

Mickey's Dairy in downtown Fenton was an ice cream favorite

■ **Boxer Joe Louis was one of its more famous customers**

By Vera Hogan
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Evelyn “Ev” Koller is 89 years young, still hanging out with “the gang” from high school over dinner every couple of weeks.
Koller is one of many local teens working their first jobs at Mickey’s Dairy in downtown Fenton in the

early 1940s.
A 1945 graduate of Fenton High School, Koller, whose maiden name is Swartz, was one of 10 children. She was born in Flint and moved to Fenton when she was 9 years old, in the third grade.
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Murder-suicide under investigation

■ **Davisburg couple found shot to death, house rigged to explode**



Carolyn Wyatt

A Springfield Township couple was found shot to death in their home last Sunday and the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office is considering the possibility of a murder-suicide situation.

Deputies with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched last Sunday to a home in the 11000 block of Shaffer Road in Springfield Township for a welfare check on a female resident. Responding deputies advised that the anonymous caller said he hadn’t heard from the female since earlier in the morning, which he found to be very unusual.

When they arrived, deputies saw two vehicles parked in the driveway blocking access to the residence. As deputies checked the residence, they observed through a window what appeared to be two deceased individuals, later identified
See MURDER-SUICIDE on 11A

A prized Applefest 2015 kickoff



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With mother Collette Shouse of Fenton, Skylar, 3, reaches for her prize octopus while playing games on the midway of Applefest Thursday night. Behind Skylar is sister Alexandria, 9, and her friend Mary Haiss, 9. Applefest started Thursday with perfect weather and runs all weekend at St. John Catholic Church in Fenton. **See more photos at tctimes.com**



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Driver who tried to lure kids into car turns himself in

A 55-year-old man suspected of being involved with multiple ‘stranger danger’ complaints is in custody.

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“It seems like Kentucky clerk Kim Davis is very selective on what she gleans from the Bible. Gay marriage is not acceptable but adultery is OK?”



“I’ve seen many Hot lines saying that the county clerk in Kentucky has no right as an elected official to decide which laws to enforce and which not to enforce. I think you made a very good case for firing President Obama since he decides which immigration laws he’ll enforce and which he won’t.”



“When will the police start ticketing illegally parked vehicles on Elizabeth Street, west of Adelaide? The parked cars are a danger to my children as well as making the street just one lane. They block my driveway also. Do your job.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“Has there been any progress in finding the owner of the poor dog that was so mistreated? I would be happy to chain him up in my yard and starve and beat him. Please publish his or her name if they are identified.”

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It's apple pickin' time

Doughnuts, pies, cider and, of course, apples, now available at local orchards

By Hannah Ball

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When Will Cartwright, market manager at Spicer Orchards Farm Market, climbs apple trees in the winter, braving the icy weather to trim branches to let in sunlight, he's looking forward to what those trees will produce in the summer: delicious red, yellow, and green apples.

Apple season is upon us and local orchards are ready.

Spicer Orchards in Hartland Township has an "excellent" crop yield this year, Cartwright, 43, said. With each acre of their 60-acre field producing 500-800 apples, they usually yield around 40,000 bushels. Each bushel contains about 100 apples.

"By the end of the year, we're sold out of apples," he said.

Customers can buy packs of apples, or pies, cider, and they can pick their own apples on a 25-acre area for customers who want to apple pick. On a busy weekend, the orchard could have thousands of customers.



"I don't want to say it's a miracle, but it's the beauty of how it all works together until that final harvest."

Will Cartwright
Spicer Orchards Farm Market
market manager



This year, the weather was suitable for apple growing.

"They don't like it really hot. This summer was kind of on the cool side, had some rain, had a little dry spell, but that rain has been kindly," he said. "It's plentiful picking. Apples have very good sides to them. The rainy weather was just about right for growing apples."

Spicer Orchards sells many different kinds of apples like Honeycrisp, Macintosh, Gala, Fuji, Red and Golden Delicious, Jonagold, and Northern Spy apples.

Honeycrisp is the most popular and one of the hardest to grow. "They take quite a bit more work. During

the harvest, you have to pick them four or five times. You can't just pick every apple from the tree, you have to pick a few at a time," Cartwright said.

Apples grow from May until mid-September, and they're picked starting mid-August.

Most of the work happens during the winter months when they prune the trees.

When the winter weather's not too bad, they "trim them, thin them out and get light down into the trees," Cartwright said.

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From sunny days and cold nights, to making pies and cider — local orchards report it's a good season for apples. Harvest season goes until the end of October.



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Hot lines — the voice of the people

If you want to start an interesting conversation just bring up the Tri-County Times Hot lines in mixed company. Opinions will be as diverse as...well, as diverse as the Hot lines.

Much like life, the Hot lines are many things to many people. Some will disparage its format, citing the unwritten code (by unwritten I mean nonexistent) that states 'any person stating any opinion at any time in any newspaper must attach their name, age, weight, Social Security number and most recent tax return in order to have their comment published.' Keep in mind that this unwritten code is nullified if the reader happens to agree with your opinion.

The Times believes that in these challenging times we live in, it is critical to provide the average citizen with a venue

to voice their frustrations. Because the people sharing their comments in the

Hot lines are the same people who watch a dysfunctional Senate, Congress and president cavalierly waste billions of our tax dollars every day — while chronically demanding more from us.

For example: Michigan roads are a disaster, so instead of finding waste in the budget and eliminating it, the fools in Lansing simply raise taxation through higher fees for license plates and vehicle

registrations. Why? Because in most communities the citizens have no voice.

These citizens are the same people who wait on the phone for an hour to speak to someone in India about their impossible-to-decipher cable and cell phone bills.

They are the same people whose e-mails and letters to faceless corporations

go unanswered and unacknowledged.

They are the same people who woke up one morning to find that their own government had stolen their GM stock literally overnight.

They are the same people who are raped and pillaged financially through outrageous taxation on a daily basis. Example: how can savings accumulated over a lifetime — that have already been taxed — be subjected to taxation again when you die and leave it to your children? That is insanity.

Understandably, they feel impotent, angry and frustrated. It is this environment that requires — no, that demands — they have a vehicle for their voice to be heard. That vehicle is the Times Hot lines.

Human nature is such that it is the frustrated who holler the loudest, not the complacent. That's why negative Hot lines far outnumber positive ones. And yes, the manifestation of that frustration

varies from the ridiculous to the astute. But every readership study tells us the same thing — that the Hot lines are one of the most popular components of a very popular newspaper, the Tri-County Times.

To those of you who indignantly demand that the Times require a source for all Hot line comments...well, that is simply not practical. In today's technologically advanced environment, there is no reliable method to verify authorship of any open public forum

commentary. Besides, anonymity — more often than not — fosters the truth.

That leaves the Times with the simple decision to either publish Hot lines or eliminate them.

And so the Times will continue to publish the Hot lines.

And the Times will continue to be the voice of the people in our communities.

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Hot lines

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All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

INVESTIGATIONS OF THE Courser/Gamrat affair has given our Michigan legislators an excuse to avoid any real work for weeks. Legislators need to get out of the gossip column and fix the roads, etc.

HAS ANYONE OUT there received a phone call saying they detect a problem with their computer? I so wish I would have saved that number so I can give it to the police. I don't even have a computer, how can they detect a problem with it? I'm pretty sure that's a scam.

GREAT NEWS. MICHIGAN is number one in the Midwest in job growth.

SCHOOL MUST BE in session. All the Tomek parents are blowing the stop signs on Fourth Street and racing down Fifth.

THE EUROPE REFUGEE crisis is a direct consequence of Obama's failed foreign policies. Now thousands of migrants will be traveling to Europe and headed to the United States to live permanently. Inaction and incompetence is how you would describe his foreign policies.

THE IRAN DEAL, which is going to pass, was embraced by senators Peters and Stabenow. This new deal will lift the embargo to Iran, giving them billions of dollars, which will allow them to increase their weapons, enrich their uranium and arms stockpile. The United States is a big loser with this deal.

LIBERAL COMMENTATOR BILL Press must be living in a cave in the Himalayas. Here in the U.S., we know that Hillary Clinton's approval rating is one half of what it was three months ago and that six out of 10 Americans describe her as corrupt, dishonest, unlikeable and a liar.

SEEMS LIKE FENTON'S policy toward garbage is 'if it's not broken, change it anyway' even if the residents don't want it. Fenton city officials insisting 'the average resident would save money over the tag system' is not a good excuse.

I'VE BEEN COOKING all morning. I'm freezing cauliflower and I cooked cabbage. I'm reading your newspaper and one of the ads say 'Is natural gas in your future?' I couldn't help but call you. I'm sitting here alone laughing my head off.

YOU'RE RIGHT. The constitution does give people the freedom of religion and freedom from government interference. It doesn't say anything about you having your right to impose your religious beliefs on other people.

WHERE'S THE INCENTIVE for the poor and the middle class when the legislature taxes the poor and middle class and gives the rich a tax break at the expense of the poor and the middle class?

WHAT KIND OF world are we living in? Open up your King James version Bible to Matthew and read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It's very easy reading. It's very easy to understand. There you will find the description of the present-day world we live in.

PRESIDENT WHO? AS if it mattered. There's only two clear choices for the president of the United States, and that's Huckabee and Rand Paul, the only two who seek the truth and are in it to help the country, not hurt it.

THE IRAN NUCLEAR deal is a complex agreement. The average citizen only hears what the naysayers want us to hear. There are times when we need our elected officials to make the correct decisions. This is one of those times.

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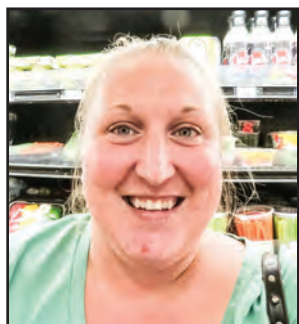
What's your favorite part of Applefest?

streettalk



"Giving everyone an opportunity to get together in one place. It's a staple for Fenton."

— Lauren Ogle
Linden



"It used to be Father Harvey's chili, and it still is. The food and the tradition part."

— Meredith Lund
Argentine Township



"Apple pie, running into everyone, seeing if we'll ever win a car, and seeing the price the pie goes for."

— Andy Cool
Fenton City



"The fish fry. It's real good food."

— Bob Maniez
Tyrone Township



"Spending time with family, creating memories with my daughter, the cake walk. I'll pass the tradition onto my daughter."

— Kelly Wagner
Fenton Township



"Going Sunday when they're closing. You can get a big tray of apple crisp for the price of a small."

— Amy Fisher
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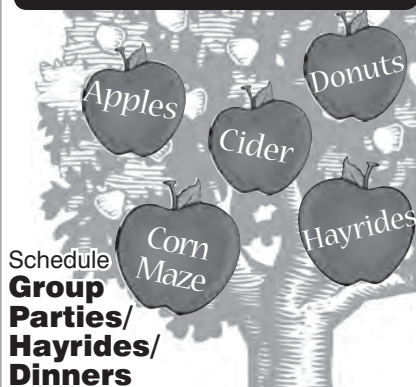
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No leads in finding dog owner

■ Neglected, starving dog left for dead by dumpster at Fenton business

By Sharon Stone

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It's been just over a week since employees at a Fenton business found a severely neglected dog lying next to a dumpster in their parking lot, wrapped in a badly soiled blanket and plastic sheet.

Steven Spencer and his secretary Andrea Lyliffe found a starving pit bull, left for dead next to a dumpster in the parking lot of where they work on Alloy Drive in Fenton. They immediately called Fenton police and Spencer's wife Barbara reached out to Dr. Chris Repke, a veterinarian at Pointe Animal Hospital, who drove right out to the scene to evaluate the dog.

Repke estimated that the dog was at least 8 years old by the condition of his teeth and was about 50 pounds. This type of dog should have weighed between 85 and 90 pounds. Because of the severe neglect, open wounds and a large tumor the veterinarian detected in the dog's abdo-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton police have not been able to identify the owner of this severely neglected pit bull that was left near a dumpster last week in Fenton. The dog was euthanized.

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Police Chief Rick Aro said they have little to go on to identify who the dog's owner was.

After talking with the veterinarian, the police chief said it's likely the owners of the dog could not afford to take care of the sick dog and it may have been more of a neglect situation rather than abuse.

Anyone with with any information regarding the dog, can call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

LOOKING BACK

at this week

IN LOCAL HISTORY

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5 YEARS

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2010

DDA authorizes \$15,900 for round-about study. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) authorized a study to determine the feasibility of placing roundabouts in the city of Fenton. Two areas had been targeted, Shiawassee at Adelaide and Silver Lake Road at LeRoy.

10 YEARS

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2005

Stockham says she is 'calling it quits.'

After 50 years of serving the city's poor and needy, Nancy Stockham announced that she is calling it quits effective Dec. 31. "I can't do it anymore," said Stockham, who is still in bed recuperating from an illness. Stockham's decision comes on the heels of the Fenton City Council's move to cut funding to the social worker. The council voted as part of the 2005-2006 budget to end the \$1,200 a month expense allotment to Stockham because of legal implications.

15 YEARS

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000

Bus driver avoids tragedy. Paula McCallister, mother of a Central Elementary School student, says her son, Kyle, might have been involved in a fatal accident during the morning route last Tuesday, if not for the quick thinking and reaction of his bus driver, Darla Lewis. Lewis was driving north on Argentine Road, between Silver Lake Road and Hatt, when a southbound flatbed trailer being hauled by a pickup truck, began to cross the line into the bus' path and eventually became unhitched from the truck. Lewis said she saw it coming and was able to speed up to avoid hitting it and it just clipped the end of the bus, taking off a bumper.

20 YEARS

Sunday, Sept. 24, 1995

Commissioner opposes well code.

Commissioner Ruth Johnson said it should address contaminated sites. A proposed code, which will create a permit and inspection system for wells in Oakland County is being criticized by the county commissioner for the Holly area. When Johnson first heard about the proposed code, she was pleased to learn that legislation was being proposed to protect groundwater. But once she started reading the proposed code and talking to others, she found some problems with it. "It's like putting 10 stitches on a paper cut but ignoring the broken bones," she said.

25 YEARS

Sunday, Sept. 23, 1990

Not Ninja Turtles! They weren't Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, just some school-skipping teenagers who were found by the Fenton police in the city's sewers. Fenton Police Chief Jerry Cattaneo said, "Several dangers are inherent; not just the water but methane gas builds up in sewer lines and that's fatal. Additionally, the manhole covers are in the middle of the street. They could come up at the wrong time when a car is traveling overhead."

30 YEARS

Sunday, Sept. 25, 1985

The race begins ... Hammond to oppose Brabon. The city of Fenton will have a mayoral race after all. City Councilman Carl Hammond has announced that he will oppose Mayor Lucille Brabon in her upcoming bid for a fifth, two-year term.



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Judge denies chiropractor's request to set aside conviction

■ Name will remain on sex offender registry

By Vera Hogan

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Kelly Wagner said she is very happy with Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Geoffrey Neithercut's decision Monday — to deny Dr. Robert Moore's request to set aside his criminal sexual conduct conviction.

In December of 2007, Moore, the former owner of TLC Chiropractic in Fenton, pleaded no contest to fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct for inappropriately massaging Wagner's breasts when she worked for him and was a patient. Now 28, Wagner was 17 years old at the time. The contact occurred at his office and his home in 2004.

Moore spent 200 days in jail in 2008 and is listed on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry.

Wagner, now a mother and a cosmetology and esthetician instructor, continues to make Fenton her home.

She read a victim impact statement to the court on Monday. In it, she said, "It's been 11 years since the first time I was victimized, and seven years since I've addressed Mr. Moore and the community. In the last seven years, I have had the pleasure of moving forward in my life and continuing my education as a licensed professional.

"As a licensed professional in the state of Michigan, I am aware of the ethical and moral standards that must be upheld," Wagner added. "Mr. Moore, who I still refuse to address as a doctor, failed then and continues to fail to meet those high standards."

Wagner continued by telling the court that for the past seven years, Moore has been serving the public, even though he is a registered sex offender, operating under a limited license with a recent 2015 infraction.

"I was and I will continue to be the voice of the young women who were victimized by Mr. Moore in the last decade."

Kelly Wagner
Former CSC victim

"These actions indicate to myself and the state that he continues to not follow the law while practicing chiropractic care," she said.

Wagner said this public information has her concerned for her daughter and the wellbeing of other women and children who could potentially see Moore.

"Often times, the public is unaware of any criminal or sexual infractions on a licensed professional. In this instance, with Mr. Moore serving as a doctor, it's alarming that the public is

unaware of his unethical past," she added.

Wagner told the court that over the past seven years, she has healed from this "horrible" time in her life.

"I now consider myself an advocate, not a victim," she said.

Wagner asked Neithercut to remember what she fought for during the 11-year process of being a victim.

"All of that was simply to have this man stop what he was doing," she said. "I was and I will continue to be the voice of the young women who were victimized by Mr. Moore in the last decade."

It was reported that Moore told the court he wasn't seeking to escape what happened or open old feelings. "I just want to move on with my life," he told the judge.

Wagner said, Neithercut told Moore, who operates Awesome Chiropractic in Brighton, that she, the victim, doesn't want the conviction set aside and doing so doesn't make sense because his name will continue to remain on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry.

"You're just going to have to live with it," the judge told Moore.

Moore did not respond to requests for comment.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

A HUGE THANK you to the lovely lady who bought my groceries for me on Monday afternoon at Walmart. God bless, from an 86-year-old.

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Welcome to the Fenton Business and Technology Park

■ Fenton City Council gives industrial park new name

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday to change the name of Fenton Industrial Park to Fenton Business and Technology Park.

City officials and administration say they believe the new name is more reflective of current times. Assistant City Manager Mike Burns said previously, "Not only do we have manufacturing businesses in the industrial park, we have many technology-based and other types of businesses in this location. It is no longer just an industrial park."

In his recommendation to the council, City Manager Lynn Markland said in March, at the request of the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), 49 surveys were sent to CEOs/business owners in the industrial park. He received 11 responses back; six from those supportive of the name change, two who didn't want the name change, and three respondents

would have favored a different name.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Sue Osborn contacted Nicholas Popa for his opinion on the matter. Popa, a former member of the city's planning commission, is the former owner of Epic Machine and the man credited with creating the industrial park.

Popa served as this year's grand marshal in the Fourth of July parade. During an "Our Town" interview published in the Times in June, Popa said he would like to be remembered most for the industrial park.

This week, Popa said, "We have no problem with it. I don't think it's gonna make a lot of difference, but we don't have a problem with it."

The industrial park was built in 1970 and is operated under the stewardship of the LDFA, which is able to capture a percentage of tax dollars for the benefit of the LDFA district. The majority of the park is in the LDFA district.

Burns said the only cost associated with changing the name of the park is purchasing three new signs for a total of \$33,617, which will be funded by the LDFA.

The new signs are expected to be ready in about eight weeks.

“It is no longer just an industrial park.”

Mike Burns

Fenton assistant city manager

“We have no problem with it.”

Nick Popa

Fenton Industrial Park creator



Nick Popa



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | VERA HOGAN

The 147-year-old Fenton seminary, known to many local historians as the Baptist ministers' home, sustained serious damage during the fall of 2013 and winter of 2013-2014, resulting in the need to tear down the dangerous structure.

Seminary demolition to begin Tuesday

■ Building will be just a memory after demolition, and cleanup next week

By Vera Hogan

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One of Fenton's historic buildings will become part of the past this week, when Burnash Wrecking, Inc. of Flint starts taking the seminary down Tuesday morning.

Martin Burnash, owner of the company, said previously that it will take one or two hours to bring the building down.

"It's hauling away the debris that takes time," Burnash said previously.

Fenton Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly said equipment will be moved to the site Monday, and the demolition process will likely begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22.

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.

An 8-foot section of the railing in front will be saved as the Oakwood

Cemetery Board wishes to erect a monument in honor of the 51 Baptist ministers and their wives interred at the cemetery.

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

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 Fenton seminary building, also known as the Baptist ministers' home, will become part of history Tuesday when the seriously damaged structure is demolished.

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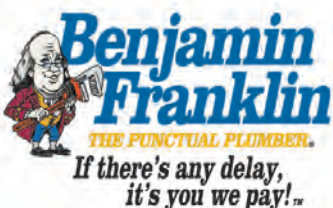
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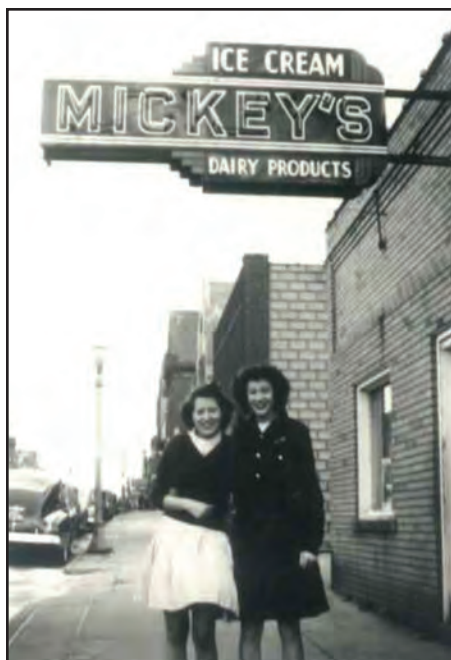
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Mickey's Dairy coworkers and friends of Ev Koller shown here are Rosie Spear (left) and Pat Tinker.

MICKEY'S

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The family lived on West Rockwell Street, between West and Davis. She and her siblings attended Fenton School, which is the school building on Adelaide Street at Ellen, now home to Fenton Area Public Schools' World of Wonder.

"There was no kindergarten," she said. "Kids went to school there from first

through 12th grade."

Koller worked at Mickey's Dairy during all four years of high school. "They made their own ice cream, using milk and cream from nearby farms," she said.

Mickey's had a big counter at one end where the ice cream "to go" was packaged, Koller said. There was a counter with stools, and a jukebox.

"I earned 10 cents an hour," she said. With the job at Mickey's, other ice cream parlors, and cleaning houses and babysitting, Koller said she was able to buy all of her school clothes and books.

Koller and five of her siblings all worked at Mickey's Dairy at the same time. She said it was a few years after her time, but Ray Durant, the future owner of Uncle Ray's Dairyland, worked at Mickey's. She said it was his dream to make ice cream some day, which he did in 1976 when he started his business. Although Durant died in July of 2008, Uncle Ray's Dairyland still thrives in Fenton, employing many of Fenton's young people.

Mickey's Dairy was owned by Mickey and Dottie McBroom. It was located on the northeast corner of S. LeRoy Street and Ellen, where the parking lot



JOE LOUIS

Joseph Louis was an American professional boxer, who held the world heavyweight championship from 1937 to 1949. Nicknamed the "Brown Bomber," Louis was considered to be one of the greatest heavyweights of all time.

of the United Methodist Church's Family Life Center is now located.

Professional boxer Joe Louis favored the ice cream at Mickey's Dairy. "The first time his chauffeur came in, I put two hot fudge sundaes on the counter," Koller said.

The chauffeur said "no," that the order must be carryout because he and Louis are black. "I didn't know we didn't serve blacks," she said. "That made me mad, so every time the chauffeur came in to buy a quart of ice cream, I packed it into the container so tight there had to be a quart and a half in there.

"One time, Mr. Louis invited me and my friends out to his farm for a weenie roast," Koller said. "We rode our bikes out there and had a lot of fun. We swam and his maid cooked hotdogs for us.

"My dad was so mad," she said. "Not because we went there but because I didn't get the boxer's autograph for him."

Koller said large Fenton families like hers usually had a student in each grade at the school, something which made them all one big extended family.

"During the pre-war years, we didn't get out of Fenton," she said. "But sometimes we would skip school and go to Flint or take the bus to Detroit."

There was no place to get a hamburger in Fenton, Koller added.

"Sometimes Dottie would take us kids to a hamburger joint at the corner of North Long Lake and Fenton roads, outside of town in Fenton Township.

Kelley's, the other ice cream place in Fenton, was more of a teen hangout than Mickey's, Koller said. "We used to go to Kelley's for French fries and Coke," she added.

After high school, Koller went to a business college in Ohio. It was there she met her husband and they moved to Chicago, where she lived for 52 years. She has five adult children, one who passed away two years ago. She also has five grandchildren.

After her children were grown, Koller divorced, and started to do quite a bit of traveling. An ancient history buff, Koller



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Some of the girls who worked at Mickey's Dairy posed here in front of the Fenton Fire Hall. They are (from left) Edna Pinkston (deceased), Jeanette Reed, Jeanette Buell (deceased), Annie Vincent and Evelyn "Ev" Koller.

said she was able to backpack through Greece, Turkey, Israel and Egypt to name a few. She and her friends talked a guard into letting them climb to the top of the pyramids in Egypt. That, she said, was a highlight of her travels.

Although she loved Chicago and the ability to be surrounded by ethnic diversity, Koller returned to live in Fenton in 2003 and has resided in the same apartment she loves ever since. She cherishes the many childhood friends with whom she still keeps company.

While interviewing Koller, she spoke on the phone with her best friend since third grade, Lois (Seawright) Putnam. During that conversation, she asked, "So where's the gang going for dinner next week?"

“The chauffeur said ‘no,’ that the order must be carryout because he and (Joe) Louis are black.”

Evelyn “Ev” Koller
Former Mickey's Dairy employee



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Evelyn "Ev" Koller is pictured here with her good friend since third grade, Elmer Schupbach. It was not planned this way, she said, but every time they were at the same party or event, their pictures were taken together. Schupbach, to Koller's dismay, died on Aug. 4 of this year.

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Driver who tried to lure kids into car in custody

■ Flint Township man turns himself in to police

By Sharon Stone

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A 55-year-old Flint Township man has turned himself in to authorities as a suspect in multiple "stranger danger" situations in the tri-county area.

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said the man is in custody as investigators await the Mental Health Court to take the lead on the case. The man has not yet been arraigned.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office received a complaint on the evening of Sept. 4 in Fenton Township. A resident reported that her children were playing outside at a friend's

home when a white male driver in his 60s, with gray curly hair, approached the children, ages 9 to 11, near Grove Park and Torrey Road.

The driver tried to lure the kids to his car to play cards and board games with him. When the children ran away, the driver sped off.

His car was described as a 1998-2002 gold, tan or pewter-colored four-door Buick LeSabre.

The sheriff's office received a second similar complaint on Wednesday, Sept. 9. This time, the caller said a gold-colored car was seen in the morning near a bus stop.

In response to the complaints, area police departments increased their patrols around bus stops before and after school.



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MURDER-SUICIDE

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as Michael and Carolyn Wyatt, 66 and 64, respectively, lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

Deputies were able to gain access to the home and upon entry immediately noticed a strong smell of gas. While checking the interior of the home they observed ignition sources staged so that the home might catch on fire or explode. There were several small open gas cans left in the home. The natural gas line had been purposely disconnected and left on, as several kerosene lanterns were left burning.

Deputies shut the natural gas off to the home and extinguished the burning lanterns. They also evacuated neighboring homes until the area was rendered safe. The OCSO Forensic Crime Lab and Investigators from the OCSO Special Investigations Unit (SIU) responded to the scene and an investigator from the Medical Examiner's Office responded to assist with the investigation.

The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office reported that Carolyn Wyatt died of multiple gunshot wounds, and that the manner of death was homicide. Michael Wyatt died of one single gunshot wound to the head, and the death

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VICTIMS OF CAR BREAK-INS SOUGHT

The Holly Police Department has a suspect in custody after responding to multiple larceny from automobile (LFA) complaints on Sept. 16, made by residents on Front and Oakland streets. Evidence is being analyzed and the case will be presented to the prosecutor's office. Police Chief Mike Story believes there might be more victims as police have recovered items not belonging to the victims they have been in contact with. If anyone suspects items have been taken from their vehicle, they are advised to call Holly police at (248) 634-8221.

was determined to be suicide. A note was recovered from the scene, however the sheriff's office is not revealing the contents of that note.

Shhh....

Here's the recipe for 'the padre's chili'

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In September 2001, Jan Rynearson, the late Tri-County Times features editor, was able to score the recipe for Fr. David Harvey's chili, served each year at the St. John Applefest since 1979.

Although the priest has retired, he still cooks his concoction, affectionately referred to as "the padre's chili" for the Applefest and has done it again this year.

For those who don't get their fill of Fr. Harvey's chili at this year's Applefest, we will reprint the recipe. This is a very large batch so families may wish to cut the ingredients in half, or freeze some, or be a big hit at your next tailgate party.

The key to the padre's tasty chili could be that he uses all fresh vegetables. It could also be the Worcestershire sauce. Whatever it is, Fr. Harvey has the recipe down to a science and people love it.

Maybe everyone knows this, and since Rynearson isn't around for us to ask her what she means by "scant," we looked it up and it means just under whatever the measurement is. If the recipe calls for a scant 8 ounces of a cup, that means just shy of a cup.

She also refers to No. 10 cans of beans. A No. 10 can is the equivalent to about six, 15 ounce cans.

The Padre's Chili

10 lbs. lean ground beef
10 cups diced onion
7 cups diced green pepper
1/3 cup sugar
1 bottle Worcestershire sauce
A scant 8 ounces of a cup of salt
1/3 to 1/4 cup black pepper
1, 8-ounce container tomato paste
5-7 quarts fresh stewed tomatoes
1 No. 10 can pinto beans
1 1/2 cans No. 10 chili beans
A scant 8 ounces of chili powder (mixture of hot and medium)
5-6 bay leaves (removed before serving)

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'It's the hardest thing I've ever done'

■ Wheelchair-bound athlete finishes IRONMAN competition against all able-bodied athletes

By Sally Rummel

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Don't ever tell Travis Peruski of Fenton Township that there's something he can't do. He'll set out to prove you wrong, and he'll likely do it.

This 36-year-old wheelchair-bound paraplegic recently completed his first IRONMAN event in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec, Canada — an event designed to challenge the most elite triathletes.

Peruski competed against all able-bodied athletes in a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike course and a 26.2-mile run course on Aug. 16, all while being paralyzed from the waist down following an auto accident in 2001.

"In 2011, my quad (quadriplegic) friend goaded me into training for the IRONMAN by saying, 'I don't think you can do it,' knowing that's what would motivate me," said Peruski.

Training with a pas-

"I use my life story to help my students. My perseverance and attitude mean more to me than my medals."

Travis Peruski

Triathlete, paraplegic and teacher

sion and endurance that would sideline most able-bodied athletes, Peruski practiced all three triathlon events at Kensington Metro Park, and continued lifting weights at home, setting records that amazed even his doctors.

"I never even knew how to swim before I started training," said Peruski. "I couldn't swim a regular breast-

stroke because the weight of my (paralyzed) legs would drag my whole body down. I learned to do the backstroke, focusing my peripheral vision on the shore so I wouldn't unknowingly go around in circles."

Finally, race day came and his wife, Grace, was on the sidelines, cheering him on. "It was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," said Peruski, remembering the frigid waters of Lac Tremblant, and the hills that offered the most challenging climbs he had ever been on. "It was just so tough," he said. "The hills go straight up."

But nothing prepared Peruski for the flat tire on his pushing wheelchair that caused him to finish the last 13 miles of the run course on a flat. In spite of all the pain, the exhaustion, the extreme heat and cold, Peruski persevered to complete the race in 15 hours, 50 minutes and 58 seconds.

"I'm always in the top one or two finishers at the Crim or other races," said Peruski. "Just finishing the race was reward enough. I never in my life felt so good. So many people told me I inspired them."

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Lake Fenton teacher uses multi-tiered seating

■ Math teacher takes initiative — buys and builds innovative tables

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The view of a classroom isn't very productive if your view is the back of someone's head.

Lake Fenton Middle School teacher Ashley Speckmann had that view when she was growing up because she was always shorter than everyone else.

The sixth-grade mathematics teacher didn't want that for her students.

"I am a short-statured person and I spent my days in school looking around the people sitting in front of me during class," she said. "This was something that I could see happening with my students

“The students have told me that they are finding it easier to pay attention in class.”

Ashley Speckmann
Lake Fenton Middle School teacher

now and I started thinking of ways around that issue. I thought about my collegiate level courses and how nice it was to have tiered seating in the lecture halls.”

Since her class couldn't be taught in a college-sized lecture hall, she utilized multi-tiered seating on a smaller scale in

her classroom. The rows in the front of the classroom are the shortest. Students kneel or sit on pillows. The tables and chairs get taller toward the back, where students sit on tall chairs.

Every student has a full view of Speckmann and the front of the room.

"So far students seem to be more engaged in discussions. The students have told me that they are finding it easier to pay attention in class," she said. The students can still have their own discussions and collaborate with each other during work time. They also have a tablemate to confer with.

Not only did Speckmann incorporate multi-tiered seating, but all the tabletops are white boards.

"Students are excited. They can't wait to use their dry erase markers on the table tops," she said. "I have had several former students coming back to visit my classroom to ask why I didn't have this seating when they were in my class and tell me they are jealous of the sixth-graders. It is nice to see such a positive response to the idea."



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Students participate in a sixth-grade math lesson at Lake Fenton Middle School on Thursday. Both teachers and students like the tiered system.

Speckmann paid for everything herself. She said Lake Fenton's education foundation would love to fund these kinds of programs, but she didn't want to wait for the next grant cycle in January to apply.

Speckmann compared prices, shopped around, and bought the seats at IKEA. She built the tables herself. Her family is very hands on and her father taught her about home improvement.

"My family tends to look at these types of projects as can-do challenges," she said. Speckmann's sister and mother helped paint tables.

"Like many teachers, I invest money each year into my classroom to make sure it is a welcoming and engaging space for my students. I am so thankful I moved forward with the project when I did. I was able to unveil the tables on the first day of school to the students and get them excited for my class," she said. "I also saw it as an investment in my career, when I retire I will be able to pass these tables along to someone at my retirement garage sale."

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Peruski knows what it's like to persevere and endure. He doesn't remember anything about the accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down, but knows that right after the accident, at age 22, he set his mind to be happy and grateful. "I really loved life after that point," he said. "I knew that life could end at any moment."

Peruski found that exercise was the driving force for his positive mental attitude, providing him with the push to complete his rehab program in only three weeks, rather than the typical 12 weeks for a paraplegic. "The more I exercised, the better I felt and more I could do," he said.

He began bicycling in his hometown of Ubly, in the Thumb, where the accident happened, working up to the 100 miles he now bicycles regularly.

Peruski took opportunities as he found them, going with a friend to her daughter's preschool. "I started working with the kids and found that I loved it," he said. "The teacher wrote me a letter saying that I should teach for a living." He took her advice, graduating from Saginaw Valley State University with a teaching degree.

Meanwhile, still living in Ubly, he had a chance meeting with a young woman named Grace, who was visiting her college roommate from Ubly. "We got to talking, fell in love and got married on June 20, 2008," said Peruski.

Getting a teaching position was another challenge for this very deter-



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IRONMAN competitor Travis Peruski, a paraplegic, gets lifted out of the water after swimming 2.4 miles in the swimming portion of the triathlon.

mined young man in a wheelchair. "I went on 32 interviews," he said. "It was so frustrating."

Swartz Creek hired him as a second-grade teacher back in 2009, and now he's teaching sixth-grade math. "I use my life story to help my students," he said. "My perseverance and attitude mean more to me than my medals. If I die at any moment, I know I've lived my life to the fullest."

What's a paraplegic?

Spinal cord injuries occur when there's damage to the spinal cord, resulting in loss of function, usually in mobility or feeling. Paraplegics have an injury further down the spinal cord than quadriplegics, which have paralysis from about the shoulders down. More than 54 percent of spinal cord injuries are the result of vehicle collisions, and a quarter result from other medical conditions and sports injuries.

Source: The SCI Zone



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At Spicer Orchards, visitors have the option of picking their own apples or purchasing pre-picked apples.

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"That's probably what drew me to the business," he said, who started his in 1987. "When you're trimming, sometimes it's not that pleasant but you have a good feeling that you're helping. You're working in the winter and trimming your tree, seeing it grow from a little blossom into an apple. I don't want to say it's a miracle, but it's the beauty of how it all works together until that final harvest."

Mueller's Orchard at Lobdell and Linden roads in Fenton Township grows a variety of apples they sell or incorporate into pies and cider, said owner Charles Mueller. Cider became available about a week ago, and doughnuts have been available for a few weeks.

As an easy way for customers to pick what apples they want, Mueller's puts the apples into boxes and sells them at one price. "People can mix or match any way they want," he said.

Mueller's grows 10,000 to 12,000 bushels a year.

It's been a good season for Mueller's, but it's been a bit too warm.

"It's been staying warm, but you need cold nights to really get good flavor in the apples. It's been raining almost too much which makes the apples bigger, but it doesn't make them taste better," he said. Since the weather will bring cold nights in about a week, the last of the crop will be really good.

"They like sunny days and they like cold nights, that's when they basically change starch into sugar. That's what gives the apples a better flavor," Mueller said.

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Apple everything

Apples are used for different recipes depending on the type, according to Will Cartwright, market manager at Spicer Orchards. He said certain apples are used for applesauce because they can be "cooked down" or mashed easier.

Northern Spy apples are excellent for pies because they aren't cooked down easily, so they maintain their shape.



For applesauce, the type of apple to use depends on if you like creamy or chunky applesauce, he explained. Most people like creamy applesauce, so Cartwright recommends Macintosh apples because they're easily cooked down.

"Customers always tell me what they're making. I try to tell them give them some variety," he said.

Many customers are interested in making cider. "You always try to have a balance between a tart variety and sweet variety, and you usually have pretty good tasting cider," he said. At Spicer Orchards, their cider press makes about 280-300 gallons of cider an hour. The cider sells fast.

At Mueller's Orchard, owner Charles Mueller said he prefers plain apple pie or apple crisp. "I don't like much seasoning in them," he said. For making pies, a good mix is Jonathans and Golden Delicious, because you don't need much seasoning.

"My favorite of the whole year is a Wealthy, one the earliest apples. I think it's the best pie you can get," he said.

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LF XC teams experience solid GAC start to season

Boys place third in first jamboree, girls finish capture fourth place

By David Troppens

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Goodrich — Lake Fenton varsity cross country coach Chris Sobczak probably looked upon the first Genesee Area Conference jamboree as a chance to learn about his team as much as anything.

After watching his squads run in 80-plus degree and sunny weather on Tuesday, he has to be reasonably encouraged about where his Blue Devils' teams stand.

The Lake Fenton boys placed third and the Lady Blue Devils placed fourth, meaning both squads are within the upper half of their divisions after one conference race.

The Lake Fenton boys scored 98 points, comfortably ahead of fourth-place Montrose (125), but

a decent distance behind second-place Goodrich (64). Defending GAC champs Corunna dominated the event by having its entire top seven varsity performers within the top 10, resulting in scoring just 26 points.

For the girls, Goodrich was the overwhelming winner, posting six girls in the top 13 and recording just 34 points. New Lothrop was second (70), followed by Corunna in third (100) and Lake Fenton in

fourth (104). Montrose was fifth (120) in the nine-team race.

Sobczak was pleased with his teams.

"With the weather the way it was, I hoped our runners would be within 30 seconds of their previous bests," Sobczak said. "Most of those times were set last Saturday at the Bath Invitational under near-perfect conditions."

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JACOB FLETCHER

Fletcher finished fifth at the Genesee Area Conference jamboree on Tuesday.

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Sports

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Eagles open Metro impressively

Defeat young Holly squad in straight sets

By David Troppens

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Linden — Life on the Linden varsity volleyball team has been pretty fun so far this season.

The team is spending time together on and off the court. And when the Eagles are on the court, they are enjoying success, already posting 14 victories this season.

The Eagles earned another win on Tuesday, opening the Flint Metro league season with a strong 25-18, 25-13, 25-9 victory against the Holly Bronchos.

"I think this team has really good chemistry," senior Bridget Adams said. "Last year we had cliques, kind of. We didn't hang out as a family so much. This team is so together. We are all best friends and it is awesome. It helps out on the court. Our communication is better and it's awesome all the way around."

"I would say (this is a closer team)," Linden coach Cori Mason said. "That's been one of our goals. Everyone is kind of new. The JV team had a great season last year, and all of those kids were

coming up to the varsity, so it was a little different for us at the beginning. But they are starting to gel well and work well together. Like, I always say, we are taking it one game at a time."

The Eagles (14-3-2) look like a better team right now. Linden's aggressive serving created some service errors on Tuesday, but more often than not gave the Holly Bronchos serve receivers fits even when they weren't aces. Players like Megan Klavitter had strong service nights. She had six aces.

"I would say that is one of our strong points for sure," Mason said about the Eagles' serving. "We are a very aggressive serving team, but on the flip side, we miss a lot. Tonight was a better night for us."

"We are not a big team, so we have to take advantage of a few other skills that don't rely on size."

What the strong service did was keep Holly on its heels most of the night. The Eagles were able to control the game through what was an equally strong passing and attack game. Adams led the offense with nine strong kills, while Breyanna Turnipseed had five kills. Allison Conly followed with four kills, while Emma O'Keefe

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Holly's Courtney Acorsi (left) attempts to block a kill attempt by Linden's Emma Kenney during the Eagles' three-set victory against the Bronchos on Tuesday.

Young Holly tennis team remains perfect

By David Troppens

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A year ago, Will Sophiea wasn't sure how good his Holly varsity boys tennis team was going to be this fall.

"If you go back to October of last year, when we were saying our good-byes to all those seniors at the banquet, and for the second straight year, we really didn't know what this year was going to bring us," the Holly varsity boys tennis coach said.

"But the boys have really put in the hard work this summer. There were boys who were here at 8 in the morning until 8 in the evening, and it's starting to show. The hard work is paying off."

The defending Metro League champion Bronchos have earned two big Metro victories already this year. The most current big win was a 7-1 win against the Fenton Tigers on Tuesday. Creek 7-1 on Thursday.

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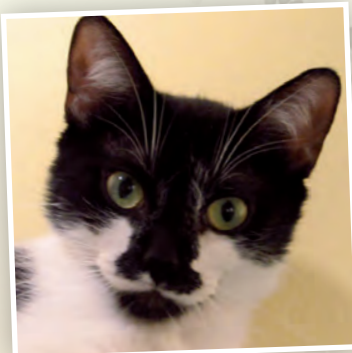
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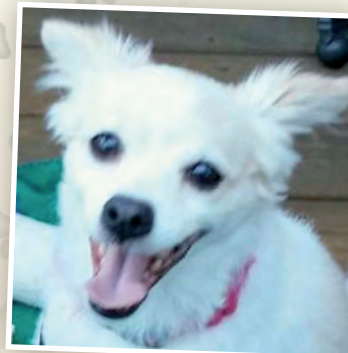
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Tigers open Metro season strong, defeat Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity volleyball team has every expectation of being one of the major contenders for the Flint Metro League title in 2015.

The Tigers made sure Swartz Creek knew about their intentions on Tuesday.

Fenton, who won six straight Metro League crowns before Flushing broke the string last season, dominated its first match of the Metro League season, defeating the Dragons 25-12, 25-20, 25-14 at Fenton High School.

"We played well. In all three games, the Swartz Creek girls stuck with us for a little while, but then we took off and got away from them," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Jerry Eisinger said. "I think (Swartz Creek) played a little better (in the second game) and we had a little let-down after the first game. But, all in all, the girls kept it at a good level and played consistent. And once we got into our rotation, it created some mismatches."

Taylor Mowery had a strong defensive contest. The junior defensive specialist had 14 strong passes and 12 digs. Meanwhile, Cassidy Curtis also had 11 digs. The strong defense enabled the Tigers to get their offensive attack going, and the attack was pretty potent. Jessica Warford had nine kills on 21 attempts, while Jessie Eastman had seven kills on just 10 hitting attempts. Shealyn Mandle had four kills and four aces. Setter, Nina Lombardi finished with 14 assists.

The Tigers (1-0, 13-5-3) are playing

their best volleyball of the season. Three days prior to defeating Swartz Creek, Fenton won the Flushing Invitational title.

"I'm very happy with how the team is coming together from a chemistry standpoint," Eisinger said. "When we played the quad at home, we were quite bad. It was not a good night at all. But since then, we've been making steady improvements. Getting that tournament victory was huge for us because it helped pull us together. At this point things are going about as well as I could've expected, and even better from a chemistry perspective."

The Tigers are among the favorites to win this year's crown. Flushing, Linden and Brandon also opened the Metro season with straight set victories against league foes.

"I saw Linden at the Lake Orion tournament and they look very good," Eisinger said. "They are definitely somebody to be worried about. We saw Flushing last weekend, and they looked good at times. I think they lost a couple of players from last year's team and that's hurting them, but they will always be good. I saw Brandon and they looked improved."

Lake Fenton vs. Corunna, Goodrich

The Blue Devils (0-2, 8-11-4) lost a four-set match to Corunna 25-21, 25-13, 25-27, 25-21 and also lost to Goodrich 25-20, 25-16, 25-12.

Lake Fenton coach Angie DelMorone was pleased with how her team played,



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Fenton's Jess Warford attempts to get a kill over Swartz Creek's block attempt during the Tigers three-set win on Tuesday.

particularly against Corunna.

"The team was able to contain their big hitter, forcing her to tip and roll by playing some great defense and putting up a solid block," DelMorone said. "The match was played well. The team worked hard. They followed the game plan and showed a lot of poise."

Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils with 15 kills, four blocks and two aces, while Reagan Goupil had 12 kills and five aces. Allison vonDaggenhausen had 14 kills. Megan Lynch led the defense with 26 digs, while Rhiley Cole was strong at the net with eight blocks and six kills. Reilly Conn had 41 assists.

Lake Fenton, Fenton, Holly collect recent soccer victories

By David Troppens

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When it comes to Genesee Area Conference play, the Lake Fenton boys varsity soccer team is perfect.

The Blue Devils improved to 3-0 in GAC action, by capturing a key road victory at Montrose, 2-1, on Tuesday.

I am very proud of the team. They are really coming together," Lake Fenton coach Sam Jawhari said. "I put a lot of new kids in there and they performed very well. I am seeing the team come together, and for a young team they are starting to gel. I'm loving our future."

The Blue Devils never trailed, but never led by more than one goal. Both of their goals came off penalty kicks. They were provided by Ameer Jawhari and Elijah Bourdeau. One of the PKs was set up when Nick Joslin was taken down in the box.

"We have come a long way since we played Powers," Jawhari said. "We are coming together as a team. I'm very proud of these guys. But we still have a big challenge ahead of us. We have to continue moving forward."

Holly 8, Mt. Morris 0

Lucas Sammut scored three goals, leading the Bronchos (2-4-1) to the victory against Mt. Morris on Thursday.

Sammut's first goal came just 25 seconds into the game, and the Bronchos never looked back, leading 5-0 by halftime.

Other goals were scored by Jason Allmen, Randy Douthitt, Darius Reynolds,



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Lake Fenton's Elijah Bourdeau heads a ball in a recent contest. Bourdeau scored a goal in a 2-1 win against Montrose.

Jared Halteman and Allen McCarthy.

Lorenzo Rodriguez and Adam Herdman shared time in the net, combining for the shutout.

Fenton 4, Goodrich 0

Scott Cubr scored two goals while Bobby Temple and Jared Degroat had a goal each, leading the Tigers to a their first victory of the season.

Nick Melero, Brady Young, Connor Horgan and James Kryza had assists.

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and Alexis Harden had three kills each. The defense was strong as well with Klavitter having a team-high 11 digs. Turnipseed had seven digs, while Emily Pearce provided five digs.

The Holly Bronchos entered the season with a new head coach, who really isn't that new in terms of being with the program. Just a handful of seasons ago, Hannah Timm was a player herself, but now she's the varsity mentor. And even in the time she's been a full-time student, she's now going to Oakland University, she has helped coach at various levels over the years.

"It's an incredible feeling. I always knew I wanted something great to happen with the program, but I never dreamed I would be a part of it," Timm said. "I'm really excited. I want to push these girls in a direction that maybe they didn't even know exists. I'd like to, over the next few years, see more wins in the book and get everyone excited about the Holly volleyball program."

But Timm understands progress will take time, especially considering this year's team includes four sophomores and a freshman. And the squad shows that youth at times while playing on the court.

"I've learned that you can have very different teams from practice to games," Timm said. "I am learning these girls are such hard workers, but they beat up on themselves enough that I don't have to. I'm also learning we can improve on things so quickly. It's just a matter of learning at this point."

"You can't ask for a better group of girls than I have this year. We are just getting started for sure."

Juliet Clark led the Bronchos' offense with four kills, while Shannon Torpey had three kills. Courtney Acorsi followed with two kills.

Holly hosts Kearsley on Tuesday, while Linden returns to Metro action on that same date at Swartz Creek.

Lake Fenton def. Holly

The Blue Devils (9-11-4) defeated Holly 25-7, 25-21, 25-19 in non-league action on Thursday.

Reilly Conn had 19 assists, eight digs and five aces, leading the Blue Devils to the victory. Mega Lynch was strong defensively, with 18 digs. Offensively, Reagan Goupil and Autumn Beardsley had six kills each, while Hannah Garty had four kills.

Holly was paced by Katie LaClair's 13 digs. Juliet Clark had seven kills, while Isabelle Brown had 19 assists.



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Lake Fenton setter Reilly Conn had 19 assists in a victory against Holly on Thursday.

PREP REPORT

BOYS SOCCER

► **Linden 6, Kearsley 0:** The defending Metro League champion Linden Eagles were led by two goals each from David Fowler and Julian Shier. Juan Subiza and Julian Fischer had a goal each. Andrew Coppler and Jay Howard combined in goal to earn the shutout.

The varsity team also defeated Lake Fenton 3-1 on Thursday.

The JV team (5-0-3) played John Glen on Thursday, earning an 8-0 victory. Justin Cygnar had two goals, while Jason Seina had three assists.

► **Fenton 2, Oxford 1:** The Tigers captured their second win in a row with two second-half goals.

Adam Gornick scored off an Isaac Moore assist for the first goal and then the two players did the opposite on the second — Moore scored off of Gornick's assist.

GIRLS GOLF

► **Fenton 194, Clio 214:** Molly Gundry earned match medalist honors with a 44, while Keegan Miller carded a 49. Madison Shegos shot a 50 and Sylvia Stack carded a 51.

VOLLEYBALL

► **Linden at quad:** The Eagles (16-4-2) defeated New Lothrop 25-16, 25-21 and Laingsburg 22-25, 26-24, 25-17, but lost to Davison 25-14, 23-25, 25-22.

Miranda Fowler had 51 assists, 25 digs and six aces to pace Linden's night. Bridget Adams had 29 kills, 15 digs and four aces, while Emma O'Keefe and Allison Conly had 16 kills and three blocks each.

Megan Klavitter led the defense with 81 digs, while Emily Pearce had 39 digs.

TENNIS

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"We have some good athletes on this team. We have some basketball players, some soccer players and some baseball players," Sophiea said. "We have people who understand what hard work can lead to."

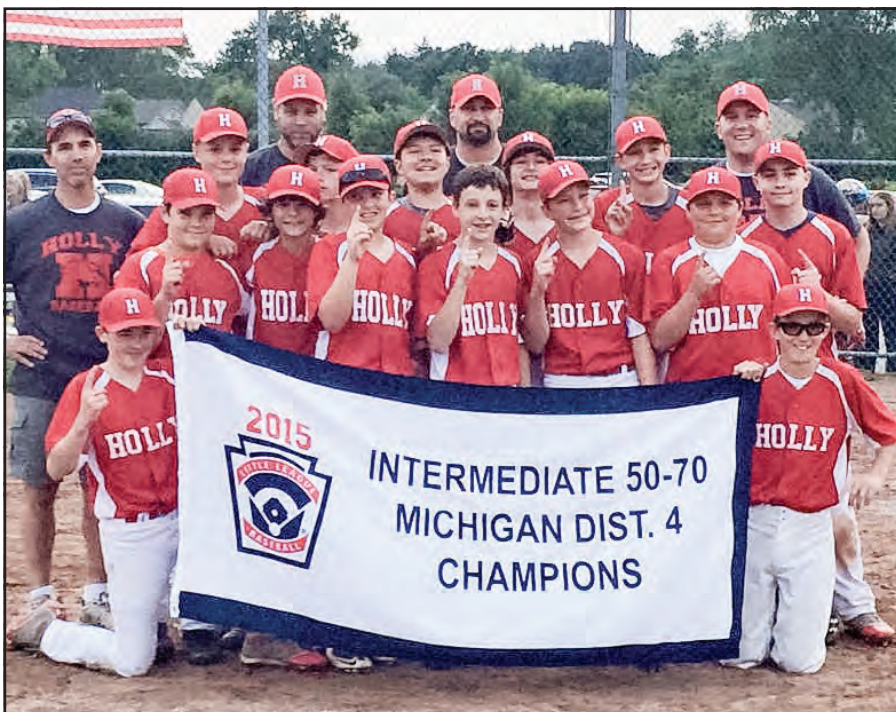
The Bronchos captured all four doubles flight victories by straight sets. The closest match was at No. 1 doubles where Holly's Joey LaVigne and Andrew Spak defeated Fenton's Don Doyle and Cam Cislo by a 7-6(4), 6-2

score. The other victories were by a bit more decisive scores, recorded by the No. 2 doubles team of Jacob Cavender and Xavier Glass, the No. 3 doubles team of Ethan Postma and Jack Terry, and the No. 4 doubles team of Carson Cuthbert and Garrett VanGilder.

All of the singles flights were also decided in decisive straight-set victories. Earning Holly victories were Evan Vergith (No. 1), Connor Caldwell (No. 3) and Ben Skubik (No. 4). Fenton's sole victory was earned at No. 2 singles where Griffin Carr captured the win.

"We have played some really good matches and some really bad matches, but you understand that going into a season with a bunch of 14- and 15-year-olds," Sophiea said. "It just so happened we played really good tennis against Flushing and Fenton."

Diamond gems



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Holly Little League's 13-under baseball team reached state competition for the first time in 23 years, qualifying for the 50/70 Intermediate state tournament. The squad earned the right by winning the district 4 tourney. The team finished 1-2 in the double-elimination tourney. The squad members are (in no particular order) Ben Gramer, Mason Jewell, Jake McHalpine, Adam Jesse, Mitchell Tiell, Nick Reese, Wyatt Caldwell, Reise Brotherton, Taran Landwerlan, Brendan Jackson, Kyle Snodsmith, Mitchell Hood, Dylan Hignite and Wade Fulghum. Craig Tell, John Hignite, Ryan Snodsmith and Ian Flemming were the coaches.

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Most of my runners were within that range and a few even set new PRs. I was happy with the way they ran. You couldn't have asked for more.

"With both teams it is going to be exciting to see how things progress."

The boys proved they should be among the top three squads during the season. The Blue Devils had two very strong frontrunners. Junior Thomas Mueller placed third (17:31.0), while senior Jacob Fletcher finished not too far behind in fifth in 17:43.8.

After the top two, freshman Eric Niestroy gave the Blue Devils a solid third runner, finishing in 13th (19:10.0). The last two Lake Fenton scorers included another freshman. Jackson Chenett placed 45th overall (21:04.6), while first-year runner Mason Rinks placed 50th (21:31.4).

A couple other runners weren't too far behind the final two scorers. Robert Shultz (21:42.4) and Vincent Nagel (21:43.8) placed 54th and 55th, respectively.

Due to a late start, the JV runners competed with the varsity runners. The JV runners were eliminated from the varsity standings to get the official team scores, but within this story the overall placings among all the racers is being used.

"We have six or seven guys who are vying for the top four or five spots," Sobczak said. "They are still learning. It is going to be exciting to watch them compete throughout the season for those coveted spots."

The Lake Fenton girls were more of a wild card entering the meet, but performed admirably well by taking fourth. Senior Alexis Cash established herself among

the GAC's elite runners, placing fifth in 21:30.1. She was followed by freshman Lydia Horski, who placed 12th in 23:10.5. Rachel Learman took 19th in 23:54.2.

The rest of the first seven were: Aranda Jabiro in 30th (25:28.5), Mackenzie Rampy in 45th (26:38.0), Britney Kauer in 49th (26:59.4) and Meara Baxter in 50th (27:10.8).

"I was really happy with how the girls did," Sobczak said. "I was not really sure of what to expect ahead of time. We have a few girls who are still figuring out what they are capable of, along with a couple of girls who have not been able to run because of injuries, so we have a positive outlook on how the rest of the season might shake out."

Middle school GAC results

Lake Fenton's middle school boys cross country squad showed that the future looks bright for future varsity teams by taking second place at the GAC meet.

Goodrich won the race with 21 points, followed by Lake Fenton's 42 points. New Lothrop was a distant third with 71 points.

The Blue Devils had five runners finish among the top 20 in the boys race. Kyle Kurtis led the team by taking second (7:54.3) during the two-mile race, finishing just three seconds behind the eventual winner, Goodrich's Carter Lauinger.

Danny Morris placed sixth (8:10.7), followed by Joel Robinson who placed seventh (8:11.8). The Blue Devils' final two runners to place in the top 20 were Cameron McCall in 15th (8:41.1) and Macgregor Hepburn in 17th (8:45.4).

Kara Foust ran in the girls middle school race for Lake Fenton and placed 23rd overall with a time of 10:31.0.



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(Top) Lake Fenton's Lydia Horski (front) and Rachel Learman (about a person behind Horski) begin the girl's varsity race during the first Genesee Area Conference cross country jamboree of the season on Tuesday. Horski placed 12th with a time of 23:10.5, while Learman finished in 19th place in 23:54.2. (Left photo) Thomas Mueller was Lake Fenton's first boy across the finish line, placing third in 17:31.0. The Lake Fenton girls placed fourth at the meet, while the boys took home a third-place finish.



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MICHIGAN AT ITS BEST

■ Fall color starts now in the Upper Peninsula, moving downstate through October

By Sally Rummel

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There's no better time or place to plan a fall road trip than in Michigan, where dynamic colors set all the trees ablaze along the highways, country roads and coastlines.

Now is the time to pack your vehicle and choose either a "road less traveled" where you've never been before, or check out a favorite destination and watch it come alive in the beauty of autumn hues.

Here are a few "road trips" planned for you by Pure Michigan, starting with the earliest dates of color that are already setting the trees in the Upper Peninsula alive with brilliant color. The fall color season gets started in earnest in the western U.P. during the last week of September and colors peak in the U.P. as the calendar moves into October, according to Pure Michigan.

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ATVS CAN BE A PROPERTY OWNER'S BEST FRIEND

■ All-terrain vehicles handle many autumn chores

By Sally Rummel

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Whether you use an ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) to twist around a winding trail or to haul equipment to your hunting camp, you are riding on one of the most popular vehicles in the marketplace.

“There are four times as many ATVs sold in Michigan as there are motorcycles,” said Dan Loiselle, in the sales department at C&C Sports, Inc. in Brighton. “They’re popular year ‘round, but sales really ramp up in the fall.”

Dan Loiselle
C & C Sports

ATVs are motor vehicles that can be ridden over land, snow and other terrain without the need of a road or trail. They come in all different sizes, from small electric quads for toddlers to large, fast ATVs for adults.

While ATVs are often used in the summer for recreation — climbing sand dunes and trail riding, for example — 80 percent of ATVs sold are used for utility purposes, according to Loiselle.

Fall is a busy season for ATVs, as people use them as utility vehicles on their property. They can easily haul small cargo loads and can transport people and equipment on large parcels of land. When winter arrives, they are work horses at plowing snow.

“There are so many uses,” said Loiselle. “If you’ve got lots of grass on your property, your ATV can be fitted with a pull-behind mower. People take them to their hunting camps up north. Ice fishermen love them. People who are handicapped can hunt from them.”

ATVs are one in a class of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs). All ORVs/ATVs are required to have an annual permit, issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), unless the vehicle will be used exclusively on private property.

Proper training and experience are important before attempting to ride an ATV. Safety gear is an absolute must, no matter what size ATV you’ll be riding. Equipment includes a helmet, goggles, boots, gloves, long-sleeved shirt, long pants and a chest protector.

Why are the seats on sport ATVs so big? While the seat looks like it is designed for two people, it’s actually designed specifically for a single rider.

The seat is large because the rider has to move around on the ATV to properly control it. Similar to riding a motorcycle, the rider leans into turns and scoots forward or backward in the seat, depending on conditions and the need for traction.



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ROAD TRIP

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MID-SEPTEMBER TO EARLY OCTOBER

Michigan's fall colors come first to the trees of the Keweenaw Peninsula in the Upper Peninsula, the state's northernmost point, including the towns of Houghton, Eagle River and Copper Harbor.

A Western U.P. tour, including the towns of Ironwood, Silver City and Wakefield, will provide plenty of color, with 90 percent of the area covered by forests.

The central U.P. towns of Marquette, Negaunee and Au Train provide a driving tour of tree-lined country roads, waterfalls, historic sites and a stunning drive along the Lake Superior shoreline.

Menominee, Escanaba and Manistiquette offer beautiful shoreline views of Lake Michigan, with plenty of two-lane roads and color ablazing.

A trip through Munising, Newberry and Grand Marais will show stunning displays of color.

EARLY OCTOBER TO MID-OCTOBER

Mackinaw City, Petoskey and Charlevoix will begin their color shows in early October, with early color Oct. 3-4, peak color Oct. 10-11 and peak to past peak color Oct. 17-18. The best of the remaining color will be near the lakeshore in northern Michigan.

A 185-mile loop between Manistee, Cadillac and Ludington will offer plenty of beauty in this western part of northern Michigan. A tour between Pentwater, White Cloud and Muskegon will also provide beautiful color on rolling wooded hillsides, orchards with ripe apples and beautiful views of Lake Michigan.

You'll also enjoy a tour by car, on foot or in a canoe in the areas of Grayling, Torch Lake and Lake City. The winding Au Sable River is the perfect waterway to paddle while enjoying splashes of vibrant color against towering evergreens.

Michigan's Sunrise Side, including a 200-mile route between Alpena, Gaylord and Mio, will greet fall color with autumn hues usually lingering until mid-October.

On the northeast corner of the Sunrise Side, you'll find lots of woods and water in a 200-mile triangle between Rogers City, Cheboygan and Indian River. A highlight will be the only waterfalls in the Lower Peninsula.

Give the Thumb a "thumb's up" for Pure Michigan color. Take a 130-mile trip skirting the Lake Huron city of Port Huron, motoring north to Sandusky and Imlay City where you'll find lots of farmland and country roads, cider mills, pumpkin patches and more.

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

Lower Michigan becomes ablaze with color as the calendar extends later into the month of October.

Take a 150-mile loop starting in Lansing and travel onto Grand Ledge, Hastings, Battle Creek and Eaton Rapids for scenic farm and woodlands, rivers and unique geological formations.

Head west toward Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, South Haven and Kalamazoo for a 195-mile color tour that includes city scenes, sand dunes, win-

eries, farm markets and Lake Michigan sunsets.

Take a 195-mile jaunt between Jackson, Ann Arbor and Monroe and follow old Indian trails and territorial roads, an early tavern, a battlefield, the hometown of an infamous general, and even a winery or two.

Catch the last act of Michigan's fall color show in the central Lower Peninsula in the towns of Hillsdale, Homer and Sturgis, near the state's border with Indiana and Ohio. This 155-mile loop travels through countryside known for agriculture, antiques and Amish communities.

• Travel & Leisure magazine's pick for best scenic fall color tours in U.S., includes 'Michigan's Gold Coast,' a 100-mile route starting in Traverse City.

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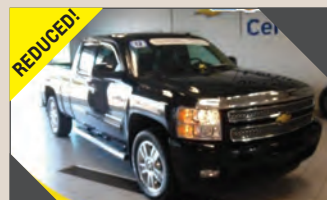
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