# Officials slam brakes on car and bike show

■Closing section of Shiawassee during Applefest is not an option

By Vera Hogan vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

Fenton — While all agreed it would be a wonderful event for a very worthy cause, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday night to deny a request to shut down a section of Shiawassee Avenue to accommodate a car and bike show on Saturday, Sept. 19.

The event was to be hosted by Rockwell Assisted

Living & Memory Care. Organizers asked that Shiawassee Avenue be closed from Adelaide to Park Street from 1 to 6 p.m. to accommodate 100 cars and other activities including a poker run of motorcycles, and activities for families and children including a bounce house, face painting and refreshments.

See OFFICIALS on 7

**L** There are at least 16,000 cars a day on **Shiawassee** going eastbound.77 **Councilman Les Bland** 

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#### **More 'larceny** from auto' complaints logged by **Fenton police**

Thieves target unlocked vehicles at apartment complex Tuesday morning

#### **By Sharon Stone** sstone@tctimes.com

The Fenton Police Department is investigating three more larceny from auto complaints it received Tuesday morning. Despite ongoing warnings from police, numerous residents continue to leave their unattended vehicles unlocked.

Lt. Jason Slater said one vehicle on Hogan Circle and two on Foley Glen Drive in the Silver Lake Hills apartments were entered sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

One female victim said she believed her vehicle was locked, however, she had problems with the door locks. The other two vehicles were unlocked.

During the larcenies, the thief or thieves stole credit cards, debit cards and a See LARCENY on 6

# August brings the best produce



Those attending the Linden Farmers Market Wednesday, July 29 enjoyed perfect summer weather and an array of locally grown produce. Instead of a municipal lot, the market was held on the former union block property at the same time as the Music by the Mill. Approximately 200 visitors were there from 5 to 8 p.m. See more photos on page 9.

### Wrecking company hired to demolish seminary

Council hires same company that took down Genesee Towers in 2013

#### **By Vera Hogan**

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Fenton — The old seminary building at State Road and High Street is finally coming down. The Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday night to hire Burnash Wrecking, Inc. of Flint.

The company is family owned since

1940, and is most recently known for imploding the controversial Genesee Towers building in downtown Flint on Dec. 22, 2013.

According to Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly, the seminary will be demolished within the next 30 days.

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood asked about the scope of the work and what plans are to notify neighboring homeowners. See **DEMOLISH** on 9



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Burnash Wrecking, Inc. of Flint will be taking down the seminary building at 309 High St. in Fenton within the next 30 days.



With the cost of all food constantly rising, I peel back the top of the ear of corn to see if it is good. I only want to buy one ear of

corn for each member of my family. If one ear is bad when I get home, someone goes without. I just want what I'm paying for."

**C** Thank you to the poster who said, 'The Supreme Court interpreted the Constitution com-

pletely correct' then proceeded to site the Declaration of Independence. I needed

a laugh. I just hope you're not teaching history to our kids."



**W**I'm still waiting to hear what each council member has to say about the proposed rubbish problem. I want to hear what each council member suggests. Please print it in the paper. 77

# Maintaining good credit will open doors

Borrowers need to show that other creditors are getting paid

#### By Vera Hogan

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Some young adults are making a big mistake when it comes to maintaining good credit. When trying to get their first apartment, for example, bad credit can hurt even if they have some cash as a down or partial payment.

To most financial institutions and housing providers, credit means trust. If applicants for loans or housing prove themselves unworthy of that trust by not paying their other creditors, it can and will hurt them in the long run.

For many young adults, the importance of good credit is not realized early enough to avoid the most typical pitfalls that credit cards and freedom of finance may present, according to Quicken Loans (quickenloans.com).

MSN's list of "credit don'ts," include charging it to the max. First credit cards often inspire young adults to test their newfound spending ability.

Reaching and exceeding the spending limit without proper repayment, can not only lower your credit limit on cards you get approved for in the future, it can also hurt your chances of getting approved at all in the future.

Missing due dates is also a big "don't." If you miss payment due dates, you're essentially telling your financier that you're unworthy of a line of credit. In some cases such as financial hardship, a financier may extend a payment due date (without penalties) if you call ahead of the due date and make arrangements. But for the most part, missing payment due dates will very likely lower your credit score.

Your credit score reflects your entire non-cash spending history, not just your credit repaying history. For this reason, it is important that you do not disregard your other bills trying to stay current on your credit card bills, because only paying a portion of your bills will hurt your credit score.

Young adults have the time and potential to build a strong credit score if they play their cards right.

For young people who have not had a chance to build credit, one way is to visit the new Genisys Credit Union (formerly Tri-Pointe Community Credit Union) on Silver Parkway in Fenton.

According to Loan Officer Jessica Roshek, Genisys Credit Union offers a loan called the Credit Starter Loan.

We are marketing it to our younger members who have been with Genisys in good standing for at least three months, and employed for at least six months," Roshek said.

"The maximum loan amount is \$1,000 and the minimum is \$500. The maximum term is 12 months and the funds can be used for college tuition, college books, a new computer, vehicle repairs, etc," she added. "It is reported on their credit bureau as an unsecured installment loan, and it's a great way for our younger members to start building their credit without overwhelming their debt load."

See CREDIT on 10

# I wasn't looking for a discount funeral. I was looking for an affordable one.

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### **Oberheim** remembered for her kindness

■ Former Holly resident, Rosalyn 'Roz' Oberheim, passes away at 82

#### By Vera Hogan

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While she lived since 1987 in Port Charlotte, Florida with her husband of 59 years, Orrie "Skip" Oberheim, Rosalyn Roberta



"Roz" Oberheim is being fondly remembered by both her local and Florida friends and family as a woman who accomplished many things in her life.

Rosalyn 'Roz' Oberheim

She passed away on July 25 at the age of 82. According to her husband, she had suffered some age-related illnesses over the past couple of years and never recovered.

"She was very caring and thought of other people before herself and went out of her way to help people," said Skip.

While in Florida, Roz worked as a Certified Nurse Aide for TideWell Hospice for six years. She also worked as a hostess and cashier for many years in the couple's eatery, Peter's Restaurant in Port Charlotte.

While in Holly, she was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Oberheims owned a family business, the O.K. (IGA) Market on Saginaw Street in Holly for 57 years. Roz wrapped meat there and worked in the office, said Skip.

Skip and Roz have five children. "She was very much the mother," he said. "She loved her kids."

Roz also very much enjoyed spoiling her 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Roz was an avid NASCAR fan, with her favorite driver having been Dale Earnhardt, Jr. "We all went to NASCAR races all the time," Skip said.

What Roz didn't like was losing at cards, said her husband. She loved playing Skippo and Michigan Rummy.

In addition to her husband, children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, Roz is survived by her sister Barbara MacLennan of Fenton, and many extended family and friends.

Funeral services are being held today, Wednesday, Aug. 12, with visitation from 12 to 1 p.m. at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Holly.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Corey Nichols (left) performs during dress rehearsal Monday night with Adam Connell along with the rest of the cast of "Footloose." Nichols is playing Kevin Bacon's part, Ren McCormick, and Connell is playing his friend Willard in the Holly High School Theater Department production, which opens this weekend.

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### 'Explosive' play opens Thursday, showing this weekend at Holly High School

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 **Holly** — Through the darkened back stage, set pieces rumbled as cast members for "Footloose" quickly filed out and into their respective dressing rooms to change.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are the last dress rehearsal days for their one-weekend run, which brings the high-energy classic to the Holly High school stage.

Put on by the Holly High School Theater Department, "Footloose" is about Chicago-born Ren McCormick (portrayed in the movie by Kevin Bacon) moving to a small Midwestern town. He experiences the culture shock of a place where dancing and rock music are against local laws.

Of course, most people know how the movie turns out, but guests have an opportunity to see it live this weekend, brought to life by talented local actors and crew members. The play is co-directed by Laura Legant and Joe Mishler.



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Co-director Laura Legant goes over the script with crew member Alec Stone during the rehearsal for the first act of "Footloose" at Holly High School Monday night.

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Theatergoers can catch "Footloose" this weekend at Holly High School, 6161 East Holly Rd. in Holly

- Thursday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m. • Friday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 15, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### TICKETS

\$12 — general admission

\$8 — children, students, and senior citizens

Tickets are available at the door or at www.showtix4u.com. Proceeds from this show support the HHS Theatre Scholarship. **Senior center** keeps the 50-andup crowd busy

■Loose Senior Center provides 180 programs, special events, travel and many services

#### **By Hannah Ball**

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 From a podiatrist every month, to

a massage therapist every week, daily lunches, seniors at the Loose (Low-see) Senior Center keep busy.

"Tons of different options for people," said programs director Melinda Elmore-Hajek. "Our goal is to keep people active and healthy."

Members can listen to experts talk about different subjects, participate in various events, and travel locally or across seas with the center's travel program. **Speakers** 

Guest speakers from doctors to lawyers talk about Social Security benefits, nutrition, medical power of attorney, and many other subjects.

The Genesee County of Veteran Services talk to the vets at the center, and inform them of benefits they can receive. A Medicare counselor will help people

work through the process of signing up for health care.

The center also organizes weekly blood pressure checks and visits from a hearing specialist. **Events** 

Every month, Elmore-Hajek said the center hosts about 100 activities and programs, including open microphone nights once a month. "People sing or do whatever they're feeling called to See SENIOR CENTER on 11



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Judy Crawley ties a baby quilt in the sun room of Loose Senior Center on Tuesday.





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#### Maggie Hodgkin (red boots) performs as Ariel Moore, the female lead in "Footloose."

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#### **Republicans target women's health**

Have you heard? Planned Parenthood is making a fortune selling baby parts! At least, that's what Republican politicians are charging. But don't believe a word of it. It's a phony charge based on phony videos made by phony employees of a phony company working for a phony organization.

At the Aug. 3 GOP forum in Manchester, New Hampshire, which I attended, almost every one of the 14 candidates participating was asked if they'd defund Planned Parenthood. And every one of them said, 'You bet!'

It was only the next day that Jeb Bush let the cat out of the bag. Asked about defunding Planned Parenthood at a Southern Baptist conference in Nashville, Bush inadvertently revealed what the newly hatched Republican campaign against Planned Parenthood is all about: 'You could take dollar for dollar — although I'm not sure we need half a billion dollars for women's health issues.'

Note the phrase: 'I'm not sure we need half a billion dollars for women's health issues.' That's the kind of verbal slip that speaks volumes.

The latest attack is based on four videos, which purportedly show Planned Parenthood staffers, over lunch, making a deal to sell baby parts harvested from abortions. The videos were made over a year ago by the Center for Medical Progress. Employees of the Center, using aliases and armed with fake business cards from a fictitious company called BioMax Procurement Services, showed up at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Pasadena, California, seeking assistance in procuring fetal tissue for medical research.

They secretly videotaped their conversations and then doctored the videos to make it appear that Planned Parenthood representatives were offering fetal tissue for sale, when in fact they were not. They were simply explaining Planned Parenthood's official policy, as spelled out by law in 1993: When patients agree, fetal tissue from an abortion may be made available to medical labs - for valuable stem cell research but only for reimbursement fees to cover administrative costs.

The real question is: Why? Why do Republicans continue their war on women?

The answer is simple: It's a matter of priorities. For Republicans, women's health is not one of them.

Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

#### **CAN ANYONE EX-**PLAIN why there isn't a dog park in Fenton or Linden? Dogs love unconditionally. I would think the least we could do is provide a place they could run free and socialize with other dogs. I cannot believe I even have to ask this question.

LIBERALS BELIEVE THAT all people, even conservatives, should have complete health

care coverage, quality education, decent jobs, livable income and that we need a government that represents all Americans, not just the wealthy and the powerful.

GOD DID NOT write the Bible. Men did, not women, just men. It's obvious to anyone who feels free to think for themselves and has read any of the many versions.

DOES ANYONE KNOW of an organization or group that could use paperback books? Would gladly donate a lot of them.

RECYCLING? I'LL BE honest, the only reason I put out recycling is that it doesn't need a tag on it. Recycling is a job killer. The stuff should go in the landfill and open a closed factory somewhere and manufacture cans, bottles, plastic once again. 

I WANT TO build a house that's on the property line, too close to the road and lake, is three stories, and violates all other codes. Who do I have to pay off?

FOR ALL YOU idiots using fireworks after 9 p.m. by Crane and Loon lakes, I will call the police all the time. There is a 9 p.m. curfew in Fenton Township



**MIDWEEK TIMES** 

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NO TREATY, NO brainer. Iran will be free to develop nukes with no restrictions and no inspections. Republicans don't care about world peace. All they want to do is denigrate Obama, even though it hurts our nation.

THE HEAD OF the Democratic Party could not answer the question of how her party is different from socialism. Be reminded that socialism is when the

government owns all production and distribution of goods. It is Marxist and Lennon theory. Capitalism is the opposite.

I JUST RESEARCHED who the largest contributors are of the political candidates. For Bush, his biggest is Wall Street and health care firms. For Hillary Clinton, they are big law firms, Hollywood, and Wall Street firms. I also think she will be drawing from the Clinton Foundation, which was earmarked for charity.

TO THE PERSON calling in on Democrats and Socialists, neither one of those are far worse.

I WAS JUST reading the Hot lines about Planned Parenthood. Only 3 percent of what Planned Parenthood does is abortions. You know something, the death of one baby who could be an adult to serve this world is just ridiculous. It's beyond words.

THE REPUBLICANS ARE so out of touch they've already gotten a black man elected president, and now they've got the Donald up there. What's up?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



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#### FOX Debate: unfair and unbalanced?

Twenty-four million people tuned in to watch the first primetime debate among 10 Republican presidential candidates. What were they expecting, a love-in?

Some conservative critics dumped on Fox News with a vitriol usually reserved for liberal media.

David Brody of the Christian Broadcasting Network said Fox (where I appear as a commentator) should be 'utterly ashamed,' calling the questions asked of Donald Trump 'unethical and downright nasty.'

'Shame' was a word frequently used by critics of Megyn Kelly, Bret Baier and Chris Wallace.

Rush Limbaugh was slightly more restrained. Limbaugh objected to the 'war on women,' question asked by Kelly of Donald Trump. Limbaugh said the 'war on women' is a Democratic construct and is the kind of question one might expect from the 'drive-by media,' as he calls the rest of the journalistic pack.

While every viewer probably had questions they wish had been asked, overall I thought the panel's choices were fine. The Baier question about whether all the candidates would support the nominee exposed Trump as something less than a party loyalist.

As one with some experience in responding to aggressive questioning from liberal TV and radio interrogators, here are some suggestions for the candidates should these questions come up again.

The real war on women is an economy that has left a record 93 million people out of the labor force; 56 million of these non-workers are women, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The war on women is also about the 56 million aborted babies who will never have a chance at life thanks to the lies Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers tell women about their babies.

That's the way to respond. If the candidate doesn't like a question, deflect it and give an answer to a question that should have been asked.

Liberals praising the Fox panel should encourage panelists at the Democratic debates to follow that network's example and ask tough questions of those candidates, especially Hillary Clinton. But after eight years of the media mostly worshipping President Barack Obama, I'm doubtful that will happen.

street talk

### If the election were today, who would you vote for?



"Bernie Sanders because he is for pay equality, he wants big businesses out of politics and I like everything that he does." – Carlie Lomason, Fenton



"I am still researching for the best candidate. I really don't have any in mind at this point."

— Jim Jastr Fenton Township



"I wouldn't vote for any of them because I haven't found one that I agree with yet."



"Carly Fiorina, because she is for small government and she knows how to run a business." — Deloris Loftus Tyrone Township



"John Kasich, because he is physically conservative and he is moderate on social issues along with being expressive."

— Robert Dietrich, Linden





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL

Edis Wade (left), 89, sits with Maryjane Cates (middle), 56, and talks with visitors and residents at Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park at Art in the Park, while her homemade creations are displayed. Wade knits hats for newborn babies and preemies, and makes clothes for American Girl dolls.

### Art in the Park dazzles at Shiawassee Shores

■Artists — even in their 90s — display and talk about their paintings, crafts

#### **By Hannah Ball**

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 **Linden** — Proving that age doesn't inhibit artistic ability, residents of the Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park showed off their creations on Aug. 6 at their own Art in the Park.

Paintings, woodcarvings, glass creations, knitting, and quilts were on display and people walked around and talked about their art.

Donna Snavley has been painting for about 30 to 40 years. She displayed paintings of different sceneries and portraits. This 92-year-old paints with oils and said it's not hard, especially if you have a good instructor.

"I like painting in a class with a teacher better than sitting at home," she said. "You're all together." She likes painting scenery and faces.

"It's interesting painting people and getting expression on their face. I like scenery," she said. "To learn to paint expressions on faces, a teacher can hardly teach you how to do that."

She also displayed one painting, Hanna's Toy Shelf, modeled from a famous painting.

Edis Wade, 89, who was born and raised in Linden, displayed her homemade knit hats, mittens, and American Girl doll clothing. She gives the hats away to newborn babies and preemies in the hospital.

"I got started and couldn't stop," she said. "My favorite love is knitting. I make baby hats and baby shawls and my very favorite is mittens. Homemade mittens."

Mary Ann Olsen, who helped plan the event, said it was interesting to a broad range of people and it showed that seniors could still be artistic. The event was meant to give the residents an occasion to be together and to do activities to enrich, she said. They aim for monthly events at the retirement community.

### Police&Fire report

#### LOOSE CATTLE **IN ROSE TOWNSHIP**

On Aug. 9 at approximately 8:40 p.m., troopers from the Michigan State Police-Metro Post were dispatched to the 10000 block of Milford Road in Rose Township to investigate a report of loose cattle in the complainant's back yard. Troopers were able to locate a hole in the fence and herd the cattle back on to their pasture and temporarily secure the hole until the owner of cattle was able to repair the fence line.

EEPING TOM **IN GROVELAND TOWNSHIP** At 11:45 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10, Michigan State Police troopers requested assistance from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit at a home in the 6000 block of Lahring Road in Groveland Township. Troopers were attempting to locate a "peeping Tom." Shoe prints were seen outside the house and the house had been broken into a week ago. The K-9 Unit responded and started a track, however, the track was lost at

the end of the driveway. State police will be handling the investigation.

#### **FACEBOOK POST LEADS TO IDENTIFICATION OF HOSPITALIZED WOMAN**

An unidentified woman who was found unconscious and laying alongside the road in Independence Township Friday evening was identified Monday. According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, friends identified her as Stephanie Yeider, 38, of Waterford Township. A female friend of Yeider called the sheriff's office after seeing a Facebook post requesting information about the woman's identity. The friend had been calling Yeider's cell phone and had not received any calls back. The friend provided an address in Waterford Township to the sheriff's office. Detectives went to the address and spoke with Yeider's boyfriend, who positively identified her from the hospital photo. He told detectives that Yeider had been gone since Friday and he called area hospitals and the county jail with no success in finding her. He did not call the police department, however. The boyfriend said Yeider had some personal problems and did not tell anyone where she was going. Yeider remains at McLaren Hospital-Oakland.



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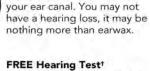
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### LARCENY

**Continued from Front Page** purse. At 4:45 a.m. Tuesday, a purse,

with its contents strewn about near a stairwell at the apartment complex was located. Finding the purse and the contents led police to its owner, who lives

at the apartment complex. One of the stolen credit cards was used early Tuesday morning at a business on Silver Parkway and police will be reviewing the store's surveillance video to see who used the card.

The cases remain under

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investigation. Lt. Jason Slater said oftentimes, would-be thieves will walk late at night and try door handles of vehicles. If the doors are locked, they move on to the

next vehicle. If the door is unlocked, the criminal simply opens the door and quickly grabs anything they can carry.

If anyone observes suspicious activity or unknown people walking around vehicles, they are asked to call 911. Police will check out the area to determine if any crimes have been committed.



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# Don't let summer end without a concert, a zebra or best-selling book

#### Push is on to fit in all those fun summer activities

#### **By Hannah Ball**

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Before summer officially ends on Sept. 23, make sure you get the most out of these last days of enjoying the sun, cookouts, and time with family and friends. Here are seven activities to accomplish before summer ends. **BASEBALL GAMES** 

Going to a Tigers game in a Tigers hat, eating popcorn, a hot dog, and drinking an ice cold beer (if you're of age), is the perfect summer activity. There are seven home Tigers games left in August and 13 until Sept. 23, the last day of summer.

You can take the family to a Loons game in Midland or a Lugnuts game in Lansing for a fun time, as well.

#### TRIP TO THE ZOO

There are many animals not native to Michigan, and are only available for viewing at the zoo. A trip to the zoo is educational and fun. The Children's Zoo at Celebration Square in Saginaw, 57 minutes away, features otters, peacocks, pygmy goats, penguins, and other animals.

The Detroit Zoo, only 48 minutes away, has wolves, bears, tigers, zebras, giraffes, pandas, and many other animals that fit the interest of the entire family or a significant other.

Seniors 62 and older can receive free parking and admission on Senior Day Sept. 9. **ART SHOWS** 

Art shows are indicative of Michigan's culture, and there are plenty near the tri-county area. These events are great for getting out of the house and enjoying local talent.

In Troy, the 41st annual Art on the Lake takes place Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and features more than 100 different artists on the Northfield Hills Condominium Association grounds, according to troymi.gov.

Swartz Creek's Art in the Park art fair takes place Aug. 29. and will have art, entertainment, local food, and children's activities, according to swartzcreekkiwanis.org. **MUSEUMS** 

Museums are full of history, art and culture. Take a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts for a day and enjoy more than 60,000 works of art. The museum features global art from America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and to the Middle East. Admission to LANSING LUGNUTS Cooley Law School Stadium

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### Canever among honorees at black-tie affair

Annual dinner hosted by Fenton Education Foundation

#### By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton Education Foundation will host its 11th annual Black Tie Awards Dinner on Sept. 10 at The Laundry in Fenton.

This year's honorees include longtime successful businessman and community activist, Richard Canever, president owner of Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. Canever will be receiving The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award.

Through Canever's leadership, generosity as a business owner and community activist, hundreds of students have benefited through the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation's driver training program.

Vic Canever Chevrolet has donated the cars used for this program for more than 10 years, thus allowing the program to continue. Canever has also been supportive of numerous athletic programs through his corporative sponsorship of numerous teams and events.

According to Patricia Lockwood, chair of the Fenton Education Foundation, "Richard was the unanimous choice of the Foundation board. Through his leadership and community commitment, students of all ages have had opportunities to learn and excel in their career paths. We look forward to honoring Richard at The Black Tie event on Sept. 10 at The Laundry."

The second award recipient, George Kralosky, will be receiving the Nancy and Edward Petruska Life Time Achievement in Education Award. Kralosky was an English teacher at Fenton High School for 19 years. He was a popular teacher with his students and dedicated significant time as an IBO Diploma Program teacher. In addition to his work inside the classroom, Kralosky was also a driver education instructor, a co-sponsor for the National Honor Society, and coordinator of the Project Close-Up program.

The Lifetime Achievement in Education Award was established by way of a gift from the Petruska family to the Fenton Education Foundation. The award recognizes the contribution that educators make to the community. Edward and Nancy Petruska devoted a combined 52 years of educational services to the Fenton Area Public Schools.

Mark Suchowski, principal at Fenton High School, said, "George joined the English Department at Fenton High School in August of 1994 and for the next 19 years made a huge impact on the lives of his students and colleagues. He was masterful at inspiring those he taught to develop their own voice, think critically, and express themselves clearly. George also collaborated with his fellow teachers throughout the building and inspired them to examine and improve their teaching."

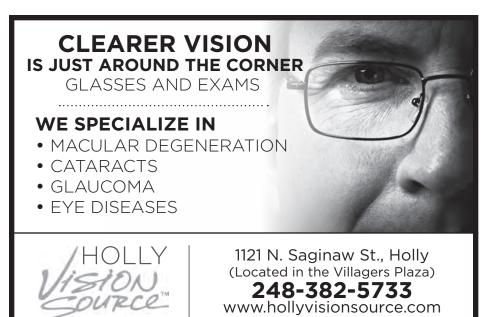
In 2004, the Fenton Area Public Schools created the Fenton Education Foundation to assist in developing and enriching the overall educational experience of Fenton youth.

For more information about the foundation, visit fentoneducationfoundation.org.

### News briefs

#### Gas prices to spike this week

Refinery problems at BP's Whiting, Indiana refinery are likely to drive up retail gasoline prices 15 to 30 cents per gallon during the next week for motorists in the Midwest and Great Lakes regions. Over the weekend, BP's refinery unexpectedly experienced issues with its largest crude distillation unit, capable of refining over half (210,000bpd) of the total refinery's oil capacity (410,000bpd). Almost immediately, market gasoline prices shot up on the concerns of reduced gasoline supply from the BP refinery, the seventh largest in the country and the largest in the Midwest, according to Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy.com.



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Proceeds from the event, if and when it takes place, will benefit Hometown Heroes of Michigan, a charity aimed at helping people dealing with disease or injury while living at home.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro presented the request to council and indicated if the road closure were approved, traffic from Shiawassee would be diverted to Elizabeth Street.

"Why did they choose this day," asked Mayor Sue Osborn. "With Applefest going on this is going to be a mess."

Judy Gibbs, representative for Rockwell Assisted Living & Memory Care said this is a senior event to help them find out what Hometown Heroes are all about. She said there are currently 16 residents living at Rockwell.

"With this car and bike show we hope to bring more economic development to the community of Fenton," Gibbs said. Although she said they did a lot of research to make sure this event did not coincide with the many other car shows taking place in the area, they did not consider the St. John's Applefest.

"We were not aware of the Applefest date," Gibbs said. She added that they believe the car and bike show event would be beneficial for Applefest.

Councilwoman Pat Lockwood applauded their efforts but said she has a huge concern because of Applefest, a huge event in town, and the ongoing downtown construction.

Lockwood initially suggested to Gibbs

that they look at the school on Adelaide for use of their parking lots. She rescinded that offer, however, after learning that the four stops for the poker run were not yet selected and could be bars.

Osborn said, "We draw 25,000 to 30,000 people during Applefest. It's such a huge event. Our police department is so wrapped up with that."

Osborn suggested they find another place to hold their event, or even hold it on another date.

Councilman Les Bland said his major concern is about traffic being diverted to Elizabeth Street. "You're taking traffic from a busy road and putting it on a street that's in very poor condition," he said. "There are at least 16,000 cars a day on Shiawassee going eastbound."

Councilwoman Cheryl King said she believes the 100 classic cars planned for the event would be more like 500 or 600 cars. "If this fundraiser is for veterans, more people are going to show up."

Like the others, King repeated that it sounds like a great event for a very worthy cause, but with all the construction going on and Applefest taking place that same weekend, they can't close down another road.

Councilman David McDermott said he works at the Applefest and also suggested an alternative date for the car and bike show. "The weather during Applefest is dicey," he said. "For the last four years, it has been pouring down rain."

Gibbs said she is willing to consider alternatives and will be back in touch with the city in the near future.



# **Cooking app for kids**

### ■This free app helps kids learn how to cook healthy meals

The head chef in the house doesn't have to be over 5 feet tall.

SideChef is a free app that aims to teach kids how to make healthy meals and snacks. It was featured on USA Today's Best Apps of 2014 and is available on An-

droids and Apple products. The app offers audio and visual instructions, automatic timers, cooking videos and nutritional information on the food they're

cooking. Users have the option of preparing more than 2,000 difpersonalized lunch box, a \$100 gift card to their grocery store of choice, and homemade treats from SideChef, according to the press release. To enter, participants must choose from a list of breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert and snack recipes, take a picture and share it on Instagram with the hashtag

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the app, which started Aug. 1. The two

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#### **FINISH A BOOK**

Now is the time to make some tea, put your feet up, and finish that book you've been meaning to get through. Reading is an excellent tool to exercise your mind and laying out in the sun with a good book is a priceless summer activity. CONCERTS

Warm, summer nights are perfect for attending concerts with friends and family. Kid Rock and Foreigner are performing sold-out shows at DTE Music Theatre this weekend and next weekend, but there are many other concerts in Detroit in August and early September. Kenny Chesney is performing Aug. 22 at Ford Field, and the Foo Fighters are performing Aug. 24 at the DTE Energy Music Theatre.

Go with a group, buy lawn seats, and bring a blanket to sit on.

#### **UPCOMING CONCERTS**

These are a few of the concerts going on around Detroit in the next few weeks. For more concerts, visit Detroit.eventful.com.

- Umphrey's McGee Aug. 15 at
- Meadow Brook Music Festival
- Chris Brown Aug. 16 at DTE
- Energy Music Theatre • NEEDTOBREATH Aug. 18
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- 5 Seconds of Summer Aug. 19
- The Palace of Auburn Hills • Huey Lewis & The News Aug.
- 21 at Freedom Hill
- Eddie Money Aug. 21 at GM
- Riverfront Plaza, Detroit • Kenny Chesney Aug. 22 at
- Ford Field
- Idina Menzel Aug. 22 at the Fox Theatre
- Foo Fighters Aug. 24 at DTE
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• Lenny Kravitz Aug. 27 at Meadow Brook Music Festival Source: Detroit.eventful.com



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The House and Senate are out for several weeks. Therefore, this report contains several recently introduced bills of interest.

#### Senate Bill 324: Require policy for police involved in a death

Introduced by Sen. Coleman Young, II (D), to require local police and sheriff departments to have a policy on deaths that involve a law enforcement officer. This would have to include requiring an investigation by two officers who are not employed by the same agency. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 326: Establish B-24 Liberator as symbolic "state airplane" Introduced by Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), to establish that the B-24 Liberator flown by the U.S. Army, Air Force and Navy in WWII shall be deemed the "official airplane" of the state of Michigan. The B-24 was a sophisticated four-engine bomber produced in huge numbers by the Ford Motor Company on an unprecedented mile-long assembly line at the purposebuilt Willow Run plant in Wayne County. Reported from committee, pending before full Senate.

#### Senate Bill 340: Increase penalties for tobacco sales to minors

Introduced by Sen. Steve Bieda (D), to increase the penalties for selling tobacco to minors, from \$50 to \$100 for a first offense, and \$500 for a subsequent offense. The increased penalties would also apply to a minor who tries to buy or who possesses tobacco. Reported from committee, pending before full Senate.

Senate Bill 352: Authorize "designated caregivers" for hospital patients

Introduced by Sen. Margaret O'Brien (R), to require hospitals to give patients the opportunity to designate a friend or family member as the individual's "designated caregiver." Hospitals would have to notify this person when the patient is transferred or released, consult with them about the discharge plan, instruct them about the patient's needs after discharge, etc. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 370: Authorize alcohol manufacturer retail shop tax breaks Introduced by Sen. Jack Brandenburg (R), to exempt from sales tax the tools and equipment purchased by a brewer, winemaker or distiller to create products it sells directly to customers at its own locations. Reported from committee. pending before full Senate.

#### House Bill 4511: Revise state oil pipeline regulation

Introduced by Rep. Sarah Roberts (D), to give the Department of Environmental Quality explicit authority to regulate pipelines used to transport oil or petroleum; mandate that pipeline owners have "emergency response plans" for pipeline leaks that include consultation with local governments; require pipeline owners to pay for regular state inspections of underwater pipelines and more. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.



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The Island Guys perform Caribbean steel drum music atop a pontoon for Music by the Mill. The band was powered by a small silent generator, and the music played from the platform and on shore.

### Linden lively on Wednesday night



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While a crowd watches Music by the Mill, Darren Redman of Linden plays with Gavin, 4, and Ella Fogerty, 8, while playing with Elsie, a 3-year-old Rottweiler, Wednesday night.





### DEMOLISH

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Reilly said the contractor is confident the work can be done within the fenced area. Unlike Genesee Towers, it will not be imploded. They will be using an excavator with a hydraulic hammer. As far as notifying residents, Reilly said he will use the Tri-County Times. "We can also get some fliers out to nearby residents."

Councilman Les Bland noted that the time frame is around time school is set to begin and advised that the school (State Road Elementary) be notified as well.

Burnash is one of five companies bidding on the demolition job. They were the lowest bidder at \$48,900 to complete the job. Luke's Excavating of Bloomfield Hills came in second highest at \$69,385. The highest bidder was L. Zeller & Sons Excavating of Flint at \$74,000. Two other bidders were disqualified because they submitted incomplete bids.

At the City Council's Aug. 3 work session, City Manager Lynn Markland reported to officials that the funds to pay for the demolition would come from the general fund. It is hoped that some of that money will be recouped when the land is sold.

The decision to tear down the 147-year-old structure was made earlier this spring. Because the 10,000-square-foot building, built in 1868, has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983, city officials decided earlier this year to ask the experts to determine whether the building could be restored, or if it should be demolished.

In November 2013, the seminary sustained significant damage during a rainstorm with high winds. The subsequent harsh winters of 2013-2015 resulted in further destruction of the deteriorating building, which is now in near ruins. The structure has collapsed completely on the east side, with rooms and debris on all three floors exposed.

The engineering study resulted in a recommendation to demolish the building, salvaging as much of the ornate items and materials that can be repurposed as possible.

#### Monument planned using seminary blocks

Following the decision to hire Burnash Wrecking, Inc. of Flint to tear down the seminary, also known as the "Old Baptist Ministers" home, Doug Tebo, chairman of the Oakwood Cemetery Board addressed the Fenton City Council. Tebo said depending on what can be salvaged, the cemetery board would like to erect a monument using those materials. That monument would be placed in Section B of the cemetery in order to honor the 51 Baptist ministers and their wives believed to be interred there. "If we got a couple of cuts we would be tickled to death," said Tebo of the building materials. Mayor Sue Osborn suggested they might also get some items they need donated by The Home Depot.

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When compared to other financial institutions' interest rates, it's extremely affordable, Roshek added. "Many places will charge upward of 20 percent for a credit card, but our rates for members with no credit history and no credit score starts at 12 percent," she said.

"We also offer Share and Certificate Pledge loans, Roshek added. "This is a loan product where you would use your own money as collateral in an account, and repay the loan for the same amount at a very low rate (3.10 percent is the current rate on our Share Pledge Loan). As you pay back the loan, the funds are released in the share account for your use."

Chris Pagan of Financial Plus Credit Union in Fenton said they are in the process of of creating a loan program to help young people establish credit. "It is pretty much done and we're now in the process of naming and marketing it," he said. The new program is expected to launch in the very near future.

To learn about any similar loans to help young people establish credit, check with your personal banking or financial institution.

#### **BIGGEST CREDIT SCORE CHALLENGE IS PAYING ON TIME**

Obtaining credit can be very easy but the challenge is understanding what goes into a credit score and how to maintain positive credit history, said Jessica Roshek, Ioan officer for Genisys Credit Union in Fenton.

"Obviously, paying your credit obligations on time is the highest factor on the list since missing one late pay can mean a denial for future loans," Roshek said. "In addition to timely loan payments is making sure you're not over-using lines of credit. Just because a lender provides a credit limit of \$500 on a credit card, it does not mean using the whole limit is the best thing to do even if it's paid off each month."

Generally, having a balance of 35 percent or less on a credit limit is the best way to ensure a good credit score, Roshek added.

There are other factors that affect a credit score such as number of inquiries for credit, number of new accounts opened in a short period of time, as well as length of time accounts are established.





#### A short history about time

When we wake up in the morning and see the time on our clocks, we know that when it's 6 a.m. in Fenton it's also 6 a.m. in Detroit. We know this because both cities are in the same time zone.

All of us use time information to plan our days, weeks and months and to know when we should be at work, leave on an airplane or go to the doctor's office.

This is all fairly straightforward and we probably take the concept of orderly time for granted. Indeed countless songs have been written on the subject of time, and for my generation, I cite 'Time Is On My Side' by the Rolling Stones and 'Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is' by Chicago as just two examples. We even have TIME magazine.

However, if I was writing this column in the 19th century, we couldn't take time for granted, because back then, every city in the United States used a different time standard and there were more than 300 local sun times to choose from.

Additionally, the railroads had some 100 time zones and to conduct an orderly business this became problematic.

The beginning of a solution to disorganized time began on Nov. 18, 1883 when the United States and Canadian railroads created standard time zones throughout their respective countries which were called the Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific time zones.

At first, not everyone embraced these changes, but on March 19, 1918, the federal Standard Time Act of 1918 went into effect. It established the aforementioned four time zones as a matter of law with the fifth being the Alaska time zone. The Act also established the first official version of Daylight Saving Time.

The rest as they say is history, and although over the years the time zone boundaries and Daylight Saving Time has changed, we now have a uniform time system with all of its benefits.

As time goes by we all know exactly what time it is and we never have to risk being lost somewhere in time.



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Curtis Gavette visits with Jack DuFresne before playing Euchre in the annex room of Loose Senior Center Tuesday. From left is also Larry Hunt, Marilyn DuFresne and Russ Morton.

#### SENIOR CENTER

**Continued from Page 3** do. Most the time they're playing an instrument," she said.

Members can take computer classes, water color painting classes, and other art classes, as well as join the book club. Knitters, crocheters, wood carvers, and other specialists also teach classes.

'Root beer float day is coming up," she said. The center will sell floats for a dollar on Monday, Aug. 17.

Another upcoming event on Sept. 15 will feature comedian Billy Ray Bauer.

"We welcome people to come into the center and participate," she said.

The most popular activities are the weekly and daily programs, like exercise classes. For exercise, members can try Zumba, line dancing, yoga, pickle ball, volleyball, Fit4Ever, which is done in a chair, and other activities. Members can also join the softball team.

"That commitment is very evident. We have people come in and play cards and games," she said.

"Exercise classes and daily activities are usually well attended."

Special events are also popular. The Elvis impersonator was a popular event, and she's expecting comedian Billy Ray Bauer's show to be well attended.

The center also has a manicurist come in every week, a Euchre tournament once a month, and potlucks and rummage sales on the weekends.

Elmore-Hajek said they're organizing Coffee with a Cop, where a Linden police

officer will sit and talk with the seniors. Seniors also have the option of being pen

pals with a local third-grader. When asked if the activities and events are beneficial to the seniors, Elmore-Hajek said, "We're privileged to see the advantage on a regular basis."

The activities help get seniors out of the house by socializing, being active, and participating in activities that stimulate their minds. "We have people here so busy they can't fit in the next thing," she said.

They want their members to have a healthy mind, body and spirit. Fitness instructors would attest to helping their health, she said.

"People have come into yoga with a cane and eventually the cane is gone because of their strength," she said. "It's probably one of the most rewarding things.

"It just takes that connection for people to feel comfortable when they walk in the door," she said. "It's really important that people come here and feel welcome and know that they're cared for."

The center's budget for 2015 was \$322,755. Southern Lakes Park and Recreation contributed \$72,000, which is 19 percent of the collective senior millage, said Executive Director Carl Gabrielson.

The Genesee County Millage contributed \$161,742, which is a 5 percent reduction from past contributions. The rest of the money is raised by programs, contributions, and events at the center, said Gabrielson. Support systems at Loose

Once a month, a volunteer puts on Listening Ear, where she helps people work through times in their life when they need someone to talk to, Melinda Elmore-Hajek said. Seniors can also participate in an Alzheimer's support group, and a grief support group starting in October. The center also offers AARP safe driving lessons for seniors. **Loose Senior Center Trips** 

Trips include going to the Flint Institute of Arts, the Genesee County Fair, Detroit Tigers games, plays at The Whiting, and museums. Locally, the center offers weekly trips to the Flint Farmers Market often partnering with Caretel Inns of Linden. A few members are going to Ireland in a few weeks, and others are traveling to Stanford, Ontario to see "The Sound of Music," while others are traveling to Geneva.

#### Becoming a member

The Loose Senior Citizen Center has more than 5,000 members in their database. The core membership is between 2,000 and 3,000 because some may only come in once a year. To become a member, you must be at least 50 years of age and live in Genesee County or a neighboring area. There's no fee for people living in Genesee County, but members living in neighboring areas like Oakland, Shiawassee or Livingston Counties pay a \$25 annual fee. "We're growing all the time, especially since we moved into the new building," said receptionist Kathy Metivier. They moved December of 2013. The center is partially funded by a millage from Genesee County and is also partially funded by Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation. Loose Senior Center

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# Sports

**INSIDE SPORTS** 

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> Watch Tim Jagielo's video of Lake Fenton's midnight practice at tctimes.com.

### TRIVIA great quotes

Who said, 'It's amazing how quickly a message can travel from the right buttock to the lower base of the brain?'

Kevin O'Neill said it while coaching men's basketball at the University of Tennessee.

#### SCOUTING THE METRO LEAGUE Brandon Blackhawks

During the last 10 seasons, the Brandon Blackhawks have finished with either four or five victories six times. They've never won more than five games during that period and have made the playoffs just once.

What that means is when things are good, the Blackhawks are an average team. When they aren't average, they aren't very good.

Brandon doesn't return any all-Metro players from last year's squad that went 4-5 overall, creating a sense that this will be slightly more of a down year than an average season.

Coach Tim Pizzala says: "We've been a middle-of-the-road team the last couple of seasons and we'd like to break out of that and get to the next level. .... Hopefully, things go well and we stay healthy. That will be the biggest determining factor."

**Outlook:** Metro coaches picked Brandon to finish fourth. If anything, that seems maybe a position too high. Our guess is another 4-5 overall season is coming up.

# **Midnight practices mark start of football**

Some offensive changes are in the works at Lake Fenton

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Lake Fenton** — Yes, it was midnight, but those who thought they were dreaming Lake Fenton's midnight practice involved a shotgun were indeed awake.

The Lake Fenton football program opened up its 2015 practice season in front of about 100 fans at midnight unveiling a tiny dose of what to expect out of the season. And one of those things will be a shotgun offense, something Lake Fenton rarely, if ever, did over the last 10 seasons.

"The concepts don't change as far as blocking schemes," said three-year starting offensive lineman Anderson Muenzer said. "We are trying to play faster this year and it's a little hard to play fast when you are going under center. It's certainly a big culture shock. I've never come out of a two-point (stance). I've never played in a shotgun offense before. I think I'm starting to get the hang of it and am getting comfortable. We'll be all right as far as that goes."

The shotgun isn't the only change. People watching who was playing at quarterback may have noticed a small shock. State champion wrestler Trent Hillger was taking the snaps for a good chunk of the practice, and is expected to be the starting quarterback.

"Last year we started to put it in the system when we were not going to make the playoffs," Hillger said about the shotgun. I played a little quarterback to get used to the system. I love it. I love running the offense.

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### Tigers brave the heat after perfect conditions at night

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Fenton** — Ron Eltringham has had better summers.

He spent a decent portion of his summer on some surgeries, including one just five weeks ago when he had to have a rotator cuff surgery on his right arm.

The arm is still ailing, but when practice started on Monday, it didn't seem to bother him quite as much as it may have a week ago. After all, Monday was the official start for prep football practice. The Fenton assistant coach is among the many thousands of prep players, coaches and fans excited to see the season begin.

"What else would I do," El-See TIGERS on 14



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Area football teams were allowed to start official practices on Monday. (Top) Lake Fenton's Anderson Muenzer (face showing) works on some block drills about 12:30 a.m. on Monday. (Immediately above) Fenton linemen do a drill during Monday's afternoon practice.





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Lake Fenton junior Trent Hillger will be playing at quarterback for the Blue Devils. He throws a ball during Monday's midnight practice.

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"It is a completely different offensive sheme and just getting used to the different calls and switching positions is different. I haven't played quarterback in four years. I played it in Holly Middle School."

The squad says the change to a shotgun formation on offense works well for this year's squad.

"It fits our team," Hillger said. "We are fast. We are not huge, but we are going to outrun you. This different formation really helps our team. We have very fast guys and very smart football players, so this new formation is really going to help us."

"You are going to see us in shotgun 95 percent of the time," Lake Fenton varsity coach Eric Doyle said. "It's a little different system. We think it suits the kids we have. It's not drastically different. We are still going to be what we are about, and that's being physical and doing those types of things. But there are some different elements to it."

This is the fifth season the Blue Devils have run the midnight practice during the first official day of Michigan High School Athletic Association football season. About a half-hour before it started, a strong rain pounded the campus, making some wonder if the session would even happen. But with about 15 minutes to spare, the rains were over with and the team walked together from the school to the football field, starting at midnight. By the time the Devils all the athletes from the freshman, JV and varsity teams were in attendance walked on to the field, it was 12:01 a.m. Monday, enabling the practice to start. Of course, it was without pads since pads won't be allowed until the fourth day of practice.

The players enjoy the practice.

"This is my last one for the last four years — coming out here at midnight and getting excited for the season. It's been incredible," Muenzer said. "I just think it's a great way to kick off the season. I enjoy doing it for the most part."

"I'll stay up, usually during the summer, but I don't stay up too much during football season," Hillger said. "It's really nice to get the kids pumped up for football season and two-a-days."

The squad looked to get a lot done. The players broke into units and worked together for about an hour. There was a period when offenses ran their plays, giving fans a chance to see that shotgun Lake Fenton fans aren't used to seeing. But, Doyle is the first to admit the practice can be a little bit less about actual progress than excitement.

"It's kind of a pain but this is more for them (as Doyle pointed to the parents and students watching) than it is for us," Doyle said. "It gets the community excited about what is going on. The weather kind of scared a few off, but we see a lot of kids and a lot of the student body here. It's a good experience for sure. It's more of a spectacle for sure."

The Blue Devils had a young squad a year ago and struggled throughout the season. Lake Fenton won just two games a year ago and allowed at least 26 points each game, but one.

"I learned to be more of a leader," Hillger said. "Last year I didn't think I was as much of a leader as I could've been. We weren't a tight cohesive group. We were very young last year, having only four or five starting seniors. And by having a tough season, I think it brought us together with the young guys. We are all used to playing with each other now."

"As far as last year goes, I don't like to talk about it because it was a tough season for us," Muenzer said. "But last season was a big eye-opener for us because we went into the season thinking we'd be all right and we ended up not because we didn't have any cohesiveness on the team. It was a lot of me and not a lot of we. ... Going into this year I'm feeling a lot more comfortable with the team. We are a lot close than we were last year."

### Linden's Gold headed to Adrian College to play hoops

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

Mike Gold has always played three sports.

In a way, being a three-sport athlete has allowed him to develop into the person he is now.

But, when it came to athletics, one sport was always the 2015 Linden grad-uate's favorite, and that was basketball.

So when it came to deciding what direction to take in terms of advancing his athletic career to the collegiate level, the decision was a relatively easy one for Gold. He chose basketball and chose to play at Adrian College.

"I knew about halfway through my final basketball season that I wanted to stick with just basketball instead of something else," said Gold, who also was a member of Linden's football and track and field squads. "I did (think about playing the other sports), and still do love playing three sports, but basketball has always been a major part of my life. Maybe if things go well with school and the timing is right, I'll run track there as well."

Gold was looking at the many Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) schools within the state when deciding upon a place to further his education and athletic career. Adrian won.

"I decided to choose Adrian because I really liked how the environment was, and how the coaching staff was very approachable," Gold said. "They were excited to hear from me about a game or



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN

Mike Gold (left), a 2015 Linden graduate, will continue his basketball career at Adrian College during the 2015-16 school year.

practice which is always a positive for me."

Gold was primarily an interior player for the Linden Eagles during his career, and led not only the Eagles in rebounding during his senior season, but also the entire Metro League. He also averaged about seven points a game.

The Eagles struggled during his senior year to a 3-18 mark, but ended the regular season with two straight league wins, including a 48-42 victory area rival Fenton

He earned All-Metro Honorable Mention status during his past two seasons. See GOLD on 14



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#### GOLD

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Gold is excited to continue his career. "Playing at the next level is something I've dreamed about for so long," Gold said. "It's truly a blessing that I was granted with the abilities. Some people, unfortunately, can't, and it's just such a humbling experience that I can't wait to start."

Gold also played two years of varsity football and was a three-year varsity letter winner for the varsity track team. He was on the Eagles' 2015 state-qualifying 1,600 relay team.

"I think being a three-sport athlete is a major factor making me the person I am today," Gold said. "I've been playing three sports for literally my entire life, and without all of the lessons I've learned I would be someone completely different than who I am today.

"Sports have taught me how to compete and how to overcome adversity in any situation, no matter how strenuous. But it's also changed my entire mental process as well. It has taught me that if I wait for something to come to me, it will never be there. Sports have taught me how I will always have to work and fight for what I want."

Adrian College finished the 2014-15 season with a 6-8 MIAA mark and an 8-17 record overall. However, just as recent as the 2012-13 season, the Bulldogs were 18-8 overall.

### **TIGERS**

**Continued from Page 12** tringham responded when he's asked why he's either been a head coach or an assistant coach for 43 prep football seasons. "I don't fish. I don't hunt. I don't drink very much. I golf which is why I'm getting this (pointing to his rotator cuff injury) fixed.

"It's still fun. I enjoy it. When it's not fun, I'll know."

The fun began, as the season always has during Jeff Setzke's 10 years as varsity football coach, at 12:01 a.m. on Monday. The Michigan High School Athletic Association allowed the first official practices to start on Monday, and the Tigers had their symbolic start with some special teams practice at the varsity football field.

"It was fun," Fenton senior Kobe Lookebill said. "It was nice to get on the field for the first minute of the season. I'm ready to start and get this going."

"It was a lot of fun," Eltringham said. "You don't expect to get a whole lot done except for the getting the excitement of being out at midnight and going through some special teams. The kids had fun.

"It doesn't matter if it is fun for us because we are doing it for the kids. At my age I'm about ready to get in bed at 11:30, but it was still fun. And it was a beautiful night."

On Monday afternoon, the Tigers returned for their first true practices of the season. Starting just about an hour after some thunderstorms, the weather certainly took a turn for the worse after midnight. The cool and comfortable weather conditions of about 16 hours ago were replaced by sun and humidity.

Practice started with some special teams activity, and some other nifty drills.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton linemen do two-on-one blocking practices during Monday afternoon's practice at Fenton's football field.

The wide receivers did a drill where there were four players surrounding a receiver who was in what made up an imaginary box. The receiver looked at one of the players who threw the football at him. Once the catch was made, the receiver had to turn and face another player who threw another ball at about the time he caught the first. The player continued the drill until all four balls were thrown to him. The goal, of course, was to catch all four balls.

The linemen began the day with some blocking drills through a large pipe apparatus. The pipes created lanes for each linemen and also forced the linemen to remain low during their drills. When those drills were completed, they started on some twoon-one blocking drills.

There was no mercy presented on the players during the first day. If the linemen walked to the end of lines to get ready for their next turn during the drills, running was the penalty. So it made sense to when in doubt, run to the spot they needed to be until their number was called again.

The Tigers have done more than OK since Setzke has taken over in 2006. After going 3-15 during his first two seasons, Fenton has qualified for the playoffs in each of the next seven seasons, recording at least eight wins during six of them. And, of course, the Tigers have either won or shared the Metro League championship each of the last four seasons. Last year they won the title outright, with a perfect 7-0 Metro record.

"I guess we have had a level of success," Eltringham said. "This whole community — they want to be a part of football. They love being a part of football. The kids want to learn. How can you not want to be a part of this?"

Fenton's first game will be Aug. 27 at home against Davison at 7 p.m.

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The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed zoning amendments and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the proposed amendments is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the project may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

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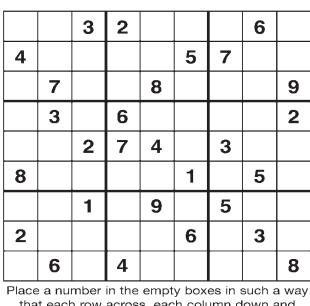
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# HOROSCOPES

RIES (March 21 to April 19) A relaxed mood early in the week could give way to high-temperature disputes. The Aries Lamb should resist being pulled into heated quarrels that could really singe your wool

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Satisfy that practical obligation first, then you can feel free to indulge in your creative endeavors. Also, check for hidden or overlooked areas where repairs might be long overdue.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home is still the Twins' major focus this week. But outside matters begin to take on added importance, especially those involving possible career moves. Stay alert for signs of change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A travel plan might need to undergo some considerable adjustment because of unexpected changes. Keep an open mind and let the facts guide you on how you want to handle this.

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brother 14 Mimicking LEO (July 23 to August 22) Playing cat and mouse with a matter you don't really want to tackle wastes time, energy and, most important, an opportunity, Ask someone with experience to help you get started.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A shift in policy might not please you, but before you put up a "no go" wall of resistance, examine the circumstances. You might be quite pleasantly surprised by what you find.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Yesterday's critiques about your methods might have already evolved into today's praise for your achievements. Good for you. Now go on and continue to build on your credibility.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An occasional temperamental flare-up might occur as you continue to help get things back to normal. Stav with it. You should soon get some idea of where to take things next.

#### SAGITTARIUS (November 22

to December 21) A negative reaction to what you believe was a well-deserved request might mean that you need to reconsider your position and make changes accordingly

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There's always room for someone new at the Sea Goat's table. And the someone new this week could bring a message you've been waiting a long time to hear.

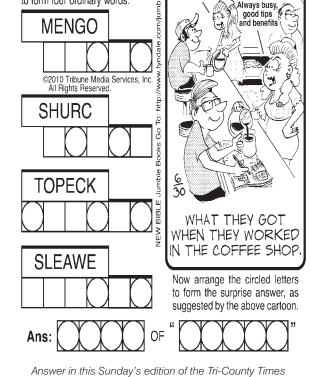
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A pile-on of personal matters this week might seem too overwhelming to deal with. But handling them on a one-by-one basis could have you out from under it by the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need your good advice regarding a matter. Be supportive. But unless you can be absolutely sure you have all the facts, be careful about any suggestions you might be asked to offer.

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Gerald J. Ovington - age 78, of Fenton, formerly of Detroit, died August 8, 2015. A memorial service will be held 1 PM on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at The Freedom Center, 2473 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton. Pastor Jim Weigand officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30 PM until the time of service. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Contributions may be made to The Salvation Army. Gerald was born October 14, 1936 the son of Anthony and Eileen (MacNamee) Ovington in Detroit. He married Mary M. Mulcahey on September 2, 1961 in Detroit. He worked as a distributor for Sullivan & O'Sullivan. He attended The Freedom Center in Fenton and was a very active member of Alcoholics Anonymous where he helped many people. Gerald also loved to go fishing. Survived by, wife Mary M. Ovington; children, Denise(Frank) Sharlow, Patrick (Susan) Ovington, Michael (Kelly) Ovington and Jennifer (David) Macklin: as well as 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by: parents, Anthony and Eileen; brothers, Ronald Ovington and Harold Ovington; and sister, Patricia Walski. Tributes may be shared at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





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