A few weeks ago, King wrote an excellent column on the sights and sounds of Fenton’s past. I will venture to predict the sights and sounds of Fenton’s future. Grandmothers and great-grandmothers with arms, legs, and neck covered in tattoos listening to rap music on the oldies radio station.”

“Study after study shows that dogs have the same mental capacity as a 2- to 3-year-old child. If you wouldn’t leave your child outdoors in the heat or cold, you shouldn’t leave your dog. Show them love, you will get it back a thousand fold.”

“If you think Obama is the worst president in history, you’ve obviously once again forgotten the Bush legacy that was given to us by the previous administration. He may be the second worst, but there’s one below him. George W. Bush.”

“Can some wordsmith out there please tell me a word that rhymes with Hillary, a word that rhymes with incompetent and a word that rhymes with dishonest? I am trying to design a clever bumper sticker for the up-coming presidential election.”

Holly man, teacher held on child porn charges

By Sharon Stone
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A 38-year-old Holly Township man is being temporarily detained on pending federal charges of distributing, receiving and possessing child pornography.

Eric Junod was recently fired from his job as part-time assistant band instructor at Troy Athens High School.

See PORNOGRAPHY on 6A
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Dining Or Living Room. Dining Room Has Doorwall For In Davison Schools! Lots of space, property, room, family room, dining room and basement this home offers 4+ acres of trees & raspberry bushes. It’s not enough there is a walk-out lower level opening to the in-ground pool features an addition of living space added in 2000 fenced yard, attached garage and a large 32 x 24 pole barn! This quiet neighborhood is the perfect setting yet close to freeways for easy commuting. Home currently being used as rental property with one unit up and one down but it could very easily be made back into single family home. A perfect home for the young family or great home for large family. 2 car garage plus extra cement parking to the side plus full basement that could be finished for additional space.

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FENTON
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Stunning Home nestled on a scenic tree-framed lot. Lovely wrap-around porch spanning the full width of the home. Traditional Colonial floor plan offering an expansive first floor great room for main-level entertaining. Breakfast room and great room open to a large deck overlooking the trea

lined yard. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, Lower Level is finished with exercise room and recreation space. 3.5 Car garage size with rolling door back door to ac-

cess the yard. Wonderful location - private, country setting yet close to freeways for easy commuting.

$339,900
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272

BYRON
9902 Carlisle Jane
Bank Owned.
Roomy 3 bedroom ranch on over half an acre. Home is located in a great neighborhood which is centrally located to schools and US 23 for easy commuting. Home has new carpeting and paint throughout in neutral colors. Great kitchen complete with appliances, large living room plus fire-lit family room. Plenty of summer left to enjoy sitting on your deck that overlooks your beautiful backyard. Over-sized 2 car garage with extra cement parking to the side plus full basement that could be finished for additional space.

$195,900

LINDEN
9015 Midland Hwy
Bank Owned.
Solid brick wrap on just under an acre. This spacious home has 4 bedrooms & 3 full baths & a partially finished walkout basement. Updated kitchen &cane
crumb floor in both the living room & family room. Central air, first floor laundry & 4 car garage.

$275,000
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

LINDEN
6117 Mabley Hill
Beautiful lakefront home on all sports Byram Lake. This home features a beautifully landscaped yard with sandy beach. Covered brick patio is great for entertaining or relaxing and enjoying the cool summer breezes. This brick home has 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Plenty of space for gathering with a first living room and a huge family. Dining room allows for beautiful views of the lake while hosting meals. All this on a park-like 1/2 acre lot.

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Call Donna Fradenburg 810-845-1971

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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

FENTON
611 S. Adelaide
This home has a great location within walking distance to downtown Fenton with its lovely Mill Pond, quaint shops and restaurants. Home currently being used as rental property with one unit up and one down but it could very easily be made back into single family home. Home features very large living area, tall ceilings, and kitchen on the main floor.

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HARTLAND
11031 Old Creek
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3 bedroom home on over half an acre. Home is located in a great neighborhood which is centrally located to schools and US 23 for easy commuting. Home has new carpeting and paint throughout in neutral colors. Great kitchen complete with appliances, large living room plus fire-lit family room. Plenty of summer left to enjoy sitting on your deck that overlooks your beautiful backyard. Over-sized 2 car garage with extra cement parking to the side plus full basement that could be finished for additional space.

$195,900

BYRON
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This fabulous home on secluded Cardinal Lake. Over 1acre of property on this all sports lake just in time for your summer enjoyment. The house was taken down to the studs and completely remodeled in 2004. Awesome kitchen for entertaining and the chef in your family. 4 bedrooms means space for everyone plus living room and family room. Gather up your water toys, maybe a picnic basket and come enjoy the lake and your new home.

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Grand Funk Railroad is tri-county area’s claim to fame

By Vera Hogan
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Say the names Mark Farner or Don Brewer around here and most everyone who’s been around for years knows who you’re talking about — two members of the famous rock band, Grand Funk Railroad, whose popularity soared in the 1970s.

The name “Grand Funk Railroad” is a pun, inspired by the name of an old Michigan railroad, the “Grand Trunk Western Railroad.” The word “trunk” was replaced with “Funk.”

In the late ‘60s and ‘70s, rock bands hit the big time when they were able to break a Beatles record. Grand Funk did that when they broke the Beatles’ attendance record in 1971 by selling out Shea Stadium in New York in just 72 hours.

Grand Funk Railroad was formed in 1969 by Farner, Brewer and Mel Schacher. In 1976, they recorded their album Good Singin’ Good Playin,’ produced by Frank Zappa, at their Parshallville Road recording studio, known as The Swamp.

With Farner as lead guitarist and lead vocalist, Grand Funk sold more than 25 million records and produced such hits as “We’re an American Band,” “I’m Your Captain (Closer To Home)” and “Some Kind of Wonderful.” Radio stations continue to play these rock classics to this day.

The foundation of what was to become Grand Funk Railroad started in the mid ‘60s. Richard Terrance Knapp was a popular local D.J. who decided to leave radio to enter the music end of the business.

After deejaying at record hops with a local band named “The Jazz Masters,” which consisted of Brewer on the drums, Al Pippins on guitar, Bob Caldwell on keyboards, and Herm Jackson on bass, Knapp allegedly lied to them and said he was personal friends with Mick Jagger and Brian Jones of the Rolling Stones.

Mark Farner picks up his Parker guitar before a recording session in Tyrone Township Monday. The rock ‘n roll legend of Grand Funk Railroad fame has ties to Flint and Parshallville, where he recorded some famous rock classics. Now he has ties to Fenton, recording the new single, “The Prisoner.”

“The Swamp.” Farner lived in Flint at the time. “I loved it because I was raised on the farm,” he said. There, the band rehearsed and recorded parts of “Born to Die,” “American Band,” and others.

He also hosted Frank Zappa and taught Zappa how to shoot his .44 magnum, converting him from being anti-gun that day. “It’s a far cry from anything that is so intimidating as a city,” said Farner, “You step outside here, and it’s inviting. You don’t wanna go back in right away.”

Block’s studio brings him back to that secluded, quiet place. “We can walk outside and pee in any direction,” he said, drawing laughter from his recording mates.

Of course Farner wasn’t done — Block stocks the best musicians for these sessions. On drums is legendary Johnny “Bee” Badanjek, who recorded classics “Free Ride,” “Devil with a Blue Dress,” and played with Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels. His drum breaks are recognized by Rolling Stone magazine.

See MARK FARNER on 18A
The power of choice

Recently, while at a gathering of friends, I overheard someone refer to a friend of mine as ‘leading a charmed life.’ I got to thinking about this statement on the drive home.

The conclusion I drew after considerable thought was that this person couldn’t have been more wrong. The individual they referred to was no more ‘charmed’ than anyone else in the world. This person had merely learned a long time ago that the secret to happiness is simply the power of choice.

Let me give you an example. How many times in your life have you heard homeless people referred to as ‘less fortunate?’ If you accept the premise that one individual is a homeless, drunken bum because he is ‘less fortunate,’ then you must also accept the premise that successful people who work hard, have a home, a career and an income, are ‘more fortunate.’

That, royal readers, is simply ridiculous. The drunk sleeping in an alley is there by choice. He is lying there because he made the choice to either work hard in school or drop out, whether or not to get and keep a job, whether or not to abuse alcohol and/or drugs and a million other decisions. He is lying there, put out in his cardboard box, because of the sum total of every choice he has ever made in his life.

Because each of these choices, no matter how insignificant, was a brick in the sum total structure of his life. Each choice led him inexorably toward his chosen destiny of being a bum.

It’s no coincidence that most losers in life don’t buy into the premise of accepting responsibility for their choices. Their lack of success in life is always due to some outside factor, such as the government, race, gender, luck, whatever — but never their own choices.

The lesson that we need to teach our kids is that the ‘secret’ to success in life is simply the power of choice. They need to know that getting pregnant is a choice, that getting good grades is a choice, that using drugs or alcohol is a choice — and that each of these choices will be a factor in the ultimate determination of success or failure in their life.

It is naive to think that my friend leads a ‘charmed life.’ He is blessed with happiness and prosperity simply because of the choices he made, and the resulting sequences of those choices.

The greatest thing in life — the most magnificent aspect of being a human being — is the power of choice. Preach and teach this concept to your kids, especially those heading off to college. It will be a gift they will treasure their entire life.

Opinions offered in If These King are the author’s alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the St. Clair County Times or its staff. Email the King at tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

What do you think of having a balanced calendar for year-round school?

“I think it would help with staying with your subject, but I like my longer summer.”

“I think it would be beneficial, but I’m fine with the way things are.”

“I like school right now. If we went to school in the summer, it would be too hot. I wouldn’t be able to pay attention.”

“It would conflict with kids trying to work. They can’t fit in their schedule during school. It would conflict with sports.”

“It would be beneficial. We wouldn’t lose everything we learned from the previous year. It would take away from our free time. Maybe we want to do music or sports or get a job to pay for college.”

“It’s important to give kids time in the summer to decompress. Nine months of school burns you out. It’s important for marching band to have their full days for summer practices and band camp.”

James Kryza
Jacob Newblatt
Patrick Conroy
Nick Mlera
Connor Horgan
Justin Beemer

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter
Question asked to Fenton High School soccer players
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Holly to celebrate 150th anniversary

By Vera Hogan
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The village of Holly is celebrating a major milestone this year — its 150th anniversary.

The Sesquicentennial Celebration will take place on Saturday, Sept. 12, with a variety of all-day, family-friendly activities in Crapeo Park and on Battle Alley in the historic downtown.

According to Holly Village Councilwoman Suzanne Heiple, organizer of the event, a planning committee has been meeting since February.

They started with 10 people attending. Today, the number of individual volunteers has grown dramatically, she said.

Businesses, groups and clubs also are participating and contributing services behind the scenes through sponsorships, fundraising and donations. Those groups include the VFW, American Legion, Masons, The Moose, Holly Historical Society, Holly Auto Show, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and many more, Heiple said.

“This truly is a family event,” she added.

So far, the group has raised about $3,500 after expenses.

Among the fundraisers held include: a Murder Mystery Dinner at the Karl Richter Community Center earlier this summer. Most recently, they organized a celebrity server event at Villager’s Restaurant, which included a $50/50 raffle and silent auction.

Additional fundraisers included a softball game in which players paid to play. The planning committee, chaired by longtime Holly resident Joe Mishler, is still selling Sesquicentennial logo pins for $5.

Details for purchasing pins and other memorabilia can be found on the Sesquicentennial Facebook page, or by emailing Heiple at sheiple@hollyvillage.org.

“We have received amazing support from Holly businesses,” Heiple said. “There are a number of Holly business owners on the Sesquicentennial planning committee, including Sandra Kleven, owner of French Flamingo in downtown Holly who is a major supporter for this event. And Laura Legant of Inspirations, Cupcakes and Kisses, and N. Redding & Co., who is sponsoring the beard contest.

The Holly DDA will sell “permits” to men and women who wish to sport facial hair in the village of Holly on Sept. 12. Permits are $11.50 until Sept. 11. On Sept. 12, the price goes up to $15.

Permit holders will be entered into a “Beard Beauty Contest” for cash prizes and awards. A percentage of the income will be given to the Sesquicentennial committee, some will go toward prizes, and some to the DDA promotions committee for the benefit of Holly.

On Sept. 12, a booth will be set up where people can purchase permits, be arrested for not having said permits, and appear before a Kangaroo Court for punishments. Until Sept. 11, permits will be sold at local events, the village offices and at participating merchants.

The Sept. 12 events kick off with an 11 a.m. parade and end with fireworks at dusk. (See sidebar for scheduled events.)

Linda Smith of the Holly Historical Society is chair of the parade committee. There is still time to enter and those interested can email Heiple for an application.

“Rain or shine, we are on,” said Heiple. “The street dance may be moved to the Karl Richter Community Center (300 East St.) if necessary. However, we have been assured that Sept. 12 will be the sunniest, friendliest, raincloud-free, warmest, most peaceful in the last 150 years in the history of Holly.”

Heiple said everyone is invited to come to the celebration. “It will be a day to remember,” she said. “We promise.”

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ON STREET

- 11 a.m. Parade
- 1 to 8 p.m. Art Walk
- All-day Photo Scavenger Hunt

CRAPO PARK

- After parade — Holly High School Band
- 12 p.m. Free hotdog lunch
- 1 to 5 p.m. Community Play Day events

CYCLONE PARK

- 2 p.m. Historic Baseball Game

BROAD STREET

(Adult Beverage Tent)

- 12 to 2 p.m. Rock & Roll Band
- 2 to 4 p.m. Games for residents: 2 p.m. - Oldest and Youngest residents and visitors recognized; 2:30 p.m. - Husband-Calling Contest; 3 p.m. - 1865 Costume Contest and history recognized; 3:30 p.m. - Best Dressed Cat or Dog contest.
- 4 to 6 p.m. music by Katelyn Valier, Gary Musgrave, local talent
- 7 p.m. Beard Contest; purchase a beard permit to participate

BATTLE ALLEY

- 6 p.m. music begins, street dance
- 7 to 9 p.m. street dance with music through the decades. Wear clothes from favorite decade.
- 8 p.m. Time Capsule sealed and buried at Hadley House Museum
- Dusk - Fireworks

TRI-COUNTY TIMES • SUBMITTED PHOTO

At the Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser in July, Suzanne Heiple plays the part of Nora Rabbit, a gossip columnist for the New Metro Inquisitor. She knows where all the dirt is hidden and has her fingers on the pulse of every potential scandal in New Metro.

Heiple’s committee, including Sandra Kleven, owner of French Flamingo in downtown Holly who is a major supporter for this event, and Laura Legant of Inspirations, Cupcakes and Kisses, and N. Redding & Co., who is sponsoring the beard contest.

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Holly Village councilwoman and Sesquicentennial organizer

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY, YOU WITH six kids, don’t be so sensitive. I thought your original comment was said with good humor and that the follow-up comment was humorous, too. Raising those kids to be decent human beings is the important thing.

IT’S NOT ABOUT the kids getting enough sleep for the school start time, it’s about them standing out there when its pitch black out early in the morning, waiting for the bus. That’s a little dangerous isn’t it?

FENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT does a great job for Fenton. What we’re lacking is the store owners having cameras and things in their parking lots to aid the police in catching criminals who rob cars and trucks. Keep your eyes open.

NO MATTER WHO is talking — liberal or conservative, religious or not, union or management, young or old, urban or rural, black or white or brown or yellow or red, the message is the same. I’m right and you’re wrong.

HILLARY DID NOT use her private server for emails. Hillary did not use her private server for classified emails. So how did she do her job as Secretary of State? She kept her private server in her bathroom closet.

YOU MIGHT WANT to take a look at the amendments. I think the ninth amendment would cover any problems this gentleman has.
Biker injured during crash in Holly

Holly police interview the driver of a pick-up truck after a personal injury crash with a motorcyclist Wednesday afternoon. The crash happened on Grange Hall Road, east of Holly Road. Police said the driver of the truck was at fault by failing to yield to the biker. The male motorcyclist was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

Seminary to come down shortly after Labor Day

■ 147-year-old building to be demolished at a cost of $48,900

By Vera Hogan
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Fenton — At a pre-demolition meeting Wednesday morning, Martin Burnash of Burnash Wrecking, Inc. in Flint, told city administrators that the seminary would be demolished shortly after Labor Day, Sept. 7.

Burnash said the “hold up” is always with utilities, making sure they are shut off and capped. Consumers Energy will need at least two weeks notice for the gas and electric.

The city will be responsible for water and sewer, which can be done very quickly, according to Dan Czarnecki, director of the Department of Public Works.

“The water has already been shut off,” said City Manager Lynn Markland.

“Consumers will take at least two weeks, but it could be as long as four,” said Burnash.

Prior to work getting started, flyers will be distributed to nearby homeowners. Burnash said it will not be necessary to close any streets for the duration of the demolition project, and the work will be contained within the fenced area.

Burnash said it will only take one to two hours to bring the building down. “It’s haul ing away the debris that takes time,” he said. Removing the rubble from the site will take about two days, Burnash added.

Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly asked Burnash about saving the cornerstone and an 8-foot section of the railing in front. Doug Tebo, chair of the Oakwood Cemetery Board, said this will be used to erect a monument of sorts.

“There is a 20-foot obelisk in section B of the cemetery, where 51 Baptist ministers and their wives are buried,” said Tebo.

The materials from the old seminary building, also referred to as the Old Baptist Ministers home, will be used to create a monument, on which a picture of the seminary will be displayed, by either etching or another method. On the back will be whatever information they choose to write about the history of the building.

When asked, Burnash also said he could try to save some of the stones.

Once all of the debris and rubble have been cleared away, the site will be (grass) seeded and covered with straw.

“This is the perfect time of year to do this,” said Burnash.

Burnash Wrecking, Inc. is a family-owned business since 1940, and is most recently known for imploding the controversial Genesee Towers building in downtown Flint on Dec. 22, 2013.

Unlike Genesee Towers, however, the seminary will not be imploded. They will be using an excavator with a hydraulic hammer.

At the Aug. 10 Fenton City Council meeting, Councilman Les Bland noted that the time frame is around the time school is set to begin and advised that the school (State Road Elementary) be notified as well.

See SEMINARY on 13A
150’ Frontage on Silver Lake, 5 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms & 8,000+ Sq. Ft. with Finished Walkout & Billiards Room & Racquet Ball Court.

100’ Frontage on Lake Fenton, 5 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms, 5 Car Garage & 5,000+ Sq. Ft. with Finished Walkout & Bar.

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As an off-duty firefighter from Independence Fire Department are being credited for saving the life of a Fenton man when they pulled him from the railroad tracks in July.

Fenton police received a call just before 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 19 advising them that a naked man was walking along Adelaide Street near Roberts. Shortly after the call, police learned that the man was spotted walking near the railroad tracks at Adelaide Street.

Forbush, who had just finished his shift, was changing into his street clothing in the locker room and two other officers were just about to go on duty and were changing into their uniforms when the call came in. Forbush said that anytime a call involves a naked person, police worry about the person’s mental state and whether it could turn into a dangerous situation. Knowing he was ready and could be of help he told Lt. Jason Slater and Officer Tom Cole, “I’m going.”

Without a second thought, Forbush got in his car and headed to the last known location of the man. He assumed Slater and Cole were already en route. When he spoke with dispatch, he learned that he was arriving first to the scene.

He parked his car in a driveway next to the tracks. As he got out of his car, he could hear the railroad crossing bells and whistles and the train was blasting its horn. “I started running to it,” he said.

As Forbush approached the unknown man, he saw the off-duty firefighter, later identified as Michael Petrie, talking to the man sitting on the tracks. With all the horns and whistles blazing, Forbush yelled to the Petrie that they had to get the man off the tracks quickly.

Forbush and Petrie grabbed the man’s arms and legs and carried him over to a grassy area. As they laid the man down, the train sped by. Forbush could see the train’s engineer looking straight ahead. It could have been so much worse,” said Forbush.

When asked if he believed the situation was dangerous, Forbush said, “I didn’t even think about it. I just ran up there.”

An ambulance was called to the scene and the man was taken to the hospital for treatment.

 Slater said it was apparent that the man, who was unaware of his location, had mental issues. There was no odor of intoxicants and there was no evidence of drugs.

Sam Crowl of Operation Lifesaver said Forbush and Petrie dragged the man off just in time. Crowl added that Petrie will be recognized at a meeting in November at the Durand Union Station.

Fenton cop given life saving award

Pulls disoriented Fenton man from railroad tracks seconds before train passes by

By Sharon Stone

Fenton Police Officer Dan Forbush has been given a Life Saving Award by Michigan Operation Lifesaver and the CN Police Department. Forbush and an off-duty firefighter from Independence Fire Department are being credited for saving the life of a Fenton man when they pulled him from the railroad tracks in July.

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As Forbush approached the unknown man, he saw the off-duty firefighter, later identified as Michael Petrie, talking to the man sitting on the tracks. With all the horns and whistles blazing, Forbush yelled to the Petrie that they had to get the man off the tracks quickly.

Forbush and Petrie grabbed the man’s arms and legs and carried him over to a grassy area. As they laid the man down, the train sped by. Forbush could see the train’s engineer looking straight ahead. It could have been so much worse,” said Forbush.

When asked if he believed the situation was dangerous, Forbush said, “I didn’t even think about it. I just ran up there.”

An ambulance was called to the scene and the man was taken to the hospital for treatment.

 Slater said it was apparent that the man, who was unaware of his location, had mental issues. There was no odor of intoxicants and there was no evidence of drugs.

Sam Crowl of Operation Lifesaver said Forbush and Petrie dragged the man off just in time. Crowl added that Petrie will be recognized at a meeting in November at the Durand Union Station.
Argentine Township opens first canoe launch

Area residents can launch canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards

By Hannah Ball

Argentine Twp. — On Wednesday at about 10:15 a.m., Argentine Township Board of Trustees member Teresa Ciesielski cut the ribbon and officially opened Argentine Township’s first canoe launch on McCaslin Lake Road by the bridge over the Shiawassee River.

“We’re finally making use of our most natural resource, the Shiawassee River. I want to thank everyone, especially the Keepers of the Shiawassee, for pushing this project,” she said, right before cutting the red ribbon.

The Shiawassee River is 118 miles long, stretching across Oakland, Genesee, Shiawassee and Saginaw counties. It has about 12 access points and runs through 16 parks, including Bush Park in Fenton, the Fenton Mill Pond Park, and the Linden Mill Pond. The engineering plans for the McCaslin Lake Road access point were done three years ago, and the community can now put canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards in the river, and Ciesielski said people could fish and swim as well.

Ciesielski, who spearheaded the project, said the Fenton Community Foundation also paid for a sign by the launch that illustrates the river, connecting lakes, and access points.

Linda Hathaway from the Fenton Community Foundation said, “I’m very excited. It’s exciting to see that generation have something local. Our waterways are tremendous. It’s neat that it gives an opportunity to bind the communities together. You can start in Holly and come through Fenton, and have something to eat, and then go to Linden. You can make a full day of it.”

Lauri Elbing from Friends of the Shiawassee River, based in Owosso, was also at the opening. She said it’s possible to get from the Shiawassee River to the Wildlife refuge, to Saginaw Bay in Lake Huron and eventually the Atlantic Ocean.

“It’s the up north feel close to home,” Elbing said.

The Keepers of the Shiawassee, who regularly clean the river, pushed for this launch.

Maggie Yerman, from the Keepers of the Shiawassee, said “We’ve used this spot for years and this is just so much better.”

Yerman explained how people used to access the river by walking down the hill from the bridge through the weeds and mud to get to the water.

“Now it’s a barrier-free access for people who are handicapped too,” Ciesielski said. “I think people are going to use it a ton. I think it’s going to create major awareness and no doubt we’ll create another launch site.”

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Opening week schedules

Here’s a look at what dates the tri-county varsity football teams will play their opening two contests of the 2015 season.

WEEK #1

Thursday’s games

- Davison at Fenton
- Linden at DeWitt
- Holly at Berkley

Friday’s game

Lake Fenton at Freeland

WEEK #2

Thursday, Sept. 3 games

Lake Fenton at Durand
- Fowlerville at Linden
- Williamston at Holly

Friday, Sept. 4 game

Fenton at Temperance-Bedford

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the second day.

“He said come on down,” Coselman said.

The rest was history. Coselman played on the squad that won the Plymouth area, but included players from Bedford, Howell and even Ohio. Coselman earned his spot and usually played third base. He also played short and pitched. The squad played outstanding home and away games without the summer.

“I think I did all right, but it wasn’t the best season I’ve had,” Coselman said. “It was an adjustment. I was facing kids going to D1 schools. It was the first time that I’ve been at that elite level of competition.

“But playing against this really good competition upset my expectations for myself, and helped me raise my standards. Before this I wasn’t playing at the highest level. Now I’m seeing these kids and it makes me see what I need to be to get there.”

Coselman certainly proved he belonged. He finished the season with a .321 batting average, collecting six doubles and a home run. He also scored 22 runs and stole 11 bases. He was caught stealing just once.

On the mound, he posted a perfect 5-0 record, tossing 41 1/3 innings. He gave up just 30 hits and struck out 17. He tossed one complete game. Defensively, he also made several strong plays.

The team began its 25-game win streak during the Black Swamp Classic in Ohio, winning the third game against the Detroit Metro Stars 5-0. Three games later, the squad had their second tournament championship of the season. The squad followed that tourney with what was probably its best tournament title of the summer. A. Green Baseball took the title at the 95-team 16U National Championship Tournament at the University of Louisville. They outscored their competition 55-16 in six games during the tourney. Their win streak was in danger one time during the tournament.

“The Super 25 totally lived up to its name. It was the best of the best,” Coselman said. “It’s fun to challenge them and to see where we are at. We played a team based in Georgia who already had finished a respectable 3-3 at the tourney. The squad followed that title with the University of Michigan Great Lakes Championships Pastime Tournament. This was the tourney that earned them a spot in the Super 25. The squad was the only team from Michigan competing. The other 24 teams were from 14 other states. His team finished a respectable 3-3 at the tourney.”

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“It’s going to be a long three hours,” is what the Fenton varsity soccer player said he thought to himself earlier in the morning after he realized what the weather was going to be like. “But we get a lot of water. The breaks are nice. We just have to make sure we have to stay hydrated.”

More than ever before, it seems the three H’s dominate the early fall prep sports season — those H’s are heat, humidity and hydration. And with each year, added research is helping teach mid-men. And with each year, added research is helping teach mid-day.

“Like anything you have to be aware of the circumstances that are surrounding it,” Fenton’s long-time athletic trainer Mitch Smelis said. “Are there storms coming? Is there heat? Is there humidity? Is it cold? Really, anything. We just want to make sure we are where we need to be and doing the things we need to do.

“Recognizing a kid is struggling, we need to find out why he is struggling and figure if it is because they are out of shape and didn’t do anything all summer, or is it they are struggling and having real issues. Maybe their body is starting to go through heat exhaustion, cramps and heat stroke. And if that is the case, we need to get care started and get them what they need.”

Much like Fenton High School, Linden High School’s certified athletic trainer Shari Oole and Linden High School athletic director Cathy North work closely with Linden’s athletic teams.

“We take the temperature and humidity readings every hour regardless what is going on outside just so we can stay on top of things — we call it,” Oole said. “We are constantly taking that measurement. In a perfect situation, we take the measurements about a half-hour before practice so I can talk to the coaches. That way if we have to make any changes ahead of time like removing equipment, taking extra breaks or moving to an air-conditioned environment — whatever we may have to do is planned ahead. Then we just monitor it throughout the day.”

Times have certainly changed from the days when athletes were punished or made “tougher” through the lack of water breaks in practices. Movies like “The Junction Boys,” a film created about legendary college football coach Bear Bryant’s challenging summer camp during his first season at Texas A&M, maybe the extreme stereotype of how practices were once run, but it certainly was a strong mentality around athletics within most current adults’ lifetimes.

But that’s not the case any more. “Hydration is the most important thing that we do,” North said. “We have to keep our kids hydrated. That’s our emphasis of the week. We work with them all week long to make sure they are doing what we need to do to be hydrated.”

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), the state’s governing body for high school athletics, has made heat a key subject in recent years as well. The MHSAA has several resources available to the public concerning heat, including a printable 12-page booklet created for the 2015 fall sports season. On March 22, 2013, the MHSAA adopted a heat index calculation chart used to determine what precautions need to be made during practices happening when the heat index reaches a given point. The key temperature is 95 degrees on the heat index scale.

When the heat index is just below 95 degrees, schools are recommended to provide ample amounts of water, about 10 minutes for every 30 minutes of practice. When the heat index reaches 95 to 99 degrees, other precautions exist, including not wearing football helmets while the players are not involved in contact activities. Between 99 to 104 degrees additional precautions can be taken including reducing outside activity or changing to dry clothing during the practice. With a heat index 104 or higher, all outside activity should be moved indoors to an air-conditioned facility.

These guidelines don’t only include outdoor facilities. North said Linden has to check the high school gym for volleyball practice as well because of the heat index. Smelis said Fenton also uses the chart to help determine their practice sessions as well.

“We have a lot more in terms of education for our coaches and a lot more publications,” North said. “Our trainer will provide information when it’s hot. .. Our coaches take a lot of water breaks. I trust our coaches, and I know they give it to them lots of breaks.”

While hydration is key, discussion is also one of the key elements to making smart decisions in the heat and humidity.

“We talk with the kids about energy drinks, proper nutrition and how those things go hand-in-hand over time,” Smelis said. “You have to take care of your body. Yourself is like a car. If you don’t take care of your car, it’s going to break down along the way.”

Oole said heat and hydration is one of the many areas in athletics that sees more progress each year.

“I have seen it progress,” Oole said. “When I first came in (she began working at Linden in 2001) and started taking these readings, I think the coaches were a little resistant to it — not a lot but it was new to them. I think everybody has embraced the fact that we are trying to monitor and be proactive rather than wait for something to happen and then react to it.”

Lake Fenton’s Andrew Foerster takes a water break during Thursday’s scrimmage. More than ever, prep sports teams understand the importance of hydration during athletic events.

Lake Fenton and the Fenton varsity soccer team play the week after Saturday’s game against the Owosso Bears. Fenton is 2-0-1 this season and 0-0 in the KLAA while Owosso is 4-1-0 and is 1-0 in the KLAA. Scott Haggerty and the Fenton varsity boys soccer team are 2-3-0 this season and 1-3 in the KLAA while Owosso is 6-1-0 and is 4-0 in the KLAA. The varsity boys soccer game between the Owosso Bears and the Fenton varsity boys soccer team is at 1 p.m. at Owosso High School.”

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“It was nice to see something live,” Doyle said.

“We made some mistakes, but we did some good things, too. I think we are a much improved football team, and I think we showed that today against a couple of good football teams. Especially against Swan Valley — they are a good football team.”

The Blue Devils also showed some strong depth, typically playing strong regardless who was on the field.

“That’s where I think we are way better off is depth,” Doyle said. “We don’t have any dead weight. We have a lot of kids who can play football.”

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On bass guitar was David Winans II, of the Grammy Award-winning Winans family. “I love the surroundings here, very conducive to creativity here,” said Winans.

The song grew out of a jam session between Farner and Winans. They shared digital files back and forth, recording separately, fleshing out the song, which would eventually be recorded this week.

Block offered to record the new song for free, because it was born out of charity work Farner did for Block. Farner headlined the Dick Wagner Remember the Child Memorial Concert this winter, which raised $10,000 for Children’s Miracle Network.

The song is catchy, funky and happy, despite the ominous name. Anyone who loved Farner’s work before will find it immediately familiar. For now, the song is a single. Farner said he’d be coming back to Tyrone Township.

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Johnny "Bee" Badanjek of Detroit recorded this week, and has been on many rock hits of the ’70s.

The Rolling Stones. Because of this and his radio connections, the band invited him to join the group as their lead singer. In order to sound more British, they renamed the band “The Pack” and Richard Knapp started using Terry Knight as his stage name.

The group soon developed a large local following and reached number 46 on the national record charts with a song called “I Who Have Nothing.”

Jackson was drafted into the military, and the group reverted to its original name of “Grand Funk Railroad” and signed with MCA Records to record “Good Singin’, Good Playin,’” produced by Frank Zappa.

Farner eventually left the group. In 1995, he was asked to join “Ringo Starr’s All Starr Band,” and during the next year, Farner, Brewer and Schacher decided to go out and play a few “reunion” concerts out east. Capitol Records released Grand Funk’s Anthology “Thirty Years of Funk” on June 29, 1999.

In 2005, Grand Funk Railroad was inducted into the Michigan Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame, having had three of their recordings voted Legendary Michigan Songs: “We’re an American Band” in 2008, “Closer To Home / I’m Your Captain” and “Some Kind Of Wonderful” in 2009.

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Demolition of vacant eyesore makes way for new development

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Fenton — The landscape of downtown Fenton changed again Friday morning as the old Topps building was demolished by Blue Star, Inc. At 225 West Caroline St., what had long been one of the most blighted properties in Fenton until Michael and Ashleigh LaJoice of Fenton purchased the property in June from Tony Allor through their LaJoice Enterprise/LaJoice Properties, would be reduced to rubble by the end of the day.

The building was formerly used for the Topps Fruit Market and Wash King, as well as a grocery store and a skating rink in its more prosperous years.

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Saturday: 10am - 4pm • Sunday: CLOSED

**SERVICE HOURS**

Monday: 7:00am - 8pm
Tuesday - Saturday: 8am - 2pm • Sunday: CLOSED