From New York to Hollywood, her handbags are hot!

By Vera Hogan
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Julie Lindsay is not your typical bag lady.

On the contrary, the Fenton Township resident is known globally as the designer and manufacturer of high-end handbags, each of which bears her name. Lindsay said she has been sewing her entire life, having made her own clothes “back in the day,” including her prom dresses.

“I have always enjoyed sewing,” she said. “I was taught by my grandma, who
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Julie Lindsay designs and manufactures her signature, high-end handbags, which cost between $250 and $800 each, at her Fenton Township home. Pictured here is the Sayler, which retails for $650.

Marijuana growing facility may take time to move forward

By Vera Hogan
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Owners of the medical marijuana growing facility planned for 130 Alloy Drive in the industrial park have obtained special land use and site plan approval from Fenton’s Planning Commission.

According to the site plan review application, the owner of the property is listed as ALJ Group of Davison.

Charles Sowdan, the project manager working with the architect from Asselin, McLane Architectural Group in Flint, spoke on behalf of the buyers of the property, who will operate Fenton Greenhouse when it is constructed.

“They (buyers) are not making any statements at this time,” Sowdan said.

Purchase of the property was contingent upon the site plan review process, which has been completed, Sowdan said.

“Because of the unsettledness of the laws, they basically have not yet made concrete plans to move forward,” he added.

See MARIJUANA on 14A

SUMMARY

The Fenton Planning Commission has approved site plans for the construction of Fenton Greenhouse, a medical marijuana growing facility at 130 Alloy Drive in the city’s industrial park. It will be the first since the new ordinance allowing this activity was adopted by the City Council six months ago.

The good thing about 95-gallon recycling bins

You can recycle more things than you think

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Recycling is a hot topic in this day and age when people take a more active part in doing what they can to preserve the environment.

Republic Waste services the Fenton, Holly and Linden areas. They offer information on what products can be made from recycled materials.

Aluminum cans, for example, can be recycled indefinitely. They are processed and reused to make new cans and aluminum foil.

When people recycle tin, steel cans and other metal products, nearly all of the material can be reused for future products such as new cookware, construction materials, electronics or even a new bicycle, according to republicwaste.com.

See RECYCLE on 6A

Red Fox on the fast track

On Monday, Rhoades & Johnson carpenter Asile Lavery moves his lift into position above the roof of what will become Red Fox Outfitters in Fenton. Construction began in late May, with plans to be open for the 2015 Christmas shopping season.

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One of Fenton’s best kept secrets

Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary is located in city limits

By Sally Rummel
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If you’ve never visited the Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary in Fenton, you are missing an oasis of beauty and solitude not often found within city limits.

Located only a half mile from the busy business corridor of North LeRoy Street, east on Dauner Road, the sanctuary seems like miles and miles away from civilization. It’s also a “secret” for many residents who’ve never heard of it.

“I just found out about it a few years ago,” said Cindy Shane, city treasurer. “Now I go out there a few times a year and enjoy the nature and relaxation. It’s a nice walk.”

She does caution, however, that this summer will require the vigilant use of insect repellent, as mosquitoes are plentiful this season.

The Dauner Martin Sanctuary is owned by the Michigan Nature Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Michigan’s rare, threatened and endangered species by protecting the lands and water they need to survive. Humans are the visitors here;

See DAUNER MARTIN on 22A

Braving muggy, buggy weather, Ron and Ronda Dycus of Flushing explore the Dauner-Martin Nature Preserve in Fenton for their first time Sunday afternoon. “We try to hit all the walking trails in the county,” said Ronda.

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The sounds of summer

I feel bad for most kids today. They are missing out on one of the most wonderful sensual experiences in the world — the sounds of summer.

When I was a kid, almost every home kept their doors and windows wide open 24 hours a day in the summer. The main reason was that very few households had air conditioning and the summer breezes blowing through the screened doors and windows were necessary to provide relief from the heat. Additionally, there was little or no crime, and houses and lots were much smaller then, so most of us lived in tightly packed subdivisions or neighborhoods where everybody knew everybody, and everybody looked out for their neighbor and their neighborhood.

But I digress. The result was that sounds from inside the homes could be heard from the outside, and sounds from outside the homes could be heard from the inside. It was a win-win for all involved.

Most kids today have never awakened to the sound of birds singing and chirping outside their window at the crack of dawn. Few know what the slap of a morning newspaper landing on the front porch sounds like or the hydraulic whine of garbage trucks stopping at every home. Clocks ticked, bees hummed, toilets flushed and babies cried. It was a sunrise symphony repeated each summer morning that was as comforting and reassuring as a mother’s voice.

Evenings provided an even more entertaining cacophony. The Missouri twang of Ernie Harwell as he broadcast Detroit Tiger baseball games could be heard throughout the neighborhood. Crickets chirped and cicadas buzzed. Laughter emanated from windows dimly backlit by TVs. The riff of cards being shuffled at weekly euchre games filled the air with the cackling of children playing hide-and-seek or tag. This ritualistic and reassuring din would wane as the sun sank in the west, replaced by the pop and crack of the streetlights coming on in concert with the mournful, lonesome calls of distant train whistles.

Few kids today get to experience the unbridled joy of those days. Far too many rarely venture outside their homes in the evening, preferring to stay inside mindlessly clicking away on their electronic devices, watching inane television shows or listening to music wearing earbuds, oblivious to the opus of life taking place outside.

Nowadays, it is not uncommon for neighbors to have lived next door to each other for years to hardly know one another. Bigger yards and bigger homes are partially responsible for some of this anomaly, compounded by over-protective parents and a loss of the neighborhood comradeship that existed innately on every block for a mere two generations ago.

It’s a shame that so many kids are missing these magical summer sounds. For me, they epitomize the best of a wonderful childhood where we didn’t have much, but wanted for nothing.

The sounds of summer — they’re still out there, we just need to listen.
Memorial Day events at Great Lakes National Cemetery provided an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with veterans.

Talking with veterans

- Knowing what to say is key to comfortable conversations

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People who sometimes have difficulty talking to a veteran are not alone. Not knowing what to say to soldiers returning home from combat is a common struggle for some.

Well-intentioned friends and family members may say something that actually increases stress or negative emotions. Often, simply saying “thank you for your service” means a lot to them.

Keith Lafeé was just a young man of 21 when he returned home from Viet Nam after serving two years as an Army corporal E4. When he stepped off that plane, he was expecting a hero’s welcome, but what he got instead was scorn and disrespect.

Today, Lafeé lives in Fenton Township with his wife, Sharon. At 67, he wears his service proudly. Nothing pleases him more than when someone sees him wearing a cap that says “Viet Nam Veteran,” and they thank him for his service.

“Just saying ‘thank you’ means the most to me,” said Lafeé, whose contact with Agent Orange in Viet Nam left him with many health issues, including an aneurysm and three heart attacks.

“Just realizing they appreciate what I did. When we got home, no one would talk to us, they’d cut us off in line,” he said. “But I take the positive out of everything. I don’t always know what else to say, but I always say ‘thank you’ in return.”

According to nationswell.com, there are a few things people should avoid when talking with veterans. The first is not to ask them if they’ve ever killed someone. It perpetuates a stereotype that all combat is shooting at bad guys and blowing things up.

The truth is that combat involves long periods of boredom, anxiety and anticipation, punctuated by bursts of action. Many people would rather not discuss with family and friends, let alone strangers.

Veterans do not need to be coddled. There is a stigma that people need to watch what they say and many veterans get annoyed with that concern. It’s important not to assume that all returning service members have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or emotional problems. Treating them like normal human beings is preferred. Veterans come out of military service with priceless skill sets, as well as experience — ask about that experience, what it was like to serve their country.

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5 years ...
Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010
Primary election results. Bernero and Snyder to face off for governor’s seat. Republican Rick Snyder will face off against Democrat Virg Bernero in the November governor’s race. Bernero, 46, is mayor of Lansing. Snyder, 51, from Ann Arbor is president and chief operating officer for Gateway Computers. Fenton City and Township voters gave Snyder the nod with 740 votes in the primary. Bernero received 464 votes.

10 years ...
Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005
Police strive to meet demands of growing city. Excessive noise, running stop signs and illegal parking were just some of the complaints made by city residents at a recent Fenton City Council meeting. The City Council agreed to look at some of these issues in upcoming work sessions and determine if the Fenton Department of Public Services can meet the demands of the public.

YOUR SMILE MATTERS!
By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

BONEギャMITING
When a tooth is badly broken down and no longer savable, tooth removal is necessary. Once a tooth is extracted the remaining jaw bone will shrink and collaborate part is lost due to the healing process. The main purpose for the presence of jaw bone is to support teeth so when a tooth is lost the bone naturally contours. Bone loss after tooth extraction is especially severe in cases where there is the presence of an abcess infection around the tooth roots. Often times the resorptive changes in the jaw bone resulting from this shrinkage can leave some infection for future tooth replacement such as with dental implants. Without adequate bone, tooth replacement with a dental implant is impossible. To help prevent this loss of bone and preserve a good foundation for future tooth replacement, bone grafting is often recommended. Bone graft material is placed in the tooth socket area at the time of extraction. This serves to provide support for the area and promotes bone formation, instead of bone resorption, in that area. This bone grafting procedure greatly enhances the area and ensures a strong foundation for future dental implant placement.

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RECYCLE
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Recycled newspaper and other paper products can become new books, egg cartons, building insulation, boxes, kitty litter, sheetrock and even kitchen countertops.

Paper products include dry packaged food items, such as cereal boxes, etc. The only heavy boxes that cannot be recycled are cardboard pizza boxes and other cardboard carryout food containers. These items usually have food stuck on them, food items that can spoil and cause odors in bacteria.

Cardboard carryout food containers should be disposed of with the regular trash — or better yet, some people burn these boxes in an outdoor fireplace.

New法学ts are actually easier to make from recycled bottles than from the raw materials. When you recycle glass, it is reused to make new bottles and fiberglass.

Plastic is one of the most versatile materials when it comes to recycling. After plastics are sorted by type, the recyclable materials can be used for carpeting, backpacks, fleece jackets, play sets, plastic decking, containers and more.

Republic Waste allows for the disposal of large items at the curb. When disposing of old mattresses, it’s easier to wrap the mattress in plastic for safe and efficient disposal. When getting rid of old items like sofas and chairs, just leave it at the curb assembled.

Before setting them out, remove doors from appliances like refrigerators and washing machines.

Linden schools implementing later start times
Linden Community Schools will implement six late-start days for the 2015-16 school year.

In a letter to parents, Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said, “The purpose of these late-start days is to provide our teachers with focused and constructive professional development.”

Classes start two hours later on these days. The bus schedules will coincide with the later start times. The a.m. and p.m. kindergarten groups will alternate attendance on late-start days.

Each staff development day, or late-start day, will help staff grow in and out of the classroom by having opportunities to “learn, implement, and then reflect on teaching practices that will give our students more opportunities to be successful,” Ciesielski said.

LATE-START DAYS 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

• Wednesday, September 23
• Wednesday, October 21
• Wednesday, November 18
• Wednesday, December 16
• Wednesday, March 16
• Wednesday, May 18

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Racing for a cure

Local cancer survivor spearheads charity effort for Karmanos Cancer Institute

By Sally Rummel news@ctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Ken Grulich of Groveland Township was just 34 years old and expecting his first child with wife, Brenda, when he got the devastating news four years ago.

“I was told I had Stage 2 Melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer,” said Grulich, now 38. “My dermatologist removed the actual mole, then referred me to Karmanos (Cancer Institute) for surgery, when our daughter was just 2 weeks old.”

Nicole is now 4 years old with a little brother, Sam, 9 months old, but Grulich hasn’t forgotten the excellent care he received at Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Every year since then, he has held a charity fundraiser for Karmanos through 3 Ball Racing, an open track high performance driving group he founded in 2004 with two other like-minded racing buddies.

This two-day fundraiser is set for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8 and 9 at Waterford Hills Road Racing at 4770 Waterford Rd. in Clarkston. The event will include a high performance driving event, silent auction, lunch and exotic car rides.

Gates open both days at 7 a.m., rain or shine, with a mandatory drivers’ meeting at 9 a.m. Groups have the opportunity to race on the track from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The cost to participate as a driver is $200 for a single day or $375 for the entire weekend. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Karmanos.

The Silent Auction is one of the biggest money makers for the fundraiser, according to Grulich. “It’s not just for race car guys. The majority of our dollars raised comes from the auctioning off of lifetime events of 3 Balls Racing. There’s also everything from wine to jewelry, American Girl Dolls, tools, travel getaways and more. You can bid online at 3ballracing.com”

This year’s goal is to raise more than $32,000 toward research on a topical melanoma treatment at Karmanos. Past funds have gone toward finding a cure, funding of an in-house pathology lab and a Karmanos survivorship program. Last year, the event raised $28,500.

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VETERANS
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Don’t ask veterans to put difficult experiences behind them. If a returning soldier has PTSD, it’s a disorder and not up to a patient’s family or friends to tell him to get over it.
Do not take it personally if veterans don’t want to talk about something. It takes a long time for a person back from combat to get re-adjusted to civilian life.
Don’t describe what they went through with veterans. You weren’t there, so avoid saying things like “What you had to do was awful.” Though you may believe you’re being sympathetic, avoid clichés like “you’re tough.”
If you have questions, ask detailed questions as opposed to open-ended questions such as “What was it like?” Instead, ask specific questions like what did you do, when did you serve when talking with veterans you don’t know.
In addition to saying “thank you for your service,” ask, “What can I do to help you?” Many vets are leaving the service and coming home from overseas struggling with unemployment or just not knowing what they want to do after the uniform. Veterans are finding it challenging to really transition to civilian life.
Feature writer Sally Rummel contributed to this report.
(Source: nationswell.com)

RULES OF ETIQUETTE

Justin Constantine, a wounded Marine who received a Purple Heart for his injuries sustained in Iraq, put together some rules of etiquette everyone should consider when talking with a wounded veteran.

Don’t show pity.
Do treat us like everyone else.
We appreciate your compassion, but at the same time please don’t pity us. Instead, treat us like everyone else. The last thing any injured veteran wants to do is open up the wounds of war everytime he meets someone.

Don’t bring up PTSD.
Do ask us about our day.
We may have post-traumatic stress disorder, but we very well may not have it. In fact, a far greater number of civilians have PTSD than service members. And even if we have PTSD, many of us are seeking care and treatment for it. Please don’t bring up the topic of PTSD unless we indicate we want to talk about it. Instead, ask us general questions about how our day is going, like you would with anyone else.

Don’t assume we’re helpless.
Do let us help you.
Appreciate that for many of us, whether dealing with the physical or invisible wounds of war, our recoveries can be long. That being said, we have had to navigate many different bureaucracies, personal and professional challenges, and often have incredible skills impossible to find anywhere else. Talk with us with the understanding that because of what we have already been through and learned, we can provide great service to you.

Don’t ignore our caregivers.
Do involve them in the conversation.
We are just one member of a team. Very few wounded warriors are able to have successful recoveries without other people on their team. Unfortunately, many forget to include our caregivers in the conversation, although they have been through everything with us. Make sure when you talk with us that you include them.

(Source: justinconstantine.com)
### Social News

#### Engagement

**Newberry-Carr**

Craig and Janice Newberry of Linden are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea Newberry of Linden to Paul Carr of Holt. Paul is the son of Roger and Jeanne Carr of Holt, and Carol Krieger of Charlotte. Andrea is a 1996 graduate of Linden High School and she attended Michigan State University, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1999. Paul is a 1990 graduate of Holt High School. He also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University. He is currently employed at HNTB. Andrea is an area human resource manager with Lowe’s. The couple resides in Holt and a wedding date has not yet been set.

### Taste in Fenton attracts thousands

- Attendees enjoyed local food, games and live music

**By Hannah Ball**

**Fenton** — Thousands of people tasted the best Fenton has to offer at the annual Taste in Fenton Thursday night, put on by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

By the river behind the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, people sampled food, kids played in the bounce house and obstacle course, and many participated in games.

Kids were invited to compete in a donut-eating contest sponsored by Crust, quickly scarfing one down while it was tied to a tree with string.

Crust also hosted its annual pie-eating contest. Participants held their hands behind their chairs, and smashed their faces into freshly baked pies. Each pie had 792 blueberries, said Mike Green, co-owner and head baker at Crust.

Matthew Holowicki, 46, from Plymouth, won the contest for the third time and $500 in cash. He won the first year and second year, but his name wasn’t drawn to compete the last two years.

He declined to reveal the trick to eating an entire blueberry pie in just a few minutes.

Attendees participated in the stein-holding contest, hosted by the Fenton Winery and Brewery. Men and women competed separately to see who could last the longest holding up a stein filled with water.

Krista Klas from Holly won the women’s competition, and Mike Stiles won the men’s.

Shelly Day, executive director for the Chamber, said this event usually attracts around 4,000 to 5,000 people.

The event featured 17 restaurants, as well as the wine and beer distributors, and several sponsors.

The money is used to fund other events in Fenton and Linden, as well as a scholarship fund for a graduate from Linden, Lake Fenton, and Fenton every year.

One of the restaurants, Fun With Frosting, launched its business at the 2012 Taste in Fenton and has returned every year since.

“It’s just a great thing to get our name out to the community,” said owner Lindsay Black. The business was run out of her home for the past three years, and they’re opening a new location in Fenton soon.

The most popular cupcake at the event was the bumpy cake, which is a cupcake made with chocolate cake with vanilla butter cream dipped in fudge.

“We love these events,” she said.
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Former beany building to become retail and rental spot by 2015 holiday shopping season

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — At the future Red Fox Outfitters building, Rhoads & Johnson supervisor Jim Rath pilots the heavy equipment that hoists the approximately 300-pound rafters up into place.

Two harnessed carpenters receive (shown above) and place them. By Friday, the roof was covered in protective plastic, waiting for the new tin roof expected this month.

In two weeks the new east-facing steel structure, which will eventually hold ground-to-ceiling windows, was erected and enclosed. According to Kevin Johnson of Fenton-based contractor Rhoads & Johnson, the project is ahead of schedule, and will be complete between Black Friday and Christmas.

Every day, the faded and cracking white boards are replaced and painted red to match the original color when it was built in 1856. Johnson said, “We’re allowing it to be old with its character. We’re trying to keep it intact as much as possible.”

Inside, much of the original 150-year-old wood flooring has been exposed by removing the poured concrete.

Eventually the building will get a new HVAC system, bathrooms, lighting and ventilation.

The parking lot will be owned, in part, by the business and the city. Crews graded the ground to prepare for the new pervious, eco-friendly surfacing. It’s the first project in the county to feature the new “green” material. “That’s a really big deal,” said Johnson.

The sidewalks, streetlights, benches and bike racks surrounding the building will coordinate with the look of the Streetscape project.

The building should be done in November, in time for the Christmas shopping season.

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Rest in Peace, Haley Williams 2004 - 2015

Well-known ‘Barking Babes girl’ passes to Rainbow Bridge after a decade of devotion, love
By Sally Rummel
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Haley Williams, a cuddly, sweet shih-poo mix, came into the lives of Fenton residents Mike and Sue Williams 11 years ago, at a time when their arms were empty and their hearts were heavy. Their only son, Troy Williams, had taken his own life at age 29, and their grief was immeasurable.

Haley became Sue’s rock, sitting with her for hours, providing comfort and hope. Soon, Sue was able to pick up the pieces of her life and found joy in finding cute dresses and outfits for petite, sweet Haley, which people commented on wherever they went.

Haley became Sue’s constant companion, and a reason for living. “She just grabbed my heart by her sweetness,” said Sue. “I don’t think people realize when they go through something traumatic in their lives, that pets are so giving. It’s such an unconditional love. There’s so much comfort in that.”

Mike and Sue then brought Haley’s sister (same parents, different litter) into their family a year later, and opened Barking Babes Boutique in Fenton in response to the huge demand they found for pet apparel.

Haley and Abbey became known as “the Barking Babes” and garnered attention wherever they went. “I couldn’t go through a fast food or bank drive-thru without hearing, ‘Oh, the Barking Babes are here!’” said Sue.

When Haley was diagnosed with lymphoma in June 2014, Sue closed Barking Babes Boutique to care for Haley full-time, taking her to Michigan State University’s Veterinary Hospital for surgery to remove a tumor from her spine, then undergoing weekly chemotherapy treatments.

“Haley fought the cancer as hard as she could, and I know she fought for me for 14 months,” said Sue. “It’s with a very heavy heart and great sadness that I announced that she died in my arms on Monday morning, July 20. Her sister Abbey and I are just devastated. Haley was Abbey’s best friend and soul mate.”

“I wear a see through locket with hair from both girls in it with a rhinestone paw in the middle to keep the girls always with me,” stated Sue. “Through her grief, Sue wants other pet owners to know about the excellent veterinary hospital resources at MSU, and the financial assistance offered to those who qualify. “It’s the best care you can get, when you have to utilize a specialist beyond a local veterinarian’s care,” she said. “More dogs are now being diagnosed with cancer and treated with chemotherapy.”

She’s also a strong advocate for pet insurance, wishing she had it for Haley, as out-of-pocket expenses escalated well into 5 digits.

“We now have pet insurance for Abbey,” said Sue. “It will cover 90 percent of the expenses if she gets cancer in her lifetime.”

Most of all, the Williams family wants the community to know that what Haley’s most well-known furry friends has passed over the Rainbow Bridge, leaving their family to grieve once more, while still finding joy and comfort in Abbey.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TWO MUST-HAVES for a great hotdog are celery seed and sport peppers. I used to be able to find sport peppers in local grocery stores but now I can’t find them anywhere. Does anyone know a store that carries them?

SEEING ALL THE school supplies in stores is kind of sad because our kids are grown and we don’t need to buy them any more. We are going to buy some anyway though and donate to one of those collection groups, like Stuff the Bus, or contact the school for information on how to donate.

HEY TO ALL you readers complaining about the hot weather. Don’t worry, the snow will be flying again before you know it.

THE THURSDAY NIGHT concerts in the park and farmers market in Fenton are awesome. It will be so much better next year though when we don’t have to worry about maneuvering around the construction zone.

NOT AGAIN! THE deer have rubbed off all of the green beans in our garden. Last year we had a bumper crop, this year they’re all but gone. Oh well, at least we will have plenty of other thriving vegetables to enjoy.

DOES ANYONE KNOW of anything extraordinary that occurred on the evening of Thursday, July 29th? You know, something that may only occur “once in a blue moon,” which is when there are two full moons in the same month.

COMMERCIALS FOR POLITICIANS should be required to have those disclaimers like prescription drugs do warning the viewer or reader of the side effects that come with their promises.

AS A LIFE-LONG liberal-minded individual I would like to point out that I have many Republican friends that I enjoy discussing politics with, as well as them, often are surprised by the lack of civility we often hear about but never see. Perhaps it is simply more media exploitation and exaggeration.

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Anderson Chiropractic offers weight loss program

NutriMost uses technology, customized formulations for guaranteed fat loss

By Sally Rummel
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If you have tried and failed on weight loss programs in the past, this is your chance to succeed with the guaranteed NutriMost Fat Loss System, available locally through Dr. Scott Anderson at Anderson Chiropractic in Fenton Township.

“It’s not like any other weight-loss program out there today,” said Anderson.

With a client’s first no-cost, no-obligation consultation, Anderson is able to determine what is causing them to store fat, then customizes a formula to turn on their body’s fat-burning switch. Clients eat regular grocery-store foods, with no shakes, bars, pre-packaged meals, herbal stimulants or exercise required.

“The technology is what makes NutriMost different from a ‘diet,’” said Anderson. “This flips the switch to turn your body on fat-burning mode, making sure you maintain your body’s muscle and water stores. Then it resets your body weight to a set point so you can keep the weight off for good.”

If it sounds too good to be true, Anderson assures clients that it not only works, it’s also guaranteed. “I have one 65-year-old client who has been on medications for Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol.” After 40 days, he lost 53 pounds and got off all of his medications except for one diabetic drug.

“He is so excited to lose the weight,” said Anderson.

Most clients lose 20 to 40 pounds in 40 days, monitoring their progress with weekly weigh-ins and support. “The program guarantees you’ll lose 20 pounds in 40 days,” said Anderson. He is the Fenton area’s exclusive source for the NutriMost program.

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The site plans, approved by the Planning Commission on July 23, call for the construction of a 9,000-square-foot building on 1.71 acres of undeveloped land located north of the Hamilton Propane site and south of the Canela Tool building.

The site plans call for a possible 18,000-square-foot addition in the future. There will be 13 parking spaces initially and a possible 16-space expansion when the addition is built.

According to Carmine Avantini, the city’s planning consultant, the Fenton Greenhouse plan meets all of the criteria outlined in Ordinance 687, adopted by the City Council on Jan. 26.

Ordinance 687 was adopted after several moratorium extensions on medical marijuana dispensaries since June 2012. At that time, city attorney Steve Schultz told the Fenton City Council they could either do nothing, draft an ordinance to regulate land uses associated with medical marijuana, or continue the moratorium until the law, which was adopted in 2008, had become more settled in.

The Fenton Greenhouse owner will be allowed by the ordinance to grow up to a maximum of 60 plants and 12.5 ounces of usable marijuana. It is not a medical marijuana dispensary, only a growing facility. The caregiver is only permitted to service five medical marijuana patients to whom the caregiver is lawfully connected. Each patient is restricted to a maximum of 12 plants with 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana.

Fenton Greenhouse will be subject to annual inspections to ensure compliance with code and state law.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said previously that the proposed facility is something very new in this area and relatively new to the state of Michigan. “As long as this facility is operated properly and in a lawful manner, I don’t anticipate any problems,” Aro said.

Because of incorrect information provided by city of Fenton personnel, the seller of the property, Jedoshar LLC, was initially reported to be site plan review applicant.

Michael Hagan, owner of Jedoshar LLC, has nothing to do with the intended new use of 130 Alloy Drive, which he has owned for 10 years.
Guest viewpoint
By State Rep.
Joseph Graves
(Republican Township)

Setting the record straight on gas taxes

The search for money to fix and maintain our transportation system has been the focus of the Legislature for several years. The discussions have continued during the summer as we work to hopefully find a fiscally responsible solution without raising taxes on gasoline.

Recently, an anonymous posting in the Tri-County Times stated in error that I voted on legislation to double the taxes on gasoline. This is simply not true!

I supported a solution to fix our roads that was simple and straightforward:
• Cut state government spending and reprioritize spending to put more money toward road repair.
• Create tax fairness by ensuring electric/hybrid vehicles pay their fair share while making sure heavy diesel trucks pay their fair share.
• Make sure the road work being done is high-quality work covered by appropriate road warranties.

There have been other proposals that would raise the gas tax by 15 cents. Let me be clear. I did not vote for that proposal, I don’t support it and don’t think raising the gas tax on unleaded fuels is the direction we should take. Money is best spent in the hands of hard-working taxpayers, not Lansing politicians.

Our top priority in the Legislature has been and continues to be reversing the damage done to our roads and bridges during the ‘Lost Decade,’ when not a single cent of General Fund money was used on our transportation system. The problem did not occur overnight, and neither will the solution. In the past five years, House Republican leadership has helped dedicate more than $1.25 billion to transportation projects from the General Fund, in an attempt to reverse the decay.

A permanent, sustainable solution is needed, however. The House plan will provide a long-term funding mechanism without adding to the tax burden of hard-working Michiganders. I believe we can achieve our goal of funding repairs to our pot-marked roads and crumbling bridges with money we have on hand, and I will not vote to raise taxes on gasoline as part of that solution.

Youngsters ages 4-7 create underwater creatures at the Underwater Camp art workshop held last week at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

Pint-sized artists create sea-themed art

Underwater Camp floods new art room walls with marine creatures

By Sharon Stone
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What do kids, jellyfish, sea horses and mermaid crowns have in common? An art class, of course.

Artist Denise Willing-Booher and her assistant Bobbie Booher taught a four-day Underwater Camp to 10 young artists at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center’s new art room last week.

For three hours each morning, the young, budding artists made an octopus, sea horses, turtles, jellyfish, starfish from salt dough, sea spiders, shark hats and mermaid crowns. In addition to these art pieces, the children ages 4-7 created a huge mural that covers two walls of the room.

Willing-Booher said, “It was really rewarding to see all the kids embrace their creative side and create with such enthusiasm. They were so excited when I drew a dolphin on the mural as an example and gave them pencils to add their drawings.”

Booher added that the kids talked, planned, collaborated and drew all at the same time on what to draw and what story their art would share with others.

The mural is still up in the art room.
Tigers predicted to defend Metro crown

Linden football picked third; Coaches place Holly in seventh

By David Troppens dtroppens@cttimes.com

Clio — It was pretty much inevitable.

When a team has either won or shared every Metro League crown for four seasons, it’s fair to say that team is the squad to beat until someone proves otherwise.

And that’s how the Flint Metro League coaches looked at the Fenton Tigers during Tuesday’s second-annual Flint Metro League Football Media Day held at Clio High School.

Fenton is predicted to defend its title during the 2015 season by the other Metro League coaches. The Tigers (9-1 overall a year ago) went 7-0 in Metro action in 2014, outscoring their league foes by a 279-94 margin.

The Tigers have some holes to fill this season. But the Tigers’ senior class has lost just one regular season game since entering the Fenton football program and expects to maintain

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Bronchos excited about 2015

More experience, new assistant coaches improving Holly’s future

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Editor’s note: As the prep football season’s official day of training camp approaches (Aug. 10), the sports staff will be detailing the end of summer practices for some of our area varsity programs and then detail the first day of practice for others during future publications. Today’s edition is taking a look at Holly’s program.

Holly — When it comes to coaching football, Holly varsity coach Ryan Culloty likes to take advantage of any chance he has in order to teach another lesson.

Of course many of those lessons are taught during practice sessions and during the contests. But sometimes something like assigning locker can even bring up an educational experience.

One came up on Wednesday during one of the Holly football team’s camp days this summer at Holly High School when Culloty was talking about people getting locks for their

lockers, which were going to be assigned the next day.

“Be organized, don’t be sloppy,” Culloty said. “The teams in the past that had more organized locker were more successful teams, while the teams with sloppier conditions tended to be sloppier (on the field).”

Lesson learned. The Holly football program is one of many area squads near-

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Tyrone Hills caps another successful Jr. golf season

By David Troppens dtroppens@cttimes.com

Tyrone Twp. — For about 38 years, Thursday mornings in July at Tyrone Hills Golf Club have looked pretty much the same.

Anyone who walks the course will notice chil-

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dren ages 7 to 17 dominating the landscape of the golf course from about 7 a.m. until noon. There will be little kids making contact with a golf ball for the first time in their lives. There are big smiles on the children’s faces when they nearly drain a 30-foot putt, or maybe nail a 15-footer. And there are those youngsters who can barely hold a club, yet find a way to sky one down the fairway over 50 yards. And in many cases, their rounds are witnessed by an excited parent or grandparent. There’s only one thing that has changed over the years, according to Denis Husse.

“You see all the kids with their phones,” Husse said. “You see them all calling their mother on the last hole to pick them up. But besides that, it’s pretty much the same.”

And on Thursday, the 38th year of the junior golf program came to a conclusion with the annual awards day tournament for the three-hole, six-hole and nine-hole competitors that spent the last five Thursdays on the course.

“We are at about 170 to 180 this year which is a more manageable number,” said Husse, Tyrone Hills’ PGA head professional and the program’s leader for the last 38 years. “At times we’ve been up to 300 and that was tough. This is a much more manageable number where we are at right now.”

The Tyrone Hills Junior Golf Program ranks as one of the longest running, largest and most successful junior golf programs in the state. It is open to all children regardless of their golfing experience. The program’s mission is to teach junior golfers sportsmanship and to help them gain confidence through meeting new friends and improving their skills.

“I knew I would be doing this as long as I was here,” Husse said. “I just didn’t realize I’d be here 38 years. But a lot of junior programs are going. Once they get started, they keep going. I thought we would keep going, but I didn’t have any idea of the numbers we’d have throughout the years.”

The summer sessions actually begin in June with junior golf clinics where different aspects of the game are taught during each clinic. The Thursday playing schedule began on June 25. Scores are kept for each of the different divisions throughout each week, allowing the children to chart their progress from week to week. With each division, different lessons are taught. The three- and six-hole competitors have shortened holes, enabling them to have success at their age levels. Their scores are kept by volunteer parents and grandparents who follow the group.

On Thursday there was an instructor at one of the greens giving the children some pointers on how to putt and chip. The instruction almost paid off big time for three-hole competitor Marissa Safford who came within an inch of draining a 30-foot putt after the instruction.

The nine-holeers are the older kids who have more golf experience. They are expected to dress in tournament-appropriate attire and are expected to know more about the rules of golf. They play their rounds more like a typical adult round. There was an 18-hole division in the past, but Husse said the program encourages golfers in that division to join other area junior golf leagues instead of just staying at Tyrone Hills.

Husse said the youngest golfers remain his favorite. “You get to watch the three-holeers develop,” Husse said.

“We try working on basic stuff with them right now — keeping their eye on the ball and developing a nice style to their swing to show them what it should look like. We get them to try to grip a club fairly well, but some of their hands are so small they are not strong enough to hold on to the club. But they enjoy it. They hit one shot and they are fine.”

Addison Acker watches one of her shots fly by during Thursday’s final day of the 2015 Tyrone Hills Junior Golf Program. Acker competed in the girls three-hole division.
BRONCHOS
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The end of their summer sessions before the official start of football practice begins on Aug. 10. The squad was wrapping up one of those practices on Wednesday when Culloty made the comment. Prior to it, the Bronchos, despite the rising temperatures, worked at a pretty brisk pace, learning some of their blitz packages and running some of their offensive plays during Wednesday’s morning hours. Minus some weight lifting, the Bronchos are completed its summer program last week until the season starts on Aug. 10. Culloty wants to make sure the players have some time on their own, before football becomes a pretty strong part of their lives over the next three months. “I want to stay married, too,” Culloty joked, suggesting he’ll be spending the week with his family.

The Bronchos are pleased with what they’ve done this offseason.

“It’s been a lot of hard work, but you have to have the dedication,” senior Zac Stoll said. “It’s a lot of hard work.

“The (summer) camps teach you how to be a better man, how to have dedication and give your all to the team. Even in a work setting, it teaches you to give it your all for your co-worker. You should be dedicated.”

The Bronchos are entering the 2015 football season after a struggling 0-9 season last year. However, Holly was one of the youngest and most inexperienced teams in the Metro League a year ago. Many players are a year older, a year stronger and a year more experienced, giving the Bronchos a reason to think this season will be a bit different.

Another aspect that has changed is the coaching staff. Culloty has added in many new assistants to his staff with strong pedigrees from other programs. The players have said that is helping during the summer sessions as well.

“The new coaches are bringing a new feel to the team, and we are way closer as a team than we have been recently,” senior Javon Barr said. “We have different expectations from last year, that’s for sure. And with the big change on the coaching staff we are expecting a different outcome this year.”

Some of the new coaches include ex-varsity football coach Mike Milhouse. Milhouse was Holly’s coach prior to Culloty taking the position in 2008. Milhouse led the Bronchos to their first-ever playoff trip. Others include Jim Rouen, Dave Tooley, Darren Tooley and Todd Preston.

“This influx of new blood in our program has already done a great job in terms of development and enhancing the culture of our program,” Culloty said. “We are very excited about that.”

Culloty said it’s been a strong summer season.

“The biggest thing is we are keeping the kids interested,” Culloty said. “You can run them and make them lift and that’s great and all, but you have to give them a little bit of a carrot — that carrot is football is coming. That’s the nice thing. And if you use your days well, you can get a lot of stuff done.

“The kids are excited. They’ve learned a lot this offseason and we’ve had good sessions. I’m pleased with where we are at and the direction we’re going.”

The first official day of football practices is Aug. 10.
**Why all the household dust?**

For years, Power Vac, Inc. has been improving the community’s health one household at a time. “Did you know that half of all illnesses come directly from dirty indoor air? In fact, our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than the air outdoors,” explained Keith Meadows, Power Vac Owner and Operator. “More than 90% of the phone calls I receive are from distraught people complaining about dust in their homes. They tell me they will dust the house Friday, but by Sunday it needs to be done again, and they’re not sure where these dust piles are coming from. Let me tell you, you’re not a bad housekeeper. All you need to do is have your ducts cleaned. This simple step will drastically reduce the dust in your household. The reason for the dust is your cold air returns. You see, cold air returns suck in dirty air. Over time it builds up in your ducts until the debris clogs what you would find in your vacuum bag.”

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“Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners experience excessive dust. While work is being done in the home, your cold air returns sucked all the dust through the system. It settled on the bottom of the duct lines and little by little, that debris is being blown back into your home,” Keith continued.

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**Doodling’ offers fun for seniors**

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Donated paper and art supplies made it happen

Fenton — Sue Byrne, a resident of Daumer Haus Apartments in Fenton, said many of the seniors at the complex are excited about a new activity taking place in their Community Room.

One resident’s son gave his mother rolls of blank paper, the type used to print newspapers, Byrne said. She, along with other members of an “informal” decorating committee, came up with the idea to remove the cloth tablecloths in the Community Room and replace them with the paper.

“We filled glass vases with Crayons, markers, colored pencils — basically anything you can use to draw or write with,” said Byrne. “We also put a crossword puzzle at each place setting.”

Gery’s Distinctive Flowers & Gifts of Fenton supported the cause by donating a few of the foam cones and cardholders used in flower arrangements. A couple of the cardholders were stuck into each of the foam cones and one cone placed in the center of each of the tables.

Residents were invited to visit the Community Room, where they began doodling on the paper-covered tables, Byrne said. They also wrote poems, and shared inspirational thoughts and memories. Some brought photos of family and friends and attached them to the cardholders.

“The key to this was to inspire camaraderie and involvement,” Byrne said. “Why should people stay in their apartments and be depressed.”

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**Holly Education Foundation gears up for coming year**

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The Holly Education Foundation is gearing up for another year of doing what it can to invest in kids’ futures, thereby investing in the community.

HEF is described in its new brochure as a group of dedicated parents and residents in the Holly Area Schools district who believe the purpose of public education is to provide opportunities for all students to develop the attributes needed to be critical, creative thinkers, life-long learners and responsible citizens in a global community.

The HEF raises money and distributes it throughout the district, supporting teachers, students and other staff members.

Former Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes, a trustee on the Holly Education Foundation Board, said, “The HEF board wants to support classroom teacher projects and initiatives. Through our fundraisers, community members have the opportunity to donate tax-deductible dollars for the benefit of classroom teachers and thus their students.

“Thanks to all who have contributed and participated already in our efforts to assist our district’s educators and students,” said Barnes.

According to HEF Secretary Kaye Thorbey, the group formed in June 2014. During the past year, they have written their bylaws, become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, created grant forms for staff to complete, written, hosted and promoted community awareness by presenting themselves to many community and school groups.

During the last school year, HEF was able to award 70 percent of the grants requested by Holly staff members.

“The amount given this past school year was $8,180,” Thorbey said. “We had a HEF golf fundraiser at Fenton Farms on May 30, raising $13,417.”

Plans for future fundraisers are in the works. The next golf outing fundraiser is scheduled to take place May 14, 2016 at Fenton Farms.

Other ways the group raises money is through memorial gifts, insurance policies, estate planning, cash contributions and payroll deductions. For more information, email hollyeducationfoundation@gmail.com.
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altered men’s suits at the downtown (Detroit) Hudson’s.”

She switched from clothing to handbags when her twin sons, who graduated from Lake Fenton High School this year, were young boys.

“I started making little fabric bags, and sold them at various craft shows,” said Lindsay. “Then in 2004, I got my break at the Artisans Market in Ann Arbor. A girl bought one of my leopard print bags. She took it back to New York where she works for InStyle Magazine.”

Later, the magazine called Lindsay for a high-resolution photo of the bag. InStyle ran a piece about her bag in the “What’s Hot Now” section.

Lindsay thought the piece would appear in the magazine and on the magazine’s website only. What she didn’t realize was that her product also popped up on Yahoo, and people whose homepage was Yahoo saw it right there. “You could click on it and buy it,” she said. “And all the orders came right to me.”

Lindsay said her mother was visiting from Florida at the time. When the orders started coming out of her printer fast and furious, she and her mother taped them along a wall from top to bottom and across in the order in which they were received.

“My computer crashed,” she said. “It couldn’t handle all of the orders.”

After that, Lindsay was in business. “I have always loved designing and handbags are my passion, they just are,” she said. “When you carry a really hot bag, you’ve really got it goin’ on.”

Lindsay says her business continues to grow and evolve. While most of her operation takes place at her Fenton Township home of five years, she has some manufactured in Miami, when she has so many orders she can’t keep up.

Lindsay employs four people who sew her handbags and one sales representative.

Her personal brand is the metal buckle that adorns the front of each of her signature handbags.

In 2005, KelRoche, a buyer for Nieman Marcus, told Lindsay she needed something on her handbags to identify them as her brand. At the time, her husband Scott, who now works for Chrysler in Dundee, was a machinist. “He machined four different types of the metal buckle during his lunch hour,” Lindsay said.

The signature buckle on all of her handbags today is one of those designs.

Actress Kristin Chenoweth bought one of the bags for the movie Family Weekend.

The movie personnel called and said they were filming and needed the bag in 24 hours. “I had to make the bag and drive it to the movie set in Shelby Township during a snowstorm,” said Lindsay.

Celebrities like singer Cheryl Crowe have purchased her handbags. Actor Mark Harmon of NCIS fame bought one for his wife, actress Pam Dawber, a Michigan native.

Lindsay said she never took a class on how to make handbags, but is instead self-taught. “I started out in a cold garage in Montrose, with only a little space heater,” she said.

Her bags are now sold in high-end shops in major cities like Los Angeles and New York, and in Florida, and locally in the Birmingham area. Made with fine Italian leather, the price tag on Lindsay’s handbags range from $250 to $900 each.

Prior to her owning her current business, Lindsay said she worked part-time jobs and even got fired once. “If you don’t get fired one time, you’re not doing something right,” she said. “I got fired once and it was the best thing that ever happened to me.”

This studio space in the corner of a barn is where Julie Lindsay is currently designing her spring 2016 handbag line, and where she also designed her popular “Sayler” handbag. “I love the fact that (a handbag) can really make or break an outfit,” she said. The Fenton Township resident’s handbags have traveled the world from Hollywood to Osaka, Japan.

Julie Lindsay designs and builds all samples of her handbags, and she will make some clutches by hand to sell. Some of her products are manufactured in Miami.
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the MNA doesn’t staff any of the sanctuaries, and you won’t find paved parking lots, wide natural trails or trash receptacles, in keeping with the sanctuary concept. The second most visited sanctuary in the MNA’s network of 170 nature preserves, Dauner Martin is worth a visit four seasons a year.

Five miles of wood-chipped trails crisscross throughout the 155-acre property, creating a wilderness maze for walkers, hikers, joggers, even dog walkers. It’s one of the very few MNA sanctuaries to allow leashed dogs to tread upon the groomed trails, as long as the owner picks up after their dog. Open only to foot traffic, you won’t find any mountain bikes or motorized vehicles on these trails.

Many people come to this sanctuary to find solitude, enjoy the peaceful pine plantations, birds, colorful wildflowers and take in the sprawling natural canopy provided by a 300-year-old oak tree with more than a 15-foot circumference.

This historic tree dwarfs all the other trees in the preserve, but oak, cherry, maple and ash trees create their own beauty for visitors to enjoy.

If you want to relax along the trails, there are numerous benches to provide a seat for rest and contemplation.

The Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary has been a part of the Fenton community since 1998, when Robert J. Martin and his sister, Marion T. Martin, deeded their land to the MNA. The woods and farmland once belonged to their grandparents, and wanted to preserve its natural beauty for future generations.

Throughout the years, Robert had planted thousands of small pines as a reforestation project. Today, some of these trees are now 50 years old.

Several Eagle Scout projects have been completed here, helping to provide access over several wet areas.

Shane suggests that interested visitors go to the MNA website, michigannature.org, and print out a PDF map of the Dauner Martin trail system before heading out there for a hike.

She adds that people may want to become a member of MNA for just $35 per year and learn about volunteer opportunities, nature hikes and other activities going on at Michigan sanctuaries through the group’s quarterly magazine, “Michigan Nature.”

“I’ve been a member of MNA and have visited a sanctuary up in Munising in the U.P.,” said Shane. “They have properties all over the state.”

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Meet Tim Jagielo

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Tim Jagielo, 33, the Tri-County Times’ multimedia editor and documentary photographer, makes features, news and commercial videos and takes the majority of the Times photos. Jagielo grew up in metro Detroit, lived in Flint for seven years, and now lives near downtown Fenton. Photography has been a part of his life for almost 16 years, and he’s been a writer for as long as he could write, working at his school newspaper, as well as The Flint Journal and the Times. He plays guitar in his band, Odd Hours, and he’s excited about their recently released EP and music video.

Why did you get into journalism?

I never considered being a writer at a newspaper, but a friend of mine from U of M-Flint, John McKay and I met because he worked at the school newspaper. I was just submitting photos to them. He told me I should switch over to journalism. I was in communications at the time. The idea of being a photographer in the field has always been appealing to me but I hadn’t put it together that I should be a photojournalist until then.

What kind of stories do you like writing?
The ones I don’t like are the ones where you sit at a desk and research. I have such an easy time writing stories when I travel somewhere to do something. I like any little cultural thing that is indicative of the area that we’re in. We’re like the cultural advocates of the community and we have to inform people of what goes on here. I just like to get weird stuff that shows the culture of a community and the quirks every area has.

Do you have a favorite photo or a favorite subject to shoot?
There’s the expression in journalism, which is ‘I hope there’s not a disaster, but if it does happen, let it happen on my watch so I can get it.’ Real, life-changing events I do like to get and it’s hard because you can take pictures of somebody on the worst day of their life, and yet they are the most meaningful photos. I like to get people working, emotions, peak moments, and I like intimate photos.

What’s the most memorable picture you’ve taken?
The drowning in 2012. A young guy, who’s 25 from Flat Rock, he drowned in Lake Fenton. We knew there was a search for him. The reporter at the time, Will Axford, caught wind they found his body and they were going to be pulling his body out of the water. The family was there and that’s tough because it’s the worst day of their lives. I figure every time I pick up the camera I could really be hurting somebody. The shot was them walking away from the ambulance after they identified their son’s body. I got a message from the mom about how she was so angry and disappointed that a newspaper was there. That’s when we have to do our job and keep everyone’s feelings in mind.

How do you like making videos? I love making videos. I didn’t care about videos until I had to do a Kickstarter video because it was required, but when I actually started making them, I realized you can compose a really cool photo and then it’s alive and it’s moving. Everything I know about photos, I was able to apply to videos. Everything I knew about writing a story, I was able to apply to making videos. It follows a similar structure and feeling, and being a musician, there’s a rhythm I can follow and it was a really easy thing for me to fall into.

Tell me about your band. My band is called Odd Hours and it’s a four-piece. The importance of the band in my life can’t be overstated. It’s basically the most important thing to my heart. It’s led by the singer and me. We pretty much make all the decisions and spend all the money and we’re the performers, but we all play on stage.

‘Gothotrocka’ is the best one-word description of my band I’ve ever heard. It’s darker-tinged rock with electronic elements. It can be loud but it can also be really pretty. It’s definitely influenced by ‘80s and ‘90s alternative goth and rock and even stuff like Siouxsie and the Banshees and Nine Inch Nails. We just released an EP, norepinephrine + dopamine, and a music video that we worked really hard on. The video is for the song Sleeping With the Sun, SWTS. It’s our third EP, fourth release, fourth video and we’ve received really nice reviews on it. We will have an amazing live show including programmed lights and everything.

Why did you start a band?
I wanted to play guitar in a band and I wanted a side project to my other band where I played drums. I’ve been in a band for 10 years. I love performing. I like being onstage and I like writing music. I like the art of it. I like having videos. I’m not somebody else when I play on stage, it’s more like this other thing is highlighted about me. It’s a pretty big rush, too. We’ve gotten great support from cool people like Tunde (Olaniran). How do you like working at the Times?

I’m really lucky because I hear a lot of people complain on Facebook about their horrible co-workers and how mean people can be. Everyone who works here is really nice. Sharon Stone is a really great boss. She’s also just really nicely and she’ll be firm with you, but otherwise she’s as nice as she can be. The management listens to you. We have the freedom to ask questions and to make a lot of impact.

“Toward Connolly” is the name of the song in the video. The person speaking about the song is speaking about his addiction to drugs. You can see it in his eyes. You can tell he is very scared.”

Tim Jagielo, 33, takes a moment to think while on assignment taking photographs of people, at McKay’s Hardware on July 23, buying fish to refill their ponds. He wears a jacket on hot summer days because he doesn’t want tan lines while performing with his band on stage.
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