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2016 **NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR**

\$1.3-million Thompson Road project has begun



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The Genesee County Road Commission began work on Thompson Road between U.S. 23 and Torrey Road in Fenton Township last week. The project was bid at \$1.3 million and includes three stages. Work is expected to be completed by November. Here, vehicles travel eastbound on Monday, July 31, while westbound traffic is detoured around the construction.

Pizza Hut coming back to Owen Road

■ Developer has gained site plan approval; Qdoba and Starbucks may be among other tenants

By Vera Hogan

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It's really going to happen. The former Big Boy and Pizza Hut

buildings on Owen Road in Fenton are going to be razed to make way for a retail mall, developed by Doraid Markus of Markus Management Group LLC in Birmingham.

According to Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly, Markus obtained Fenton Planning Commission

See **PIZZA HUT** on 8

Local state rep taking heat for Twitter post

■ Calls out fellow Republicans for failing to repeal Obamacare

By Sharon Stone; sstone@tctimes.com

State Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) is catching some flack on Twitter and Facebook for a tweet he posted July 30.

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IRS and other phone scams on the rise

■ Phony calls primarily target elderly

By Sally Rummel

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Have you gotten a phone call recently, saying you owe money to the IRS, threatening to arrest you if you don't pay?

If so, you've been a victim of the biggest fraud in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) history, targeting more than two million people and now ranking in the U.S. Senate Top 10 scams targeting senior citizens, according to USA Today.

"It's been going on for several years," said Sgt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department. "They target the elderly, but I've also

received these phone calls myself."

This swindle involves scammers based in the U.S. and India who telephone Americans and threaten arrests if purported tax debts aren't paid immediately.

Sometimes these scammers tell potential victims that two certified letters were sent to the taxpayer in the mail but were returned as undeliverable. The callers then threaten arrest, if payment isn't immediately made through a pre-paid

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“If you have actually sent money to these scammers, you should report it.”

Sgt. Jeff Cross
Fenton Police Department

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FILE PHOTO Residents were left to assess and clean up the damage after the August 2007 tornado.



We need your tornado photos

Times preps for 10-year anniversary of F2 tornado; seeks photos, videos, stories

By Sharon Stone

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While some parts of the country experience hurricanes, enormous wild fires, devastating tornadoes,

mudslides, extreme heat and more, Michigan usually experiences weather that is not quite so extreme.

The state does see an average of 16 tornadoes each year and last year it recorded 16 tornadoes, which were all F0 or F1s on the

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“Go ahead and free Jeffrey Dahmer, John Wayne Gacy, and Pablo Escobar. I'm not too worried about them.”



“Another right-on-the-money, excellent column from Foster Childs. Thank you for sharing your wisdom and common sense for the very many who are lacking in those qualities. The King for President 2020.”



President 2020.”



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“Democrats and Republicans remind me of divorced parents who care more about getting their kids to hate the other one than they do their welfare.”

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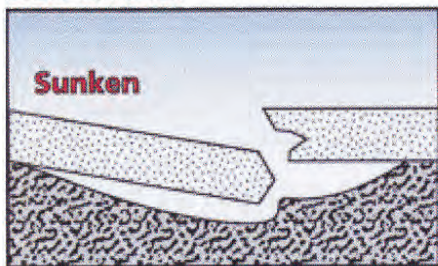
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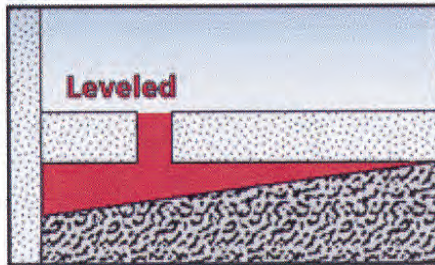
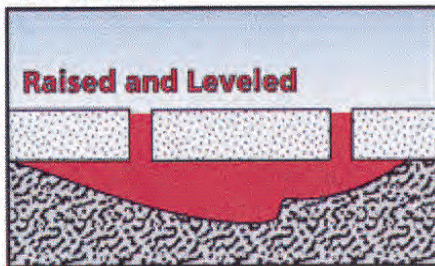
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Ditch the health insurance?

■Paying by cash can be simpler and cheaper

By Hannah Ball

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On the front page of the website for Brighton clinic YourChoice Direct Care, it states, "YourChoice Direct Care does not accept insurance so you won't have a middle man in your primary care."

A medical clinic that does not accept insurance might seem outlandish, but they're a growing trend in the healthcare field.

Dr. Chad Savage, M.D., who opened YourChoice in October 2015, said, "It's actually cheaper and better just to do it directly between the doctor and the patient... We got rid of the bureaucracy of insurance companies and charge less and have smaller practices."

Instead of accepting health insurance, these clinics have monthly payment plans. At YourChoice, plans are set depending on the patient's age, starting at \$39 a month for people ages 0-39.

By cutting out insurance, they're able to get "wholesale" prices for medication, testing, lab work and other health care needs.

"It's incredible the prices we can get meds for. It's remarkably inexpensive to get these drugs. The vast majority of drugs, we can get them for 95 percent less than what pharmacies sell them for," he said.

One blood pressure medication, Lisinopril, they can buy for 24 cents a month. This also applies to using equipment, like MRIs. Savage works with imaging centers that do MRIs for

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“It starts to undermine the argument in the first place that you need insurance to pay for that.”

Chad Savage

YourChoice Direct Care M.D.



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Rena Bai, 8, takes a leap onto a foam block for a little physics experiment at the Ellen Street Campus in Fenton on July 20, while Lily Mu, 9 (right), and Demi Du, 8 (left), wait for their turns. These girls are three of the five young students who came from the Sprouts Akidemy in Shanghai, China to join the local students at World of Wonder for two weeks last month.

Local school goes international

■Successful social experiment with Chinese students could lead to annual program

By Tim Jagiello

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Fenton — At the World of Wonder (WOW) school in Fenton, a group of American and Chinese students crowd around a courtyard table, drawing mandarin characters of their names, while others played games and used nearby playground equipment.

In mid-July, five students from Shanghai, China spent two weeks in the U.S., attending class at the Ellen Street Campus, mingling with the local students.

These five students ranged in age from 7

to 11, and had at least a basic understanding of English. They come from the Sprouts Akidemy English Language Program, which has approximately 100 students, run by Sandy and Jeff Arrowood. Jeff is originally from Grand Blanc. Sandy is Chinese and studied in Michigan. They now run their school in Shanghai.

The trip was parent-funded and an experiment by the Arrowoods' school to try an international summer program. It was so successful that the students wanted to stay an extra week. They were at the Fenton school until July 23.

"They've been inquisitive, they've really gone out to be involved in each other," said Jeff of the American Students. "It's been wildly successful."

Jeff said his school chose WOW because it is also a Reggio Emilia school, like his. Reggio Emilia is a learning philosophy that allows students to lead their own education, with an emphasis on group interactions, creativity, and teachers as mentors and guides to the learning process.

The other reason they worked with WOW is that it's the only local school open during the summer, and this could be the start of regular international program.

“They’ve been inquisitive; they’ve really gone out to be involved in each other.”

Jeff Arrowood

Sprouts Akidemy, Shanghai, China

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If I Were King...

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Military ban is the right decision

GBT activists are criticizing President Trump’s ban on trans-genders in the military. Many believe, or say they believe, that the decision is an “act of cruelty” and “discrimination” against the transgen-der community. In their view, support-ers are celebrating an act of vindictive-ness and spite.

Well, let’s take a moment to talk about that.

First, let’s put it in per-spective. Bruce Jenner tweeted, “There are 15,000 patriotic transgen-der Americans in the U.S. military fighting for all of us. What hap-pened to your promise to fight

for them?” Uh, Bruce, the actual number is somewhere between 1,300 and 6,000 transgender individuals on active duty out of a total force of about 1.3 million active military personnel. That means we are likely talking about approximately one half of 1 percent. And it is not a po-litical agenda, it is a social agenda.

I get it that many of these patriotic individuals want to serve their country. That is good. I also get it that many of them will view the ban as a slap in the face, for which I am genuinely sorry. But the logic for supporting transgender individuals in the military just doesn’t add up.

Here’s why:

- The military is not the venue in which to engage in social experiments. Anyone with military experience will tell you that having men sharing living quarters, showers and bunks with other men who identify themselves as females, is a recipe for disaster. An even worse sce-nario would be men living together with females who identify as men but are, bio-logically wise, still women. How do you handle dressing, showers and menstrual cycles? And what about situations such as biological females who identify them-selves as men, but still have their original equipment. How could that possibly work in a military environment?



- There is an ingrained instinct in nearly all men to protect a woman, any woman, when they are in danger. It’s ingrained in our DNA and cannot be “trained” out. That instinct is dangerous for all con-cerned in a combat situation.
- The military is based on teamwork, ca-maraderie and, most of all, trust. Webster identifies camaraderie as “mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.” Trusting your life to someone whose gender identity is questionable, or unknown, does not fos-ter camaraderie or trust.
- The primary purpose of the military is to destroy our enemies and keep our country safe. Any alteration that nega-tively affects our military’s ability to ac-complish these tasks is simply bad policy and puts our brave service members, and our citizens, at risk.

The only logical conclusion that any unbiased individual could arrive at is that it would be pure lunacy to allow the mo-rale and integrity of our entire military force to be compromised to appease the desires of less than 1 percent of those serving.

Only a complete fool would jeopard-ize our military, and thus our country, for the sake of political correctness.

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IF YOU WANT to have chickens, do it legally. If that couple wins the case, then all animals could be allowed everywhere in the township. Do you want horses, pigs and buffalo in your backyard? We have zoning rules for a reason.

EVERY TIME I read a Foster Child’s article, I have to pity the man for being so stupid.

TO THE PERSON who doesn’t want to understand evolution, do you believe in a flat earth and that the sun revolves around the earth? That also came from the church.

AFTER READING FOSTER Child’s article and the comment about the theory of evolution, all I can say is you can’t argue with ignorance.

SOMEBODY IS SAYING that Obama gives 20 million Americans healthcare. That money comes from people who have paid their taxes, paid into Medicare, and from the people who have worked their whole lives and then see a depletion of their benefits. Obama is giving away working Americans’ money.

THE BANANA ON your counter is decomposing, not evolving. The reason we have the banana (as it exists) in the first place is evolution by artificial selection.

IF ANYBODY FOUND a green tackle box on the dock at the Lobdell Lake public access point, could you please return it?

THE OPIOID DRAMA occurring in our nation right now is nothing but a false flag created by the Obama administration. He believed that he could pay for his medical plan by eliminating all the prescription for pain medications for everyone.

EVERY DAY MANY people have no idea how to exit the Fenton post office properly. There are two car-spaced exits. One is for turning right and the other is for turning left. I have never seen such confusion on something so simple. Good luck. You can do it.

I AM A Democrat, but I stand with John McCain’s decision on the ACA. He voted for the people of the country and not the party. Republicans should take to heart and adjust their thinking accordingly and vote for the people.

BEST ADVICE FOR a student driver: ‘Keep your mind on your driving, keep your hands on the wheel, and keep your snoopy eyes on the road ahead.’ Any old timers remember this?

MANY YOUNG PEOPLE would not have to rely on Bridge Cards if baby boomers hadn’t destroyed the economy. Grow up.

CAN ANYONE TELL me where I can get one pair of solar eclipse glasses locally? Thank you.

WHY ISN’T TRUMP man enough to release his tax returns just like every other president in modern American history? What is he hiding? He must be worried about being impeached or he would release them.

EVOLUTION, LIKE GRAVITY, is fact supported by scientific theories. A scientific theory isn’t the same thing as the non-scientific definition of a theory. Don’t believe me? Go jump from the top of a 20-story building. Afterwards I’d love for you to discuss how gravity is just a ‘theory.’

HAS ANYONE CONSIDERED making a parking garage on the lot downtown where they’re going to tear down that brown building?

THE MAVERICK IS back. Bless you Senator McCain.

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Should there be legal consequences for someone who doesn’t help someone else in an emergency?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

streettalk



“No. I think there shouldn’t because we’re obligated morally to help our fellow man but not everyone feels comfortable doing that.”

Bill Chauvin
Tyrone Township



“I’m a caregiver. I would say yes, but there are some people who cannot (help others in an emergency situation).”

Rita Villarreal
Flushing



“No, because sometimes people aren’t trained in how to properly handle a situation. I would hate for someone who didn’t know how to properly administer CPR to do it.”

Matt Tanner
Fenton Township



“I don’t see how there could be any legal action done on something you can’t control or see the outcome of.”

Barry Guerin
Fenton Township



“Without a doubt. I’d come to the aid of anyone. I’m a Vietnam veteran so I would help anyone if it was humanly possible.”

Joe Consiglio
Fenton



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On July 20, North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Chief Jeremy Lintz gives lifesaving awards to bystanders Henry Weis (center) and Tim Miles, who helped to save the life of a teen who crashed his car in Holly Township on May 27.

You don't have to help — but many still do

■ In Michigan, there is no legal obligation to help others in an emergency

By Tim Jagielo

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A teen crashes his car into a tree and is knocked unconscious. A bystander who pulled him from his flaming vehicle saves his life.

A registered nurse helps resuscitate a drowning victim at a local lake, keeping him alive until the paramedics arrive.

These are two examples of emergencies that occurred this summer, both in Holly Township.

While these Good Samaritans likely saved lives, they had no legal duty to do so.

According to Judge Mark McCabe of the Genesee County 67th District Court, there is no duty to act in these emergency situations, whether a car crash, a fire or water accident. “People do it, of course they do, because people are human; they want to help other humans,” he said.

While local heroes stepped up to save lives, a disturbing viral video recently made it through social media

sites highlighted the ugly truth, that sometimes people do not assist those in need.

On July 9, a group of Florida teens witnessed a fully clothed 31-year-old man struggling to keep his head above water in a drainage pond. The teens, aged 14 to 16, videotaped him from afar, jeering about his struggles and watched him drown without seeking help, or even letting the authorities know what had happened.

Because Florida has no law obliging one citizen to help another, the teens will not be charged with a crime.

McCabe said one reason for that may be that if one is obligated they, too, can be injured assisting someone.

“Let us hope that everyone, just from a moral standpoint, would want to help others in peril.”

Hon. Mark McCabe
67th District Court judge

The man who pulled the teen from the burning vehicle in Holly Township could have easily been harmed himself — he even lost his shoes in the back seat of the car as he struggled to free the unconscious teen.

Again, most people will still want to help, and McCabe said there are exceptions to the rule. For example, if a special relationship exists, then there may be an obligation. He said, for example, a babysitter would be

obligated to help one of the children under his or her care.

HOW TO HELP

If someone is drowning

A witness should call 911 immediately, and shout for more help, but not directly engage unless the water is shallow. Going into the water to assist them directly should be the last resort, because victims can drown the rescuer themselves. To assist, use a rope, flotation device, towel or try to reach them with a boat. Do not try to pull an adult back into a boat by yourself. Action must be taken quickly because an adult can only struggle for approximately three minutes, while a child only has 30 seconds. If someone does not come back up from the water, try to remember where they were, and get help in searching for them.

If there is a house fire

If it seems that assistance is needed, immediately call 911, but do not open any doors or windows. This can provide more oxygen to make the fire stronger.

Instead, try to get the attention of anyone inside the home, if it's safe to do so. If the occupants are already outside, they may just need a warm place to stay until help arrives. More information may be needed by the 911 operator, such as size of the home, and where the fire is originating.

If you witness a crash

As always, call 911 with an exact location. If the crash occurred on the highway, helpers are discouraged from getting out of their vehicles. Any details of the crash can help responders bring the right resources, such as number of vehicles, severity of the injuries, and number of injured persons.

If it's safe to check on the victims, do so, and let them know you've called 911. See if they need anything. Some bystanders have medical training they may wish to employ before the ambulances arrive, such as CPR, which could save a life.

Source: NOCFA Chief Jeremy Lintz;
FentonFire Chief Bob Cairnduff

If you are involved in a car crash, you are obligated to stay and report the incident to the police — but you're still not legally required to render care to any injured people.

“Let us hope that everyone, just from a moral standpoint, would want to help others in peril,” said McCabe.

Locally, that tends to be the rule and not the exception.

Michigan's law:

“An individual generally owes no duty to protect another individual who is endangered by a third person, unless the first individual has some special relationship

with either the dangerous person, or the potential victim.”

Source: McCabe

States with some form of 'duty to rescue' or report laws

Wisconsin, Minnesota, Rhode Island, California, Florida, Ohio, Massachusetts, Vermont, Hawaii and Washington require bystanders to help others in certain situations. In some cases, it depends on the age of the victim, and whether the bystander is aware there is an emergency or crime occurring.

*Florida requires bystanders to act in cases of perceived sexual battery.

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AG reverses opinion on roadside solicitation

■ Now says it's OK to allow Michigan charities to collect donations along 'highways and byways'

By Vera Hogan

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In July 2016, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette issued an opinion that resulted in area charitable organizations wondering how they were going to be able to collect enough money to meet the needs of their causes.

At the time, it was Schuette's opinion that a section of the Michigan Vehicle Code, prohibits a person from soliciting contributions on behalf of civic or charitable organizations, from the occupants of vehicles, if the person soliciting blocks, obstructs, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the normal flow of vehicular traffic upon a public street or highway in the state.

"No other statute or rule authorizes or permits the authorization of a person to engage in this activity," said Schuette in his opinion.

Schuette also said the Uniform Traffic Code provides that a person cannot stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

A violation of the above laws consti-

tutes a civil infraction.

On Friday, July 28, a statement was released by Schuette that completely reverses the opinion he issued in 2016. In Friday's statement, he praised the signing of Public Act 112, which allows charities to solicit for donations along Michigan's highways and byways:

"... The nickels and dollars donated in the moments cars wait at stop lights or signs helps so many."

Bill Schuette

Michigan attorney general

"I am pleased to see the legislature approve and the governor sign into law a bill that will allow Michigan charities to collect donations to so many important causes. The nickels and dollars donated in the moments cars wait at stop lights or signs helps so many," Schuette said.

As a result of the opinion issued last summer, Mayor Sue Osborn said Stephen Schultz, the city attorney, had advised council that because of the attorney general's opinion, it could no longer allow these activities.

"The nonprofit charities that request permission to do street soliciting for the most part have been supported by the council and this community because we understand that this plays a major role in their funding," said Councilwoman Pat Lockwood at the time.

"The charities use all safety precautions while soliciting in the streets," Lockwood added. "I believe this ruling by the attorney general will have a serious impact on their ability to do the good work that they exist for."

At the time, Lockwood said she believed all requests for street solicitations would be denied based on the 2016 opinion.

Linden City officials decided to reject Schuette's original opinion and allow street solicitations to continue.

In May of this year, upon being given further information from Stephen Schultz, the city attorney, and despite Schuette's opinion, the Fenton City Council decided to reverse their original decision and allow street solicitations, as well.

On Monday, July 31, Lockwood said, "Our thanks to the members of the House and Senate for putting together a bill that allows charities and non-profits the opportunity to solicit in the roadways, and returns that decision to local governments."

"Attorney General Schuette's opinion in July of 2016 took away that piece of local control that is critical to municipalities' ability to govern based on the needs of their communities," Lockwood added. "This new law gives communities the ability to restrict not prohibit, and provides tools that oversee insurance, safety apparel, and locations where traffic devices exist, all helpful to safe solicitation."

"In my opinion, local municipalities should have had the opportunity to enter into the discussion before the opinion of 2016 was rendered, before thousands of dollars were lost to deserving charities," said Lockwood.

When asked this week why the attorney general reversed his opinion, Andrea Bitely, media contact for Schuette's office, said, "An Attorney General Opinion is a reading of current Michigan law. The opinion released last year was a reflection of the Michigan law at the time the opinion was written. It is not a reflection on the sitting Attorney General's thoughts or beliefs."

"That law has since been changed, which is what the Attorney General had recommended in the letter he sent to the legislator who requested the opinion in the case that the legislator didn't like the way the law was currently written," Bitely added.

"The Attorney General was supportive of the legislation and he released a statement last week in that vein," she said.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

THE WILL TO WIN IN THE LAW

Confucius was a noted ancient Chinese philosopher and once said that "the will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential — these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

In more recent times, contemporary "philosopher" and professional football coach Vincent J. Lombardi told us "the difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." He also said that finishing second place is for losers.

"Winning" is always an important goal but the questions that must be asked are what does winning really mean and can there be more than one "winner."

In the law and in the courtroom there are always at least two sides to a case. In a criminal matter, it's a governmental entity versus a defendant and in a civil case a plaintiff versus a defendant. Sometimes there are multiple parties. In my experience, each side in a legal case wants to win.

There are a number of dictionary definitions of the word "win" including the following: (1) to achieve victory over others in a competition (2) to achieve success in an effort or venture (3) to struggle through to a desired place or condition.

I hope that everyone agrees that matters in court are not competition. Instead, under our legal system the courts are there to resolve disputes according to the laws that apply to individual cases.

Statistically, well over 90 percent of all cases are settled between the parties.

These settlements include plea agreements in criminal cases and agreed upon judgments or dismissals in civil cases.

The rationale behind the vast majority of these resolutions is that the parties have their destinies in their own hands and have made decisions to settle rather than risking having a third party or entity (judge or jury) decide for them.

So at the end in our legal system "winning" is defined more as Confucius would understand it as opposed to Coach Lombardi.

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DONALD TRUMP IS finding that the swamp is filled with not only Democrats but also RINO Republicans, globalists, socialists and the 'military industrial complex.' Let's hope that these swamp dwellers don't take him down.

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MY DELIGHT UPON 'Meet Bonnie Sue' last weekend is almost beyond words. Vera Hogan definitely knows her chicken facts — especially hens' habits. And oh, so cleverly presented in Our Town section. I have read it again and shared the fun with chicken lover friends, neighbors and country folk. Thanks for the fun facts.

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HELLO, FENTON TOWNSHIP board. Possession of marijuana is legal with a Michigan medical card.

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THANK YOU, COUNCIL person, for showing me your true character. I'm not putting my name in the hat.

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Times

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IRS
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debit card. The scammer also tells the victim that the purchase of the card is linked to the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System — it is not.
To make sure the victim doesn't back out, the caller warns the taxpayer not to contact their tax preparer, attorney or local IRS office until after the tax payment is made. This should be a huge red flag, as you always have an opportunity to contact your tax professional before resolving a tax dispute.

Hang up, and call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040.

This scam has had more than twice as many complaints reported to the Senate Special Committee on Aging than any other scam—ahead of sweepstakes scams, robocalls, elder financial abuse and grandparent scams.

There have also been a number of “grandparent” scams, with scammers impersonating a grandchild begging for money because they're in jail, or worse, in the hospital. Of course, there may be that once-in-a-lifetime call from a grandchild that could potentially be legitimate, but here's how to know if it's a scam for sure: Ask a question that only your grandchild would know, such as the name of your pet.

And don't keep this call a secret, even if you responded with money, as many grandparents would, said a former scammer interviewed on CBS News. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov and call your

local police department.
“If you have actually sent money to these scammers, you should report it,” said Cross. “Let us know. We do know these calls are happening, but there's not much we can do on our end. Also, report IRS scams to the IRS on its website, www.irs.gov.”

Cross said that there's also a scam going around now about Consumers Energy, threatening to turn off your electricity if you don't send money. “They notify you by mail if your electricity is about to be turned off,” said Cross. “Just hang up and contact Consumers Energy.”

SUMMARY

■ It may be way after tax season, but IRS scammers are out in full force trying to bilk potential victims out of their savings. Be on the watch for Consumers Energy scams, as well as “grandparent” scams.

Here's what you need to know about these scams:

- The IRS, Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services never make phone calls asking for bank information or Social Security numbers.
- They will never threaten to bring in law enforcement to have you arrested for not paying, nor demand that you pay without giving you an opportunity to question or appeal

the amount they say you owe.

- Don't engage or respond with scammers in any way. Just hang up.

There is an exception

Collect phone calls are the default calling option from jails served by Pay Tel. Locally, Livingston County jail is among them. If you currently use a cell phone, VoIP phone, these carriers do not allow inmate collect calls to be billed to your number, making it necessary for you to establish an account with Pay Tel in order to accept phone calls from the jail.

PIZZA HUT

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approval for the amended site plans.
Once he obtains a permit to demolish the two former restaurants and a permit to build, construction on the project, which is known today as the Fenton Commercial Development, will get underway.

“They want to have a shell on the ground by the end of August,” said Reilly.

Though he believes there may be six to seven units in the development, Reilly said Pizza Hut will be occupied by one of them. He said Qdoba was mentioned and a drive-through Starbucks to occupy two other spaces. Qdoba specializes in Mexican cuisine.

The amended site plan shows the project to have an east and west wing, which will be staggered. “The west wing will be set back from the east and there will be a drive through on the east end of the complex,” said Reilly.

After failing to gain site plan approval on their first visit to the Planning Commission, a work session was arranged to hammer out the details on what would be approved. Reilly said he organized the meeting with all of the city's consultants, including, traffic, engineering, and planning, along with city staff and the developer.

“We got them all in a room together to work on something we could all agree on,” said Reilly.

The sticking point was traffic flow and making sure the development didn't further hamper traffic flow on Owen Road.

The multi-million dollar project will create approximately 18,000 square feet of commercial space.

Markus was unavailable to comment before press time Tuesday.

About the developer

Doraid Markus, principal with real estate developer Markus Management Group LLC, is the landlord for 2941 Street Foods LLC at the Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills locations. Markus serves as the managing partner of 2941, so named for the longitude and latitude of the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

According to Crain's Detroit Business, the fast casual concept at 2941 serves modern, all natural takes on street food from countries including Greece, Turkey, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, Cyprus, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. Its atmosphere is organic and simple. It offers patrons the ability to customize their dishes.

It is unknown at this time whether Markus plans to bring this or a like restaurant to his Fenton project.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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HEADS UP TO anybody driving on South East Street. Apparently there's some kind of a walking club that refuses to use the sidewalks. Two-way traffic can get quite dangerous to everybody.

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I'LL BET JOHN McCain can afford his healthcare and deductibles.

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THE MICHIGAN NATURE Preserve Association in Fenton is really a hidden gem of the community.

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JUDGE NEITHERCUT, YOU should have sentenced that man to four years in prison, \$5,000 fine and 500 hours of community service. And given another \$5,000 to the adopter so that family can maintain care for the dog.

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MR. HELLER, I'M hip, I'm hip about your chip.

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LET'S JUST TAKE a quick look at the math. Voter turnout percentage rates in the country pretty much have dropped into the mid teens. The mathematical minority are making selections of our leaders for the majority. Now, a lot of people are paying attention to what's going on in the government. Attention will bring up voter rates and we should really start to see some really terrific things happen.

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I SAW THAT red fox a little bit southwest of High Street and Adelaide on Tuesday, and I did get a picture of him.

■■■
PRESIDENT TRUMP was elected by people who were fed up with the way the government was run. Right now, everyone in that established government is complaining about him. Doesn't that mean he did what he said he was going to do?

■■■
MY DAUGHTER LIVES in Flint by Davison and Center roads. The yards are beautiful, flowers planted, no ugly blue garbage cans, and no junk in yards or driveways. No old junk cars or trailers that haven't been used in 20 years. Come on, Bonnie. I pay high taxes for this?

THE AFFORDABLE CARE Act, or Obamacare, was designed to protect people from financial ruin from medical costs. Unfortunately, that's exactly what this failed plan is doing

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RECENTLY, PRESIDENT TRUMP unveiled his America First plan, which involves buying American products and hiring American workers. Why in the world would Democrats oppose this, unless they have an anti-American plan?

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WHY, OH WHY can't the political Hot lines be lumped together?

TWITTER POST

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The tweet on his official State Rep. Joe Graves Twitter account reads, “With the consistent failures in the Senate, it is time for @realDonaldTrump channel his inner Frank Underwood. #DTS”


Followers were quick to point out that he was comparing President Donald Trump with a fictional character on the Netflix original show, “House of Cards,” played by Kevin Spacey. Spacey plays President Frank Underwood, known to TV viewers as a ruthless, lying, murderous politician who will stop at nothing to attain his goals.

In response to the negative responses to his original post, which he said were misinterpreted, Graves released a statement on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

“Recently I tweeted about my disgust with the Republican (my own party) led United States Senate and their failure to honor their seven-year campaign promise to repeal and replace Obamacare and suggesting that President Trump call them out and hold them accountable, despite party affiliation.

“To suggest that the tweet is anything more than that, such as a threat to journalists, is nothing more than dishonest journalism being practiced by a journalist playing gotcha politics.”

Graves can be reached by emailing JosephGraves@house.mi.gov. He is also on Facebook and Twitter.



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INSURANCE

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as low as \$250, while the average MRI cost in Michigan is \$3,500.

“It starts to undermine the argument in the first place that you need insurance to pay for that,” he said.

Savage said many people only care about their co-pay, which allowed insurance companies to charge a lot for the service. “If people are able to control where their dollars go in healthcare, then they’re going to start acting like consumers and they’re going to start looking around at prices,” he said.

In studying the model, Savage found that, with the savings from not paying for health insurance, a couple could buy a house in a few decades.

Savage decided to ditch insurance companies because he was exhausted with the current health care system.

“I was filling out paperwork all day and it didn’t have that rewarding aspect, that humanistic feel I wanted,” he said, adding that he found he was filling out paperwork twice as much as he was talking to patients. “The billing and healthcare system is so screwed up.”

Since he switched, he said he’s able to spend much more time with patients and he feels like a doctor again.

“We can take care of patients and not become bureaucrats and form fillers, and that’s what the practice of medicine has really degraded to,” he said. “We have happy patients because we’re giving them good care.”

Savage is going to cap the amount of patients he sees at 700 to avoid getting burnout. He currently has a little over 600. “Patients see us four times as much and we do more,” he said.

YourChoice also uses telemedicine, which allows patients to call, email, text, or Skype with doctors to answer questions and sometimes eliminate the need to physically go to the clinic.

Savage said people should still have some form of catastrophic insurance in case of emergencies, like a stroke.

“We can’t do everything,” he said. He recommends people have a health savings account that people put money into as an investment account.

“The hope is that this model spreads. It could really shake up our healthcare system,” he said.

DIRECT PRIMARY CARE PRACTICES

SUMMARY

■ A new way of providing healthcare is becoming more and more popular as some doctors cut out insurance and contract directly with patients.

Currently, there are approximately 6,000 doctors in America who contract directly with their patients without using insurance, according to the American Academy of Private Physicians. This represents less than 1 percent of the more than 900,000 licensed doctors in the U.S., but the amount of cash-only doctors has increased 25 percent per year for the past four years.

There are about a dozen cash-only/direct payment friendly practices in Michigan. To see a list, go to selfpaypatient.com.

The closest facilities to Fenton are YourChoice in Brighton, Premier Internal Medicine in Brighton, Braun Medical in Saginaw, Clarkston Allergy & Asthma Clinic in Clarkston, and Skandalaris Medical Center in Howell.

Some clinics have plans for college students, weight-loss plans, more inclusive plans for the elderly, family plans, “snowbird” specials and

other offers.

Cash-only hospitals

Many hospitals are also deciding to ditch health insurance. One facility, the Surgery Center of Oklahoma, lists all of their prices for services online. A procedure for carpal tunnel syndrome is \$2,750. Repairing a rotator cuff costs \$8,260, and setting and casting a broken leg is \$1,925, according to surgerycenterok.com.

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Chad Savage

YourChoice Direct Care M.D.

TORNADO

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Fujita-Pearson Tornado Scale (see sidebar). None of these affected the tri-county area.

In May 2013, the northern parts of the Fenton Township area experienced an F2 tornado, according to tornado-historyproject.com and several homes and properties in the mostly rural areas were damaged.

Prior to that, area residents will likely remember the August 2007 F2 tornado, which left a path of destruction through the Fenton area, including downtown Fenton. Many probably took photos and home movies to share with family and friends.

If you took photos or videos, please share them with the Times so that we can add them to our tornado anniversary coverage, which will be published in the Aug. 20 Weekend Times edition.

Fujita- Pearson Tornado Scale

F-0: 72mph winds, light damage (chimney damage, tree branches broken).

F-1: 73-112mph winds, moderate damage (mobile homes pushed off foundation or overturned).

F-2: 113-157mph winds, considerable damage (mobile homes demolished, trees uprooted).

F-3: 158-205mph winds, severe damage (roofs and walls torn down, trains overturned, cars thrown).

F-4: 207-260mph winds, devastating wind, (well-constructed walls leveled).

F-5: 261-318mph winds, incredible wind, (homes lifted off foundation and carried considerable distances, autos thrown as far as 100 meters).

Source: Michigan.gov

Police&Fire

report

MARIJUANA, WHISKEY FOUND DURING TRAFFIC STOP

At 1 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, a Fenton police officer conducted a traffic stop on a Pontiac Grand Am on North LeRoy Street near South Long Lake Road on an equipment violation. According to Sgt. Jeff Cross, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana when they made contact with the driver, a 17-year-old Fenton male. There also were two 17-year-old passengers in the car, one of Fenton, the other of Fenton Township. During a consent search of the car, police found an open whiskey bottle, digital scales, vaping pens and liquid, and a large amount of marijuana. The Fenton Township male was arrested for possession of marijuana and minor in possession (MIP) of alcohol, and the other two were arrested for MIP. All three were issued court appearance tickets. The car was impounded. One teen was lodged at the police station until sober and the other two were released to their parents.

BAG OF CRYSTAL METH TURNED IN TO FENTON POLICE

Sgt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said a local pharmacist recently turned in a small 1- by 1-inch plastic bag containing crystal meth, which a customer had turned in to the pharmacy after finding it in the pharmacy parking lot. Police suspect it may have fallen out of someone’s car or pocket while at the business on North LeRoy Street. There is no further information.

Tri-county fundraisers


FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE TURKOWSKI FAMILY

The community is invited to attend a fundraiser for David Turkowski of Fenton at Leo’s Coney Island, 15010 Silver Pkwy., Fenton on **Thursday, Aug. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m.** Turkowski was unexpectedly diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. He will need to undergo aggressive chemotherapy and surgeries to fight this battle. He is supported by his wife and two young daughters. Please support the Turkowski family by dining at Leo’s on Aug. 3.

News briefs

Holly man to compete on popular game show on Thursday, Aug. 4

A Holly man will appear on “The Gong Show,” an amateur talent contest Thursday, Aug. 3. Jamen Spitzer, 37, will be performing comedy on the show in front of judges Andy Samberg, Maya Rudolph and Megan Fox. Mike Myers, who’s dressed as an Englishman named Tommy Maitland, hosts the show, and Will Arnett is the executive producer. Each episode shows amateurs performing against each other. They perform in front of the judges, who then score the performance on a scale of zero to 10. If an act is bad, judges can hit the gong to stop the performer. Winners receive money. “The Gong Show” airs on ABC on Thursdays at 10 p.m.



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- John 8:12 (NIV)

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday August 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular working hours of regular working days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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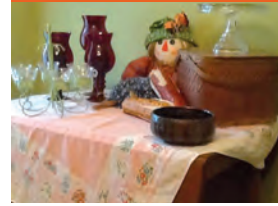
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the township board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Crane Lake Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed continuation of the Crane Lake Improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the eradication and control of aquatic weeds in Crane Lake and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid special assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$32,893.98 spread over a period of five years.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday August 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular working hours of regular working days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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Holly's Beesley leads our softball stars

■ Beesley's offense, pitching earns junior our Tri-County Softball Player of the Year award

By David Troppens

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Madisen Beesley was entering a school that was experiencing 40 years of struggling softball.

The Macomb Dakota player's family was moving to Holly, so Beesley decided to check out her new team.

"I came to a practice last summer, practiced with the girls and watched them in districts," Beesley said. "All of the girls were very nice people, very friendly and easy to get to know."

There was another thing about that team. The 2016 Bronchos finished 1-13 in the Metro League, and hadn't even posted a winning Metro League record since 1997. In fact the squad's last time the Bronchos had won as many as three Metro League games came in 2011 when they went 3-13, still finishing in eighth place.

But this spring Beesley was able to play. She became the team's best pitcher, best hitter and its starting shortstop when she wasn't pitching. Something else started to happen. For the first time in the 21st century, the Bronchos were consistently winning Metro League games, eventually earning a three-way share of the Metro League crown with a 10-4 league record. It marked the first time in 40 seasons since the Bronchos captured a league crown. So when it came to figuring out who the 2017 Tri-County Times Softball Player of the Year was going to be, the decision was

a reasonably simple one — it had to be Beesley. "The Most Valuable Player had to be Beesley," Holly's first-year varsity softball coach Scott Culver said. "The only difference between last year's one-win team and this year's squad was her and a couple of freshmen in the program. She was a beast for us. She did everything for us. How valuable was she to the team? She joins the team and the team goes from one win to one that shares the Metro League title."

Beesley was the team's leading pitcher. She was on the mound the game that the Bronchos captured a three-way share of the Metro crown by beating Clio. She ended the season with a 2.64 earned run average, striking out 87 batters and walking just 15 in 106 innings of work.

Beesley was also the team's top hitter, slugging an eye-popping .560 batting average and a n impressive .743 slugging percentage. She had

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“We wanted the senior girls to finish off their careers with something really cool.”

Madisen Beesley, Holly varsity softball player talking about the Bronchos' league championship season.

MADISEN BEESLEY

Beesley is our first Tri-County Softball Player of the Year to come from Holly High School.

Photo by David Troppens

BEESLEY'S SEASON

Holly junior Madisen Beesley had a softball season to remember at Holly High School. With her help, the Bronchos captured their first league title in 40 years during the spring, finishing the season with a 10-4 Metro record and an 18-18-1 overall record. Listed below are some of her individual stats.

Batting stats

- Beesley batted .560, collecting 61 hits in 109 at bats. She also walked 13 times while striking out just three times.
- Beesley had 12 doubles and two home runs, driving in 24 runs. She also scored 43 other runs.

Pitching stats

- Beesley was the team's No. 1 hurler, capturing 13 of the team's 18 victories on the mound.
- Beesley struck out 87 batters over 106 innings, posting a 2.64 earned run average.

David's Dabblings

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



IN 15 YEARS ONLY SEVEN VARSITY COACHES REMAIN

When Monday hits, it will mark my 15th anniversary at our publication. Wow, has it really been 15 years?

Today, I thought I would list the varsity coaches that held their positions 15 years ago and still remain varsity head coaches on that same team. Only seven remain.

Denny Hopkins — Hopkins has become one of my favorite people. When I first got here, he seemed like an OK guy, but as the years have gone by it's been awesome getting to know Linden's legend outside the football field and basketball court. I think what really made me see Hopkins in a different light the most was when he invited me to the team's preseason canoe trip. I got to know him on a personal level. Also, seeing a varsity football coach doing karaoke to Beyonce songs will change your view of someone.

Kevin Fiebertz/Matt Sullivan — I first met Fiebertz, Linden's varsity boys and girls soccer coach, when he was at Powers, when his Powers boys team played Marshall for a state title. At the time I was covering Marshall for a daily paper. I

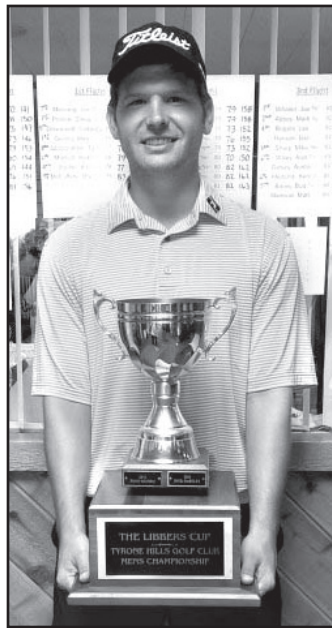
didn't meet Sullivan, Fenton's varsity boys and girls soccer coach, until I came here.

One positive about both two soccer teams is I get to talk to them twice the amount I do most coaches, and it creates discussions beyond our regular jobs. I love that I can talk to Sullivan about zoos or I can discuss politics with Fiebertz on his Facebook page. It gets me a chance to see them as regular people and not just coaches.

Brad Jones — I get to interact with Jones about two-thirds of the school year, so I feel we have a great rapport as well. Sometimes I wonder if people realize just how successful a Fenton swim coach he's been. No one has won more league crowns (19 between the two swim teams) than Brad has in my 15 years here. He's able to get kids to excel in what has to be one of the most physically demanding sports out there. Don't believe me — try swimming 500 meters right now.

David Hall/Don Pluta — Hall, Holly's varsity girls basketball coach, and Pluta, Holly's varsity wrestling coach, love their athletes and are coaching for one reason — the kids. They have both had their share of

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Changing from contender to champion

■ Szczepanski finally captures Libbers Cup title

By David Troppens

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Zach Szczepanski has come close many times.

He's finished second at Tyrone Hills' Libbers Cup Men's Invitational before (four times in fact), and has qualified for

the championship flight of the tournament for "seven or eight years."

But winning it was a different story, at least until this summer.

Szczepanski shot a 71-70-141, earning the Libbers Cup title, three strokes ahead of second-place Deaven Vincent's 75-69-144.

"I've never won before. I've taken second place the last two or three years and I've been in

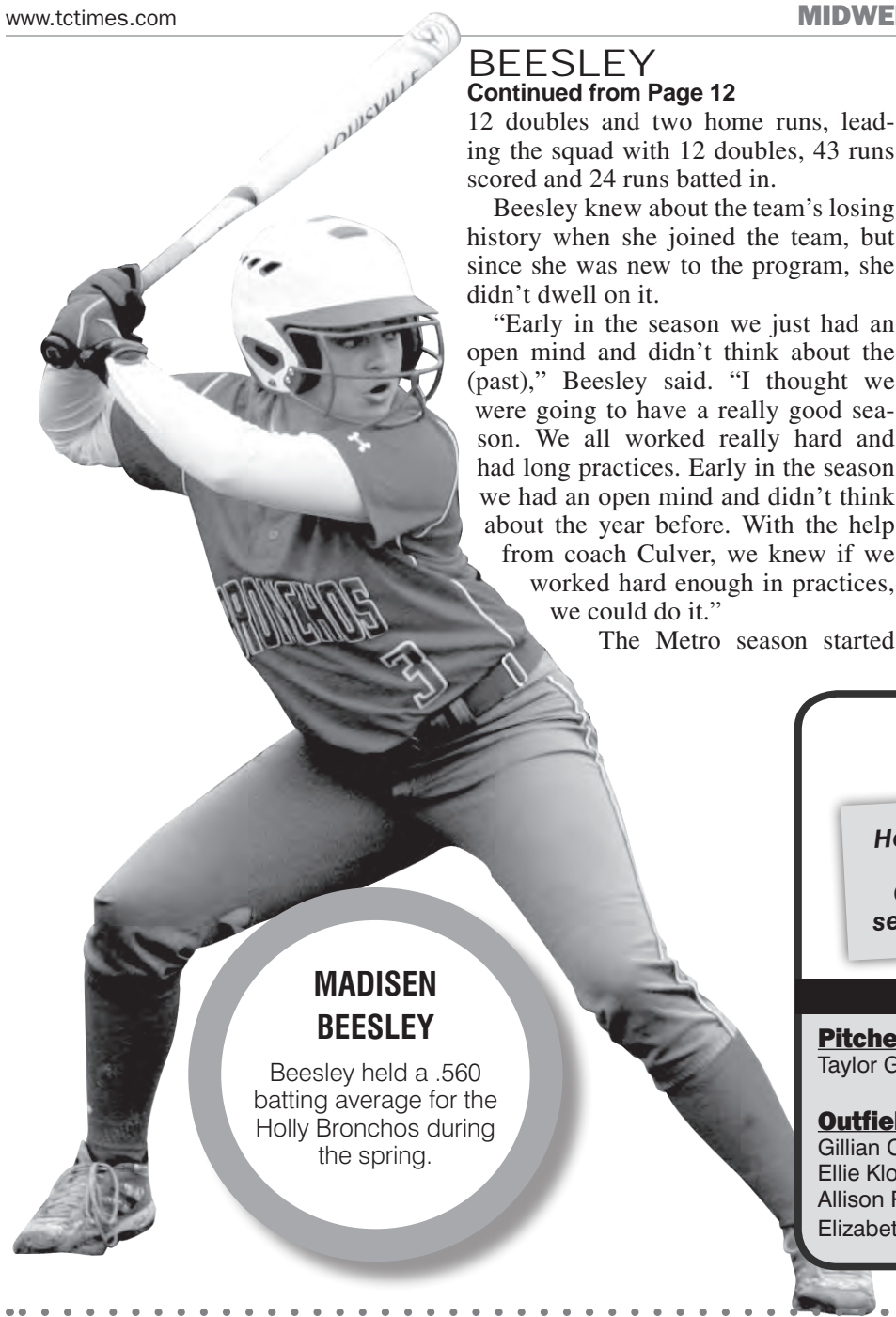
the championship flight, but I finally was able to pull one together," Szczepanski said. "Oh yeah, it meant a lot. I worked at Tyrone Hills for eight years. With Denis (Husse) being around everyone else being around the course, it really feels good to win."

Szczepanski has had a pretty good summer with his clubs. He has qualified for the Illinois Open and another big mid-amateur event in the Chicago area. The Fenton native now lives in Illinois.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Zach Szczepanski holds the Libbers Cup after capturing the title at Tyrone Hills during the recent two-day, 36-hole tournament.



MADISEN BEESLEY

Beesley held a .560 batting average for the Holly Bronchos during the spring.

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12 doubles and two home runs, leading the squad with 12 doubles, 43 runs scored and 24 runs batted in.
Beesley knew about the team’s losing history when she joined the team, but since she was new to the program, she didn’t dwell on it.
“Early in the season we just had an open mind and didn’t think about the (past),” Beesley said. “I thought we were going to have a really good season. We all worked really hard and had long practices. Early in the season we had an open mind and didn’t think about the year before. With the help from coach Culver, we knew if we worked hard enough in practices, we could do it.”
The Metro season started

with a split against Kearsley. Little did both teams know at the time that they’d both end up as two of the three squads that earned a three-way tie for the league crown. After that split, the Bronchos swept all but two of the other Metro squads. The Bronchos ended up splitting with Linden and then splitting with Clio in the final doubleheader of the regular season. After losing the first game 16-6, the Bronchos had to win the second contest to earn the victory and earn a share of the title. Beesley started on the mound and led Holly to a 15-4 win. Included in the season was a pair of 7-6 wins against the Fenton Tigers.
“I think when we beat Fenton, I knew it was a big deal to them,” Beesley said. “They are a big rivalry, and once we beat them, I think we knew we could do it.”

Culver said Beesley’s attitude helped make the positive season possible as well.
“She’s a great kid. She was a huge influence on the team. The kids absolutely loved her,” Culver said. “She had a great attitude whether we were winning or losing. And when we needed both games against Brandon, she pitched both games and got the two wins we needed. She is an absolute workhorse.”
The great thing is Beesley still has one more year left with the Bronchos. “I hope we can win the Flint Metro League again,” Beesley said. “We lost some key players but we also have some coming in, so we are going to do our best.”
With Beesley around, don’t be shocked if the Bronchos make it two Metro League titles in a row.

All Tri-County Baseball Team

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Madisen Beesley, Holly pitcher/Shortstop
Beesley led Holly to its first league title in 40 years by posting a 2.64 earned run average on the mound and a .560 batting average at the plate.

REST OF FIRST TEAM

Pitchers	School	Catchers	School
Taylor Godlewski.....	Lake Fenton	Logan Carter (HM All-State).....	Fenton
		Erin Ezell	Lake Fenton
Outfielders/Utility	School	Infielders	School
Gillian Cohoon	Holly	Hailey Thompson.....	Holly
Ellie Kloczek.....	Linden	Sterling DeGayner.....	Linden
Allison Petts.....	Lake Fenton	Kalani Lau.....	Lake Fenton
Elizabeth Rakowski (HM All-State)	Linden	Meaghan McArdle.....	Fenton

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program success, but they don’t look upon it with personal glory. It’s all about their programs and their kids. I admire them for that.
Matt Weisdorfer — Holly’s varsity girls cross country coach sparked what became my favorite event for my volleyball group’s annual ‘Winter Olympics.’ He told me about this game the runners did during a

summer camp called the flour relay. Basically teammates exchange flour over their heads with their hands. Obviously, a lot of the flour falls over the competitors’ heads as they do this. I’m one that loves messes, so I quickly made sure we did the event in one of our Olympics. And sure enough, the flour relay was as messy as you could imagine it may be. I still have flour stuck to the shoes I wore that day. Thanks Matt.

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“I’ve always loved golf and growing up I played golf at Fenton High School,” Szczepanski said. “I never made my college team at Saginaw Valley State University, but by practicing with those guys, they made me a better player. I’m a much better player now than back then.”
Szczepanski’s 71 gave him a one-stroke lead against Dylan Conte and Jeff Vadasz entering the second day of the tourney. His 70 pretty much solidified the title for him after Conte (75) and Vadasz (78) were unable to keep pace during the second day. Vincent carded a 69 on the second day, but he opened with a 75. Nick Hartley finished third with a 73-73-146 while Conte took fourth with a 147. Vadasz was fifth (150) while Jake Foguth placed sixth (151).
“I made a lot of safe plays to the green,” Szczepanski said. “I usually am firing at the pins but they had some tough pins the first day, so I tried to just get it on the green, get a lot of two-putts and get enough birdies to get the

first-day lead.
“The second day the pins were a little easier and I was able to go after them more. I had a lot of good ups and downs to keep the lead on the second nine.”
One of those ups and downs came on the 16th hole when he overshot the green and nearly hit his ball in a pond. He rallied back to get a nice chip within two feet of the hole for par. On the 17th he hit his drive under some trees, but he was able to punch out and scramble for another par. By then, Szczepanski was in control.
“Those two good par saves gave me a comfortable lead going into the last holes,” Szczepanski said.
The first flight champion was Drew Polidan and Wes Giesey with identical 77-74-151 scores. Matt Bladzick won the second flight with an 80-70-150 while Joe Whalen was the third flight champion with an 82-75-157. Other flight champions were Trevor Sundrla in the fourth flight, Rick Pringle in the fifth flight and Michael Medonis in the sixth flight.

The Truth about Slipped or Bulging DISC Pain

■ By Sam Potter

Back Pain, Arm or Leg Pain, Numbness, Tingling, or Weakness in the Arms or Legs is often caused by a Slipped DISC or Bulging DISC. That’s when one of the spinal discs is losing its normal shape and causing these symptoms because of the effect it’s having on the nervous system. It may have been diagnosed on an MRI and it is often thought that there is little that can be done about the problem and that’s a major problem. “It’s just bad information because in the right hands a lot can be done for Slipped or Bulging Discs,” said Dr. James Ide of Painless Chiropractic of Fenton.
To end the problems caused by Slipped DISCS you must have the right information. Pay close attention because we’re going to destroy some important myths and reveal the facts.
MYTH: DISC problems will just “go away” with some rest.
FACT: When dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then seek help from a DISC specialist immediately. Left untreated, DISC problems can get worse.
MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with a Slipped DISC.
FACT: In severe cases, this problem can lead to the inability to control the bowels, bladder and sexual potency - leading to embarrassing situations.
MYTH: Pain medications can help with Slipped DISCs.
FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications can cover up symptoms but do not cure Slipped spinal DISCs.
MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to let the Slipped DISC recover...
FACT: Staying active can help to relieve the pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice -

based on a recent study in the Netherlands.
MYTH: A Slipped DISC requires surgery.
FACT: NO! There’s been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of Slipped DISCs. It’s a new procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 88%.
MYTH: “There’s nothing anyone can really do. I’m just stuck with this for the rest of my life.”
FACT: With the correct treatment from a healthcare professional who specializes in Slipped DISCs, you can find relief from the core cause - and the symptoms.
MYTH: Getting a Slipped DISC properly diagnosed is expensive.
FACT: Not true. Dr. James Ide of Fenton is currently offering an initial Consultation and Exam for the first 35 Times readers to call 810- 771-3677 and set up an appointment for only \$37 which is normally \$197, saving you \$160! Call now and mention the code: TIMES35.
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I have worked in fast food and telemarketing.
I rose to fame for my work on the 1996 film "Sling Blade."
I've since earned a Golden Globe and an Academy Award.

Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

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**Bruce A. Szcodronski**

1956-2017

Bruce A. Szcodronski - age 60, of Grass Lake formerly of Linden, passed away at his home on Saturday, July 29, 2017. Born to Edward and Mary Ellen Szcodronski. Surviving are wife, Theresa; daughters, Kay, and Carly; son, Jay; grandson, Jacob, brothers, Edward and Kevin; sister, Charlene, sister-in-law, Karen. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Tom. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 from 5-7 PM and Thursday from 10 AM until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Rotary or Stand Up for Cancer.

Lois A. Eastridge

1926-2017

Lois A. Eastridge - age 91, of Holly, passed away, on July 27, 2017. She was born in Detroit on June 26, 1926, the daughter of William and Norma Roeder. In her teens, she moved to the family farm on McGinnis Road, which was named after her grandfather, John O. McGinnis. She has been a resident of Holly for most of her life, working at the former Mac's Pharmacy and serving on the volunteer ambulance crew along with her husband of 60 years, Noel. Known for her sense of humor and her love of fun, wherever Lois went, she brought jokes and laughter. Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Noel Eastridge and her son, Lee Eastridge. Surviving are her children, Judy Wessler of California, Susan Gill of Holly, and Robert Eastridge of Texas; grandchildren, Sheryl Hyde and Eric Gill; seven great-grandchildren, Donald and Wesley Hyde, Leah Hyde, Sophia Clemmens and Matthew, Corey, and Sara Cobb; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at 12:30 PM Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, with inurnment with Noel, a veteran of WWII. Memorial donations may be made to Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. **www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.**

**Robert J. Wehrli**

1929-2017

Robert J. Wehrli - age 88, of Fenton, died July 31, 2017. Funeral services will be held 4 PM Thursday, August 3, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Jeff Jagers officiating. Visitation will take place 2 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Fenton United Methodist Church or to the charity of one's choice. Bob was born in Flint, on May 27, 1929, the son of Godfrey and Louise (Merkle) Wehrli. He married Betty Jones on June 4, 1961. Bob had a deep faith in God and attended the Fenton United Methodist Church. He loved his family deeply. Bob is survived by wife of 57 years, Betty; children, Brenda and husband, Ed Gomez, Brant and wife, Cindy Wehrli; grandsons, Josh Wehrli and Spencer Gomez; siblings, Margaret Herald and Nancy (Ross) Geiger; sisters-in-law, Esther Wehrli and Sandra Wehrli, brothers-in-law, Walter Ratzlaff and Fred Buhler; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Alexander Gomez; siblings and/or spouses, Elaine (David) Ostrander, Louise (Donald) Owen, Fred (Mildred) Wehrli, Eric (Idadell) Wehrli, Richard Wehrli, Dorothy Buhler, N. James Wehrli, Selma Ratzlaff, Connie Herald and infant brother, William. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of **www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.**



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