

Psychological exams ordered for two of three teens

■ Trio suspected of plotting school shooting in Linden to be back in court in January

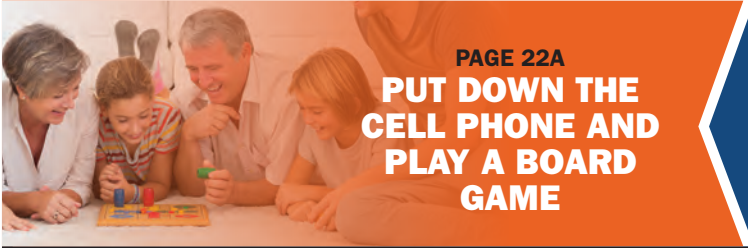
By Tim Jagielo and Sharon Stone
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Flint — There still wasn't enough evidence downloaded from Ryan Stevens' cell phone to begin a discovery hearing and to hold the probable cause pretrial Wednesday

in 67th District Court. Stevens, 18, of Linden, along with co-defendants, Kody Brewer, 15, of Wolverine Lake and Lamarr Dukes, 15, of West Bloomfield, have been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree premeditated murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison and false report or threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

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Kenneth Karasick, attorney for Ryan Stevens, has an impromptu news conference with TV and print media after the brief court meeting on Wednesday.



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Grandmother's jury trial to begin in January

Mary Bigford's defense attorney asks judge for more time to prepare case involving murder of Fenton man.

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Businesses that are closed for Thanksgiving holiday

A trend toward keeping Thanksgiving Day a family holiday has led some retailers to make the decision to remain closed on turkey day.

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Hagerman's Dairy Bar was favorite Fenton hangout

Hagerman's Dairy Bar, once located in Fenton at the point where Main and Walnut streets merge, was a popular hangout for local teens during the 1940s and beyond.

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Let's talk turkey



Patricia Roeske and her husband Eric take pride in raising healthy, free-range birds on their family turkey farm, Roeske Farms, in Hartland Township. All 450 of their White Franklin turkeys are already spoken for this holiday.

See story on Page 15A and video at tctimes.com

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Cops call it 'Drinksgiving'

■ Police urge drinkers to arrange for a sober driver as big bar night approaches

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Known as "Blackout Wednesday" or "Drinksgiving," the night before Thanksgiving is one of the year's biggest bar nights.

This pre-holiday celebration is known as the night when college students come home and want to catch up with their friends, often going to bars and drinking until the early morning hours.

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“It could go from a night out with your friends to ultimately hurting, or God forbid, killing someone.”

Jason Slater
Fenton Police lieutenant



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Police are preparing for one of the year's biggest bar nights — Thanksgiving Eve. Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department urges people to arrange for a sober driver in advance.

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“I believe that America's obligation to accommodate immigrants has already been more than fulfilled by the more than 30 million Mexicans that have 'immigrated' here illegally over the last 40 years.”



“France got it right. Don't arrest any terrorists, shoot them down the same way they shot down innocent children and young adults at the concert. I'd like to see the look on their face when they find out their 70 virgins are mythical and hell is for real.”



“President Obama is correct. We are an immigrant nation who accepts any and all refugees, immigrants and displaced citizens from other countries. Note the word 'any.' Shut your mouths and open the doors.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK
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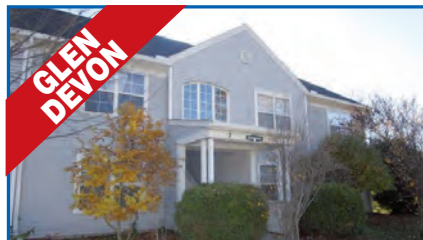
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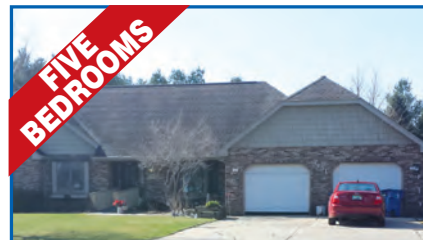
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POPCORN

■ One of America's favorite snacks can be surprisingly healthy

By Hannah Ball

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It pops as it spins slowly around in a container in the microwave, pops in a pan on the stovetop, or falls out of the popping chamber in a portable popcorn machine, filling the air with the smell of buttery goodness.

Popcorn, one of America's favorite snacks, usually means movie time whether you're at the theater or at home, and it's easy to mindlessly eat handfuls of it while your attention is diverted.

However, popcorn is known as a decently healthy snack, depending

on the way you make it.

Pop Daddy Popcorn owner Mark Sarafa of Highland said, "Popcorn is naturally GMO (genetically modified organism) free. It's gluten free. It's a healthy snack depending on what you put on top of it."

He's been making popcorn professionally for two years, but has made popcorn at home for about eight years.

He has also held fundraisers with Holly Academy in the past.

"I'm not too familiar with stovetop popping. The safest way is to get a little popcorn maker and experiment with different

types of oils and different types of kernels," Sarafa said. His family uses a small movie-theater popcorn maker.

"It all started because we used to eat way too much microwave

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“If you use the right salt and the right seasonings, you don't need butter.”

Mark Sarafa
Pop Daddy Popcorn
owner

HISTORY

Popcorn dates back to 4700 BC. It originated in Peru and was later introduced to North Americans, who eventually brought it to the English in the 16th and 17th centuries.

As a light in dark times, popcorn provided a cheap meal during the Great Depression when sales soared because it only cost 5-10 cents. It became extremely popular during World War II because sugar was rationed and people wanted their fix of sweet or savory foods.

Because many Americans bought the newly invented television in the 1950s and decreased their time spent at movie theaters, popcorn sales decreased. Sales then increased when the microwave was invented.

Now, America is number one in the world in popcorn consumption. On average, one American eats 17 gallons of popcorn a year and, in total, America consumes about 17 billion gallons of popcorn a year.

70%

of popcorn is consumed inside the home. Having the right equipment is important.

Popcorn-making GADGETS

Retro popcorn-making machines, which are small versions of the ones in movie theaters, are available at Walmart and other retail stores for about \$35. You can make movie-theater popcorn anywhere with this portable machine.

The **old-school hand-cranked popcorn makers** are still available. The Whirley-Pop Popcorn Maker stirs the popcorn and kernels with the hand-pushed crank, and costs about \$30.

A **hot air popcorn maker** can make up to 18 cups of popcorn in less than three minutes. The top mechanism makes the popcorn slide out of the machine and into a waiting bowl. It costs about \$20.

One fun popcorn machine that's in development is the **Popinator**. Created by Popcorn Indiana, this machine launches popcorn every time someone says "pop."



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■ “Whenever I watch TV and see all those starving kids all over the world, I can’t help but cry. I mean I’d love to be skinny like that but not with all those flies and stuff.”

— *Mariah Carey*

■ “He’s light-skinned, and with no negro dialect.”

— *Senator Harry Reid on Barack Obama*

■ “And did you notice that baby was crying through half of the speech and I didn’t get angry? Not once. That baby was driving me crazy. I didn’t get angry because I didn’t want to insult the parents for not taking the kid out of the room!”

— *Donald Trump*

■ “It’s not that I dislike many people. It’s just that I don’t like many people.”

— *Bryant Gumbel*

■ “It’s put everything into perspective. I have a different respect now for people who don’t have legs.”

— *British pop singer Jessie J, after breaking her foot*

■ “The most loving thing to do is to share your bed with someone.”

— *Michael Jackson*

■ “The number one job facing the middle class, and it happens to be, as Barack says, a three-letter word: jobs. J-O-B-S. Jobs.”

— *Joe Biden*

■ “Smoking kills you. If you’re killed, you’ve lost an important part of your life.”

— *Brooke Shields*

■ “Seniors love getting junk mail. It’s sometimes their only way of communicating or feeling like they’re part of the real world.”

— *Senator Harry Reid*

■ “In case you missed it, this week, there was a tragedy in Kansas. Ten thousand people died.”

— *Barack Obama on a tornado that killed 12 people*

■ “There is no terrorist threat. Yes, there have been horrific acts of terrorism but that doesn’t mean that there’s some kind of massive terrorist threat.”

— *Michael Moore*

■ “Grown men should not be having sex with prostitutes unless they are married to them.”

— *Jerry Falwell*

■ “And they have no disregard for human life.”

— *George W. Bush, on the brutality of Afghan fighters*

■ “If Lincoln were alive today, he’d be turning over in his grave.”

— *Gerald Ford*

■ “We are going to turn this team around 360 degrees.”

— *Jason Kidd, NBA player*

■ “Don’t fear the terrorists. They’re mothers and fathers.”

— *Rosie O’Donnell on The View*

■ “On this Memorial Day, as our nation honors its fallen heroes — and I see many of them in the audience here today — our sense of patriotism is particularly strong.”

— *Barack Obama*

■ “I am the senator, you are the citizen. You need to be quiet.”

— *Senator Tommy Tucker to a questioner*

■ “I don’t think Ivanka would do that, although she does have a very nice figure.

If Ivanka weren’t my daughter, perhaps I’d be dating her.”

— *Donald Trump, when asked how he would react if his daughter posed for Playboy*

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WHY DOES OBAMA get blamed for private insurance companies raising their premiums? They all started doing that nine years ago. He was in the Senate then. Blame your insurance company. Obama’s responsible for the Affordable Care Act premiums — Obamacare, for those who don’t know they’re the same.

TO THOSE OF you who believe that America should remove guns from our society, Paris theater attendees would have had a better outcome had those being held hostage had weapons to defend themselves. The bad will always have guns.

REGARDING FOSTER CHILD’S article about the war on our daughters. There’s a simple solution to Obama’s Department of Education declaring that the Illinois transgender student should shower with girls. Send the student to Obama’s daughters’ schools to shower with them.

REALLY, AN UGLY grey shed just plopped down in the front yard of your new house on the lake? I think there are neighborhood association guidelines about those types of things.

HAS ANYONE ELSE noticed or know what we can do about the home that is flying a flag in two separate pieces?

That is so disgusting to see.

FOR ALL OF you who are so put off by Fenton, Linden and Michigan, the country, the government, the taxes, the schools, the police — pick your sorry butt up and get the heck out of here and go somewhere where your fanny will be kissed the way you want it to be kissed. Thank you for hearing me out.

REGARDING SCHOOL SPEED zones. I’m tired of cars closely following me in a 25-mph zone. Either get rid of the speed zone or enforce the law. Sadly, many of the cars trying to speed by me are dropping their kids off at the school. If they don’t care, why should the rest of us?

WE WERE DOWNTOWN today and we sat on one of the benches right by the curb. All you can see are the SUVs parked in front of you. There’s no view. Also, the benches facing the buildings are absurd when you sit in them. Bad placement, my friend.

IT BECOMES MORE obvious every day. Our leadership is not capable of making a serious decision. By now, Reagan or Kennedy would be hitting ISIS every place they are. He can’t make a simple decision without an executive order.

GREAT ARTICLE, KING, about the war on our daughters. Unfortunately, this is just the tip of the iceberg. When are people going to wake up?

BURNING LEAVES in the Linden City limits is illegal. Please be considerate of your neighbors who have health problems. Bag your leaves or mulch them.

KING, YOU USED a method you condemn in your latest article, placing feeling over facts. It’s been medically proven that it’s possible for someone’s body parts to not match their gender. It’s not invalid just because you’ve never experienced it.

DON’T LISTEN TO the whiners and critics who do nothing but criticize the transformation going on in Fenton. They would complain no matter what was done. In my experience, they are people who have never accomplished anything themselves. I love Fenton.

DIFFERENCES IN VIEWPOINTS are what America was founded on. Times, please continue to print Hot lines representing all perspectives on all controversial subjects, including downtown, immigration and politics. A grateful reader.

IT’S NO WONDER one out of every five cars does not have insurance. I wonder how many bogus plates are out there now that nobody can afford either. Good job, Michigan legislature. You’re just pushing us right out of the state.

I HEAR THAT Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton is having its memory tree again this year. I think it’s the sixth or seventh year. It’s such a nice tradition. I hope everyone gets the chance to go up and enjoy it.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

What’s your favorite board game?



“‘Monopoly.’ I guess we played it a lot as children. It’s a fun family game. I like Trivial Pursuit. It’s hard.”

Vera Crandall
Fenton Township



“‘Monopoly.’ It’s what I played when I was a kid. If I was to play something, that’s what I’d play.”

Kenneth Willhelm
Fenton



“‘Awkward Family Photo.’ It’s a blast. You have a picture and you ask questions like ‘what did the photographer say to the people after taking the picture?’ It is wonderful.”

Kevin Olech, Linden



“‘Settlers of Catan.’ You build civilizations with little plastic pieces. It takes a little bit of strategy and chance.”

Shanna Dana
Fenton



“Probably ‘Monopoly.’ I played it as a kid. I remember every rainy day we’d play. I was probably the hat.”

Dave Petts
Fenton Township

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Police&Fire report

IRS CALLS ARE SCAM

Someone posing as the IRS is calling people and telling them they are being sued, according to Holly Police Chief Mike Story. The caller tries to direct recipients to provide personal information. The Holly Police Department has been getting calls questioning the legitimacy of the call. Obviously, the IRS doesn't operate like that and it's a scam not to be responded to, said Story. The last phone number making the call to citizens that police are aware of is (425) 246-2467. Police ask that anyone receiving one of these robo calls to call the Treasury Integrity (IRS Impersonating Fraud Reporting) Hot Line at 1-800-366-4484. It gives options of reporting via the Internet or phone. When the last person called the return phone number, the male answering the phone had a "foreign" voice, not understandable, and when challenged to put someone else on, the person immediately hung up. This number was (832) 873-9918.

FENTON WOMAN ARRESTED FOR THREE HOME INVASIONS

Fenton police arrested a 25-year-old Fenton woman on multiple home invasions. Lt. Jason Slater said police responded to an apartment building in Georgetown after receiving a call from a resident saying that he was awakened by an unknown woman. She left and he woke up his two roommates. The roommates saw the woman at the door of another apartment. As they approached, she went downstairs and disappeared. The roommates discovered two of their wallets were missing. Police learned that at the other apartment, the same woman entered, but when confronted by the resident, she left. The woman was described as in her 20s, with long dark hair and tattoos on her arms. Later that day, police received another call from one of the male roommates who saw the woman again, getting into a car. He approached, and she bumped into him with her vehicle. He sustained minor injuries. Police were able to identify the woman, who also lives in the same complex. Police located and arrested the woman when she returned to her apartment Friday evening. Due to a previous home invasion complaint made by another resident in her building, the woman is lodged in jail and awaiting arraignment on three counts of first-degree home invasion, a 20-year felony.

CREDIT CARD HACKED TO BUY \$664 COMPUTER

On Nov. 13, a 52-year-old Fenton woman told Fenton police that when she checked her account online, she noticed an unauthorized transaction of \$664 was made on her credit card. Police learned that someone used her card on Nov. 9 to buy electronics. Lt. Jason Slater said police learned that rather than the package being delivered to her home, someone picked it up at a UPS shipping center. Police are working with the shipping center to identify who picked up the package. The woman's credit card was still in her possession and she does not know how anyone obtained her information. Slater would like to see shipping centers require identification and fingerprints when packages are being picked up.

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TEENS

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The three teens are believed to be responsible for an alleged plot to carry out a shooting at Linden schools at the end of October. Police became aware of the plot Oct. 28, when the Argentine Township Police Department received information that revealed a plan through social media to carry out a school shooting at Linden High School and Linden Middle School.

Judge David Goggins conferred briefly with the attorneys before adjourning the hearing on Wednesday. The teens were not present in the courtroom.

Kenneth Karasick is representing Stevens. Jodi Hemingway is representing Dukes and Elbert Hatchett is representing Brewer.

Attorneys for Stevens and Dukes submitted a competency and criminal responsibility request, or "psychological exam" which may be complete by the next meeting date on Jan. 6, 2016.

Karasick maintained that although the school shooting plot charges are serious and viable, the FBI is still downloading information from Stevens' phone. He said this would likely lead to more charges, on which he could not comment. He said his client

is not doing very well. "Obviously he's concerned; he doesn't understand the seriousness of what's going on here."

More charges may be brought by prosecutors by Jan. 6, 2016, and another pretrial date is expected to be scheduled when they meet. Karasick said he will keep Stevens out of court as much as possible.

Argentine Township Det. Doug Fulton said the investigation is ongoing and police are close to requesting the prosecutor's office to issue additional charges. The detective expects to submit more information early next week.

During the hearing on Wednesday, Goggins granted requests for psychological evaluations for Stevens and Dukes.

"That's a good move on their part," said Fulton.

Brewer's attorney did not request this evaluation. "I'm surprised by that," said Fulton, who added that these evaluations will help determine if the defendants are competent to stand trial.

Stevens has been lodged at the Genesee County Jail since Oct. 31 when he was arraigned the charges. Dukes and Brewer have been lodged at the Genesee County Regional Detention Center, due to their ages.

“By then we should know what all the other charges are, and hopefully we can reach a resolution.”

Kenneth Karasick
Attorney for Ryan Stevens



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The first celebration of Thanksgiving Day took place in 1623 with English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe.

The first Thanksgiving did NOT include turkey

■ Modern celebrations of Thanksgiving are very different from the original celebration

By Hannah Ball

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When families sit down at the dining room table on Thanksgiving Day, they expect to fill their stomachs with food they associate with Thanksgiving: turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, bread rolls, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, green beans and others.

However, most of these foods weren't eaten at the very first Thanksgiving celebration that took place in 1623 at an English settlement in an area now known as southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Rhode Island.

HISTORY

English settlers arrived on the May Flower at an area now known as Cape Cod on the Mayflower and formed the Plymouth Colony, according to the National Geographic. The ship carried 101 men, women and children for 66 days on the Atlantic Ocean.

The Wampanoag tribe had already inhabited the land for more than 12,000 years, and other European settlers had visited before. They had experienced disease, political turmoil, and one tribe, the Patuxet, had been wiped out by a plague and earlier English explorers selling them into slavery.

One who had been a slave, Squanto, made his way back and became an interpreter. He visited the settlers and helped them grow crops and fertilize the lands. The tribe and settlers eventually made a formal agreement to protect each other from other tribes in March of 1621.

One day, the Wampanoag heard gunshots and thought the colonists were preparing for war. When the leader went to investigate, they found the English hunting for food for a harvest celebration.

The Wampanoag joined them and they

ate deer, corn, shellfish and roasted meat.

Most foods we eat now for the holiday weren't available back then, and there's no record of whether they gave thanks.

The second celebration, which is the first recorded religious Thanksgiving Day, took place in Plymouth two years later. After a two-month drought, the colonists thanked God for the rain.

Peace, however, between the Wampanoag and colonists only lasted for a generation.

The tribe suffered an epidemic believed to be smallpox years before and it wiped out a large part of their tribe. It's suggested that epidemic caused more English settlers to travel to Massachusetts.

King Philip's War against the English colonists from 1675-1676 wiped out about 40 percent of the tribe.

Now, many American Indians call Thanksgiving a day of mourning.

MYTHS

The English didn't call themselves "Pilgrims," nor did they have silver buckles on their shoes. Instead of the stereotypical black clothing, they actually wore bright-colored clothing.

The Native Americans didn't wear large, feathered headdresses either.

Modern Thanksgiving celebrations started taking shape in the 19th century. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared two Thanksgivings: one was in August to remember the Battle of Gettysburg, and the second in November for "general blessings," according to National Geographic.

'Saints & Strangers'

National Geographic is showing a special on the first Thanksgiving celebration called, "Saints & Strangers" on Nov. 22 and 23 as a four-hour, two-night event. The special shows the story of the Mayflower passengers, Plymouth, and their relationship with the Native Americans, according to indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com.

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Changes to voting process considered

■ Michigan voters could lose option to select all candidates of one political party

By Hannah Ball

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Straight ticket voting, an option on an election ballot to vote for all candidates of one party with a single selection, might not be allowed in Michigan.

If Senate Bill 13 passes, straight-ticket voting and split-ticket voting, which gives the option to vote for an entire party along with individual candidates, will no longer be options on election ballots.

The bill passed in the Senate on Nov. 10.

An appropriation on the bill would give the Department of State \$1 million for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in order to measure the effect of eliminating straight-ticket voting, assist with fraud prevention, conduct post-election audits, follow-up with election officials to correct errors, and provide equipment to keep the integrity of the election process.

This Republican-backed bill has seen opposition by Democrats, but passed 23 to 13 in the Senate.

Supporters of the bill say it would decrease bipartisanship and encourage people to conduct more research on individual candidates before heading to

the polls.

Proponents say it makes the voting process even lengthier on voting day and would discourage people from voting.

The bill would have the most effect on smaller elections and lesser-known candidates.

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist.27) voted against the bill.

In a statement released about a press conference with Genesee County Clerk John Gleason, Flint Mayor Karen Weaver, members of the NAACP and others, Ananich said, "People in Genesee County, Saginaw County and counties all across Michigan like having more options when it comes to voting.

"Robbing voters of this choice will only

make it harder to vote and lead to longer lines and other frustrations. Instead, we should be working to make voting easier — such as allowing early voting and 'no reason' absentee voting.

"The House should oppose this bill, but if they make the same mistake as the Senate, the governor should do the right thing and veto it."

Senate Bill 13 was referred to the Michigan House on Nov. 10.

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Dist. 14) voted in favor of the bill. He could not be reached for comment.

“Robbing voters of this choice will only make it harder to vote and lead to longer lines and other frustrations.”

Jim Ananich
Michigan Democratic
Senator, District 27

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I SEE THE Europeans want the United States to take thousands of Syrian immigrants. I don't see them jumping up and down to accept some of our illegal immigrants from Latin American and Mexico.

AS OF THIS morning, 31 states are refusing to take Syrian refugees. The people don't want the Syrian refugees here.

TO ALL THOSE people who are looking forward to retirement in Florida, if you think

you have enough money, think again. I had one ticket in 51 years. I moved to Florida and I've had \$470 worth of tickets, which is only three. If you don't love storms, bugs, sinkholes, tornados, traffic and crime, give it some second thoughts.

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- Richard

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Hagerman's Dairy Bar was favorite Fenton hangout

■ 'Mom Hagerman' known for her kindness and generosity

By Vera Hogan

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While talking with Ken Seger of Fenton about Hagerman's Dairy Bar, he gets a far-away look in his eyes that makes you wish you could see what he remembers as his mind zooms back to the sights, sounds and tastes of the popular teen hangout of the 1940s and beyond.

The long-time curator of the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum, Seger said Hagerman's was located on the point, where Main and Walnut streets meet.

"All the kids hung out there," he said.

The restaurant was the dream of Mildred Hagerman. She and her husband, Ray, had eight children. The dairy bar had a small beginning as a hot dog and pop stand located in front of their house at 201 Main St., Fenton. Hot dogs only cost 10 cents back then.

There were also two Texaco gas pumps there at the time, and everyone in the family took turns pumping gas. It was known as the only gas station between Flint and Ann Arbor that was open after hours.

"Sometimes people had to wait for us to get up and get dressed," said Dawn (Hagerman) Speed during a 1983 interview. "Gas was cheap then, but the tips for getting up made it worthwhile. We waited on many unusual types of people, especially those on their way back to Chicago in their big cars."

"Sometimes my mother would pack them a lunch because there was nothing open where they could get something to eat," added Speed, one of the Hagerman's eight children.

In 1942, the Hagermans and Speed, who worked for the State Savings Bank of Fenton, purchased English's Ice Cream & Candy in downtown Fenton. Ray English had operated the business for many years. His living quarters were above the store at 123 South Leroy St., an address that no longer exists.

The store was just north of the Rowena Theater and became known as "Dawn's Confectionary."

Mom Hagerman, as she was affectionately known to many, began making her family specials, which included chili, homemade soups,



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Hagermans Dairy Bar, located at the point where Main and Walnut streets meet in Fenton, was a favorite local hangout.

barbecues and special lunches.

As a special treat, boys on winning high school teams were given their choice of a free malt, soda or shake after the athletic event. The place was so filled after the games that people had to wait for tables.

After a movie at the Rowena, the kids would flock to the store to purchase treats.

“All the kids hung out there.”

Ken Seger
A.J. Phillips Museum
curator

Ev Kohler, 89, of Fenton said, "I used to work for Mrs. Hagerman. They were a wonderful family."

"We went there for hamburgers," Kohler added. "When we were kids there were no hamburger joints in Fenton. The closest one was Barney's at Fenton and

North Long Lake roads. We would get a ride or hitchhike to get there."

In 1944, the Hagermans decided to build a new restaurant and dairy bar in front of the home, the original site of their hot dog stand.

Mrs. Hagerman always catered to the schoolchildren, making a place for those who brought sack lunches and purchased only milk or pop. She let students charge their food and pay at the end of the week.

The dairy bar was open until about 1:30 a.m., making it a popular after-the-game or dance eating place for the younger crowd. The restaurant served breakfast beginning at 5 a.m., catching many of the men who worked

Motors factories in Flint rented rooms in the area. Mrs. Hagerman packed their lunches and filled their thermos bottles. This continued until they obtained homes and brought their families to the area.

Gail (Hagerman) Strom, who died on Nov. 30, 2008 at the age of 73, said in a 1983 interview that her mother always insisted on being in the store on holidays because some of her customers had no place to eat. All family gatherings also were held at the restaurant.

Hagerman's was a small town gathering place, where food, fellowship and tunes on the juke box made countless memories for all who passed through their door.

Source: 1983 Fenton Independent

Still in the neighborhood

Phil Hagerman is the grandson of Ray and Mildred Hagerman. He and his wife, Jocelyn Hagerman, have breathed new life into the former Fenton Bean Company building, located almost directly across the street from the old Hagerman's Dairy Bar.

The building, purchased through their real estate and investment company, SkyPoint Ventures, LLC, in March for \$275,000 according to public city records, has been completely renovated and now houses Red Fox Outfitters.

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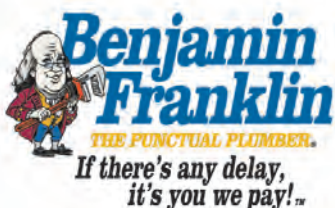
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Hope Pacheco (left) and Emilyenne Braue are among the Holly Academy sixth-graders, learning about the power of light by dissecting a cow's eyeballs.

Seeing the light through a cow's eye

■Holly Academy sixth-graders learn lessons outside the textbook

Earlier this month, the sixth-grade classes at Holly Academy concluded their physical science unit with a cow eye dissection.

Sixth-grade students studied and experimented for eight weeks the physical properties of light. They discovered that our eyes act as a light sensor and it allows us to see.

Science teacher Andrew Roeser saw an opportunity to take the unit above and beyond the usual textbook teaching.

He contacted Dr. Debra Bourdeau from Acuity Optics in Commerce Township to see if she could help. To relate the ideas learned in class and teach how they apply to real world applications, Bourdeau and her lab assistant, Sarah Ravenscroft, volunteered their time to lead the cow eye dissection.

"I was happy to help the students

connect what they learned in class with what physically happens in the back of the eye once light reaches it," said Bourdeau. "They were also able to see how different diseases affect how light is processed in the back of the eye and why it's important to take care of your health and protect your eyes from UV light."

To reinforce concepts taught in the last eight weeks, the team brought in a retinal camera to show students how opticians use the physical properties of light to take pictures of patients' retinas.

"Watching my students make the connection between the labs done in class and a doctor's equipment was amazing," said Roeser.

"Our science teachers are always incorporating hands-on experiences for their students," said Holly Academy Director Julie Kildee. "This dissection project proves that real life science can be brought into the classroom. The students admired the pictures of their own eyes, along with the actual dissection of the cow eyes. That is authentic, real world learning."

POPCORN

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popcorn and that is just not healthy for you," he said.

The Food and Drug Administration is studying the effects of chemicals in microwaveable popcorn bags, and the Environmental Protection Agency has been studying the possible problems with the artificial butter that coats the inside of the bags.

By itself, popcorn is relatively healthy. However, with added butter and salt, its nourishing qualities decline.

"I don't recommend any butter, but that's personal taste," Sarafa said. "If you use the right salt and the right seasonings, you don't need butter."

One tablespoon of butter contains 120 calories. Pumping butter onto your popcorn and adding salt significantly reverses the snack's health benefits.

One cup of popped popcorn contains about 30 calories. Olive oil contains about 250 calories per ounce, which is about two tablespoons.

"I don't recommend people use olive oil at home because it burns easily. Coconut oil is very healthy. That's easy to use," he said, adding some people like sunflower oil.

The healthiest way to consume popcorn is buying plain kernels and popping them in a pan over the stove, or using a popcorn machine.

Sarafa uses hullless popcorn. "You know the stuff that gets stuck in your teeth? It has very little of that," he said.

Sarafa said people should experiment with salts to find what they like. He suggested lemon pepper, truffle salt, and smoked sea salt.

"Pink Himalayan is very good," he said. "Some black pepper in your popcorn is very good. A lot of things are healthier than butter and table salt."



EASY MICROWAVE POPCORN

From Stacy Mielcarek of Yesterday's Treasures in Fenton

Ingredients:

1/3 cup popcorn kernels
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Put the ingredients in a regular sized lunch bag. Fold the bag three times at 1/8 inch folds. Let the kernels pop for three minutes or until it stops popping. Shake the bag and pour into a bowl. Mielcarek recommends adding chocolate or caramel syrup.

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Edward "Eddie" Sanner, III, takes a break after building and painting 30 benches that will be showcased at the Holly Dickens Festival. He completed his Eagle Scout project with the help of 16 volunteers.

Tribute to a friend

Holly scout combines Eagle Scout project with memorial

By Vera Hogan

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Edward "Eddie" Sanner III, 15, has not only created an Eagle Scout project that will be a gift utilized by the Holly community for many years to come, he has combined the effort to memorialize a friend and former fellow scout, Adam Connell.

Connell died on Oct. 12 of this year at the age of 15. He was a 10th-grade honor student at Holly High School and beloved member of the community.

Eddie is a member of Troop 43 in Holly, chartered by the Holly VFW. The scoutmaster is Henry Weis. Eddie contacted the Dickens Festival Committee about a month ago to see if they had something that would qualify as an Eagle Scout project, according to George Kullis, director of the festival committee.

"We told him the festival could use more benches as we are growing and now have two stages," said Kullis.

"My dad came up with the idea of dedicating one of the benches to Adam," said Eddie, who was a fellow Cub Scout for five years. They were also in band together in middle school and remained friends in high school.

"Adam loved the Dickens Festival so we thought it would be a good memorial," Eddie said.

"Mr. Kullis said he wanted the one dedicated to Adam to be red instead of green because he said Adam was 'on fire' during the festival with energy,"

Eddie added.

With the help of seven adults and nine fellow Scout volunteers, the building of the benches became a reality.

"We used 40 pieces of wood in varying sizes," said Eddie. "And lots of screws. The people at Kerton Lumber helped us find the right Christmas red and green by taking a color sample off a package of Christmas lights and computer matching it in the store."

“Mr. Kullis said he wanted the one dedicated to Adam to be red instead of green because he said Adam was ‘on fire’ during the festival with energy.”

Edward "Eddie" Sanner, III
Eagle Scout candidate, troop 43, Holly

Eddie said the freshly painted red and green benches were delivered to Red Devil after the paint dried.

According to Kullis, the benches will be inside the Red Devil Restaurant patio, where the play, "A Christmas Carol" will be performed during the festival.

In memory of Adam, one of the 30 benches will feature a memorial plaque with his name and those who dedicated it.

The remaining 29 benches are available for members of the public to memorialize anyone they wish. The cost is \$35 and that includes the plaque. For an application and instructions, contact director@hollydickensfestival.org or info@hollydickensfestival.org, or visit www.hollydickensfestival.org.

Thank you!

Edward "Eddie" Sanner, III, is 15 years old and a sophomore at Holly High School. He is in the marching band drumline and plays tenor drums. He is on the bowling team and hopes to make Eagle Scout by the time he is 16. He said, "I couldn't have done this without the help of my troop, and all of the parents, and my mom and dad. Thank you, too, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Betty Crawford for letting us use their house and workshop for the project. There are three other scouts in my troop that have been in scouting with me since first grade. I want to see them make Eagle Scout, too, and help them with their projects."

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Thanksgiving dinner saved

■Local turkey farm has reputation for raising healthy birds

By Tim Jagielo
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Hartland Twp. — Sunlight caught the white feathers of the 450 White Franklin turkeys, as they gobbled, clucked and purred around their large free-range half-circle shelter.

Roeske Farms owner Patricia Roeske said these birds get a little bigger than “heritage” birds, and the white feathers, mean no dark skin pigment, which browns nicely when cooked.

For the 2015 Thanksgiving season, they will sell all 450, with pre-orders closed for the season. This year, everything not picked up will be sold after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

While all is well and the birds are healthy, domestic poultry was at risk for avian influenza this year. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N2, as nearby as Macomb County this summer.

This disease only affects poultry and was found in wild geese. No domestic poultry had been affected — yet. According to the MDARD, “Sudden death and high death losses are major indicators of HPAI. However, sick birds may experience neurological signs; difficulty walking; lack of appetite, energy or vocalization; significant drop in egg production; swollen combs, wattles, legs or head; diarrhea; or nasal discharge, sneezing or coughing.”

The state took the risk seriously, as 50 million had been lost nationally to avian influenza to date.

MDARD urged farms to initiate bio-protection practices to separate

domestic poultry from wild poultry. Roeske canceled live poultry shows, farm tours and no one was allowed to get close to the birds. They used specific shoes on the farm to reduce the risk of transfer.

Jennifer Holton of MDARD said that farm employees were also urged to wash hands, not share farm equipment, and to wash boots and gear between moving to different areas of the farm.

The precautions worked — to date no avian influenza has been confirmed in domestic poultry, and Thanksgiving was saved for this local farm. Holton said that most farms in the state are raising turkeys for other purposes, like lunchmeat. She also said the wild geese populations are rebounding. This is good because being free range, there are a great number predators already. Roeske said they can lose 10 to 15 percent to weasels, coyotes or even owls when the turkeys are smaller.

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“We have a lot of happy customers that appreciate how we raise them.”

Patricia Roeske
Poultry farmer



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(Above) Patricia Roeske enjoys the short season of raising turkeys. These white franklins were hatched in August. She got them when they were one day old. (Right) These turkeys are curious and social birds, following any new interesting sound they hear.

She said customers appreciate that these birds are truly free-range, which makes sense because consumption seems to be up. “Happy Thanksgiving,” said Roeske. “Thanksgiving comes before Christmas,” she added with a laugh.



SUMMARY

■ Turkey sales are up at Roeske Farms, which will sell 450 for Thanksgiving this year. The state of Michigan had confirmed cases of avian influenza in wild geese, and precautions protected domestic poultry from catching the disease.

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SEASON OF WISHES

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- "Donate Now, Save Later" with Award Cards. Customers who donate \$5 to Make-A-Wish Nov. 19-22 or Dec. 10-13 will receive a \$10 Award Card to be used toward a future purchase; valid Dec. 3-9 or Dec. 26-31, respectively.

- Wednesday, Nov. 25 is "Wish Wednesday." Customers are encouraged to donate \$5 to Make-A-Wish in order to take advantage of the Black Friday Deals early (from 5 – 8 p.m.).

- "A Very Merry Santa Sale" at Sears Hometown Stores. Customers who donate \$5 to Make-A-Wish will receive an extra 10 percent off everything storewide; valid at Sears Hometown Stores from Dec. 17-24.

"We are always looking for ways to help improve the lives of others, and are excited to take part in this national holiday campaign that will help raise funds for children who are more than deserving," said Jeff Stone, owner. Through the Season of Wishes holiday campaign, Sears Hometown and Outlet stores will donate 100 percent of customer donations to Make-A-Wish. For more information, visit wish.org.



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

DIGITAL X-RAYS

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IT'S NICE THAT the city wants to make downtown really nice but it would be nice if they did something with Trealout Drive, Wood Street and other streets. Everything else is pointed toward downtown.

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AT THE VERY least, we expect our president to protect our country and all Americans. But President Obama protects criminals and illegal immigrants. He releases criminals from prisons. He trades away top world terrorists to send them back to killing Americans. Now he wants to bring in Syrian refugees.

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IN THE WAKE of the France murders, Russia and France have done more in the last two days to find the terrorists and to find ISIS than Obama and the states have done in the last six months.

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WHEN IT'S OVER, France citizens can thank the terrorists for waking them up and stopping the destruction of their country through the same policies that the liberals want to implement in America today.

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SEVENTY PERCENT OF the Syrians coming across the borders are male. They've left their wives behind, their children, their sisters, and their mothers. Is this the kind of men we want coming to the United States? I think not.

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THE REASON FLINT went from Detroit water was because it was so expensive. Now that we are back on Detroit water, it's still expensive. The state is picking up a lot of the cost, but Detroit is still getting its money. Isn't it kind of weird that they stuck it to the citizens of Michigan?

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Broad Street Insurance owner Annette Murphy stands in the office with agent David Haney.

Broad Street Insurance

■ New business opens in Linden

By Sally Rummel

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With Affordable Care Act insurance deadlines coming up, it's more important than ever to meet with a qualified insurance professional.

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Local shippers ready to handle last minute senders

■ It is not too late to get packages delivered by Christmas

By Vera Hogan

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Local shippers of holiday cheer say it's not too late to get gifts and packages sent to friends and loved ones in time for Christmas.

Mike Clabuesch of Goin' Postal in Fenton has said there are a number of convenient and affordable ways to ship packages this holiday season.

A popular method is the large 12-by-12-by-6-inch flat rate box that can be filled to approximately 20 pounds for one price. If sending packages to troops, the deadlines are getting close but there is still time.

When sending mail, Nov. 26 is the deadline for space available mail, Dec. 3 for parcel airlift mail, Dec. 10 for priority mail, Dec. 10 for first class mail and Dec. 17 for express mail. The Goin' Postal team is available for assistance at their new location at 1421 North LeRoy St., Fenton.

"We will be happy to help anyone with their questions and packaging," Clabuesch said.

The UPS Store at 17195 Silver Parkway in Fenton also offers important advice and solves

the problem of getting last minute holiday packages to family and friends on time.

The UPS Store has extended holiday hours and will be open Sunday, Dec. 13 and 20, from 12- 5 p.m., and will accept packages as late as Wednesday, Dec. 23, for delivery on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Les Beare, owner of The UPS Store in Fenton said planning ahead allows people to choose a less expensive shipping option like UPS Ground.

With only 28 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas, proper planning is critical. Beare said Mondays are typically the busiest shipping days and December 14-19 is expected to be the busiest week of the year.

Most UPS Ground packages require five days or less to reach their destination, but when shipping coast-to-coast, it may take longer. Bad weather can also create unexpected delays.

This year, Christmas falls on a Friday, so shipping during Christmas week may require a premium service for delivery by Thursday, Dec. 24, said Beare.

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1) The Lions play the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday. What is Philadelphia's Thanksgiving Day Record?

A: The Eagles are 6-0.

2) When was the last time the Lions shut out a Thanksgiving opponent?

A: In 1979 the Lions shut out Chicago 20-0.

3) What is the most points the Lions have ever scored in a Thanksgiving game?

A: In 1997 the Lions beat the Chicago Bears 55-20.

4) When was the last time the Lions didn't play on Thanksgiving?

A: 1944. The game was interrupted from 1939 through 1944 due to World War II.

5) The Lions played the Bears in the first five Thanksgiving games. Who was their first non-Bears foe?

A: In 1945 the Lions lost to the Cleveland Rams 28-21.

6) Who have the Lions played the most?

A: The Lions have played the Packers 21 times, going 12-8-1.

Holly looks as good this year as last season



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPEMS

Holly's drive to repeat its success shows in practice

By David Troppens

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Holly — Practices aren't easy when you are a member of the Holly varsity boys basketball program.

And the practices can certainly be competitive, as the start of Wednesday's session proved. It can be particularly tough if you aren't among the starting five.

In what amounted to be a competitive scrimmage among Broncho teammates, the two sides pushed the ball up court, fought hard for open shots and worked equally hard contesting shots in an effort to win a 'reward.' What was that reward? The winning team didn't have to do sprints after the contest. And at a quick glance it did look like the one side had a bit of an advantage over the other team since it appeared most of the players expecting to make the starting lineup were together on the same squad.

"We have a strong starting five and a strong eight players," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis said. "Our

nine through 12 guys are in the learning phase of varsity basketball. They are learning the speed of the game and the intensity. We are prepping those guys up for the following year or for later on this season. In scrimmages they are playing against really good players and are being put on the fire. They are doing their apprenticeship."

It's probably good that Holly varsity basketball practices are so intense and competitive. To be bluntly honest, it's very likely that the two-time defending champions will find their scrimmages to be some of their hardest competition once the league season starts. The Holly Bronchos, who advanced to the regional title game before bowing out of the tourney series with a tight 73-71 loss to Walled Lake Central, are the easy Metro League favorites again this year.

One might look at Holly's senior class from a year ago and think with their departures the team has something to prove this year. After all, last season's senior class included Jake Daniels, Joshua Simms, Parker Rowse, Isaac Casillas, Morgan Baylis, Scott Maki and Jonathan Waltz. Many of those players

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Lee, Lemond representing Michigan at regional XC meet

By David Troppens

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Jacob Lee had two major goals when he competed at the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) Mid-east Qualifier and Future Races cross country event on Nov. 14.

"My goal was to try to make the team and to place in the top five," the Fenton senior said about his expectations in the event that is basically an all-star event for senior cross country competitors.

Lee did a little more than that. Lee came within one second of winning the prestigious event, enabling him to qualify for Team Michigan at the Mid-

east Meet of Champions, being held at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering, Ohio on Saturday.

He's not the only tri-county runner at the event. Holly's Dilon Lemond placed ninth and also qualified to run for Team Michigan at Saturday's race.

Both were excited to qualify for Team Michigan.

"It's awesome," Lee said. "Not only did I get to represent Fenton, but I get to represent Michigan during this incredible experience. I am looking forward to racing against the people from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois."

"It was definitely something I was excited about," Lemond said. "It was

See **MICHIGAN** on 19A



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Fenton's Jacob Lee (left) and Holly's Dilon Lemond (right) compete in a recent Metro race. Both runners are competed at the Mid-east meet of Champions cross country race on Saturday.

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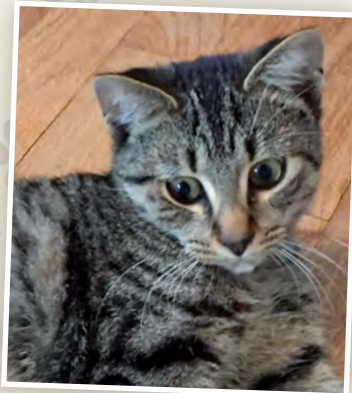
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Howdeshell takes hockey to a patriotic level

■ Linden resident plays for US's U18 developmental team

By David Troppens

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Keeghan Howdeshell knows what it means to be a representative of the United States of America.

The past Brighton resident, whose family moved to Linden during the summer, is spending his second hockey season doing just that — representing America.

Howdeshell is part of the USA Hockey's National Developmental U18 team, playing teams ranging from other junior players in the United States Hockey League, to college squads to international teams in Russia and Switzerland. He's entering his second year as player within the program. Last season he played on the U17 team.

"It's different putting this jersey on versus Compuware," said Howdeshell, comparing his recent team with that of a more traditional junior hockey program he used to play with. "It's bigger than yourself. You put that jersey on and 22 guys on the team got there for the same reason. We are competing for ice time, having a good time and representing the United States not only in your age group but representing for the entire country as well."

Howdeshell earned his spot on the team over a year ago when he tried out for the U.S. National Team Development Program U17 team (NTDP). He went to a national camp and competed with "a whole bunch of kids" Howdeshell said.

"There were a whole bunch of the top kids, maybe 150 or more," Howdeshell said. "It was a great experience to get to know each other that."

From there, Howdeshell was asked to attend a tryout for the national team, called the Top 40 Camp in March 2014. After the tryout, Howdeshell was told he would be contacted within the next two months.

"I waited and waited," Howdeshell said. "One at a time, people got a call. About the beginning of summer I got my call from (senior director of operations for the NTDP) Scott Monaghan ... for a meeting. Me, my dad and mom went to Ann Arbor. ... He sat us down, talked about how important school and grades were, and about 10 minutes later he said he wanted to sign me. I thought about it maybe for a few days, but it



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Linden resident Keeghan Howdeshell (right) attempts to get a shot on net during a recent USA Hockey U18 hockey contest. Howdeshell is beginning his second season with the USA Hockey Developmental Program's squad.

was a no-brainer. I got the contract and signed it."

The commitment is a two-year deal. It does create some challenges for Howdeshell and his family. He's currently going to school at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

During his tenure with the team, he's gone to Russia for a tournament. The squad took second at that tournament.

"It was fun; it was different," Howdeshell said. "Russians really don't respect us, but we took second."

Recently, the squad went to Switzerland to play in an international tournament, capturing first place with a 4-0 record.

The squad, which is made up of teenagers, also gets another nice benefit. Many of the games on their schedule are against college squads, meaning the players are competing against athletes in their late teens to mid-20s. This season, the squad's schedule has included games against Notre Dame, Boston University, Lake Superior State, Dartmouth and Northern Michigan.

"Going against the older guys is hard," Howdeshell said. "There are guys who are 220 to 230 pounds and that's

kind of intimidating. I'm not going to lie. But that's what it is and you just do it. You play your best and don't let it distract you. You just go out and work hard every shift, and get ready for the next one."

All this work is paying off for Howdeshell. Howdeshell said he's grown tremendously stronger since being with the program.

"I went into camp my rookie season with kind of a small body, small shoulders and a little chunkier," Howdeshell said. "I feel like I've grown up so much. I'm about 198 pounds and I'm a lot better than I was last year. It's hard for me to look at old pictures. I wonder, 'Who was that kid?'"

The center has committed to play for Ferris State University next fall. He was choosing among Ferris State, Western Michigan and Miami (Ohio).

"Ferris always has a good program and I can get a good education there," Howdeshell said. "It's a perfect fit for me. I went in, talked to the players and the coach and felt comfortable there."

"I want to spend four years (at Ferris). After four years, I'm hoping to get drafted and see where it takes me."



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Fenton leads All-Sports Trophy standings after fall sports

During the fall athletics sports season it was good to be the Fenton Tigers.

Fenton earned the outright Metro League title in football, girls swimming and volleyball, helping the Tigers take a large lead in the Metro League's All-Sports Trophy standings through the fall season. Fenton, who had 57 points, also earned a co-title in girls golf.

Linden finished the fall in surprising fashion in second place. Despite not having a boys tennis team or a girls swim squad, the Eagles took first in girls cross country and finished second in football, volleyball and boys soccer, scoring 38 fall points.

The Holly Bronchos are fifth place with 33.5 points.

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something I did a lot of looking into and when I did, I found out what it was all about. I was super-excited to be a part of it. I treated it as a great experience and I thought I had a chance to qualify for (Team Michigan). ... It was kind of like a step forward. I'm super excited about it."

The MITCA race held in Mt. Pleasant attracted 51 of the top senior runners. Brownstown Woodhaven senior Logan Klean won the race with a 5K time of 15:51.05, but only edged out Lee in the final portion of the race. Lee took second with a time of 15:52.77.

"During the final 600 (meters) I picked it up a notch and I got a little bit of a gap between us, but not too much of a gap," Lee said. "During the last 100 or so, I heard him coming along my right side and he beat me by about a second or two. It was a great race and I almost ended up winning it. My goal was top five so to almost win it was pretty cool."

Lee said he had a strategy.

"I started out pretty slow and conservative," Lee said. "As the pack wore down it came to me, Logan and another guy. In the last 1,000 I felt really good so I started pressing."

Lemond admitted he wasn't sure if he would be able to qualify for Team Michigan in the event. In order to qualify, one had to finish in the top 12 at the race. As it was, Lemond finished ninth, only two places ahead of the qualifying standard. However, his time of 16:25.01 put him comfortably within the top 12, as the 12th-place runner finished over seven seconds behind Lemond.

"I was not 100 percent certain," Lemond said. "I wasn't sure who was going to show up. I knew Jacob would, but I was fairly certain I had a chance to qualify."

The runners spent this weekend and Indian Riffle, representing Michigan. Just as in a regular cross country race, the top five runners on each team will create their state's team score. Both runners hope to make their mark this weekend.

"I'd like to break 16 (minutes); that's been my goal all year," Lemond said. "I've been training for this week just like any other time of the year. I'd like to run a PR, help out our team and be a big part of it."

"It would be cool to be a critical key to the team's success on Saturday," Lee said.

Both runners have been among the elite competitors ever since they became prep cross country runners. Lee had an outstanding senior season, capturing wins in all three Metro League races this fall, finishing second at the regional meet and then placing 19th at the D1 state meet (15:46.6), earning him All-State honors during his senior year. Of course, the Fenton Tigers had a pretty successful season as well, placing second in the Metro League, capturing a regional title and then finishing ninth at the D1 state meet. Lee's season ended healthy. Last year, he struggled with injuries.

"I think it was a very successful season," Lee said. "I won six races, went undefeated in the Metro and made All-State. But I think the greatest feeling was winning the regional as a team. It was the most ecstatic feeling I had. I was



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Fenton's Jacob Lee (left) and Holly's Dillon Lemond (right) compete in a recent race. Both runners are qualified to run for Team Michigan at the Mideast Meet of Champions, held on Saturday.

able to do it with my teammates. It was tied with being All-State."

Lemond's season included a championship at the Kayla O'Mara Invitational, two runner-up efforts and two third-place finishes. He placed sixth at regionals, qualifying for state as an individual. He followed that performance with a 40th-place time of 16:05.0 at the D1 state meet. However, the season had one tarnished part of it when the Bron-

chos failed to qualify for the state meet as a team.

"It does (put a more positive spin at the end of my season)," Lemond said. "It still is a little disappointing about state because I love running with my teammates. The last three years I was able to go with the team. ... This helps. It's definitely an exciting thing, but it's a new thing. I almost think of it as separate from cross country."

HOLLY

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were four-year fixtures on Holly's team, collecting 66 victories during their four-year varsity careers. However, with one quick glance at Wednesday's scrimmage one could see others that remained — like Ian Hodges, Paris Partee, Adam Tooley and Steven Redmond. Another face that returns was one that missed about half of last year's season and is among the pre-season candidates for Tri-County Player of the Year, Kyle Woodruff. Woodruff is back healthy after suffering a broken collarbone during one of those intense Holly practices a year ago. There's a good chance he'll be battling for the Tri-County's top honor against one or two of his own teammates.

"It's been going really good," Woodruff said. "Everybody has been working hard, going after it and getting after it."

"I like the energy level, the work ethic of everybody on the team. We all work hard."

The Horseshoe, the name of Holly's gymnasium, should be rocking Tuesday and Friday nights with what could possibly be even a better starting five than a year ago.

Woodruff is always a threat to score 20 a game as is Hodges. Paris Partee emerged as a strong presence in the paint on both sides of the floor during the state tournament a year ago as a sophomore. Now, he's stronger and a tad taller than he was last season. Adam Tooley provides the grit and "never say die" attitude all starting fives need, while Steven Redmond should be ready to take over the point guard duties after being a key rotation player last season.



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Holly's Steven Redmond (back) and Connor Spencer (front) battle for rebounding position during Holly's varsity practice on Wednesday.

"The strength and skill level of my starting five is outstanding," Baylis said. "Four of them started 10 games or more last year and everyone is better than last year."

The Bronchos took basketball to another level last year. And with non-league foes like Ann Arbor Skyline, Flint Beecher and Country Day, Holly is going to get a chance to prove to fans that maybe this year's team can accomplish just as much as last year, or maybe even a tad more.

"We still have the hunger, especially for us seniors," Woodruff said. "We want what we had last year and we want more. We have the hunger already."

"With the tough teams we have during the regular season, I think it's going to help us out during the postseason and regionals. Our regional is going to be really tough. Our goal is to definitely win another league title, and once we get to the playoffs, we'll see where we can get from there."

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Planting roots in Fenton

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(From left) Phil Licavoli, Cody Yocom and Mike Stikeleather plant one of approximately 100 trees in downtown Fenton Wednesday and Thursday, completing one of the last tasks of the Streetscape project. Pear, cherry, ginkgo and other varieties of trees were planted.

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WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
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House Bill 4159: Exempt retired corrections officials from concealed pistol law's "gun free zone"

To repeal a prohibition on active and retired local and state corrections officers who have concealed pistol licenses from the "gun free zone" provision of the concealed pistol permit law. Along with Senate Bill 516 this would allow these individuals to carry a concealed pistol in a school, bar, stadium, etc.

Passed 28 to 8 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ NO

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

House Bill 5023: Establish more "dark sky preserves"

To designate the Rockport State Recreation Area, Negwegon State Park, and Thompson's Harbor State Park as "dark sky preserves," which means state authorities must restrict outdoor lighting to only that needed for safety, security, or reasonable use and enjoyment.

Passed 88 to 18 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) ☒ YES

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COLES CELEBRATE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Robert and Janet Cole of Byron will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on November 25, 2015. Robert and the former Janet Miller were married in Parshallville in 1955. They have four children together, Robert and Cheryl Cole, Lucinda and Ed Chapko, Rodney Cole and Bethany and Mike Carr. They also have eight grandchildren, Robert (Ashley) Cole III, Adam (Donna) Cole, Nina (Elliott) Kastner, Rebecca (Ricky) Clark, Joshua (Nicole) Chapko, Matthew (Rachel) Chapko, Abigail & Johanna Carr; and eight great-grandchildren, Paul, Emily, Hailey, Adelyn, Violet, Emilia, Jameson and Liam. The couple will be celebrating with family and friends at Faith Church in Gaines on November 29, 2015.

Grandma's murder trial to begin in January

■Attorney asks judge for more time to prepare defense

By Vera Hogan

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It looks like Mary Bigford is going to spend her first holiday season in the Isabella County jail.

The trial for the woman accused of shooting her granddaughter's father six times while he sat in his car on April 18, was supposed to start on Nov. 16, but was postponed until Jan. 11, 2016, giving her attorney additional time to prepare for the case.

Bigford, 51, faces charges of one count of open murder, one count of first-degree murder, one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, felonious assault, and felony firearm violation.

Mt. Pleasant police say Bigford shot Lawrence Howard, Jr., 39, to death while he sat in his car at the Chase Run Apartments in Mt. Pleasant. He was there to exercise his parental right to visit his then-3-year-old daughter. The girl lived with her mother Latesha Bigford in the apartment community at the time.

Latesha Bigford had accused Howard of sexually abusing their daughter, which he denied. None of those allegations could be substantiated by authorities investigating the accusations.

During Bigford's preliminary examination in September, testimony from witnesses support what Isabella County prosecutors are trying to prove — that Bigford planned to kill Lawrence.

One of them, Bigford's uncle, Alfred Frizzell, testified that he saw her the day Howard was killed. "I said, 'You killed that guy didn't you?' (She said) 'Yup,'" Frizzell testified.

Frizzell said Bigford drove two hours to his house that day and admitted to killing Howard. "I hollered, 'Mary what did you do with that gun?' She goes, 'I threw it in a ditch,'" Frizzell testified.

He had given her an unregistered revolver two years ago to shoot animals, the same type of gun witness Jessica Perry said Bigford had when she confronted her in the apartment complex.

"She said 'So?' And lifted the gun and continues to shoot three more times," Perry said.

On the first-degree murder charge, Bigford faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole.

Local bars prepare for 'Blackout Wednesday'

By Hannah Ball
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As Thanksgiving Eve is called 'Blackout Wednesday' and 'Drinks giving,' local bars are expecting to be busy on one of the biggest bar nights of the year.

Rose Brown, the bar manager at The Corner Bar and Grill, has been bartending for 10 years. She said, "It's the biggest party night of the year. Typically a bar is gonna be packed to the brim."

She said they staff based on how many people they expect.

"There's a lot of people who come back for the holidays. It's usually a pretty busy time," Brown said. "We're doing a mic night." They will stay open until 2 a.m. and she'll work until they close. She's expecting to pour domestic beers and shots.

"This is the first time that we've been open here so I'm not sure what to expect," Brown said. "Probably a lot of families coming in for the early dinner, and then the college students coming in later."

To get through the busy evening, Brown said communicating with guests is important.

"It's gonna be a busy night. It's just communicating with guests and staff members to have a successful evening," she said.

Local entertainment Thanksgiving Eve

- **The Barn** — The band Driven will perform at 9 p.m.
- **Blackthorn Pub** — live music from Michelle O'Neil at 8 p.m.
- **Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar** — DJ
- **The Corner Bar and Grill** — Mic night
- **Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille** — Live music by Jeremy St. John and Mike Lomerson
- **Holly Hotel** — Comedy show
- **Legends Sports Café** — DJ
- **Olde Hickory** — DJ
- **Rough Draught** — is celebrating their one-year anniversary of being in business with live music by Corey Kapanka.
- **Sagebrush** — DJ

“It's the biggest party night of the year.”

Rose Brown
The Corner Bar and Grill bar manager

News briefs

LINDEN PROJECT GRADUATION FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY

Volunteer parents of Linden Community Schools will be walking around downtown Linden in graduation caps and gowns to fundraise for Project Graduation. Taking place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., this is this first fundraiser for the Project Graduation committee. Linden's mascot, the Eagle, will also be walking around to help raise funds. Their goal is to raise \$18,000 for Project Graduation, when recent graduates will be locked in at Linden High School to celebrate graduation.

THE BARN HOSTS THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Barn restaurant in Fenton will be hosting its first Thanksgiving Day meal for those in need this Thursday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The homeless, the elderly or those in need of a good, hot meal are invited to be guests of The Barn for this holiday meal. To make a reservation, call The Barn at (810) 354-8889. Monetary donations to help with expenses can be sent to F.A.R.R. (Fenton Area Resource Referral) at P.O. Box 529, Fenton, MI 48430. F.A.R.R. is handling the administrative duties of this event. Their office phone number is (810) 750-6244. Donations of new or clean, gently used coats, gloves, scarves, etc. may also be dropped off at The Barn, 715 Torrey Rd. up to the day of the event.

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"Blackout Wednesday" can be a stressful night for parents who are happy to have their kids home for the holidays. Police will patrol the streets.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said they aren't expecting the night to be too busy, but they remind the officers that's it's one of the biggest bar nights of the year.

"They are aware of the situation," he said. He said he's not a liberty to disclose how many officers will be patrolling that night.

"My big thing is if you're going to drink, don't drive. Arrange transportation ahead of time. There are quite heavy ramifications while driving while intoxicated. If you end

up in an accident or hurt somebody it just becomes really serious, really fast," Slater said. "It could go from a night out with your friends to ultimately hurting, or God forbid, killing someone."

He urges people to arrange for a designated driver, an Uber or taxi for transportation.

"If people are on the road and they see someone who's intoxicated, let them go by and then call 911. Let us know where they're at," Slater said.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said the Linden Police Department will be extremely attentive to drivers who may have had too much to drink. "If someone observes a vehicle where they believe the driver is driving while intoxicated, they should call 911 immediately," he said.

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Put down the cell phone and play a board game



■CAUTION: Side effects could include laughter and hours of family fun

By Vera Hogan

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Winter is just around the corner and when the weather outside gets frightful, families may want to bring the fun indoors for an old-fashioned afternoon of playing board games.

It may take a while to pry the cellphone

and other devices from your spouse and children's hands, but it will be worth it.

Accordingtohealthfitnessrevolution.com, one of the side effects of playing board games is laughing, which has been shown to increase endorphins, which are chemicals that bring up the feeling of happiness.

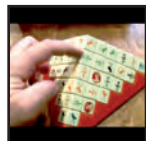
Sharing laughter and fun can promote empathy, compassion and trust with others.

See **BOARD GAMES** on 23A

Top family games for 2015

While the timeless, classic board games like Monopoly, Life, Clue, Sorry, Trivial Pursuit, Battleship, Scrabble, Risk and more are still favorites among people of all ages, the following are the Top 10 rated family games, according to the February 2015 issue of Family Fun magazine. A test group of families played and rated the games, the majority of which range from \$15 to \$30.

Pyramix: Good visual skills are key in this strategy game. After the cubes are randomly placed in the base, players take turns pulling out those with at least two sides showing, with the goal of collecting the most



matching pieces. As the players pull, the stacks can slide, freeing up or blocking other cubes. For two to four players, ages 8 and up.

Noodle Speedoodle: Players get 30 seconds to draw a picture and have the others guess what it is. The catch? At least one plastic noodle has to be included in the doodle. The game spinner adds other challenges, such as drawing with your nondominant hand. For three to six players, ages 8 and up.



Fire Dragons: With a little luck from the dice and some savvy strategy, winners emerge victorious in this magical world. Players move their dragons around the board, amassing rubies from the central volcano. The eruptions (when you lift a piece, the rubies and carbon chunks spill across the board) were a highlight among families testing the game. For two to four players, ages 5 and up.



Battle Sheep: While families were initially drawn to this entry for its cheeky name, its quick, strategic game play was what kept them enthralled. Players move their flocks across the board in an attempt to claim the most pasture — and block their opponents from doing the same. For two to four players, ages 7 and up.



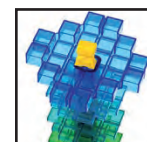
Press Here: The Game: In this creative challenge based on Hervé Tullet's best-selling book, players take turns placing red, yellow, or blue circles atop empty spots on cards to create color sequences. While obvious options abound (such as setting a red circle inside a matching shape), testers loved creating unique patterns to fill and win the cards. For two to six players, ages 3 and up.



Bounce-Off: Its simplicity and lots of bouncing balls made this carnival-inspired entry a winner with testers. Players bounce Ping Pong-like balls off the table and into the tray, aiming to match the pattern on a specific card. Whoever wins three rounds claims victory. For two to four players, ages 7 and up.



Leaps and Ledges: Contenders race to the top of the tower, playing cards and facing perils that can send them back to the base: having an opponent land on the same ledge or getting hit with a rampage card, which knocks off everyone on the way up. For two to four players, ages 8 and up.



Traffic Jam Matching Game: Testers loved the beautiful graphic design of this new take on the classic memory game. Players flip the 36 heavy-duty cards, seeking pairs of road signs, scooters, fire trucks, and the like. Bonus: It comes in a sturdy storage box. For two or more players, ages 3 and up.



Kitten Caboodle: The cats in this sweet pet adoption-themed game need various items before they can go home with you. To collect what they require, players draw and trade cards "go fish" style: "Do you have any cans of food?" Play is done when all the pets are adopted. For two to four players, ages 5 and up.



Robot Face Race: After a quick shake of the Robot Randomizer, players scan the board of 120 robot heads, racing to be the first to spot an exact matchup (say, a green head, red nose, yellow eyes, and purple smile). For two to four players, ages 4 and up.



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Cortney Gwaltney, co-owner of The Retreat Salon and Skin Spa, stands at the reception desk of the new location of the skin spa next door to the original business.

The Retreat Salon and Skin Spa

■ Skin spa portion of the business expands next door

By Sally Rummel
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A quiet, serene setting with its own entrance greets clients of The Retreat Salon and Skin Spa at its expanded skin spa location in Fenton Township.

“We’re right next door to the original Retreat Salon and Skin Spa, which we opened five years ago,” said co-owner Cortney Gwaltney. “Now our clients can enjoy a relaxed atmosphere apart from our hair salon.”

Walking through the door of the new Retreat Skin Spa immediately creates an ambiance of relaxation and calm. Elegant décor and separate, relaxed treatment

rooms provide the atmosphere that Gwaltney and co-owner Kristen Steele have always wanted for their clients.

“Our goal is to bridge the gap between the spa experience and medical spa experience,” said Gwaltney. “We’re here to offer result-oriented treatment in a relaxed setting.”

The Retreat Skin Spa offers a variety of laser services, facials, fillers, waxing, Botox, chemical peels, eyelash extensions and body tightening by Pellevé, provided by a team of dedicated estheticians. “Watch for many additional treatments, such as microblading (eyebrow embroidery), coming soon.”

The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa is located at 12272 Fenton Rd., Suite 3 in the plaza at the corner of Fenton and North Long Lake roads, telephone (810) 208-7002.

BOARD GAMES

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Sitting down with family with no interruptions may feel like an impossible thing at your house, but playing games with your kids, or with your friends, is a perfect way to spend time together and build learning skills at the same time. Playing a board game after a family dinner is an excellent way to get closer to your family, while strengthening your family bond.

Allowing your kids to play a board game helps them practice essential cognitive skills, like problem solving. Board games help the brain retain and build cognitive associations well into old age, too.

One of the primary benefits of playing board games is reducing the risk of cognitive decline, such as that associated with dementia and Alzheimer’s. Keeping your mind engaged means you are exercising it and building it stronger. A stronger brain has lower risks of losing its power.

Along with laughing and increasing endorphins, playing board games can help you lower or maintain your blood pressure. This release of endorphins help muscles to relax and blood to circulate, which evidently will lower your blood pressure. High blood pressure is associated with greater risk of artery damage, heart disease and stroke.

You can always benefit from a healthy distraction like playing board games since it is an excellent way to kick back and relax.

Research has shown that negativity, depression and stress can reduce your ability to fight disease. Positive feelings and thoughts, like the laughter and enjoyment

that always comes with board games, prevents these effects by releasing some chemicals that fight stress and boost your immune system. A simple board game could give rise to the ‘survival genes’ and activate them in your brain, making the brain cells live longer and helping to fight disease.

Board games play a very important role in child health and brain development. They help children develop logic and reasoning skills, improve critical thinking and boost spatial reasoning. Encouraging children to play different types of board games can also increase verbal and communication skills, while helping develop attention skills and the ability to concentrate and focus for longer periods of time.

Many board games require the use of fine motor skills to pick up or move pieces, actions that take both coordination and dexterity. Regular practice and activity improve these basic skills, which is important for children, people with mental or physical disabilities, the elderly and those recovering from accidents.

Board games are very helpful when they are added to occupational therapy treatments, as well in places like classrooms for special needs to help improve muscle and nerve function over time.

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\$30,475



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\$21,587

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\$107 PER MONTH*
LEASE



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\$95 PER MONTH*
LEASE

2016 CHEVROLET SILVERADO DOUBLE CAB, 4X4

Stk#1102604T

\$248 PER MONTH*
24 MONTH
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Stk# 2128360A **\$25,900**



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Stk# 125508 **\$22,800**



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