

Happy ending for Harvey Dent

■Blind puppy, who suffered severe burns, finds new home

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Fenton Twp. — Harvey Dent, the approximately 9-month-old blind puppy whose previous owner burned, tortured and abandoned him, found his “forever” home and his compelling story now has a happy ending.

“How can you not want to adopt Harvey?”
Megan Pawloski
Fenton resident

Fenton residents Megan and Jacob Pawloski officially adopted Harvey on Tuesday, July 18, at Adopt-A-Pet, three months after he came to the shelter with severe burns on the left side of his body and face, and a wound on his hip.
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Megan Pawloski of Fenton stands with her newly adopted puppy, Harvey Dent, just before a Thursday afternoon news conference at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton.



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‘Not my first rodeo...’



A young cowgirl attempts to wrangle a calf at the Gaines Community Rodeo on July 16, which hosted the Flying Star Rodeo. The Little Britches competition took place Saturday and Sunday, and attendees watched the young competitors barrel race, rope calves and participate in other events. According to Gaines Community Rodeo Rodeo Committee Chairman Brian Wendt, Friday night brought in approximately 900 people and the Saturday rodeo drew an audience of approximately 1,600. **See story and more photos on Page 16A**

Do you know what you’re actually paying in taxes?

■Fenton City property owners are taxed for 21 different line items

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Does anyone really know what their property taxes pay for?

When the summer and winter tax bills arrive in the mail, there will be a total amount due, but in the city of Fenton for example, that amount does not include a complete itemized breakdown of how much pays for what.

Taxpayers in the city of Fenton pay for 21 different millages and special assessments. The actual language on a July 1 tax bill, for example reads, “Amounts with no millage are either special assessments or other charges added to this bill.”

Taxes are calculated based on the
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In the city of Fenton, taxes are paid in the summer (July 1 bill) and in the winter (Dec. 1 bill).

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“The King’s lottery article was right on. I had a scratch-off ticket that said ‘you win all 12 prizes.’ When I scratched them off each prize was for \$2. Every other ticket has thousands of dollars on them. Total ripoff. I will never buy another lottery ticket.”

“Fireworks and marijuana are pretty much two of the same things. People are going to buy them regardless of whether they are legal or illegal. Why not make the money off it?”

COMMENT OF THE WEEK
“The latest scam by thieves is to call the elderly and tell them their granddaughter or grandson is in the hospital from an accident and must have money wired to them right away to get treatment. Everyone should make their parents and grandparents aware of this heinous scheme.”

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Aug. 24 marks 10 years since tornado

■ Times will take you back to when F2 tornado roared through Fenton area

By Sharon Stone

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Do you remember what you were doing at 5:34 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, 2007? To refresh your memory, think about the tornado that plowed its way through the tri-county area, causing a path of destruction in its wake.

Now think back. You'll probably remember what you were doing, where you were and who you were with.



Sharon Stone

Aug. 24 will mark the 10th anniversary of an F2 tornado. Downtown Fenton and a large area south of Silver Lake Road sustained heavy damage. Numerous houses, commercial and public building received some level of damage. Only minor injuries were reported as a result of the tornado itself.

Much of the area was without power throughout the weekend and numerous power lines were down.

I remember where I was.

I was at my home, which has large windows overlooking Squaw Lake in Fenton Township. We were eating a snack and getting ready to go to the Lake Fenton football game while watching the Weather Channel. Then we watched as a terrible storm crossed over the lake.

See **TORNADO** on 7A



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Mike Martin of Grand Blanc Township earns extra money shuttling passengers from Flint to Detroit. Services like Lyft and Uber are mainstays of the "gig economy" today, with short-term contracts and freelance jobs being more prevalent.

Ridesharing companies like Lyft and Uber are changing the way people get rides

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Whether you need a ride to the airport, transportation to your hotel or a designated driver to get you safely home from a night on the town, all you need is a smartphone app for Uber or Lyft, and a driver can be at your doorstep in a matter of minutes.

Your driver won't be a taxi cab driver or a bus driver — he or she will be a person just like you, using their own vehicle, who is likely working for Uber or Lyft as a secondary job.

Mike Martin, 40, of Grand Blanc, spends his days working as a driver for a domestic uniform company, and his evenings and weekends driving for Uber. Most of his runs are in Flint or Detroit, bringing people home from the bar.

"I made \$600 on St. Pat's Day,"

said Martin. He uses his extra earnings, about \$8,000 a year, to help with the expenses of his two sons' travel sports leagues. "You can work as often as you want by turning the app on and off, and you can make good money."

See **RIDES** on 7A

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Mike Martin
Local Uber driver



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This 'n that

• **I sure hope** the naysayers in Vernon Township don't end up squashing Project Tim, the secret million-square foot manufacturing project allegedly being planned there. Sure, it would alter the 'quality of life.' That's inevitable. But how do people know it wouldn't be an improvement to the quality of life? Last I checked, more jobs and more tax revenue was a good thing in most communities. That's why most communities bribe companies to locate there.

I'm not saying there couldn't be negative consequences to a plant that large suddenly plunked down in the middle of farm fields. But residents ought to at least reserve judgment until they hear more, right? Then again that's easy for me to say since I don't live there. But all communities face this question

or this trade-off at some point. The important thing, I think, is to remove the fear from the process and talk.

• **Love the cloak** and dagger of trying to figure out what Tim is and why it's named that. I figure it's not a manufacturing plant at all. I think it's an Amazon distribution center. And Tim is the name of Jeff Bezos's dog or something.

• **Sure, the Tigers** might have gotten more for J.D. Martinez if they'd waited until the trade deadline. But they also might have gotten nothing. As much as I love the guy, his contract is up at the end of the season and there is no way – given the gobs of money owed to Verlander, Cabrera and Upton – they could give him a new one. What fans ought to be upset about is the Tigers giving Verlander a super-long deal. You don't give pitchers long-term deals because they are the orchids of the baseball world.

• **CNN is an** awful, awful news network. Their switch to a model of covering three stories, tops, followed by hour after hour of 'experts' debating those stories is

destroying the line between news and comment. Increasingly, I find people can't tell the difference. They tell me they heard something on 'the news' but what they really heard was someone's opinion about the news. Whole different animals, people.

• **I sure am** glad 'Game of Thrones' is back on HBO. But I'm warnin' ya, if it starts getting too grim and too sadistic, I'm outta here. I did it before and missed a season or two, and I'll do it again.

• **I was a** major comic fan as a kid. We had thousands of them. So many, in fact that my older brother opened a comic book shop with them as an adult. So I love superheroes. And yet I haven't gone to see 'Wonder Woman,' which is supposed to be wonderful. And I won't go see 'Spider Man.' I'm kinda superheroed out, y'know?

• **If Republican President Trump** (that's what I'm calling him from now on – Republicans elected him, so they get to take credit) wanted to make sure Bob Mueller investigates his finances, he couldn't have done anything better than telling him not to investigate his finances. • **'If you spend** too much time thinking about a thing, you'll never get it done.' - Bruce Lee.

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YOUR SUNDAY ARTICLE on Adopt-A-Pet was very interesting but also very sad and shocking. How could anyone do that to a helpless animal.

THE GUY WHO tortured that poor puppy is far more of an animal than the poor little dog was. I am praying that someone will come forward and adopt the little fella and show him what love truly is.

DONALD TRUMP HAS a 36 percent approval rating. If you were in school and your teacher gave you a 36 percent on an exam, that would be an F.

WHY IS COURT for our criminal cases so crooked? They wasted our money by giving him no punishment and no justice for the dog.

MR. HELLER, IF Kid Rock wins, I guess we'll just have to roll with it.

REMEMBER WHEN WE sent an inexperienced, incompetent, community organizer to the Senate and the White House? Kid Rock is a very successful musician and smart man. I'll take Kid Rock over our previous president any day.

THE REAGAN REVOLUTION restored America's patriotism, self confidence, and economy. Reagan disliked the Democrats love for high taxes, high debt high regula-

tions and high spending. Speak the truth for once.

WE'RE COMING FOR you, Victoria.

THE PAST EIGHT years under President Obama were a nothing burger. Topped off with a slice of incompetence and gobs of scandals.

SINCE TAKING OFFICE, President Trump has fired 548 VA employees for incompetence. God bless him.

AS JOHN MCCAIN battles for this life, it's time for the man referred to as president to apologize for his degrading remark that John McCain wasn't a war hero because he got captured.

WE HAVE SEEN the enemy and it is us. Although that statement first appeared in a comic strip in 1970, it could currently be stated by NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, and MSNBC news stations.

I STILL TEAR up over the puppy on the front page of the Times. Why was that not put on Channel 12 news and let everybody in the area know what that man did to that poor animal? Those people in Flint need to know who they're living by.

THANKS TO TECHNOLOGY advances I spend the majority of my time answering robo-calls on my cell phone, deleting junk and spam emails on my computer and turning the volume down on my TV during commercials.

THE TAX-PAYING PUBLIC has been stiffed for the cost of Trump's trips to his properties, boosting his corporation revenue to an all time high of over \$500 billion since January.

I DON'T MIND taking my dog to a restaurant in Fenton.

I BELIEVE THE home on Linden Road south of Lahring was built in Abraham Lincoln's era. Could the family use help in painting the wooden addition to keep this historic home in our area in good condition?

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE the variety of flowers along the street curbing coming in on Linden Road to Linden. Many thanks to those who put forth the effort to beautify this little town.

WHEN FIRST PROPOSED, it was the 'theory of evolution.' Evolution was proven fact by the 1970s. New evidence accumulates to confirm it. The 'theory' word is just the old name. Evolution just means change, which continues today.

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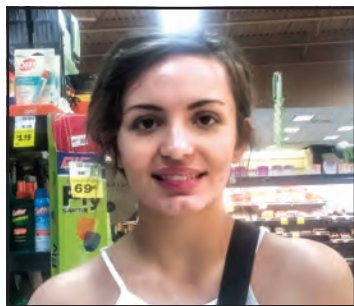
Have you used Uber or Lyft, and what are your thoughts on the system?

street talk



"No, I haven't, but I think it's a cool system. It allows people who normally can't get where they need to be to be able to get places."

Jacob Angelovski
Fenton



"I haven't. I think there's a lot of employment opportunities through it. I have all positive thoughts."

Jessi Opperthausen
Linden



"I have. I had a good experience. It's convenient because of the app. It seems like the driver is always in a nice car – they picked me up in a brand new Chrysler."

Paige Hawley
Byron



"I have only once. The concept is great, but paying with a credit card was hard because of safety. I feel more comfortable personally with cash instead of a stranger having my card information."

Emily Twu
Holly



"I have never used one, but I have read on it. I don't like it. The way they pay their drivers is not tax exempt. They have to save all the money from using their vehicles until the IRS comes, and then they have to give them money from their own wages."

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Detroit race riots were 50 years ago today

Local connections to the most violent riot in 100 years

By Vera Hogan

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The Detroit Race Riot in Detroit on July 23, 1967 was one of the most violent urban revolts in 100 years. It came in response to police brutality and discriminating conditions that included segregated housing and schools, and rising black unemployment.

Ron and (Fenton City Councilwoman) Pat Lockwood of Fenton are originally from Detroit.

"Ron and I were married in Detroit in January of 1967 and the Detroit riots took place in July of that year," said Pat.

"My father, grandfather and uncle owned an auto repair, bump and paint shop business on Warren and 25th, 13 blocks from the location of the start of the riot on 12th Street," she said. "They spent three days and nights protecting their property with the help of many of the local neighbors and nearby businesses who had grown to respect and befriend them over the years."

"My dad kept in contact with my mom by telephone and described the numerous attempts by looters to break into their business, the constant sound of firearms and fire and smoke and the kindness of locals who brought them food over the three days."

"When the smoke settled after three days, my dad's business was the only one left untouched, thanks to the protection of their neighbors."



Former Police Chief Gerald Cattaneo is shown here during the 1967 Detroit riots. A Detroit native, Cattaneo joined the Detroit Police Department in March of 1962. In this photo, which was later published in the 1969 World Book Encyclopedia, Cattaneo and fellow officers were under sniper fire. After 25 years with the Detroit Police Department, Cattaneo came to Fenton where he served as chief of police for 16 years, retiring in January of 2003. He died on May 16, 2013 at the age of 72.

According to history.com, here is what happened:

In the early morning hours of July 23, 1967, one of the worst riots in U.S. history broke out on 12th Street in the heart of Detroit's predominantly African-American inner city. By the time it was brought under control four days later by 7,000 National Guard and U.S. Army troops, 43 people were dead, 342 injured, and nearly 1,400 buildings had been burned.

By the summer of 1967, the predominantly African-American neighborhood of Virginia Park was ready to explode. Some 60,000 poor people were crammed into the neighborhood's 460 acres, living in squalor in divided and subdivided apartments. The Detroit Police Department, which had only about 50 African Americans at the time, was viewed as a white occupying army. The only other whites seen in the neighborhood commuted from the suburbs to run their stores on 12th Street.

At night, 12th Street was a center of Detroit inner-city nightlife, both legal and illegal. At the corner of 12th and Clairmount, William Scott operated an illegal after-hours club on weekends out of the office of the United Community League for Civic Action, a civil rights group. The police vice squad often raided establishments like this on 12th Street, and at 3:35 a.m. on Sunday morning, July 23, they moved against Scott's club.

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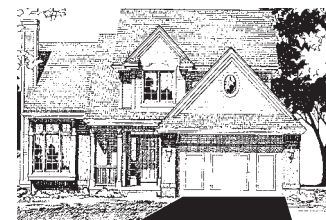
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Ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft are becoming mainstream transportation services, not only in large metropolitan cities but also in the tri-county area.

While Fenton, Linden and Holly are not officially Uber- or Lyft-designated cities, residents here can still use the services of nearby drivers in its closest service area of Flint, but the drivers aren't always as readily available as in larger cities.

"The time of day makes a difference locally," said Martin. "It's harder during the day when there aren't as many drivers available here. It's a chance you take."

Both Uber and Lyft are more readily available in Michigan's larger cities, including Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Lansing, Flint and the tri-city areas of Bay City, Saginaw and Midland.

Martin says he makes several runs to Detroit Metro (Airport), which typically costs a passenger about \$75. "I can also accept riders on my way back home," he said. "The app knows where I am and can find the passengers in need of a ride."

Ridesharing is typically more affordable than hailing a taxi, but not always. Several apps and websites can help you figure out your best financial advantage, including RideGuru and WhatsTheFare, according to Consumer Reports.

One of the huge benefits of ridesharing is that you pay upfront with PayPal or a credit card, so you don't have to fumble around finding cash at the last minute.

Tipping is always a big question for ridesharing passengers.

Lyft allows riders to tip either on their app or after the ride, with cash. One hundred percent of tips go to the driver. A tip can be added up to 72 hours after the ride is complete, according to its website.

Uber has always touted itself as a cashless experience, but just recently has given riders a chance to tip after they've rated their driver. If you've enjoyed your Uber experience, you can always ask the driver if he or she would like to accept a cash tip, according to Cnet.com. Passengers have up to 30 days after their ride to tip their driver.

"Most people are friendly," said Carey Eichelberg, 39, of Fenton. A 19-year employee of MTA Your Ride, he also drove for Uber and Lyft from 2014 to 2016. "You just want to be presentable,

clean and not scary and everything will go smoothly. You're picking up total strangers but I never had a problem. It's a fun job."

Ridesharing drivers are age 21 and older, and drivers currently in good standing, including insurance and registration, have been background-checked. Their vehicles must be 10 years old or newer, be a four-door car, truck or minivan and must pass a vehicle inspection.

Many people who travel for both business and pleasure are well acquainted with these ridesharing services.

"I mainly use it (Uber) for vacations and pleasure travel," said Nick Gethicker, 27, of Holly. "It's been great. It's a lot faster than trying to look up a taxi company's number, then waiting for dispatch to contact a driver. Plus, you know exactly the amount the ride will charge."

Gethicker has used Uber in New Orleans, Las Vegas and Detroit. "I've never had a bad experience," he said.

Ridesharing do's and don'ts:

• **Here's a gift for first-time riders:**

Your first ride with Uber and Lyft is free (up to \$15 on Uber and \$20 on Lyft). You can also get free rides by referring new passengers using a coupon code.

• **Don't make the driver wait** for you once they've arrived. Uber will begin to charge passengers by the minute for making a driver wait more than two minutes, beginning in August.

• **Text or call your driver** if the location is hard to find, like a hard-to-see house number or street.

• **Most passengers hop** into the rear seats, but if you prefer to ride in the front seat, check with your driver to make sure if that's OK.

• **Drivers use GPS** in their app to get riders where they need to go. If you'd like for them to take a different route than the Uber app, please tell them.

• **Another way of "tipping"** is to give your driver a good rating on the app. The driver will also be rating you as a passenger.

• **Be a good passenger** by cleaning your messes – snacks, wrappers, water bottles, etc. As soon as one rider is dropped off, they're on their way to pick up someone else and don't have time to clean the car.

• **Some drivers let** riders play their own music, or may have power cords available to charge their phones. Just ask your driver.

Source: The Detroit News

TORNADO

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It wasn't too long before we heard that the Lake Fenton game was going to start with just a short delay because of the storm. We never lost power at our home, so we were unaware just how bad things were.

The weather turned beautiful and we watched the entire football game. I don't recall anyone at the game even mentioning a tornado. Naturally, we were hungry after the game and decided to take our kids into Fenton to get some wings.

As we drove and got closer to the Owen Road exit from U.S. 23, we realized that there was no power anywhere. This was when we realized something really bad

had happened. We came upon roadblocks at every turn and watched in horror as we drove past the damage.

Being the police reporter at the time, I immediately went into work mode and began writing notes and taking as many photos as I could. The entire Times staff, who are all local residents, thought the same as me and for weeks, if not months, we covered the damage, cleanup, and restoration of our hometown.

We'd love to hear what you remember. Please share your stories and photos with us by emailing news@tctimes.com.

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Local township 'hotbed' for dangerous, invasive plant

■ Committee formed to brainstorm plan of action to combat pale swallow-wort

By Vera Hogan

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Rose Township has been dubbed "the hotbed" for a dangerous, invasive plant called pale swallow-wort.

According to Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider, it first started showing up about 10 years ago. People have been trying to treat it for the past five years. "But this year it is out of control," said Scheib-Snider.

The supervisor recently visited some Rose Township properties and took some photographs.

"It blew my mind looking at it," she said.

According to the state of Michigan, pale swallow-wort is an herbaceous, twining perennial vine growing up to 7 feet in length. The leaves are shiny medium-green to yellow and oval to heart-shaped with a pointed tip. It has small, star-shaped flowers that are pale pink to reddish brown with five petals and grow in clusters of six to 10 blooms.

The seed pods are milkweed-like and full of flat, brown seeds covered in fine, white hairs. Unlike black swallow-wort, pale swallow-wort plants have no rhizomes, which are continuously growing horizontal underground stems that put out lateral shoots and roots that grow in clumps with many stems.



COURTESY OF SUPERVISOR DIANE SCHEIB-SNIDER

Pale swallow-wort grow up to 7 feet in length. The leaves are shiny medium-green to yellow and oval to heart-shaped with a pointed tip. Also known as a dog-strangling vine, it is an invasive weed that has overcome Rose Township this year.

Pale swallow-wort is an upland vine tolerant of shade, sun and a variety of soil moistures. This plant can invade perennial crops, including pastures, tree farms and no-till fields.

"It can blow right into a vegetable garden," said Scheib-Snider. "Then you are forced to spray chemicals in the garden to get rid of it."

"It does not require sunshine to grow," she added. "I saw it in a wooded area that was totally covered with it. It gets really really long and it twists. It's so 'viney' it can actually trip you. It grows to be about 7 feet tall."

"I think they call it a dog strangler because animals can get caught in it," she said. "Imagine a 7-foot vine and hundreds



The seed pods are milkweed-like and full of flat, brown seeds covered in fine, white hairs, and they are toxic.

of them growing into each other. A child could get hurt, too."

According to Scheib-Snider, if the swallow-wort invasion in Rose Township isn't attacked as a whole, it will only get worse and spread more.

"If you treat yours and your neighbor doesn't, treating yours will have done no good," said Scheib-Snider.

The seeds are carried on the wind (like milkweed and cottonwood), or transported by water. The roots are toxic to mammals, including livestock. The plants are toxic to many insect larvae, including monarch caterpillars.

See SWALLOW-WORT on 9A

What you need to know about test driving a vehicle

By Laura Cipielewski

Director of Marketing, Dort Federal

One of the most important parts of buying a vehicle is the test drive. Be sure to follow these tips to help you make an informed buying decision.

Your next vehicle should meet the needs you require for your work commute, number of passengers and cargo needs. Think about the number of years you will need to drive the vehicle. Will you need to drive it for three to six years, maybe longer?

A proper test drive is the only way to ensure you get the right vehicle.

Complete these tests and ask yourself these questions to evaluate the vehicle before you even take it out on the road:

- Do I feel comfortable in the vehicle? Is there enough leg room? How about headroom?
- Can I move the seat into a position where I can see the road? Can I tilt the

wheel for a better fit?

- Can I properly set the rearview and exterior mirrors so I can eliminate blind spots?



Laura Cipielewski

- Does the heat, defrost and air-conditioning work properly? How about the windshield wipers? Are the tires in good shape?

- Are the car locks, audio, and alarm systems working properly? Is it easy to preset radio stations?

- Does the vehicle have smartphone or Bluetooth capabilities that I need to test?

Consider the comfort of your passengers. Sit in the passenger and back seats. Is there enough space? This will give you an idea of how easy is it for you or your passengers to get in and out of the vehicle. Are there climate controls and audio systems that you need to test? If you use a child's car seat, bring it with you to see how easy it is to install and make sure it fits.

Think about the cargo needs you may require. If you want your new vehicle to store your golf clubs bring them with you to the test drive. Do they fit inside the trunk or hatch area? Whatever your storage requirements are, you need to be able to easily load the items.

When you have completed this evaluation, you may discover a problem or service concern that will make you decide the actual test drive might not be worth your while!

However, if you had a great pre-road evaluation, then here are tips and items to consider while you are on the road:

If possible, conduct the test drive without the seller. If they insist on coming, politely tell them you need to have quiet time to listen for engine sounds and road noise. Make sure you go on a route that will be typical of the driving you intend to do. Take the test drive on both surface streets and the highway. A snowy or rainy day is a great day for a test drive to evaluate how the vehicle performs.

While you are driving, ask yourself the following questions:

- Does the car accelerate as quickly as I would like or expect?
- How do the brakes feel when stopping?
- Is there too much road noise?
- Does the steering feel too tight or loose? How does it handle on turns? Is the ride bumpy?
- On a manual transmission, is the clutch take-up light or heavy?
- On an automatic transmission, does it shift through the gears smoothly? Does it allow me to shift on my own or have multiple gear modes?
- Near the end of the test drive, try some of the car's controls, like the audio system, to see how distracting they are while driving.

Finally, a proper test-drive will take longer than the typical drive around the block. Give yourself adequate time to feel comfortable and confident that you are getting the best-suited vehicle possible for the long term.

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Linden daycare shut down for multiple violations

■ Owner can't operate family childcare facility without hearing

By Hannah Ball

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A Linden daycare license was summarily suspended on July 13 after investigators found that it violated the Childcare Organizations Act and administrative rules regarding family and group childcare homes.

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Bureau of Community and Health Systems issued an order of summary suspension and notice of intent to revoke the childcare certificate of registration from the daycare located on Murphy Street. A summary suspension means the operation is shut-down without a hearing.

Until any charges are filed and an arraignment takes place, the daycare owner's name is being withheld.

On July 13, the department investigated complaints at the daycare and found multiple violations. According to LARA, the department took emergency action to protect

the health, welfare, and safety of children.

The owner is prohibited from operating a family childcare home at any other address, and may not accept children for care. The owner must inform all the parents of children currently in her care that her certificate of registration has been suspended and that she can no longer provide childcare.

Jason Moon, media contact for LARA, said they cannot share any more details or information at this time.

The owner's certificate of registration, held since March 1, 1994, was for six children.

According to LARA, Michigan law defines a group childcare home as a private home in which more than six but not more than 12 minor children are given care and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian, except children related to an adult member of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption. Group childcare home is defined as a home that gives care to an unrelated minor child for more than four weeks during a calendar year.

The owner has the right to appeal the suspension and revocation.

Construction on Thompson begins Monday

■ Fenton Township will pay \$240,000 for \$1.3 million project

By Hannah Ball

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Part of Thompson Road, from U.S. 23 to Torrey Road, will be closed starting Monday, July 24 as the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRR) begins construction.

The road will be widened to add a center turn lane. Construction also will include drainage improvements, road construction and resurfacing.

Eastbound traffic will be able to use

the road, meaning drivers can still exit the highway and travel east on Thompson Road. Westbound traffic will be directed to Torrey Road and Grand Blanc Road for U.S. 23 access, and Torrey Road, Baldwin Road, and Linden Road for Thompson Road access, according to the GCRC.

The commission expects construction to be complete by Oct. 31 2017, and advises drivers to proceed with caution.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved funding for the project in November 2016. The township voted to enter into a cost participation agreement with the GCRC. The projected cost is a little over \$1.3 million, and the township will not spend over \$240,000 on the project.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
THERE ARE ROBOCALLS being made locally for a medical alarm. It is a scam. File a complaint at www.michigan.gov/ag. On the website's left side, under the photo.

■ ■ ■
AS THE OWNERS of a Dibbleville store, I have had to clean up vomit on the toilet seat and disgusting splatters in the bowl. I am trying to run a business, not be a janitor. Our restroom will remain closed to the public.

■ ■ ■
HAVE A GOOD high? That's not the point of a medical marijuana facility.

■ ■ ■
MY PROBLEM WITH the whole legal marijuana thing are the growers. Having lived by one, that constant odor is disgusting even with the filters. I have no desire to have that near my backyard again.

■ ■ ■
SO, OBAMA USES the UN, diplomacy and multi-national sanctions to get a verifiable halt to Iran's nuclear program, and that's bad. Trump uses and alienates friend and foe with huff and puff fake bravado and North Korea does test after test, each bigger than the one before and that's good?

■ ■ ■
THE SHOULDERS AND medians of our highways are looking cluttered, overgrown and a little weedy. They could use some attention.

■ ■ ■
I THINK SINCE most people disregard stop signs at the ends of their roads, we should put up a sign that says, 'turn at your own risk,' and when a person causes an accident because they don't look, they are at fault and are hauled off to jail.

■ ■ ■
WHO'S KIDDING WHO? Obama was involved in the Brexit, Israeli, Egyptian, French elections, the overthrow of the Libyan government and the overthrow of the elected Ukraine government, The Democrats are concerned about Russian involvement in our election? What a joke.

■ ■ ■
I DON'T CARE if you believe in climate change or not, I still don't want to breathe polluted air, I know too many non-smokers who grew up in the '50s, '60s and '70s with lung cancer, many died, also COPD, and other pulmonary issues.

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SWALLOW-WORT

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Scheib-Snyder says they have no idea how the invasive plant got to Rose Township. According to the state, pale swallow-wort is native to Ukraine and Southwestern Russia. In the United States, it has been distributed in New England, Wisconsin, Indiana, and it has been found in Toronto, Canada.

A committee was formed on Monday, July 17 to combat the problem in Rose Township. Its first goal is public awareness. They also are consulting with several experts, including MSU Extension and others and best ways to attack the problem and eradicate the invasive plant.

Scheib-Snyder referred to a newly cultivated hay field. If swallow-wort gets in there, the hay will be toxic. "There is a concern with horses in this area. The root is really toxic," she said.

Several years ago, the local area had to deal with another invasive plant called Purple Loosestrife. According to Scheib-Snyder, that problem was solved with the use of beetles.



The pale swallow-wort has small, star-shaped flowers that are pale pink to reddish brown with five petals and grow in clusters of six to 10 blooms.

"We just don't know yet how to treat it, whether beetles will work or some kind of chemical," she said.

Scheib-Snyder is inviting anyone interested to join the newly formed committee, and get on the list to receive the newsletter. To do so, contact the Rose Township offices at (248) 634-7551, or visit at 9080 Mason St., Holly. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

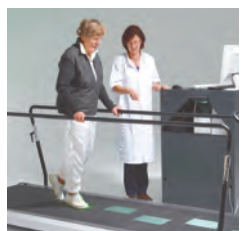
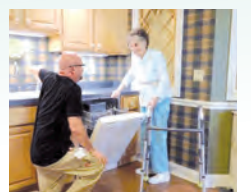
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A to Z

This is a weekly series encompassing a variety of things in the tri-county area from A to Z.



We all know that “The D” is slang for Detroit, but there are many words that start with the letter “D” that explain what life in the tri-county area is all about.

From “dogs” (the Koegel breed!) to doughnuts and dancing to disc golfing, we have a variety of foods and fun activities that we can identify with here in our communities.

But let’s look at some “D” words that really exemplify what we’re all about here in our special region of mid-Michigan.

Dibbleville/ downtowns

Fenton’s Dibbleville has come a long way from its earliest years in the mid-1830s when it was named after Clark Dibble, who settled here from New York in 1834. It was Fenton’s original business district and remains adjacent to Fenton’s oldest residential area.

Today, Dibbleville remains the city’s downtown business district, filled with historic buildings from the past with a new vibe of restaurants, boutiques, service businesses and retailers. The Streetscape Project in 2015 created an

award-winning area to walk, park, shop and dine.

One of the village of Holly’s economic strengths is its vibrant downtown, 100 percent full of retailers, antique shops and restaurants. It’s a mecca for weekend getaways and weekday business.

Linden’s downtown is filled with retailers and restaurants, and the promise of a newly-built Union Block to be resurrected soon. The original Union Block was destroyed by fire in 2007.

Dog days of summer

The ancient Romans called the hottest, most humid days of summer “dog days,” because they associated these days with the star Sirius.

Known as the “Dog Star,” it was the brightest star in the constellation and the Romans thought it radiated extra heat toward Earth.

While these ancient notions are no longer believed, the expression “dog days of summer” remains and usually means the hottest

days of summer. They may start anywhere from early July to mid-August and last anywhere from 30 to 61 days.

Dauner- Martin Nature Preserve

You’ll find this unique Fenton nature preserve at the “intersection” of city and country on Dauner Road, just east of LeRoy Street.

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Today, this sanctuary offers nearly 4½ miles of trails, diamond-marked for easy navigation, and is open to walkers and hikers. Bring

your mosquito spray and appropriate walking shoes for a memorable experience within the city of Fenton.

Drive-in theaters

Double features, talking popcorn and watching a movie with your kids in their pajamas are just a few of the reasons to visit the US 23 Drive-in on Fenton Road in Flint, just 15 minutes north of Fenton. It’s one of the last few remaining drive-in theaters in Michigan, decades after their heyday in the 1960s and early 1970s.

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Black bear sightings now common in Lower Peninsula

■ Most often seen getting into garbage cans and bird feeders

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If you're planning to travel to the northern area of the Lower Peninsula, you could see a black bear.

According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the black bear population in that area has increased 29 percent since 2012 and almost 50 percent since 2000.

Holly Vaughn, DNR wildlife communications coordinator, said, "Black bears are usually found a little north of Saginaw County, but not by much. If you draw a line across the state under Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin and Arenac/Bay counties, north of that line is where bears regularly occur. South of that line, bears are not as common, but they do occur."

Approximately 15,000 to 19,000 black bears, including cubs, roam northern Michigan. Currently, 90 percent live in the Upper Peninsula and the other 10 percent live in the Lower Peninsula, although the population in the Lower Peninsula is increasing.

Because of the population increase, the status of the black bear was elevated from pest to prized game species.



SIGHTINGS IN 2017:

The DNR is the governing body in charge of protecting the species as well as cataloging it.

"Often it is young male bears, about 2 years old, that are looking for hunting and breeding territories of their own. These youngsters usually are just wandering through and then they generally make their way back up to Northern Michigan," Vaughn said.

A black bear was spotted in Pentwater, which is located in west Michigan, in early June. Another black bear was spotted in Merrill in early June as well.

Both were spotted getting into bird feeders in backyards.

"These young bears are generally nothing to worry about, but it is important to remember not to provide easy food sources for them — put garbage out in bear-safe containers, or put it out the morning of trash pickup, don't leave pet food outdoors, bring in bird feeders when bears are near," she said. "When bears get used to easy food sources, they often become nuisances."

How to deter black bears:

In order to ensure you and your pets won't be bothered by black bears, you can take these precautions suggested by the DNR.

- **Take down all** of your bird feeders. Bears constantly roam for food, and will revisit a place if they find food there. If they don't find any food, they will move on.
- **If you see** a black bear, never feed it or approach it.
- **Keep your garbage** in a secure location. Bears will pick through trash to find food, and will return to the same spots if they find any.
- **Keep your dog** on a leash when letting them outside. Avoid interactions between your dogs and bears as much as possible.
- **If you see** a bear in your yard, make as much noise as possible. Most bears don't like being around humans and will move on if they hear loud noises.
- **Store grills inside** or keep them clean. Bears can smell the remains of whatever meat was cooked on the grill, and it will attract them.
- **If you keep** honeybees, keep the hive in a secure location.

“Often it is young male bears, about 2 years old, that are looking for hunting and breeding territories of their own.”

Holly Vaughn

Department of Natural Resources wildlife communications coordinator

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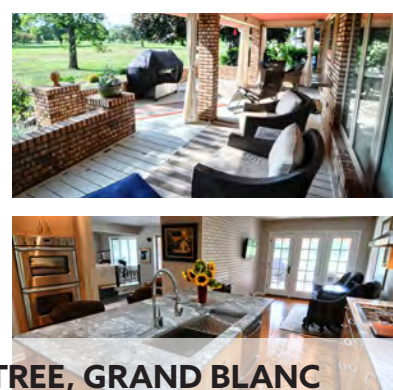
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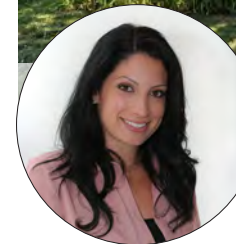
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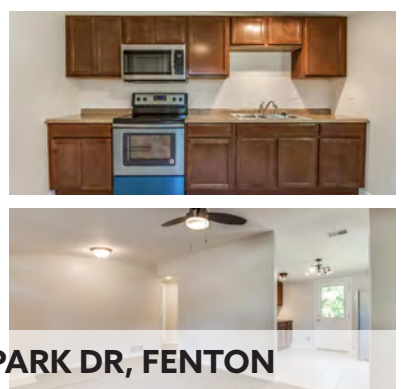
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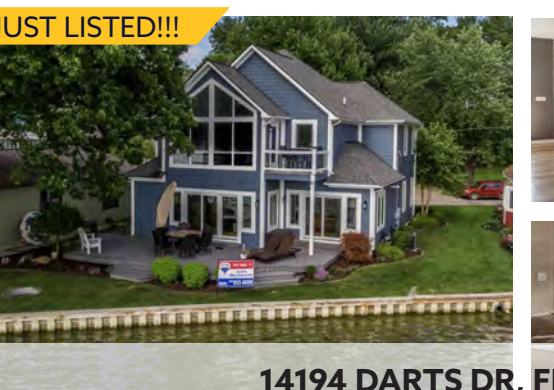
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HARVEY DENT

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Megan, 23, said, "How can you not want to adopt Harvey? I didn't have the greatest mother, honestly, so I kind of relate to Harvey in a way. He was one of the top for me. I was going to adopt a new dog anyway. It happened to be when he was here."

Megan and her husband have another dog, Bailey, 2, who they adopted from Adopt-A-Pet two years ago, so Harvey will have someone to play with. Megan is currently training to be a firefighter and hopes to work for the city of Fenton.

Since they brought Harvey home on Tuesday, Megan said he fit in very well with Bailey.

"We took them outside on leads to start with and they met each other and went right in the house," she said.

Harvey doesn't have many issues bumping into things.

"If you say 'stop,' he'll stop what he's doing and pay attention to where he's at. I've also noticed he runs his nose down the wall to see where the wall's at and then after he does that, he doesn't really have any problems," she said.

To prepare her home, they put Styrofoam on the corners of tables and other sharp corners.

"We've like baby-proofed the house," she said. "He's already pretty fine. The first night he was bumping into stuff but now he knows where all the doors are, finds his own food, gets on the bed."

"We are very excited and we love Harvey. He is a very happy puppy and a lot of fun. We are also glad we can give him a safe home," says Megan's husband Jacob.

Megan was one of 37 applicants who wished to adopt Harvey, said Jody Maddock, director of Adopt-A-Pet. Maddock interviewed several candidates and chose Megan and Jacob.

"She (Maddock) thought we were the right fit since he's never going to be alone, he has another dog to play with, and we have a fenced in yard," Megan said.

Megan added that Harvey has his own Instagram account, @adventuresofhar-

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Harvey Dent joined his new home with Megan Pawloski, her husband Jacob, and dog Bailey. Jody Maddock, Adopt-A-Pet executive director (left) was part of the entire process of interviewing candidates and making a selection.

veydent.

Maddock said they fit all the criteria and did research ahead of time. She also recognized that Megan felt very drawn to Harvey.

"We were seeing a completely new dog once his eyes were removed. He's out of pain and he has turned into a puppy. So what we have seen for the last three months was a very much more reserved, much more quiet dog and ... now he's got all this extra energy, this extra playfulness. He's naughty," Maddock joked.

She said they've received a few donations to pay for Harvey's medical expenses, including a \$1,000 donation on July 14, the day the Times broke the story.

Harvey's previous owner, Predrick Derrell Hurt, 44, of Flint, burned him on April 5 and abandoned him outdoors.

Named "Harvey Dent" by Genesee County Animal Control, based on the Batman character, the mixed-breed puppy sustained severe burns all over his head and the left side of his body.

The GCAC handed Harvey over to Adopt-A-Pet in May, and then the veterinarian technician, Alyssa Pennington, fostered Harvey and tended to his medical needs.

He had burns on his head and on the left side of his body. His eyes were so damaged they had to be removed, along with parts of his ears. When found, Harvey had an open gash on his left hip. Maddock previously said it looked like someone sprayed him with lighter fluid and set him on fire.

Harvey no longer needs pain medication or any future medical attention. He is as energetic as any other puppy.

Hurt was charged with animal cruelty. He received two years probation and was ordered to pay for Harvey's medical bills along with over \$2,000 for restitution and court fees.



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Harvey Dent, the mixed-breed puppy that sustained burns over his face and body, was adopted on Tuesday, July 18.

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Spotlight on:

CARING TRANSITIONS OF NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY

• New franchise business in Holly specializes in relocation, moving, downsizing and more

By Sally Rummel

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Debra Bordeau has spent her entire career as a Doctor of Optometry, with her own private practice, helping people in various stages of vision loss. She has opened her own franchise business, Caring Transitions of North Oakland County, with a desire to help others, while operating a business with integrity and high standards. She resides in Rose Township with her husband, son and five pets.

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As a Doctor of Optometry, how do you fit these two careers together?

I've enjoyed a rewarding career as



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Debra Bordeau of Rose Township is the owner of Caring Transitions, which assists individuals experiencing changes in their lives such as downsizing, moving, organizing and liquidating estates.

the doctor/owner of my private practice, but became very disillusioned with insurance issues and the denial of proper patient care. During my Fellowship in Low Vision at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, I worked extensively with patients in various stages of losing their vision. I learned about the loss and trauma of losing one's sight, much like the loss many seniors experience as they face the reality of leaving a home they have loved and lived in for many years.

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at this week in
NATIONAL HISTORY

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JULY 23

1984: Vanessa Williams, 21, gives up her Miss America title, the first resignation in the pageant's history, after Penthouse magazine announces plans to publish nude photos of the beauty queen in its September issue. Williams originally made history on Sept. 17, 1983, when she became the first black woman to win the Miss America crown.

JULY 24

2005: American cyclist Lance Armstrong wins a record-setting seventh consecutive Tour de France and retires from the sport. After Armstrong survived testicular cancer, his rise to cycling greatness inspired cancer patients and fans around the world. In 2012, he was stripped of his seven Tour titles after being charged with the systematic use of performance-enhancing drugs.

JULY 25

1978: Louise Joy Brown, the world's first baby to be conceived via in vitro fertilization (IVF) is born at Oldham and District General Hospital in Manchester, England, to parents Lesley and Peter Brown. The healthy baby was delivered shortly before midnight by caesarean section. She weighed in at 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

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Choosing the right DENTIST

■ You and your dentist will have a long-term health partnership, so you'll want to pick wisely

By Sally Rummel

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Your teeth are meant to last a lifetime, and a partnership with a dentist you trust will help you accomplish that goal. Regular exams and cleanings will also maximize your overall health as your dentist and doctor work with you as health partners.

Everyone has his or her own criteria when it comes to choosing a dentist. Some may seek a family oriented practice while others might look for a hi-tech office with all the latest equipment. Still others might look for a particular specialty, from gentle dentistry to a niche in the cosmetic dentistry field.

Here are several questions to ask as a starting point on the search for a new dentist:

QUESTION #1 – Does the dentist participate in your dental

health plan?

QUESTION #2 – What is the dentist's approach to preventive dentistry?

QUESTION #3 – Where was the dentist educated and trained?

QUESTION #4 – What type of anesthesia does the dentist use for pain management and relaxation during dental treatments?

QUESTION #5 – How are after-hour emergencies handled? Is there another dentist on call?

QUESTION #6 – What are the fees for common procedures like X-rays, oral exams and cleanings, filling a cavity, etc.? What payment plans are available?

QUESTION #7 – What is the office policy on missed appointments?

QUESTION #8 – How often does the dentist attend conferences and continuing education workshops?

QUESTION #9 – Are office hours and location convenient for your schedule?

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A young cowboy falls off a sheep after trying to hold on as long as possible.

Youngest cowboys and cowgirls take the stage

■ Gaines Community Rodeo showcases barrel racing, bull riding and much more

By Hannah Ball

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Gaines — From July 14 to 16, the Gaines Community Rodeo hosted the Flying Star Rodeo for the third year with a mix of professional rodeo athletes, cowboys and cowgirls.

The annual Gaines rodeo is hosted by the Knight of Columbus Council 12186 of Gaines a not-for profit organization that donates proceeds back to the community and to different community charities.

The professional rodeo featured adults trying to hold on as a horse tried to buck them off, barrel racing, chasing steers, bareback riding, and more. In the Little Britches competition, younger competitors took to the field and did the same events, sometimes at an easier level.

The kids tied goats, raced around barrels and roped calves. Instead of a bull, the youngest competitors rode sheep for as long as they could. The older kids rode steers.

Stephen Maciborski, 11, competed in

five different events with his horse, John.

He said his favorite is "dally ribbon." It's when you have a runner and you have a roper. The roper ropes the calf and dallyes, and holds the calf there. There's a ribbon on the tail of the calf so the runner gets the tail and runs it back."

He's been competing in rodeos for six years.

According to Committee Chairman Brian Wendt, Friday night brought in approximately 900 people and the Saturday rodeo drew an audience of approximately 1,600.



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This is the third year the Gaines Community Rodeo has hosted The Flying Star Rodeo.



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A cowboy gets the rope around the calf's neck, successfully completing the event. Roping calves is a popular event at rodeos.

Spotlight on:

NORTHERN OAK BREWERY

• Owners describe their Holly business as a 'brewery with good food'

By Sally Rummel

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Northern Oak Brewery in Holly opened its doors almost two years ago, and has already established itself as a serious competitor in the world of craft beers.

"We expect our beer production to double in 2017, over 2016," said Ed Krupa, president.

This weekend, the brewery is participating in the Summer Beer Festival in Ypsilanti, and they'll be rounding out their summer and fall with events in Ludington, Bay City, the Eastern Market in Detroit, among others.

The goal of the owners of this brewery/eatery is to earn a name for themselves across the state and beyond.

"We're trying to get our name out there," said Krupa. "We won a gold medal for our Moustache Stout at the Franken-



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Northern Oak Brewery in Holly is doubling its beer production from 2016. (Back, from left) Drew Stark, vice president; Margo McDaniel, shareholder; and Ed Krupa, president. (Front, from left) Jeff Coon, brewmaster; and Richard Opatik, shareholder.

mouth World Expo of Beer in May."

Since opening in September, 2015, Northern Oak Brewery has grown and expanded under its current ownership. Three are daily operations managers, including Krupa, Jeff Coon, who is also the brew master and Andrew Stark, vice president and treasurer. Also involved in the business are Richard and Kathy Opatik and Bill and Margo McDaniels.

"Our business is expanding," said

Krupa. "We just picked up our third distributor, Hubert Distributors, which is getting us throughout Oakland County, plus J.P. O'Sullivan Distributors, who are covering us up to Bay City and Alpena Beverage, from Bay City to Mackinac. We've got the eastern side covered."

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Compiled by Vera Hogan

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Chicken owner pleads 'not guilty'

Fenton Township man is fighting for the right to keep chickens on his property.



Linden shooting plot defendant gets last chance

Judge Joseph Farah lays into parents for 'having done nothing good' for their son

Tuber injured in boat accident on Marl Lake

Father of Davison boy ticketed for allowing minor to drive personal watercraft that resulted in a young girl's injury.

RACE RIOTS

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That night, the establishment was hosting a party for several veterans, including two servicemen recently returned from Vietnam, and the bar's patrons were reluctant to leave. Out in the street, a crowd began to gather as police waited for paddy wagons to take the 85 patrons away.

Tensions between area blacks and police were high at the time, partly because of a rumor (later proved to be untrue) that police had shot and killed a black prostitute two days before. Then a rumor began to circulate that the vice squad had beaten one of the women being arrested.

An hour passed before the last prisoner was taken away, and by then about 200 onlookers lined the street. A bottle crashed into the street. The remaining police ignored it, but then more bottles were thrown, including one through the window of a patrol car. The police fled as a riot erupted.

Within an hour, thousands of people had spilled out onto the street. Looting began on 12th Street, and some whites arrived to join in. Around 6:30 a.m., the first fire broke out, and soon much of the street was set ablaze. By midmorning, every police officer and firefighter in Detroit was called to duty. On 12th Street, officers fought to control the mob. Firemen were attacked as they tried to battle the flames.

Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanaugh asked Michigan Gov. George Romney to send in the state police, but these 300 more officers could not keep the

riot from spreading to a 100-block area around Virginia Park. The National Guard was called in shortly after but didn't arrive until evening. By the end of the day, more than 1,000 were arrested, but still the riot kept growing. Five people were dead.

On Monday, 16 people were killed, most by police or guardsmen. Snipers fired at firefighters, and fire hoses were cut. Romney asked President Lyndon Johnson to send in U.S. troops. Nearly 2,000 army paratroopers arrived on Tuesday and began patrolling the street in tanks and armored carriers. Ten more people died that day, and 12 more on Wednesday.

On Thursday, July 27, order was finally restored. More than 7,000 people were arrested during the four days of rioting. A

total of 43 were killed. Some 1,700 stores were looted and nearly 1,400 buildings burned, causing \$50 million in property damage. Some 5,000 people were left homeless.

The so-called 12th Street Riot was reportedly the worst U.S. riot in 100 years.



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Why victims don't report sexual assault

■ YWCA counselor says pressure and legal system are deterrents

By Hannah Ball

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With the recent buzz surrounding the Bill Cosby sexual assault scandal, one question seems to arise often — why didn't these women come forward about Cosby assaulting them earlier?

Ann Kita, counseling and outreach coordinator at the YWCA of Greater Flint, said there are a few reasons why someone might not come forward after they've been sexually assaulted.

"A lot of victims feel that they are to blame, that they did something wrong," she said. "They start asking 'why' questions to themselves." These are questions like "why did I go to the party?" or "why did I drink that much?" This way, the blame is placed on them, Kita said.

"It's that shameful feeling that comes across, like they made that mistake," she said.

Sexual assault and rape also occurs between people who are together or married. Kita said in this situation, it's considered domestic violence and the question asked is "who's going to believe me anyway?"

She said if a woman tells her friends and family that her husband assaulted her, it becomes a battle of "he said, she said." If that guy is charming and nice around other people, their friends and family might not believe the woman.

Kita said simply telling the story of the assault can be a deterrent to reporting it. "Would you feel comfortable telling a complete stranger and living that over again? Usually, the answer is no," she said.

It can get even more stressful with the criminal justice system. Only six out of every 1,000 rapists will be incarcerated, according to the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN). Kita said the survivor first has to tell the officer that they were assaulted. Then that officer asks questions and has to obtain detailed information.

"If the criminal justice system is going to prosecute, that complaint goes to a detective. Then the detective has to again ask and they go through an interview," she said. "That's retelling the story again

to a stranger."

If the prosecutor decides to take the case, then the prosecutor has to hear the story. Kita said from the time the incident occurs to the time it's on the prosecutor's desk, it's already been maybe five or six months.

"You're talking half of someone's year and we're not even to prosecution yet, we're not even to trial," she said. Then during the trial, the survivor has to tell a jury of 12 people that they don't know a very intimate and private trauma.

"Then you get to the defense attorney who is going to do their job minimizing everything," she said. "It's humiliating, it's extremely humiliating."

The likelihood of not getting a conviction is also a deterrent.

"If you get a good prosecutor, you're going to get a conviction, but there's no guarantee. It's extremely stressful," she said.

If a victim decides they don't want to go through all that and testify on the stand, Kita said they have to be respectful as a society and not force them. Kita said it's not the victim's job to get their attacker off the street.

It can be even harder to report an assault if the attacker is well known, like Bill Cosby. Kita said when people like basketball players, football players or other celebrities are accused of sexual assault, are accused of rape, there's a lot of disbelief.

"Society says there's no way somebody like that could do something like that. But it's the complete opposite," she said.

Kita said Cosby was the favorite TV dad and people defended him because of his notoriety.

"It's those people who have some sort of power or prestige and they are going to utilize that tool to get society on their side," she said. "Sexual assault, it knows no boundaries."

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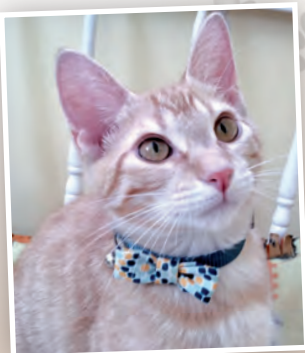
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taxable value of your property. The taxable value is approximately 50 percent of the market value. So, if your home is worth about \$100,000 on the market, the taxable value would be approximately \$50,000. Likewise, if your home is worth \$200,000 on the market, the taxable value would be about \$100,000.

In the city of Fenton, taxes are paid in the summer (July 1 bill) and in the winter (Dec. 1 bill). The summer bill includes school and other city taxes. According to Fenton's charter, tax dollars for use by the city cannot be taken from the winter taxes. Properties with a taxable value of \$50,000 are levied a total (summer and winter) of \$2,074.68 per year. Those with a taxable value of \$100,000 are levied a total of \$4,149.88 in taxes per year.

That's on a property owner's principal residence. If someone owns additional properties, such as vacation homes, rental homes, commercial and industrial properties, that property owner pays not only the taxes on their principal residence, but an additional 18 mills for each additional property. That 18 mills is called the SO tax (school operating tax) and goes directly to the schools.

Eighteen mills represents \$900 per year for additional properties with a taxable value of \$50,000, and \$1,800 for additional properties with a taxable value of \$100,000.

The county millages that property owners pay are voter approved. The Genesee District Library millage is among those.

The Genesee District Library (GDL) is a public library system serving the residents of Genesee County, Michigan. The GDL service area covers all communities within the county with the exception of the city of Flint, which is served by the Flint Public Library.

The GDL system consists of 19 locations, and includes services such as: Robert T. Bolo Business Center (Grand Blanc-McFarlen) and Talking Book Center Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (Headquarters).

More than one million visits are made annually to the GDL for books, movies, music, technology, and programs. Residents within the service area also have online access to books and music.

Funding is provided through a .99770 countywide millage (excluding the city of Flint). The remaining revenue comes from fees and fines, state aid, grants and gifts.

Genesee County seniors also benefit through a countywide millage.

The Genesee County Office of Senior Services oversees the senior millage dollars to area senior centers and contracted service providers to ensure quality services and programming for the senior citizens of Genesee County.

There are 15 senior citizen centers located throughout Genesee County. Operations are partially or fully funded with senior millage funds. The annual millage rate for senior services is .70, or \$35 per year for a home with a taxable value of \$50,000, or \$70 for a home with a taxable value of \$100,000.

The remaining charges are as follows:

News briefs

FIRST RESPONDERS BLESSING AND BBQ

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church at 2439 S. Long Lake Rd. in Fenton is inviting any and all first responders to take part in the First Responders Blessing and BBQ on **Sunday, July 23**. The blessing is set for 11:20 a.m. Every year, the Orthodox Church blesses vehicles in honor of St. Elijah, the prophet who left the world on a fiery chariot. This year, along with the traditional blessing of vehicles, they are inviting local responders to get their police cars, ambulances and fire trucks blessed. Following the regular Sunday Divine Liturgy service, a short memorial service will be held for all of our departed police and firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty. A short prayer service will also be held. The cookout will immediately follow.

TAX BREAKDOWN

(1 mill equals \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value.)

- State Education Tax (6 mills)
- School Debt (5.78 mills)
- School Building and Site (.917 mills)
- Genesee Intermediate Operating (.4134 mills)
- Genesee Intermediate Vocational Ed (.9624 mills)
- Genesee Intermediate Special Ed (2.4068 mills)
- Mott Community College Operating (1.9896 mills)
- Mott Community College Debt (.82 mills)
- Genesee County Operating (5.5072 mills)
- City of Fenton Operating (10.3593 mills)
- Genesee County Senior Services (.70 mills)
- Genesee County Health Service (1 mill)
- Genesee County Parks and Rec (.75 mills)
- Genesee County Paramedics (.4847 mills)
- Genesee County Veterans (.10 mill)
- MSU Extension (.04 mill)
- Genesee County Animal Control (.20 mills)
- Genesee District Library (.99770)
- Bishop Airport (.4847 mills)
- Southern Lakes Parks and Rec (.3678 mills)
- MTA (1.225 mills)

Source: Data provided by the city of Fenton

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WOULD LIKE to say thank you to the kind person who stopped to move the baby deer that was killed and laying in the middle of the road in Linden. It was so heartbreaking to see and I am sure it bothered some children. City of Linden owes you a thank you for doing this job for them.

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KID ROCK IS yet another joke candidate who Stabenow will crush like a bug, just like she did to Mike Bouchard and Pete Hoekstra.

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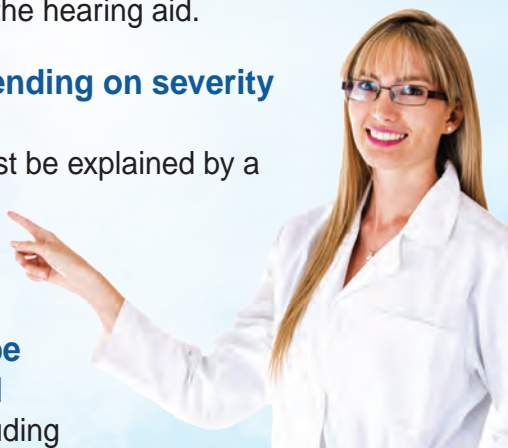
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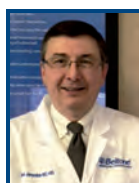
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Kids using technology — it comes with a price

■ Too much during early years can harm social skills, hearing, health, eyesight and more

By Hannah Ball

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Technology is a convenient method of keeping your kids entertained, but it comes with a cost.

Smartphones have only been around for approximately a decade and doctors have seen the effects of this technology on children.

Paul Chrenka, M.D. and physician at The Children's Office in Fenton and Flint, said staring at a screen too much could certainly cause problems in the future.

"Kids used to go out and play, moving around, burning energy using their muscles, and develop hand-eye coordination. Now they're inside all day, just staring at their phone," he said.

This causes problems with development.

Too much screen time causes eyestrain, which will cause more eye problems in the future. Listening to too loud of music, usually using headphones, can cause hearing loss.

Chrenka said the American Academy of Pediatrics found that one in six adolescents have high frequency hearing loss because of long exposure to high volumes. Any kind of headphones will make it worse, as will going to concerts too frequently.

"Wearing headphones, nobody should be able to hear your music. If they do, it's too loud. It should be at a volume where they can hear people around them having conversations," he said.

Too much technology causes social and development problems for children because they aren't getting face-to-face interaction with their friends.

"They're not developing the social skills they should be," he said. "It's more isolating. That's never happened before in the history of humankind."

The isolation is a big concern because humans are very social creatures. Chrenka also said there haven't been enough studies done of how technology has caused an increase in social development disorders, like autism.

Too much technology can also hurt creativity.

"We always say 'when I was a kid, I didn't have those devices,' but when things got boring in summertime, that's when we got creative," he said. Being bored forces you to entertain yourself.

Chrenka said it's not good for development when kids don't have to entertain themselves.

He said getting less exercise is having a huge impact on children.

"When I was a kid, there was nothing



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Too much technology can be harmful to children's health.

interesting to do in the house. We would go outside and play in the snow and have a snowball fight. We could stay outdoors for hours," he said. "Instead, kids are playing video games."

Because kids are spending more time with electronics, childhood obesity rates have risen.

"Too many wrong calories are going in and not enough calories are going out, meaning not enough exercise," he said.

He said for the first time ever, the lifespan for children is shorter than their parents and that's because of obesity. "We need to move things in the right direction," he said.

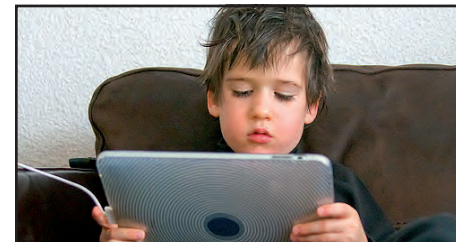
Using their hands to text and operate their phones a lot throughout the day can

also cause issues like carpal tunnel later in life.

"We don't diagnose a lot of problems with that, but I imagine as they get older, chronically holding their fingers in certain positions is not going to be good for them either," he said.

At his office, he recommends children have only an hour of screen time a day.

"Certainly you want to be under two hours a day," he said. "It's going to be much healthier for them."



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Paul Chrenka, M.D. and physician at The Children's Office in Fenton, recommends kids only have one hour of screen time a day.

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Meet
'**BONNIE
SUE**'

- Eggs-traordinary laying hen
- 'Friends of the Fowl' member, Fenton chapter

By Vera Hogan

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Bonnie Sue is a Rhode Island Red laying hen. She lives in a lovely coop in the big backyard of a home in the city of Fenton. She has a hardy temperament and lays about 260 delicious brown eggs every year.

How did you get the name Bonnie Sue?

I am proud to have been named after two of the coolest chicks in the 48430 zip code. They know how to get things done and they don't care if they ruffle a few feathers.

What came first, the chicken or the egg?

Are you serious? I can't believe people are still asking, but OK, this age-old question really has a simple answer. If you consult with the Institute for Creation Research (icr.org) you will learn that according to the Creator of chickens (which would be God), and the author of the Record of their origins (which would be the Bible), chickens came first. It was on the Fifth Day of Creation Week that He created "every winged fowl after (their) kind" (Genesis 1:21) complete with the DNA to reproduce that kind. Then He "blessed them, saying, be fruitful, and multiply" (v.22) using that DNA. For the



You know that great human scholar that wrote 'Green Eggs and Ham?' He was right. It's really a thing.

Bonnie Sue

chickens this meant lay chicken eggs.

Problem solved. Good grief!

Don't you need a rooster to lay eggs?

Here we go again! No, we do not. This is a common misconception. A rooster is needed to fertilize the eggs to hatch them into baby chicks. Hens will lay just as many eggs whether there is a rooster around or not. It's not unlike humans. You need your human 'rooster' to fertilize the eggs that eventually become human babies. I think roosters in general are pretty useless. They're always crowing about something, they are noisy and always complaining about being hen-pecked. No, thank you.

How do you know which laying hens lay white, brown or other color eggs?

The answer is very simple. White-feathered chickens with white ear lobes lay white eggs and red-feathered ones with red ear lobes lay brown eggs. This

may not apply to all breeds, however.

There are certain chickens that even lay speckled eggs, green and blue eggs. You know that great human scholar that wrote 'Green Eggs and Ham?' He was right. It's really a thing.

Why did the chicken cross the road?

Cackle, cackle cackle! That's the oldest joke in the world. But here in the

Fenton area, where many people don't appear to be able to take a joke, the answer would probably be, "To get from Fenton Township to the city of Fenton where all chickens are allowed to live and lay eggs in peace and harmony wherever they live."

What is your biggest pet peeve?

When people say to other people, 'I'd like to wring your neck.' Or, 'What's the matter, you chicken or something?' That is so not nice. I also don't like being all cooped up during the winter. I don't mind the cold and snow, but it is nice to get out in the warm sunshine and roam around our pen freely.

Does it bother you that humans eat millions of chicken eggs every morning?

Not at all, it makes me proud to know my work here is appreciated and worthwhile. Although I would never condone eating my own young, I do have to say that Eggs Benedict, with two lovely poached eggs on an English muffin topped with a delightful Hollandaise sauce looks absolutely marvelous. Is it as delish as it looks?

How long will you be laying eggs?

I plan to lay eggs for five to seven more years before retiring. Unless I become someone's Sunday supper, chickens have a lifespan of about 20 years and I plan to live each one of them.

What is something you've always wanted to know but were afraid to ask?

Yikes! OK! What does barbecue sauce taste like?

LOOKING BACK

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JULY 26

1984: Ed Gein, a serial killer famous for skinning human corpses, dies of complications from cancer in a Wisconsin prison at age 77. Gein served as the inspiration for writer Robert Bloch's character Norman Bates in the 1959 novel "Psycho," which in 1960 was turned into a film directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

JULY 27

1981: Adam John Walsh, age 6, is abducted from a mall in Hollywood, Florida, and later found murdered. In the aftermath of the crime, Adam's father, John Walsh, became a leading victims' rights activist and host of the long-running television show, America's Most Wanted. Early in the afternoon on July 27, Adam entered a Sears department store with his mother, Reve. She allowed him to watch a group of older boys play video games in the toy department while she shopped nearby. When she returned for him less than 10 minutes later, he was gone. Investigators learned a teenage security guard had asked the

older children to leave because they were causing trouble. Adam, reportedly a timid child who might have been afraid to speak up, followed one of the older boys out and didn't tell the guard his mother was in the store. He was likely kidnapped outside the store after the other child left.

JULY 28

1814: Poet Percy Bysshe Shelley elopes with 17-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin on this day, despite the fact that he was already married. Shelley and Godwin fled to Europe, marrying after Shelley's wife committed suicide in 1816. While living in Geneva, the Shelleys and their dear friend Lord Byron challenged each other to write a compelling ghost story. Only Mary Shelley finished hers, later publishing the story as "Frankenstein."

JULY 29

1976: The so-called "Son of Sam" pulls a gun from a paper bag and fires five shots at Donna Laurie and Jody Valenti of the Bronx while they are sitting in a car, talking. Laurie died and Valenti was seriously wounded in the first in a series of shootings by the serial killer, who terrorized New York City over the course of the next year

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LF football working this summer to be better in the fall

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — There will be some changes this year when the Lake Fenton varsity football team takes the field in late August.

Led by players like Trent Hillger and Andrew Foerster, the Blue Devils had a strong and

experienced squad a season ago. This year, that will change, at least a little bit as a new cycle of Blue Devils get their chance to prove their abilities. And their first chances to do that come during the summer.

The Blue Devils ran a second straight 7-on-7 session with Flushing High School on Tuesday. During it, some of those new faces got a chance to work themselves into a varsity mindset. Lake

Fenton varsity football coach Eric Doyle is not a rookie to the summer scene. He's been head coach at Lake Fenton for eight years and is in his 13th season overall with the program, so he knows how much the summer sessions truly mean.

"This is a necessary evil," Doyle said. "It's fun to get out here and get some things done but to put any stock into it — I don't

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David's Dabblings

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



SORRY U.K., IT'S STILL THE BRITISH OPEN TO ME

When I was a kid, I was a true sports junkie.

My wife would probably say I still am, but I can honestly say I'm not as bad today as I was when I was in my school years and early 20s. At that time, I would watch just about every single game that was on television for the "big four" sports — baseball, football, basketball and hockey. I certainly tried to never miss a Detroit sports game for those sports. When the playoffs came for those sports, it was never-ending.

Just like most sports nuts, my enthusiasm didn't stop there. When it came to the majors for most of the other sports, that was must-watch TV as well. In tennis, that meant all the grand slams. In racing, I would watch the Indy 500 and the Daytona 500 at the very least during the season.

Another one of those sports I loved watching was golf, particularly the majors. Back in the day, we didn't have a Golf Channel like we do now. Back in 1980 (an example), if I wanted to watch the Bob Hope Desert Classic, it meant watching about two hours of coverage on Saturday and watching the final groups play about six holes on Sunday. I remember hoping for bad weather, so that when the coverage would start, maybe the leaders would be just at the turn or something like that — it meant more coverage.

One time I really enjoyed golf was during the majors. That's because when they came, some actually had increased coverage. That was particularly true with the U.S. Open which seemingly allowed you to watch about five hours of coverage on Saturday and Sunday. I loved watching most of the key contenders play most of their round on TV. And to a certain extent that was true for the British Open.

I remember enjoying the British Open because of the time it was played. Obviously, being held in the UK, that meant the day's events ended relatively early in the day here in the good ol' US. I loved the different weather conditions and seeing the links style courses. But more than anything, I probably enjoyed that my favorite golfer, Tom Watson, was pretty

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Lake Fenton's Ethan Dunkel

Mitch is 'the man' for Fenton athletics

School's athletic trainer of 20 years honored at recent awards ceremony

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When one thinks of the last 20 years of Fenton High School athletics, a few images pop into mind.

There are visions of state championship track performers and deep state tournament runs in girls and boys soccer.

There are visions of Metro League football titles and great football playoff victories. There are also images of the coaches that have been around during that time.

However, one other vision probably hit a lot of people's minds, particularly if you were an athlete over those 20 years — and that is an image of Fenton's longtime athletic trainer Mitch Smelis.

Smelis was recently honored for his service by earning the Michigan Athletic Training Society's (MATS) Secondary Schools Athletic Trainer of the Year award for his two decades of service with Fenton athletics.

"I'm appreciative of the support and recognition, but at the same time, I want to support and recognize the people that have helped me along the way," Smelis said. "It takes a team to do it and I've had great support."

"He's such an invaluable resource for our kids and for our coaches," Fenton's athletic director Mike Bakker said. "He brings flexibility to our program from a sports medicine standpoint. The kids have built a level of trust in him and a confi-



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Mitch Smelis has been Fenton High School's athletic trainer for 20 years. He was recently won the Michigan Athletic Training Society's Secondary Schools Athletic Trainer of the Year award.

dence in his abilities, and with our coaches as well. It helps make us a complete program because they know that Mitch has their best interest involved, and he's going to do everything he can to get them back on the field to play. ... He's built that rapport with the kids and coaches, so he can be trusted."

Smelis at Fenton

Smelis will be the first to admit when he came to Fenton he didn't think he'd be at his position for 20 years. In fact, the

athletic director at that time, Scott Thurlow, thought that would be the case as well.

"When I took the position in 1997 they had gone through three athletic trainers with each being one (year) and done," Smelis said. "I thought I'd be one and done. Thurlow said he wasn't going to get to know me because he said I was only going to be here for a year and then be gone. I said I was going to come back

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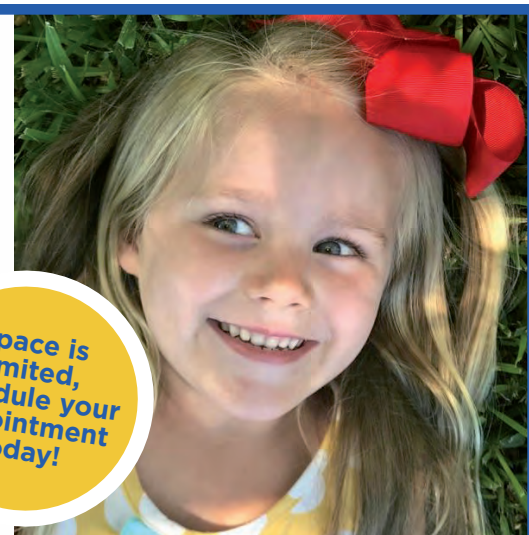
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Sarkon, 13 other Linden graduates preparing for college athletics careers

By David Troppens
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Aaron Sarkon is excited about advancing his academic career at Albion College this fall.

The fact he gets to advance his athletic career as a member of the Albion College Britons' football team is just a huge bonus.

Sarkon was one of 14 Linden athletes who declared their college decisions during a college signing day at the end of the 2016-17 academic school season.

The others were Sterling DeGayner (Cornerstone University), Morgan Fitch (St. Clair Community College), Alia Frederick (Eastern Michigan University), Kim Freitas (Albion College), Jaylen Matney (Calvin College), Emma O'Keefe (Alma College), Maidson Paige (Anderson University), Emily Pearce (Mott Community College), Danny Pudduck (Cleary University), Ryker Rivera (Mott Community College), Aaron Steedman (Davenport University), Jaylin Steedman (Davenport University) and Maddie Zayan (Davenport University). Half of the athletes were detailed in a previous story. The other seven will be discussed in some detail in today's story.

Sarkon is one of the many strong starting quarterbacks the Eagles have had since going to a spread offense over about the last 15 seasons. Sar-

kon completed 150-of-242 passes for 2,397 yards and 21 touchdowns during his senior season. He also rushed for 469 yards and 12 TDs.

"It means a lot," Sarkon said. "I am using Albion as the foundation for my academics, but I'm really happy to go there to play football and continue my passion."

Sarkon was looking at a lot of the Great Lakes Athletic Conference state schools, along with Albion College and Olivet College.

"Albion gave me the best combination of athletics and academics," Sarkon said. "It was the right choice for me."

One other Linden graduate is headed to Albion College. Kim Freitas was a four-year varsity performer, playing several positions during her time with the softball team. However, she was best known as a catcher. Freitas batted .396 during her senior year, collecting 11 doubles and a triple among her 59 hits. She helped the Eagles break many school offensive records this spring.

The Fenton/Linden co-op boys lacrosse team is still a young squad, but the program is producing college-bound athletes. This season Jaylen Matney is headed to Calvin University and Danny Pudduck is headed to Cleary University to play men's lacrosse.

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Aaron Sarkon dives toward the end zone in a Linden game last fall. Sarkon will continue his football career at Albion College in the fall.



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Lake Fenton's Jackson Nevadomski throws a ball downfield during Tuesday's 7-on-7 session with Flushing.

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put any stock into it. It vaguely looks like football to me.

"There is a lot more teaching this year. We go in cycles. We go young, bring those kids along. I won't say we aren't as young as we have been in the past. We graduated a lot but we still have a lot of kids that have played a lot of football."

One of those players that returns is the team's starting quarterback Jackson Nevadomski. The lefty returns and got a chance to work on his throwing during the Flushing 7-on-7.

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MITCH

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for a year and a day just to prove him wrong. But one year turned into two years and it kept going. The community grew on me. That's when I met my wife, who is a teacher in the district. Now we live here and our kids are in (Fenton) schools."

During his time at Fenton, Smelis became the first one to bring concussion testing and monitoring to Genesee County. He also was chosen to be part of a pilot study on concussion management with the Michigan High School Athletic Association. He's also a certified CPR, First Aid and Basic Life Support instructor with the American Heart Association. And he's apparently a great mentor as well. The same year Smelis was honored, an ex-student as-

sistant, Emilee (Anderson) VanHoven was awarded with the Distinguished Service Award.

Smelis continues to enjoy his time at Fenton.

"I'm getting kids from the parents I initially (trained as athletes)," Smelis said. "The trust is there and it helps things move forward. If someone has an injury now we do what it takes to get them back on the field, but we also look at the big picture. We want to make them productive members of the community down the line. There are the old people who are out there that talk about their 'trick' knee from an ACL they suffered on a game-winning touchdown. We try to make sure we are not setting them up for future problems by just looking at short-term goals, but the long-term goals as well."

DABBLINGS

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darn good on links courses, meaning if he didn't win the British Open (he won five of them), he usually was in contention.

But, to me, the British Open was just that back in the day, the British Open. We all called it that. Now, over the last 10 or so years, there seems to be this push to call it The Open, particularly from our friends on the other side of the pond.

Okay, I get it. It is the oldest tournament in golf history and at the time it was called 'The Open' since there was no other national tournament it had to distinguish itself from. But even as early as 1900 there are references as it being the 'English' open, and eventually the British Open. For about 40 years of my

life I was able to call it that without feeling the shivers of UK golf enthusiasts too worried about it. But now, calling it the British Open to the wrong crowd probably could result in worse arguments than those between Democrats and Republicans discussing the 2016 presidential election.

And now we are seeing the same thing with Wimbledon with it being called simply, 'The Championships.' It seems the United Kingdom, and specifically England, is suffering from an inferiority complex.

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