

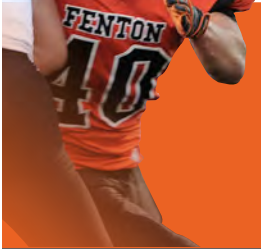


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## THE STORIES BEHIND OUR AREA BUSINESSES

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**BEGINNINGS**

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INCLUDED  
WITH THIS  
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**Fall Sports Preview**  
An in-depth look at the  
Fenton, Holly, Lake Fenton  
and Linden football teams.  
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# Weekend Times

SUNDAY EDITION

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2012 - 2013 - 2014 **NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR**

## Holly man, teacher held on child porn charges



LINKEDIN PHOTO  
Eric Junod

Admits to  
possessing  
600 images  
including  
children  
involved in  
incest and  
bondage

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

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## Grand Funk Railroad's Mark Farner familiar with Fenton, Page 3A



Mark Farner, '70s



## Seminary to come down shortly after Labor Day

The 147-year-old building, also known as the Old Baptist Ministers house, will be be demolished at a cost of \$48,900.

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## Argentine opens first canoe launch

Community members can launch canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards on the Shiawassee River from the McCaslin Lake Road Launch.

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## Topps building is toppled

Demolition of the old Topps building began Friday morning in Fenton. LaJoyce Enterprises will be putting in a mixed-use development.

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TEXT  
YOUR  
HOT LINE

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“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 upcoming presidential election.”

“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.”



“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.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“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.”



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# THEY'RE 'SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL'

## ■ 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

**See GRAND FUNK RAILROAD on 18A**



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."

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## ■ Lead singer Mark Farner familiar with Fenton

By Tim Jagielo

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**Tyrone Twp.** — The same hands that played "American Band" for Grand Funk Railroad made new music this week at Real II Reel Studios, just south of Fenton.

On Monday, Mark Farner, 66, of Grand Funk Railroad fame, recorded guitars for a brand new song, "The Prisoner." Crystal-clear funk rock floated out over the secluded wooded landscape that surrounds studio owner Marshall Block's property, as his guitar amp sat outside on the deck.

This is Farner's first time recording at Real II Reel in Tyrone Township — but he's actually only 15 minutes away from where some of Grand Funk Railroad's biggest hits were recorded.

In 1970, Farner bought 200 acres in Parshallville, including a studio nicknamed

"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 alone — Block always 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**



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# 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, passed out in his cardboard

box, because of the sum total of every choice he has ever made in his life. Because each of those 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,

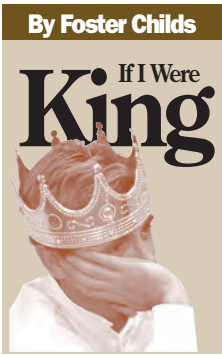
that getting good grades is a choice, that using drugs or alcohol is a choice — and that each of these choices will be a factor in the ultimate determination of success or failure in their life.

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 consequences 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.

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“Each choice, no matter how insignificant, is a brick in the sum total structure of your life.”

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**NICE JOB WITH** the Back to the Bricks warm-up party. Too bad the tar and chip crew couldn’t wait until after Aug. 15 to resurface Owen Road. Classic cars don’t like to be driven on gravel. Mine will stay in the garage.

**SO, HILLARY IS** honest and open, really? She had her server scrubbed clean. Why would she do such a thing if she were not guilty of something? Just think about that if you would. An honest person would have just turned the server over in the first place.

**WE DO OUR** students, ourselves, our nation and future a disservice when we fail to educate and equip them for active participation as a U.S. citizen. We will fail to uphold our democracy if we don’t actively engage in our civic roles, duties and responsibilities.

**AMERICA IS** once again becoming the kind and welcoming land of opportunity that our founders created. We can easily take in millions of less fortunate immigrants and help them while they build a life. Just raise the national gas tax a penny or two and use that money.

**ALL THESE CAR** cruises and car shows throughout Michigan — do people not consider the needless rise of our carbon footprint due to these? Get green, people.

**THE BASIC DIFFERENCE** between liberals and conservatives is this — liberals believe someone else is responsible for you; conservatives believe you are responsible for yourself.

**WHEN FOSTER CHILDS** stated it was sad 28 percent don’t identify with any religion today, he left out many are now spiritual, and the fastest growing church is nondenominational. When politicians make their faith part of their campaign, they scare away many voters.

**DONALD TRUMP IS** an arrogant, pompous billionaire with no qualifications whatsoever. I don’t understand how anyone with an ounce of brain power would think otherwise. I would never vote for him.

**INSTEAD OF CUTTING** our Social Security, tell the greedy politicians who are spending our money to put it back. It was never yours to spend. Bad enough, our tax dollars support you after retirement with Secret Service, health care, and you become lobbyists, speakers, write a book and are millionaires.

**I ALMOST FELL** over laughing when I read Saturday’s Hot line comment that Hillary is honest. Thanks for the hearty laugh.

**TO MY NEIGHBORS** in Holly. Why in the world do you own a dog? It’s alone all day, crying non-stop and most evenings, too. We see it in your front window looking out. How sad. He sounds very lonely. And sometimes

he sounds aggressive. Give him to someone who will love him and has a yard that he can get exercise in.

**CAN WE PLEASE** get a construction update on the Fenton Momentum sign hanging on the baseball fence? Many thanks.

**DRONES? SAW ONE** flying over the millpond on Saturday, early afternoon. It was white with yellow flashing lights.

**BY ALL MEASURES**, economically, I live at poverty level. The government has no right to take from others and give to me. Throughout history, the practice of socialist ideology has been their destruction. Economic inequality farce, war on women farce, and institutional racism farce. Don’t blame others — take responsibility for your life.

**JUST WANT TO** thank the Genesee County Road Commission for the stones on the road just before Back to the Bricks, very smart of them.

**REGARDING THE** HOT line about not receiving thank you cards for gifts. I totally understand. Very seldom have I ever gotten a thank you card from a young person for a gift I have given and I think it is disrespectful and rude not to do this. Parents should teach them some manners.

**SCOTUS IS NOT** supposed to have any regard for the Declaration of Independence, they just ignore it? What does it mean if we don’t believe that all men are created equal and the pursuit of happiness? Do we just ignore it?

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Question asked to Fenton High School soccer players

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

## street talk



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

— James Kryza



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

— Jacob Newblatt



“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.”

— Patrick Conroy



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

— Nick Melero



“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.”

— Connor Horgan



“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.”

— Justin Beemer



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and according to his LinkedIn profile page, he has been a field service technician for Ingersoll Rand since 2013.

A special agent with the FBI assigned to the Detroit Division, Oakland County Resident Agency presented probable cause for an arrest warrant of Junod this week following an extensive investigation.

According to complaint filed in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Junod has been linked to an online community of individuals who regularly send and receive child pornography via a website that operated on an anonymous online network.

According to a complaint, Junod used the profile name of Viper45 on the website and logged in one hour and 17 minutes between Jan. 26 and March 3.

On March 3, the investigation revealed that Viper45 accessed posts that showed 3-year-old girls in disturbing and sexually explicit situations.

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, a federal search warrant was authorized. On Aug. 17, federal agents executed the search warrant at Junod's Deer Valley Drive home where he and his wife live. Junod was home at the time of the search.

Agents seized a laptop computer, an iPhone and an iPad among other items. A forensic preview of the iPhone and iPad revealed more than 600 images of child pornography. Court records indicate Junod acknowledged that he stored child porn on those electronic devices.

During questioning, Junod admitted to downloading and possessing child porn. According to the court records, Junod also admitted to masturbating to child porn, including child pornography involving bestiality, incest and bondage.

Junod also admitted to federal investigators that he began viewing child porn in 2008 and that he prefers girls 10 to 13 years old, but has viewed boys and toddlers. He admitted to engaging in sexually explicit conversations with minor children and discussed traveling out of state to meet two underage girls, but claimed he never intended to do so.

During a court proceeding on Wednesday, Junod agreed to remain in custody and consented to detention, reserving his right to a full detention hearing before the magistrate judge. He is in custody of the Attorney General. A detention hearing will be set in the near future.

## SUMMARY

■ A 38-year-old Holly Township man is being held on pending federal criminal charges of child pornography.

## News briefs

### Fish Fry

The Fenton VFW Post 3243 Friday Fish Fry will not be open Friday, Sept. 4, because of the Labor Day weekend. The community is invited back at the VFW Post for Friday Fish Fries, beginning Sept. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. Call ahead for window service at (810) 629-1621 or dine in with the family. The VFW is open to the community.

### Free latex paint recycling for Genesee County residents

Residents of Genesee County can now bring their leftover, unused, and unwanted latex paint to the Genesee County Habitat for Humanity Restore in the City of Flint to be recycled at no charge. Regular business hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The paint collected at the Restore is transported to a processing facility in Battle Creek, where the paint is then made into a new paint product called "Everybody's Paint" or "ePaint" for short. This new paint product is then returned to the Restore in Flint where residents can purchase new paint for under \$15 per gallon. This program has been organized by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission with support from the Genesee County Habitat for Humanity and Keep Genesee County Beautiful. For more information, contact the Genesee County Recycle Hotline at (810) 762-7744; Recycle@co.genesee.mi.us or the Genesee County Habitat for Humanity Restore at (810) 766-9089.

### Clover Beach has elevated levels of E.coli bacteria – no swimming

Although the level of E.coli bacteria was lower this week than last week, the Genesee County Health Department advises against total body contact (swimming) at Clover Beach at Linden County Park in Fenton Township due to elevated E.coli bacteria. Clover Beach test results indicated a bacterial concentration of 332 per 100 milliliters this week compared to 546 last week. That number is not to exceed a state guideline of 300 E.coli per 100 ml per sampling event. Kelly Lake in also has higher than acceptable levels of E.coli bacteria. Gastrointestinal and dermatological illnesses have been associated with recreational water exposure. Rain and subsequent runoff can dramatically increase E.coli bacteria levels in lakes and other surface waters. Therefore, the Genesee County Health Department is advising that all beach patrons exercise due caution with total body contact in area surface waters after rain events.

### Hoover school reunion being held in September

A Hoover school reunion for all former students, teachers and neighborhood residents, will be held Sunday, Sept. 13 beginning at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial Home Lounge, 4314 West Carpenter Rd. in Mt Morris Township. For more information, call Jack Steco at (810) 732-8857 or Doris Ballge at (810) 742-4715.

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# Holly to celebrate 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

■ All-day affair slated for downtown on Sept. 12

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 Crapo 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 long-time 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



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
At the Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser in July, Suzanne Heiple plays the part of Nora Rabbitt, 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.

committee, including Sandra Kleven, co-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

## 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 p.m. to 2 a.m. with “Back in the Saddle,” from 8 p.m. to midnight

### BROAD STREET STAGE

- 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

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 perfect 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.”

## 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.


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**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 department in catching criminals who rob cars and trucks. Keep your eyes open.

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**YOU MIGHT WANT** to take a look at the amendments. I think the ninth amendment would cover any problems this gentleman has.



## Focus on Vision

**By: Dr. Juan Alvarado,**  
O.D., Diplomate, American  
Board of Optometry

## EYES ON LEARNING

School, computer use and cell phones ramp up the visual demands on your child drastically. There are many visual tools kids need in order to learn effectively.

Multiple visual systems/tools are used in school that can break down and many are not obvious to the parent or teachers. The easy one to spot is poor visual acuity (if the kid can’t see the chalkboard, ding-ding-ding... there’s a problem).

Other equally or more devastating visual problems that decrease a child’s learning potential are visual fatigue and poor eye teaming/visual coordination to name a couple. Both drastically decrease reading (books, computer, chalkboard) and comprehension at all ages.

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## Biker injured during crash in Holly



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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.

**“This is the perfect time of year to do this.”**

**Martin Burnash**  
Burnash Wrecking, Inc.

“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, fliers 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 hauling 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.

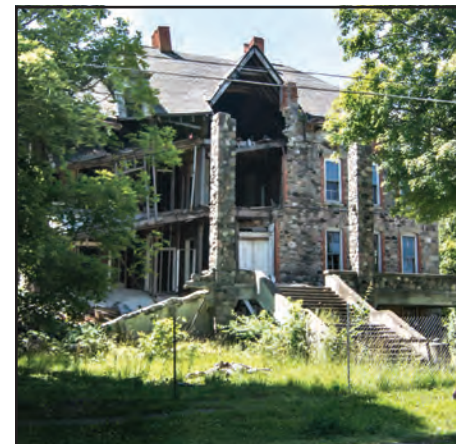
“This is the perfect time of year to do this,” said Burnash.

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**



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The seminary building at 309 High Street in Fenton will be coming down shortly after Labor Day. The dilapidated structure has been deemed dangerous by engineers.

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Sam Crowl, state coordinator of Michigan Operation Lifesaver (left) and Inspector Charles Crane of CN Police Department present a Life Saving Award to Fenton Police Officer Dan Forbush.

## Fenton cop given life saving award

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

By Sharon Stone

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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.

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 blowing, 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.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ TO THE VISIONARIES of the Fenton streetscape. Whoever sold you this project should be paid off on what it will look like in five years. The plow trucks will tear up the brick pavers the weeds will grow between the bricks that will need to be reset. We will spend more money to maintain than to just pave and color the concrete.

■ THE REPLACEMENT WALLS and steps at Holly's Lakeside Memorial Cemetery are beautiful. Thank you.

■ WHAT'S WITH THE person coming onto

my private property with a camera on a selfie stick taking pictures of my house?

■ A NATIONAL POLL says two out of three are unhappy with the way the country is being run. What poll? My poll says that is baloney. At least I stated where my poll is from.

■ A FETUS is still a human being.

■ DO THE PEOPLE who are always demanding more 'training' for police ever say that the hoodlums that the police have to deal with should have had training by their parents, instead of being allowed to grow wild, like weeds? — Thomas Sowell





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Argentine Township Trustee Teresa Ciesielski cuts the ribbon to open Argentine's first canoe launch. Argentine Township Supervisor Bob Cole, Clerk Denise Graves, and Treasurer Norm Schmidt help by holding the ribbon.

## Argentine opens first canoe launch

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

By Hannah Ball

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**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 funded \$8,100 of the \$17,000 project. The township paid for the rest.

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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**Teresa Ciesielski**  
Argentine Township trustee



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JR, 3, and Lilly Ciesielski, 5, try to catch minnows at the recently opened canoe launch in Argentine Township. The launch is located on McCaslin Lake Road near the bridge over the Shiawassee River.

## SEMINARY

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Burnash is one of five companies that bid on the demolition job. They were the lowest bidder at \$48,900 to complete the job. Funds to pay for the job will come from the city's general fund, with some of that money being recouped when the land is sold.

The decision to tear down the 147-year-old structure was made earlier this spring. The 10,000-square-foot building, built in 1868, has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983.

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.

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

## SUMMARY

■ The seminary building, also known as the Old Baptist Ministers house, will be torn down shortly after Labor Day. Utilities must be shut off and capped before exact demolition date is scheduled.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**WHAT A CONVENIENT** political move. My husband postured that for Mr. Trump to show up for jury duty was quite a lucky move. From what I read online today, Mr. Trump was previously summoned five times, but failed to show up. Apparently, the summons were sent to the wrong address.

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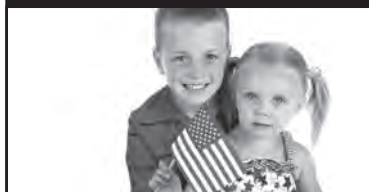
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## TRIVIA TENNIS

**Q** Who was the first tennis player to default a Grand Slam match for walking off in protest against an official?

**A** Jeff Tarango did it on July 1, 1995 in a match against Alexander Mronz at Wimbledon.

## Coselman enjoys strong summer on the diamond

■ Fenton player's summer team won 25 straight games

By David Troppens  
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To some a 10-game win streak sounds nice.

To others, being on a baseball team that won 20 straight games would sound incredibly fortunate.

For Chase Coselman, those numbers are no big deal. The Fenton junior was on a team that won 25 straight contests during the summer.

Playing for the A. Green Baseball 16U team, Coselman was fortunate enough to play on a squad that finished the summer 41-7, earning

five tournament championships and one runner-up finish. The squad travelled all over the United States, including ending the season at the 2015 16U Perfect Game Super 25, a tournament in which only 25 teams around the nation were able to qualify for.

"Our win streak included four straight tournament wins, and eventually we lost in a pool play game," Coselman said. "We had a pretty good season."

Coselman almost didn't make the team. He was looking to join a team and noticed the squad had two-day tryouts. He missed the first day, but e-mailed the coach to see if he could come

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### CHASE COSELMAN

The Fenton junior's travel baseball team won 25 straight games at one time this summer.

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# Sports

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### FALL PREP SPORTS SEASON BEGINS

While there was a scattering of events competing last week, the fall prep sports season begins with a nice number of competitions this week.

The first Fenton-Linden varsity battle will be played out on Wednesday. Fenton soccer will host Linden's boys for a non-league matchup for a rare 12:30 p.m. weekday game. On that same date, the first actual Metro League competition will start when the conference hosts its first girls golf meet of the season at Fenton Farms.

Of course, varsity football begins on Thursday and Friday. And for those who want to learn a bit more about the four area teams, check out the Fall Sports Preview included in today's paper.

Good luck tri-county teams and athletes.

### CORRECTION

In a recent publication we named Fenton soccer player Bri Costigan our Tri-County Women's Soccer Player of the Year. In the story, we listed she finished second-team All-State. She was a first-team Division 2 All-State member.

## Scrimmage goal? No injuries

■ Blue Devils look impressive in their five-team event

By David Troppens  
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**Lake Fenton** — After a string of hot and humid days, the Lake Fenton varsity football team couldn't have asked for better weather at its five-team scrimmage Thursday night.

In fact, the, relatively windy, overcast and cool weather felt very much like a Friday night in October. And, the Blue Devils couldn't have asked for better results in one area during its scrimmage as well — that area is involving the lack of injuries.

"The first thing we want at a scrimmage is to get out of here healthy," Lake Fenton head coach Eric Doyle said. "And outside of a couple of bumps and bruises, we did that. No. 2, we just wanted to get some looks at some different kids and get every single kid on field, and we were able to do that as well. That was a plus as well."

All four tri-county area football programs competed in scrimmages on Wednesday, but Lake Fenton was the only team to host a scrimmage. Joining Lake Fenton



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The Lake Fenton offensive line tries to bust open a hole for quarterback Trent Hillger as he sneaks toward the goal line during Thursday's scrimmage action against Saginaw Swan Valley at Lake Fenton High School. All four tri-county area schools competed in scrimmages on Thursday. Lake Fenton was the only team to host its event.

were Clio, Swan Valley, Chesaning and Owosso. The Blue Devils physically dominated Clio, Chesaning and Owosso when their units faced those squads. The strongest competition came against Swan Valley

where both teams basically drew even against each other. Lake Fenton had a chance to run its new shotgun offense against other foes, and minus some poor snaps, did well.

See **SCRIMMAGE** on 16A

## Hydration is key in heat, humidity

By David Troppens  
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**Fenton** — Michael Fabatz isn't a huge fan of the heat and the humidity. But on Wednesday, along with his Fenton varsity boys soccer teammates, he had no choice but to brave out the mid-80s and high humidity conditions bombarding Fenton's varsity soccer field's complex near noon.

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Fenton's Liam Adams (left) competes for a ball with Jacob Metrus during Wednesday's warm practice.

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# Following football for first two weeks won't be easy

■ Most contests in opening weeks will be on Thursday, but some remain on Friday

By David Troppens

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It seems with every year there is another twist when it comes to the start of the prep football season.

This season will have one.

None of the four tri-county area teams will be starting their season with back-to-back Friday contests.

In fact, Linden and Holly will open their seasons with back-to-back Thursday games.

Three area squads will open the season on Thursday, Aug. 27. Holly is at Berkley, while Linden will travel to state-power DeWitt for their Thursday opener. The only tri-county squad who will be home for its first game will be the four-time defending Metro League champions, Fenton Tigers. Fenton hosts Davison. All three games start at 7 p.m.

One area squad will start on Friday, that is Lake Fenton who will travel to Freeland for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The traditional Friday night kickoff will be a rare site during the second week of the season as well. Three teams play on Thursday. Holly hosts Williamston for its Thursday, Sept. 3 contest, while the Eagles host Fowlerville. Lake Fenton will have a short six-day week between games and will travel to Genesee Area Con-

## Opening week schedules

Here is 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

ference Red Division foe Durand, also on Thursday.

The only tri-county squad playing on Friday during the second week is Fenton. The Tigers travel to Temperance-Bedford for a 7 p.m. contest.

Once the third week hits, the prep football schedules will return to its normal Friday night scene. The reason there are so many games on Thursday night this season has to do with how the 2015 calendar worked out. Two weeks of the prep football season will be played prior to Labor Day weekend. For awhile it's been common for most teams to open their season, giving the players and families a longer Labor Day weekend. However, with two weeks of games



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(Above) Lake Fenton's Trevor Wright looks upfield during Thursday's scrimmage. the Blue Devils open the regular season on Friday at Freeland. (Right) Meanwhile, Holly's Adam Tooley plays Thursday at Berkley. Fenton opens at home against Davison and Linden is at DeWitt, both with Thursday contests.



scheduled prior to Labor Day, many schools have opted to play the first two weeks on Thursday so that the football work week remains seven days long. Of course, the exception to that is Lake Fenton who will go Friday and Thursday.

## COSELMAN

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the second day.

"He said come on down," Coselman said.

The rest was history. Coselman played on the squad based in 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 talent throughout 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 upped 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.

"Down in Louisville we went against 96 teams, won our pool and got the No. 1 seed," Coselman said. "In the first (elimination) game we were playing the 32nd seed and came back from a five-run deficit and went on to win the next two games for the championship win. Getting first place in a 96-team tournament is crazy. And the University of Louisville's field was amazing. It was probably the best field I've ever played on."

The squad followed that title with the End of Summer Roundup title and then won the 65-team 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.

"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 seven (college-)committed individuals players."

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## HYDRATION

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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 when 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 schools how to combat the issue.

"Like anything you have to be aware of the circumstances that are surrounding it," Fenton's long-time certified 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.

"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 record it," Oole said. "We are constantly taking that measurement. In a perfect situation, we take the measurements about a half-hour before practices 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 the 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



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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.

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 like 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 ed-

ucation 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 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 yourself. Your body 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."

## SCRIMMAGE

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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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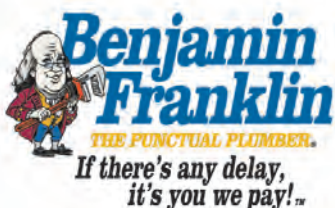
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**MARK FARNER**

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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.

**"You step outside here, and it's inviting, you don't wanna go back in right away."**

**Mark Farner**  
Recording artist



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Marshall Block, owner of Real II Reel Studios in Tyrone Township sets up the musicians for a recording session on Monday.



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David Winans II co-wrote "The Prisoner" with Farner. Winans played bass and sang backing vocals.

**GRAND FUNK RAILROAD**

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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 was replaced by a local kid named Mark Farner. Eventually, Terry Knight left the band and The Pack continued on without him.

By 1968, Farner and Brewer decided to leave and form a new band of their own. They recruited bass player Mel Schacher from Question Mark and The Mysterians, and renamed themselves Grand Funk Railroad.

After a very successful performance at the Atlanta Pop Festival on July 4, 1969, the band landed a recording contract with Capitol Records and immediately began making its name by performing at several large pop festivals.

Their first singles reached the charts but Grand Funk soon proved its real strength in the album market. "On Time" reached number 27 in 1969, followed by the number 11, "Grand Funk" in 1970. By the summer of that year, they had become a major concert attraction, and their albums routinely reached

the Top 10 for the next four years.

After a legal battle with their former manager over the name of the band, in 1973, the group shortened its name officially to "Grand Funk," and added a fourth member, former "Fabulous Pack" member, keyboard player Craig Frost.

Now produced by Todd Rundgren, they finally cracked the singles market, reaching No. 1 with the album title track "We're An American Band," a celebration of the group's times on the road. In 1974, a major revision of Little Eva's "The Loco-Motion" also reached the top of the charts. Later that year, they scored another top twenty hit with "Bad Time" (To Be In Love).

By the time 1975 rolled around, and the disco craze was in full swing, the band found that their style of "garage band music," had lost much of its appeal. The following year, 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.

Source: classicbands.com

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



# Old Topps building is toppled

■ Demolition of vacant eyesore makes way for new development

By Hannah Ball

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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 LaJoye of Fenton purchased the property in June from Tony Allor through their LaJoye Enterprise/LaJoye 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.

Contractors for the streetscape project are using this 3.35-acre parcel as the staging area for the construction, the Times previously reported.

The new building will be a multi-floor mixed-use development featuring several businesses and residential space.

Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio, founded by the LaJoyes in 2007, will move into the new building and leave their current location at 3180 West Silver Lake Rd. in Fenton.

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

The development will be completed with the community in mind, according to a statement released June 19 by LaJoye. "Pending approval by the city, we want the property to feature a river walk for the community to enjoy," he said.

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

"We don't have any other official tenants as of yet, but interested tenants can contact Jillian Partlo through email at jpartlo@chassefenton.com," LaJoye said. He's hoping for a move-in date in 2016.

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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Blue Star, Inc. began the demolition of the old Topps building Friday morning in Fenton. LaJoye Enterprises/LaJoye Properties will be putting in a mixed-use development, which will include Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio.

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