faster. If you've ever needed to have a permanent crown put on one of your teeth, you know it usually takes more than one appointment, more than one shot of anesthetic and more than a little bit of patience. But now technology is giving patients new, permanent crowns in just one day. With today's technology, you can improve your smile in just hours!

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Tom Benjamin of Holly relaxes outside of the former Holly village offices and Real Barre. It will be the new headquarters of HGTV celebrity Cari Cucksey's many operations.

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Holly on the

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French Flamingo Fashion

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light. 77

Sandra Kleven

Assessories owner

HGTV

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electronics and classic luxury cars, she's always on the lookout for obscure treasures as she combs through basements, attics and garages.

On June 14, Cucksey posted on her Facebook page a photo of the building and said it was the future home of RePurpose. "Happy to announce we are moving to the historic village of Holly," she wrote, adding that she is looking for artisans and vendors of unique antiques, vintage items and vendors for handmade goods.

According to Village Man-

ager Jerry Walker, the building was originally purchased by another couple, John and Griselda Colucci, in 2013 for \$411,000 on a three-year land contract. The couple did extensive interior renovations, which in $cluded\,an\,approximately\,4,\!500\text{-}square\text{-}foot$ living quarters.

"The Coluccis ultimately decided to move back to Florida and listed the building for sale," Walker said.

Cucksey and her representative reached a deal with Colucci, which includes a fiveyear land contract, Walker added. "There are currently two years left on the contract with the village so any extension would require Village Council approval, which is scheduled to be considered on June 23," he said.

According to hgtv.com, Cucksey is described as a professional estate liquidator, who got her start buying, selling and trading antiques and collectibles when she was only 12 years old.

She was also described as someone with a razor sharp business sense and an eye for spotting diamonds in the rough. "Estate sale guru Cari Cucksey combs through her clients' basements, attics and garages in search of hidden treasure. And once she and her team have organized and priced the entire contents of the

home, they hold an estate sale right on the premises. From antique furniture and vintage toys to retro electronics and rare cars, there's something for everyone, and everything must go."

Downtown business owners are looking forward to Cucksey's arrival. Sandra Kleven, owner of French Flamingo Fashion Accessories with her husband Bob, said, "We are very excited. I used to watch her on

HGTV and visited her store in Northville. I think this will put Holly on the map in a very positive light. Looking forward to working with her."

On Friday, Cucksey said she hopes to move into the building in August. "We are moving our entire operation into the building," she said. In addition to retail, workshops and other activities, Cucksey and her husband will reside in the building as well.

Cucksey, a 1993 graduate of Fenton High School, said she and her husband often visited Holly and love the historic, small-town atmosphere. "It's the right fit for us," she said.

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at weddings and funerals that don't involve

Carsten, 60, was ordained a deacon by then Bishop James Murray of Kalamazoo eight years ago. He and his wife, Mary, will celebrate 36 years of marriage in August. The couple have two adult children. Aaron is 34 and is married to Brittany. They reside in Indiana with their 4-yearold son and 2-year-old daughter. Their daughter Melissa is 32 and is married to Danen. They live in Grand Blanc with their 6-year-old and 2-yearold daughters.

SUMMARY

■ Deacon Terry

Carsten, a 1973

graduate of Fenton

High School, is a

husband, father, grandfather, GM

employee and a

Catholic Church,

the majority of baptisms.

valued member of St.

John the Evangelist

where he conducts

In addition to his family and church responsibilities, Carsten, a 1973 graduate of Fenton High School, is a fulltime millwright for General Motors for almost 29 years.

"My first vocation and most important is my family," said Carsten. "They tell you that when you're ordained. My second vocation is serving as deacon, which is also very important. But if my granddaughter or daughter need me, for

example, I will be there for them." When asked if he ever considered be-

ing a priest, Carsten laughed and said, "It ran around in my head when I was young, but then puberty struck and it left my mind."

Baptizing a baby is much more involved than simply being at the church to conduct the ceremony when the family arrives with the child.

Deacon Terry, who was himself baptized in the old stone church next to St. John's, and Mary spend many hours in the homes of parents wanting to have their children baptized. "We welcome them into the church," said Deacon Terry. "Baptism is often their first calling back to the church.

"We spend most of our time in the homes of other people," he said. "They need to be in their own home where they are comfortable."

They go to the homes of new parents who apply to have their child baptized and provide them with information and explain procedures.

"We love bringing the church to them,"

In additional to individual baptisms, Carsten conducts monthly group baptisms for children 7 and under at St.

Once a month, Deacon Terry preaches at the church. It gives the priest a rest. Being a married man gives him a different perspective in his preaching, he added.

"Being a married family man, I am seeing it through eyes that a priest does not have, and hasn't experienced."

Although women cannot be ordained deacons, they become the wife of a deacon. However, said Carsten, "When they ordained me they might as well have ordained her. We don't do anything separate. My ministry is her ministry and her ministry is my ministry.

"This is a team effort," he added. Mary serves as a wife, mother, grandmother and Deacon Terry's sec-

"She is very good at spotting people who are in church for the first time, or someone who may look troubled, so she can offer welcoming support," he said. "I do not have that skill."

The couple loves visiting with and often babysitting for their own grandchildren whenever they can.

"It is so much fun to see your children again in the eyes of your grandchildren," said Deacon Terry. "They always do something just like their mother or father did at that age."

"Life is not about your job and earning a lot of money," Deacon Terry said. "It's about the love you share with your children and grandchildren. The memory of family, the good times and love is all you take with you. The rest is meaningless and it all stays here."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

FAST FOOD WAS never intended to sustain someone indefinitely and neither are fast-food jobs.

WHO'S THE IGNORANT one? You most certainly cannot ride your bike down the middle of the road. It's called share the road, not hog the road.

REGARDING THE NIGHTTIME bow fishermen disturbing the peace, this is happening because the 'closed' hours are not being enforced for the boat launch.

I LIKE TO shop local, but when our gas stations are so much higher than Swartz Creek up on Miller Road, I wait until my gas tank gets down low and I do my shopping. High gas prices in Fenton are hurting the businesses. Thank you, Tri-County.

I'M CALLING TO find out if anyone knows what happened to the business Fenton Collision. I was there the other day and there's a fence around the building and no notice on the door. Does anyone know if the business moved or if it shut down?

I'M AS STRAIGHT as the day is long, married, family all that. I'm a white male. I love the new Tylenol commercial, addressing the intolerance of this nation. I don't like it and I think the commercial is great.

MY FAMILY AND I went to Leo's in Fenton this week and nice girls paid for our lunch.

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THIS IS A message for voters only. Don't you think it's about time we quit electing people who are too good to serve our country but think they're really good to lead it? What a mistake. It really is. Bad mistake.

I'VE GOT SOME news for you Lebron James, you are not the greatest basketball player in the world and you never will be. Thank you.

IN THE LAST six and half years, Texas has gained over one and a half million new jobs and during that time, under Obama's; leadership, the entire country has a net loss of 400,000 full-time jobs. It sounds like Rick Perry has done something right. The states with the best economic turnaround success are led by Republican governors in Texas, Florida, and even Michigan.

TO THE HOT liner who is trying to find the person who saved their daughter after the rollerblading accident on May 16, please contact reporter Hannah Ball at (810) 433-6792. Thank you.

WE STILL HAVE huge logs over the Shiawassee River, north of North Road.

THAT ROTTING GIANT oak tree on the south side of North Road, west of Adelaide is a very dangerous tree. A falling branch just missed my car.



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Howard's equipment is inexpensive for the most part — most of it being standard kitchen items.

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Howard recycles

bottles and adds his

own "Lucky Room

Brewery" label to his

products.

HOMEBREWER

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can do it right in your wife's kitchen as long you clean up after."

The entire set-up in the "Lucky Room Brewery" costs a few thousand dollars. Out of all the beer he makes,

two are his "house beers."

The first is a Belgian ale

that his daughter, Celene, named "Santaria." The second is a mild ale called the "Lucky Shot Ale."

"(The second one) is kind of a conglomeration of a brown ale, not quite a porter, not quite an extra special bitter. It's somewhere in the middle of all that. It's dark in color, but it turns out really drinkable," Howard said.

Right now, Howard is making an Oberon clone, Belgian tripel and a brown porter.

"Beer is basically four ingredients," Howard said,

listing off hops, barley, water, and yeast. "You can make fantastic beer out of those four things. There are so many varieties. I find it interesting you can go from those four ingredients to someone trying it and the first question is 'you made that?""

He makes about five gallons per batch, but shares about half with friends. "It's

a great hobby. That's how I look at it," Howard said. "I'm way past the age of thinking that I can open a brewery."

He's constantly trying to gain more knowledge about beer brewing from books, magazines, and has a Facebook

page just to follow Michigan breweries and various online beer websites. He's read a countless number of books on beer.

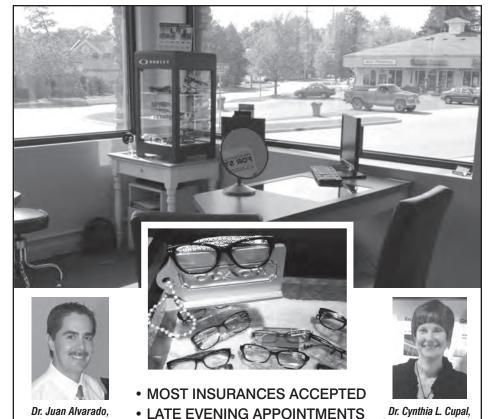
The community of homebrewers is one of his favorite parts of making beer. As a part of the beer appreciation society, he meets with a group of people on the second Monday of every month to sample beer from different breweries. Howard is also part of the Genesee Brewers Club.

"That's part of the fun, just tasting other people's work," he said. "There are some really, really good beers on the market." One time while grilling and trying a beer from a brewery he hadn't been to

before, he took a sip and thought 'my beer is better.'

One of the biggest appeals of home brewing for Howard is sharing it. "You can say to someone 'here, I made this.' If you don't like it, you can throw it out, just don't tell me. If you like it, I have more," Howard said.





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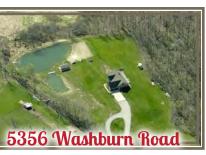
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Local farm markets start with strawberries; corn and tomatoes will follow in July

By Sally Rummel

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The first big "u-pick" crop of the season is strawberries and they are now ripe for the picking at Spicer Orchards & Farm Market in Hartland Township.

"The phone's been ringing off the hook," said Will Cartwright, crop manager. "We're right on time compared to our picking times the past two years, but the crop is later than the years before

that."

Picking began last Friday, June 12, on almost seven acres of strawberries. "We're expecting a full crop, about 12,000 to 14,000 pounds per acre,"

SUMMARY

■ Watch now for your favorite local fruits and vegetables that are close to harvest, including strawberries that are now available at u-pick orchards and markets.

said Cartwright. "We'll probably pick for three to four weeks."

A call to the Spicer Farm Market assured customers that strawberries are also available for sale in the market.

Michigan grows strawberries for both fresh and processed uses, with the heaviest growing area in the southwest portion of the state, according to Michigan State University Extension.

The old farmer's expression relating to corn growth being "knee-high by the Fourth of July" has now been updated by one wellknown local farmer, Dwight Eichelberg of Fenton Township.

"My goal this year was 'knee-high by the



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Part of the tradition of strawberry picking is the tractor-driven hay ride out to the field. These riders are returning after a bountiful harvest.

fourth of June' and I made it," **44**We'll said Eichelberg, who admits he didn't make it last year.

About six years ago, he got the jump on the sweet corn variety that gained him such a popular farm market following in the tri-county area. This year, he's growing a new variety that is supposed to be better than the best. "We'll see about that," he said.

Eichelberg added that corn tassels are

tour or call

us today!

probably pick (strawberries) for three to four weeks to go." weeks. 77

Will Cartwright Crop manager at Spicer Orchards

showing about 41/2 feet and that you can see the tassels from the road. "It isn't silking yet; it's got about three

He estimates that corn will be ready to pick as early as July 10 or between July 12 and 15.

"It's looking pretty good," said Eichelberg. "The weath-

er was pretty ideal until last week. I pity the guys in Texas, Louisiana, Indiana and Illinois because of the heavy rains from Tropical Bill. There's an old farmer's saying, 'Dry will scare you, but wet will starve you.'

While the wet weather hasn't impacted his current corn crop, it has slowed down the planting of corn for their Labor Day crop.

Fenton Farmers Markets begin this week

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The summer fresh produce season begins in full season with the first Fenton Farmers Market this year on Thursday, June 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. The weekly markets will continue through Sept. 17 (no market on July 2) at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center parking lot.

Vendors will be selling produce, jams and jellies, baked goods, arts and crafts, plants, soaps, jewelry, clothing and other gifts.

LINDEN

In downtown Linden, the Farmers Festival will debut Wednesday, July 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. and continue through Sept. 2.

This year's markets in Fenton and Linden are themed "Meet me at the market" and are presented by the Fenton DDA and Linden DDA, respectively. For more information, visit slpr.net.

"It's too wet," he said. They'll be planting their last sweet corn of the year about July 15, depending on the weather.

"We depend on the Lord to bless us," said Eichelberg. "We're crossing our fingers that there's not too much more rain."

TOMATOES

"Our tomato crop is coming right along," said Eichelberg. "The tomatoes did have some early blight due to the wet weather, so I had to spray once with fungicide."

He's expecting the tomato crop to be ready at just about the same time his sweet corn crop hits the stands in July.





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New outreach program in Holly

■ Food and Book Pantry open to all in need

By Vera Hogan

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A new and unique outreach program aimed at helping those in need has recently opened at the Karl Richter Campus Community Center.

According to organizer Tony Engelberg, the operation called "Food and Book Pantry" is a combination food and book room. In addition to family friendly (no mature content) books for all ages, the pantry is accepting donations of nonperishable food items, personal hygiene products and pet food.

Engelberg is the adult education and sports program coordinator at KRC.

Because the pantry is housed in the same building as the village of Holly and school district offices building, donors and recipients should contact Engelberg for arrangements at krccsports@gmail. com or his cell phone (248) 819-0101.

"Right now it's on the honor system," said Engelberg. "I'm telling people if you need food, come and get something. If you can bring couple of books in exchange for food, that's great, but not necessary."

INJURIES

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Sprains

A sprain is an injury to a ligament by tearing of the fibers of the ligament. Ankle and knee sprains are the most common. If it's really painful, the injury is likely to be severe. For most minor sprains, you can follow R.I.C.E. instructions:

Rest the injured limb by not putting any weight on the injured area for 48 hours.

Ice the area immediately after the injury with a cold pack, slush bath or a compression sleeve filled with cold water, to help limit swelling. Continue for 15 to 20 minutes, four to eight times a day or until swelling subsides.

Compress the area with an elastic wrap or bandage, best made from elastic or neoprene.

Elevate the injured limb above your heart whenever possible, to help prevent or limit swelling.

See the doctor if your sprain isn't improving in two or three days.



WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

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Senate Bill 336: Authorize "Amber Alert" type system for at-large cop killer

To establish procedures for rapidly disseminating useful information to radio and television stations when a person suspected of killing or seriously injuring a police officer is on the loose and dangerous. This would be called a "blue alert."

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

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

YES

YES

Senate Bill 211: Authorize uncensored public school American heritage instruction

To require public school boards to "permit" instruction and reading of "America's founding documents" including those related to the country's "representative form of limited government, the Bill of Rights, our free-market economic system, and patriotism." School districts would be prohibited from censoring or restraining reading that includes "religious references in original source documents, writings, speeches, proclamations, or records."

Passed 30 to 8 in the Senate

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

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House Bill 4101: Try to "buy-back" state venture capital investment guarantees

To appropriate \$45 million for an effort to buy-back at a discount some \$50 million worth of investor return guarantees the state gave out under an "early stage venture capital investment" scheme authorized by a 2003 law.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

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House Bill 4189: Let adoption agencies refuse adoptions that violate moral convictions

To establish that a private adoption or foster care agency is not required to assist or participate in an adoption or placement that violates its written religious or moral convictions, including adoptions of a child by a homosexual. State agencies would be prohibited from discriminating or taking an "adverse action" against an agency for this reason.

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)

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

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

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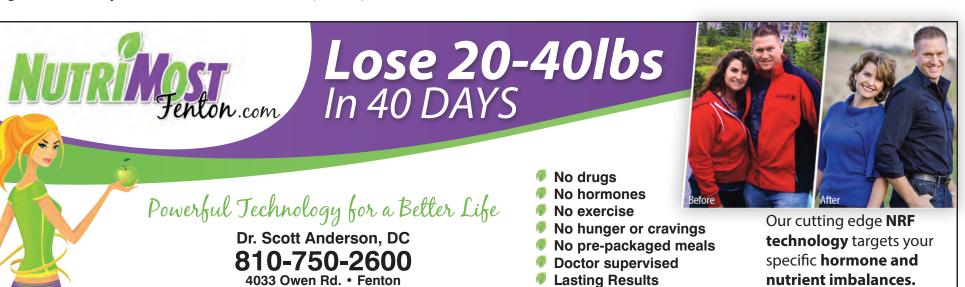
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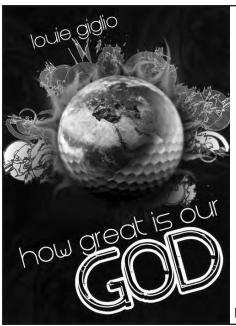
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Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ opens second location

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Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ

Phil Canup

■ Hartland eatery features carry-out and same focus on quality BBQ

By Sally Rummel

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Southern hospitality, barbecue and iazz have found their way through the doors of Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ to a brand new location "south" of Fenton in Hartland.

With an identical menu of Beale St.'s original Fenton menu, the new Hartland eatery is dedicated to carry-out customers, with limited seating for 12. It is located at Shops at Waldenwoods (the Kroger plaza) at M-59 and Old US23.

For customers who want the dine-in experience of enjoying Michi-

gan craft beer, wine and liquor and live blues music on Friday and Saturday nights, the original Fenton location is still a hotspot for an authentic barbecue experience.

"Our success is a combination of really good food, quality and consistency by a good management team and a fun atmosphere of jazz and Memphis," said Philip Canup, one of the owners. His daughter, Lisa Reading, is also an owner and helps manage both restaurants.

Pit Master Steven Pender is in charge of low-and-slow Memphis-style cooking, while his wife, Angela, is general manager of the new Hartland location.

"Our Memphis-style rub and marinade creates the flavor, then our beef brisket and pork butts are smoked for 14 to 18 hours," said Canup. "All of our meats, including our ribs, pork, chicken and brisket are smoked, even our baked beans. Just about everything

> is house-made. This is the real thing."

> Beale St., named after a famous street in Memphis, offers a one-of-akind atmosphere. "We're independent," said Canup. "We're proud of who we are and what we do. There's a gallery of photographs on our walls of our musicians. Customers can put their business cards under the

glass on each tabletop."

Open since 2006 and under new ownership since 2011, Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ has developed a loyal following of barbecue lovers.

To view the story of Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ and to catch a glimpse of their popular food and a view of their lively atmosphere, visit tetimes.com and click on Feature Video.

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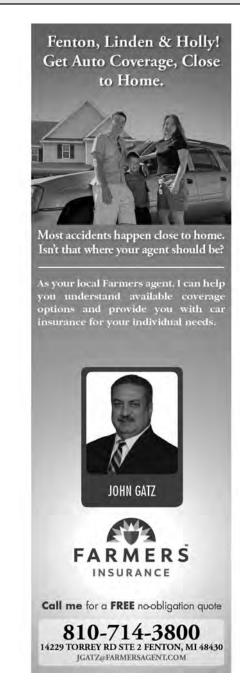
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The transaction took place Thursday, June 18 with Charles Stoner of Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton handling the sale. The sale price was not disclosed; however, the 2015 State Equalized Value is listed as \$147,300 on Fenton city records.

This 3.35-acre parcel is currently being used as the staging area for contractors working on the Streetscape project.

Plans for this property are a multi-floor mixed use development featuring several businesses, plus residential space. The development will include the re-location of Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio, currently located at 3180 West Silver Lake Rd. in Fenton, founded by the LaJoices in 2007.

The new location of Chassé Ballroom will consist of multiple stories offering ballroom dance instruction and Zumba Fitness classes, utilizing soundproof technology. LaJoice Enterprises corporate offices will be located on the top floor.

The development is being completed with the community in mind, according to a statement released today by LaJoice. "Pending approval by the city, we want the property to feature a river walk for the community to enjoy," he said.

The new property is being designed by NORR Architects and built by Schonsheck, Inc. of Wixom.

LaJoice has no set demolition date for the current Topps/Wash King building, but is hoping for a move-in date in 2016. "We don't have any other official tenants as of yet, but interested tenants can contact Jillian Partlo through email at jpartlo@ chassefenton.com," said LaJoice.

LaJoice Enterprises/LaJoice Properties is also looking for other properties throughout the state of Michigan for the expansion of Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio into multiple markets.

Bald eagle on Lake Fenton



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Ben Roach, 13, captured this photo of a bald eagle near a home on Lake Fenton on Thursday, June 18.

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s tenants say everything is goi

It's been just over six months since the

The Rough Draught Coffee & Barm, owned by Andrew and Stephanie

Everything is going great," said Stephanie. "O

probably more than doubled since we moved

Stephanie describes their customers as an ecl

representing all ages. They also have special eve

ground-floor business tenants moved into their new digs in the Cornerstone building,

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ins, is one of them.

On Thursday, Seth Hunter, 9, was able to walk amongst a crowd of friends and family at Linden Elementary who welcomed him back after he suffered a stroke on May 12. Seth has undergone physical therapy to get some of his movement back. Father Chris said the final challenge will be the fingers on his right hand. "This is incredible," said Chris, who assisted Seth with his wheelchair when he needed it. "It's overwhelming, the community support."

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FENTON ATHLETICS

Who was the last Fenton varsity sports team to win a state championship?



In 1990 the Fenton varsity wrestling team captured a state title.

Fenton's King honored to ref at state finals

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

East Lansing — The Fenton varsity girls soccer team wasn't the only soccer representation from the tri-county area at Michigan State University during the state championship

games on June 12.

officiate

In the contest before Fenton's 1-0 shootout loss to Richland Gull Lake, there was another familiar face helping

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Tore Fenton's Detroit Country Day and Unity Christian. It was Fenton resident and Vehicle City Soccer Association referee Tom King Jr.

It was King's fifth

sion 3 state title game between

It was King's fifth girls state championship game he's helped officiate during his career, and the second

straight season he's worked the D3 title game.

"It's unbelievable," King said.
"It's a great honor. You are not only selected by the coaches, but also the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MH-SAA) and the athletic directors.

"It's just a great honor to be with these young kids. I love the game. I love the kids. I love

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GRAND CHAMPION

Cody Dolby earns top honor in recent event See Page 19A



ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

Missed anything during the spring, visit tetimes.com to find it.

Who was the area's top spring prep team?

Soccer teams dominate our TC Top Five spring poll

By David Troppens

of cancellations.

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The spring started with a lot

For a long time, just like the last couple of springs, one had to wonder if we'd even have a spring sports season.

But when the games started to get played, man, were they played. Thankfully, once May hit, it seemed like the weather took a turn for the better. It seemed like pretty much every regular season game was played within about a 21-day span. And, for the most part, the spring postseason went pretty cleanly.

Enough of the chatter. Let's get to our poll.

Honorable mentions: There are some good honorable mention teams. Fenton softball came within a doubleheader of defending its Metro League title and finished with a 22-12

overall. Fenton boys golf finished a solid second during the Metro season, but hit a collision course when the state tourney series began. Conversely, the Linden boys golf team struggled to a fifth-place league finish but then surprised in the state tourney series, advancing to the state meet as a team. However, they struggled at the state meet, keeping them off the top five. Lake Fenton softball captured another GAC Red Division championship, but the Blue Devils lost to the Linden Eagles in the opening round of districts, hurting their chances to finish in our top five.

No. 5 – Linden baseball: It was another strong season for the Linden baseball team. The squad posted a 31-11 record overall, won its third straight Division 1 Flint baseball tourney title and also won a third straight district crown. The Eagles also were leading in the regional championship game 3-0 before Birch Run scored four runs in the sixth to earn a 4-3 victory, ending the Eagles'



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KLARI FREDERICK

(Above) Linden's Alia Frederick takes a shot against Fenton's Miranda Campbell. Both teams are in our Spring Tri-County Top Five. Melissa Williams (right) and the Lake Fenton Blue Devils are also in our poll.

tourney run a little shorter than they hoped. The Eagles had some nice credentials, but one thing that hurt them was their Metro League placing. Linden

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Area baseball players headed to college level

By David Troppens

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Academically, Hunter Jacobson knew the University of Northwestern Ohio was the place for him when he started his collegiate career.

What the 2015 Linden graduate and member of Linden's 2015 district championship team didn't know was he'd be able to play baseball while attending the school.

"I was going to go there for schooling for auto tech," said Jacobson who is planning on majoring in automatics diesel technology. "Once I was accepted I found out they had a baseball team. I got all the criteria ready and they accepted me as their first baseman."

Jacobson is one of three Linden residents who made their school choice during the spring. Linden pitcher Jake Marshall will continue his

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DAVID TROPPENS

Powers graduate and Linden resident Peyton Knoll is going to play college baseball at Lakeland College during the 2015-16 school year.

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career at Mott Community College, while Powers graduate and Linden resident Peyton Knoll is headed to Lakeland College.

Northwestern Ohio is a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) school in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC). The squad posted a strong 45-15 overall record this spring. They also won their first-ever WHAC title in school history with a 28-5 conference record. Jacobson plans on playing first base.

"I told my dad at the age of 13 I wanted to play at the next level," Jacobson said. "Here I am now. It's a dream come true.'

Marshall was the last on the baseball team to make his selection when he picked Mott.

"I picked Mott because I don't know what I am going to do for my career yet," Marshall said. "It's close to home and I figure I can get play some good baseball there and try to go somewhere

Mott has been the home of many area players, including Fenton's Jaime Castiglione, who was recently named the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Freshman Pitcher of the Year. The squad posted a 25-19-1 record overall this spring. Marshall plans on pitching and playing short stop.

"It's a big deal for me," Marshall said. "Mott is another stepping stone. I'm happy to go."

Knoll is going from Powers to Lakeland to play second base. Other schools he was looking at included John Carroll University, Hope College and Mount Union (Ohio). Lakeland College is a Division III liberal arts school located in Wisconsin in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.

"I felt Lakeland had the best personal fit for me," Knoll said. "Coach Mike Bachar and coach Sean Repay have a great vision for the program headed forward, so I'm happy to be a part of their plan.

Knoll says he's expecting to major in marketing.

"I would like to improve each day and continue to better myself as a player, and just put myself in the best position as an athlete that I can," Knoll said. "We have some key pieces coming back next year, along with a solid recruiting class coming in, so it would be great to contend for a conference title and an NCAA bid."

Dolby captures Grand Champion honor

■Linden student is a second-degree black belt in Tang Soo Do

By David Troppens

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Cody Dolby is pretty good at the sport he loves.

In fact, he's a Grand Champion at it.

Dolby, who will be a sophomore at Linden High School in the fall, competed at the International Tang Soo Do Federation's 41st National All-Martial Arts Championship Tournament, recently, and Dolby came home as the Grand Champion in weapons forms.

"It was exciting because you get to go on center stage, get pictures and it goes on the Web site," Dolby said. "It's a really exciting and great feeling. It's one of my greatest accomplishments in karate."

Dolby, who trains with Master Anthony Husted at Fenton Karate, had to win his division before advancing. The seconddegree black belt won his division against about 11 other people, advancing him into the Grand Champion round against all of the other division winners. Dolby took first in that competition as well. His prize at the event held in Monroeville, Pennsylvania was a six-foot trophy.

"I wanted to go for the Grand Champion in weapons and forms," Dolby said. "Forms – that one didn't happen (he took second in his division)."

The competitors compete in a certain order, perform their routine and are given scores by five judges ranging from 5.0 to 9.9. Dolby used a bo staff as his weapon of choice. It's about five feet long, but Dolby says it is very light in nature, allowing him to maneuver it quickly. His routine is about a minute long. The performance can be something he's practiced, or he can actually make it up as he's competing.

Dolby became interested in karate about seven years ago when he thought it looked interesting.

"I tried it and enjoyed it," Dolby said.

He's taken first in many other tournaments throughout the years, earning Grand Champion honors other times during his career as well. He became a black belt in 2012. Dolby spends a lot of his time perfecting his craft.

"I am there almost every day because I enjoy it so much," Dolby said.

Dolby's future goals include completing in a world tournament scheduled for next year in Texas.

"My goal is to go there and try as hard as I can," Dolby said.





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Linden resident Cody Dolby (center) is awarded the Grand Champion trophy during the recent International Tang Soo Do Federation's 41st National All-Martial Arts Championship Tournament. He's pictured with his Master, Anthony Husted (right) and Grand Master C.S. Kim (left). Below, Dolby is pictured with his bo staff, competing.



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FentonresidentTomKingJr.officiated his fifth girls state championship game of his career this season. He was a referee assistant in the D3 title game against Detroit Country Day and Holland Univity Christian. It was the contest before Fenton's title contest against Richland Gull Lake.

KING

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the camaraderie amongst everybody."

Just watching King during the contest it was evident he was enjoying his role as one of the assistant referees. King biggest responsibility was assuring players in his end were onside during an advanced ball. King put some good mileage on his legs during the contest, running up and down the sideline. However, whenever the action ended for a few seconds, he usually displayed the smile he's known for in the Flint area.

The contest King helped ref ended up being a 2-1 shootout victory for Unity Christian. In between halves and overtime periods. He discussed how entertaining it was to be a part of the contest.

"This is all about having fun because this is a learning thing too," King said. "This is a great opportunity for these kids to be remembered by. But to be able to say you were a part of a state championship game is great."

King played soccer when he graduated. The 1976 Flint Northwestern graduate played during the summer when he was a kid because soccer wasn't available at the high school level. He also has officiated a state football game during his career.

"It takes good communication skills and dedication," King said when asked what it takes to be a good ref. "You have to love the sport."

SPRING

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finished tied for third with Fenton in the Metro League with a 9-5 mark. The Eagles needed to win the Metro or win the regional title to finish higher.

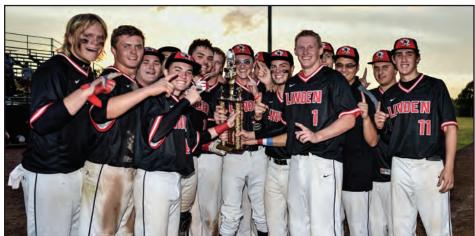
No. 4 – Linden girls soccer: Linden girls soccer was ranked in the state for a decent portion of the season and defeated Fenton in the Metro League's final contest to win another Metro League title outright. They did so by defeating the Tigers convincingly 5-0. However, in districts the Eagles lost to Fenton 3-1 and saw their postseason dreams fall a bit short. Of course, to Linden's credit the Eagles did see their season end losing to a squad that finished as D2 state runner-up Fenton.

No. 3 – Lake Fenton girls soccer: The Lake Fenton girls soccer team captured its fifth outright GAC regular-season title this year, posting another undefeated record against conference foes. However, they did much more than that. The Blue Devils (17-6-1) posted an impressive 0-0 draw with the eventual D2 state runner-ups Fenton before starting its tourney run. In the tournament, the Blue Devils won a district crown and had to defeat a traditionally tough Williamston squad 1-0 to earn a spot in the regional semifinals against Powers. The Blue Devils, who have been eliminated from the state playoff series each of the last five straight postseasons by Powers, saw it happen again this year. However, Lake Fenton showed itself proud losing a respectable 3-0 verdict in a contest that wasn't truly decided until about halfway through the second half.

No. 2 - Holly girls tennis: The Bronchos had another outstanding season. First off, area tennis in the Metro League and the regional is getting stronger with each year, and Holly remains one of the programs leading that strength. The Bronchos won the Metro League title outright, and also captured a regional championship. Once at the D2 state meet, Holly captured 10th place, finishing No. 2 in our spring poll.

No. 1 – Fenton girls soccer: This was an easy one. The Tigers entered the season expecting to be one of the contenders for the Metro League crown and were right in the mix until the last day of the season, when area-rivals Linden put a 5-0 trouncing on them. That meant the Tigers were forced to settle for a second-place Metro finish at 7-1. And after some so-so results in the regular season after the Linden loss, it was hard to look at the Tigers as anything more than a solid Metro squad who would probably lose to Linden in the district title game when the two teams collided. Sneaking





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(Top) Fenton's varsity girls soccer team collects its team finalist trophy at the state championship game. The Lady Tigers are No. 1 on our Spring Tri-County Top Five poll. (Above) The Linden varsity baseball team finished No. 5 on our poll, while Haley Crimmins and the rest of the Holly girls tennis team finished second.

by Holly 1-0 in the district semifinals didn't help end those thoughts for most. However, the Tigers became a different team the rest of the way. Using its depth and its strong midfield play to dictate action, the Tigers won a district crown by defeating Linden 3-1 in the finals. The Tigers followed that result with a 5-0 win against Clio and then a 1-0 shootout victory against Regina. Teams couldn't score against the Tigers. Trenton became the fifth of six postseason opponents who failed to score against Fenton, as the Tigers defeated them 1-0 in the state semifinals. And even in defeat, the Tigers didn't allow an actual goal during regular play. Fenton played the two-time defending state champion Richland Gull Lake to a 0-0 draw after 80 minutes of regulation play and two 10-minute overtime periods before Gull Lake won a shootout 4-1. The Ti-



gers came within a shootout of earning their first state championship in program history. As it was, the season was historical because this was their first trip to the state title game. Picking No. 1 was pretty easy. And it's going to be hard to beat them when the Top 16 for the season comes out.



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MOWER OR TRACTOR?

Choose the style that will best suit your lawn as well as your own needs and budget



Buying a new lawn mower or tractor requires research to find the best style to suit your yard's needs.

By Sally Rummel

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Summer is an active season for lawn and yard care, which means a lawn mower or tractor is likely sitting in your garage right now

You may be considering a move up to either a more powerful model or changing from a push mower to a rider, especially if you're mowing a half-acre or more. A gas or electric push mower works well for a small lawn, but you may need a self-propelled model if you have a lawn with many slopes.

Homeowners can plan to spend as little as \$100 for a manual reel mower up to \$4,000-plus for lawn tractors and zero-turn radius machines.

How to choose a mower

Homeowners must choose a style of mower that will best suit their lawn needs, plus compare deck and engine size, transmission choices and power and accessory ontions

- Manual reel mowers these most traditional of mowers are the "greenest" of mowers, with no engine to pollute. Pushing them turns a series of curved blades. Quiet and inexpensive, they require little upkeep except for blade adjustments and sharpening. Swaths are typically 14 to 18 inches and cutting tends to be uneven, so this kind of mower isn't the best choice for a "fussy" lawnkeeper.
- Electric mowers these are best for small, level lawns. They use an electric motor to turn a rotating blade and, in some models, drive the wheels. There are cord and cordless types, all working with push-button ease, no exhaust emissions and require little upkeep other than blade sharpening. On the downside, they can't match the best gaspowered machines in tall or thick grass and weeds. They also take a smaller bite with each pass about 18 to 20 inches wide, according to consumers report.com.
- Gas-powered mowers these include push and self-propelled models. Most cut a 21- or 22-inch swath, can handle long or thick grass and weeds and can bag, side-discharge and mulch clippings. Self-propelled models are best for most lawns because of their ease and performance. But they are noisy and do produce exhaust emissions, plus the engine requires regular tune-ups and oil changes.

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It's important that your car is detailed regularly to keep it well maintained and operating efficiently.

It's all in the details

Your vehicle will run more efficiently and look its best with regular detailing

By Sally Rummel

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If you're interested in keeping your vehicle in pristine condition, you already know there's a big difference between washing your car and actually detailing it, down to the tire rims and engine.

Whether you choose to do it yourself or hire a professional for the job, there are a few things you need to know.

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"We take detailing to the next level," said Jay Lasco of Lasco Ford in Fenton. "We can get rid of some surface marks on your vehicle by buffing it out. Just polishing your vehicle can bring your car to 'like new' condition."

He adds that having your car professionally detailed can actually be

cheaper and more effective than doing it on your own,

"Detailing the engine compartment can be very tedious, requiring the use of special tools," said Lasco. "You can't just open the hood of the car and power wash it without damaging the engine. We have special tools to allow us to detail special areas. Not only do we have access to proper tools and chemicals for the job, we also know the 'tricks of the trade,' that can save you time and money."

If you choose to detail your car on your own, here are a few tips offered by MSN Auto:

- Start with the wheels. Remove all the accumulated brake dust by using a wash mitt, soap and "elbow grease." Rinse down the wheels monthly. Use a separate wash mitt from the one you'll use on the car's body.
- Shine up your tires. Spray on a tire cleaner, let it sit and finish to clear, nice satin finish with no drips or streaking.
- Use the two-bucket wash method. Fill one with soap, the other with clean water. Every time you wash, rinse your

mitt in clear water to keep debris from mixing with the clean wash soap. Use a hose to get as much foam in the soapy water as possible. Empty and refill the buckets at least twice on larger vehicles. Always wash your car in the shade to

- prevent water spots and streaking. ■ Use car cleaners, not dishwashing
- soap. The latter will attack the wax and protective layer on the vehicle. Use the highest quality mitts available, not kitchen sponges.
- Always pre-soak your vehicle to remove as much loose dirt as possible. Start from the top and work your way down. Frequently dip your mitt into the clear water as you wash. Rinse off the soap immediately; do not let it dry. Wash the car in four sections to quickly wash the soap away in stages.
- Remove minor swirl marks by hand polishing them in a circular motion with a proper cleaning applicator and hand polish. Remove any scratches, scruffs or other paint imperfections with a high performance paint scratch remover. After applying polish, use a clean tag-less micro-fiber cloth to remove polish and wax.
- Treat the interior leather by using leather cleaner applied with a soft bristle brush or clean terry cloth. Then apply a leather balm to hydrate and protect it. Leave it on for a few minutes and buff it to a dry finish. Repeat monthly.
- Clean your headlights by using a doit-yourself headlight restoration kit and following directions. Then polish and seal the headlights with a proper lens sealer.
- Get rid of yucky smells. Keep ahead of this by cleaning up spills right away and vacuuming weekly. For a stubborn odor, hire a pro to steam clean and ionize the air inside, or steam clean it yourself.
- Use high-quality glass cleaner that's streak-free, ammonia-free and won't damage windows. Use micro-fiber cloths or a newspaper folded in quarters to wipe away dirt from the windows.



Learn to tow cargo safely

Warm weather is here, and people from all over are preparing their vehicles for another season of road trips. In addition to packing the interior cargo areas full of equipment and luggage, many roadtrippers also haul gear and recreational accessories with them.

There's more to towing than hitching a trailer and hitting the open road. A number of factors come into play when towing cargo or another vehicle, including the towing capacity of the vehicle doing the hauling. The following are some safety tips for road trippers hitting the road with trailer in tow.

Tow vehicles

While many vehicles have towing capabilities, not all of those vehicles are necessarily right for the job. Review the towing capacities of various vehicles depending on the type of trailer that will be towed. Alarger, more powerful vehicle may be necessary if you will be towing something large and heavy, such as a boat or a recreational vehicle. You may need more horsepower to maintain a safe driving speed when towing especially heavy cargo.

Equipment

Different manufacturers offer towing packages equipped to work in concert with your vehicle. Towing packages may include certain types of hitches, batteries, flasher systems, extended-view side mirrors, and even special axles and tires. In many areas, a trailer with a loaded weight of more than 1,500 pounds requires a separate braking system and a breakaway switch located on the tongue of the trailer that activates the trailer brakes in the event it separates from the tow vehicle. Having the right equipment can mean the difference between safely towing cargo and getting into an accident.

Ability

Having a lot of power and the right equipment is not enough to safely tow cargo. Recklessness on the road, which includes driving over the speed limit, is a recipe for an accident. It typically takes time and some practice for drivers to grow accustomed to driving while towing cargo. Driving while towing cargo requires that drivers maneuver their vehicles differently than they would in more typical conditions, and that they drive at slower speeds while leaving room for a larger turning radius. In addition, drivers must accommodate for the extra weight when braking.

Vehicle check

Verifying that the trailer hitch is secure is not the only inspection drivers must conduct before hitting the open road. The vehicle doing the towing should be serviced, and any repairs should be made. Check fluid levels, particularly the transmission fluid. In addition, make sure the water level in the battery is acceptable and have the motor oil changed if it is nearing its mileage limit. It's also a good idea to







The size and weight of a trailer and the cargo it's towing must be considered before embarking on a trip.

replace the air filter, examine the tires for adequate tread and test the brakes.

When the trip begins, give your vehicle and the hitch a once-over to double-check that everything is in working order. This can be done during service station stops along the trip.

Summer is a season of recreational fun and long road trips, but it pays to play it safe when towing gear and other cargo.

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■ Lawn tractors — these front-engine riding machines can be the workhorse for a larger lawn. Most mow a 42- to 48-inch swath and can bag, mulch and side-discharge clippings. Some can cut a wider swatch and offer four-wheel steering for tighter turns. All accept snow throwers and other tools, although these addons tend to be pricey and can be a chore to attach and detach.

Sears recently introduced its Craftsman Pro Series, now available at Sears Hometown Stores, including the Fenton location.

"The Pro Series 98645 sets itself apart fromothers with its 6-inch turning radius, 54-inch cut, tool-less blade change, 12 cutting positions and 26 hp engine," said Jeff Stone, owner of the Sears Hometown Store in Fenton.

Equipped with Kohler engines and Consistent-Cut technology, adding more consistent power to the deck and helping homeowners cut through the wet turf that would make other engines stall.

With Turn Tight technology, these tractors offer a 6-inch turning radius. An EZ Blade Change system makes this

maintenance chore easier than ever with tool-less magnet-assisted installation.

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■ Zero turn mowers — this newest class of tractors can mow a lawn much faster than a traditional tractor because of their ability to make a 180-degree turn to start cutting the next lap without a "turning around" maneuver.

The Sears Pro Series ZTR, powered by a Kohler Professional Services 26 hp engine, features pro performance air, fuel and oil filters. It also sports a welded chassis for extreme conditions.

Hodges Farm Equipment in Fenton Township sells an Iowa-made Country Clipper brand that offers a residential zero-turn tractor mower. It can also multi-task to hitch a trailer, lawn vacuum and other accessories. "You can buy a push blade to use for winter," said Manager Anne Hahn. These huge machines offer a 6-foot cutting width and mowing speeds up to 12.5 mph.

■ **Robotic lawn mowers** — spawned by the popularity of robotic cordless vacuum cleaners, these buzz on their own within a perimeter wire that sets the mowing boundaries. Their performance varies widely and they are pricey, so it pays to research ratings, etc. from consumersreport.org.



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