

ONLINE  
COMMENTSSTORY: SLOW  
RESPONSE TIME  
FOR AMBULANCE

“Clearly, Mr. Hill is not an EMS provider. Driving lights and sirens for a broken arm is dangerous. He needs to read the stats on when the most dangerous time is during an emergency call. I’ll just tell you — on the way to the call. Even if lights and sirens were on, all you are doing is asking for permission for the right-of-way, not demanding it. Mr. Hill needs to do a bit of research on the realities of EMS. It may humble his frustration a bit.”



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— Medic

HOT LINE:  
HOLLY VILLAGE

“If Holly is run by ‘morons,’ what does that say about the people who elected them? Food for thought.”

— John Graham

STORY: FENTON  
911 DISPATCH  
EQUIPMENT IN  
JEOPARDY

“The city should close its lock-up cells. We don’t need a jail for shoplifters or other petty crimes. Seems like a good way to save money to me.”

— DJ Flanders  
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Mom questions high  
cost of field trips at  
Lake Fenton schools

By Sharon Stone

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MaryAnn Pietrzyk recently learned that her seventh-grade daughter’s science class is going to a one-day event at Camp Copneconic. The cost of the trip, which focuses on team building and self-esteem and includes lunch, costs each student \$30.

“I work overtime for extra money. I’m sure other families have issues, too.”

**MaryAnn  
Pietrzyk**

Lake Fenton parent

Believing that was a lot to pay for a one-day trip, Pietrzyk called the school and complained. “That’s a ridiculous charge for one day. It doesn’t have anything to do with science.”

See **FIELD TRIPS** on 17Fenton Township  
projects balanced  
2010 budget

► Additional \$34,000  
in sales tax revenue

By Sharon Stone

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**Fenton Twp.** — Fenton Township is projecting a balanced budget.

During the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker presented an amended budget for board approval. Broecker said there were few changes. The most noticeable amendments in the budget include infrastructure projects, such as improvements

See **BUDGET** on 8

## Summary

► The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved proposed amendments to the 2010 budget. Revenue and expenditures were projected to be \$3,309,300.

## Linden schools take tough stance against bullying



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Linden High School French and English teacher Sonia Quinlan is coordinator for Link, a program designed to build tolerance and acceptance in the student body.

## Students urged to speak out

By Sharon Stone

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**Linden** — Parents generally have confidence that their child’s school is free of weapons and that they are physically safe. According to experts with the Boomerang Project, however, there is more to a safe environment

than just ridding the halls of guns, knives and drugs.

Several cases of bullying have made national news in recent weeks, including the case of the 18-year-old Rutgers college student, Tyler Clementi, who leapt to his death after being secretly

See **BULLYING** on 6LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT HANDBOOK

## Assault/bullying/harassment:

The act of intimidating, distracting, and/or disrupting students or school personnel; threatening or provoking, verbally or otherwise, the well-being, health, or safety of another person.

## Progressive penalty:

Offense 1: one- to three-day suspension  
Offense 2: five- to seven-day suspension  
Offense 3: 10-day suspension

Maximum penalty: Expulsion

## Just how important is your credit score?

By Sharon Stone

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It would be difficult to find an adult who hasn’t applied or used a credit card sometime in his or her life, or hasn’t applied for a loan to buy a car or a mortgage for a home.

In all of these instances, the lender will look at the applicant’s

credit score. The credit history is used to determine the likelihood of the loan being repaid.

A low credit score could prevent one from attaining that auto loan or prompt the lender to charge a higher interest rate. The better one’s credit score is the easier and less expensive it is for them to obtain credit.

MAJOR CREDIT REPORT  
COMPANIES

Equifax: equifax.com

Experian: experian.com

Trans Union: transunion.com

The primary factors used to calculate someone’s credit score is his

See **CREDIT** on 10IMPROVE/MAINTAIN  
A HIGH CREDIT SCORE:

- Pay down your credit cards.
- Don’t use your whole credit line every month.
- Is your credit report correctly reporting your credit limits for your cards? If not, you can call your credit card issuer and ask them to update the list. You can also challenge the limits with the credit bureaus.

See **IMPROVE** on 10



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# Fenton Township enforcement officer gives report

## ►Zoning, blight and tall grass tops list of complaints

**By Sharon Stone**  
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**Fenton Twp.** — Of all the complaints received by Fenton Township in July, August and September, calls about zoning issues, blight and tall grass topped the list. These complaints, as well as several others, were made public in a written

report by Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bob Atkinson, during the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday.

Atkinson said zoning, blight and tall grass complaints ranked highest of the enforcement categories for the third quarter of 2010. Unresolved complaints, or complaints the township was not authorized to enforce, were referred to the appropriate authority.

In five of the complaints dealing with tall grass, Atkinson enforced the Tall Grass Ordinance by ordering the mowing of the property, which was in violation. Under the ordinance, the grass would be mowed by the township's maintenance contractor, currently Shoemaker.

The property owners are invoiced for the mowing cost. The fee would be placed on the property tax bill if the owners fail to pay.

**TOP VIOLATIONS  
FOR THIRD QUARTER**

- Zoning** – 23 complaints
- Blight** – 19 complaints
- Tall grass** – 14 complaints
- Dog control** – 13 complaints
- Junk vehicles** – 11 complaints



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## 1 Get rid of pesky fruit flies

Here's a good way to get rid of those pesky fruit flies around the house without using harmful chemicals. You will need a spray bottle with an adjustable spray-head. Fill the bottle with rubbing alcohol and adjust the spray head so that it sprays a fine mist. When you spray the fruit flies, the rubbing alcohol will not kill them but it will knock them out so that they fall onto the floor where you can sweep them up. This doesn't work as good as insecticide, but then again, you won't be poisoning your family and yourself, either.

## 2 Hard to open bottles

A tip for all those girls out there who occasionally lack the oomph to open screw-top water/juice bottles but are too proud to ask nearby



guys for help... If you are at home, a rubber glove or bottle gripper will give you the power you need to get into the stickier ones.

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# Election inspectors... *They make voting happen*

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**Summary**  
Election inspectors are a vital part of the voting process. Fenton City Clerk Jennifer Naismith describes the job, and what it entails.

Without them, elections don't happen. Election inspectors give voters their ballots, guide them to the booths and help them insert their ballots into the optical scanner so their votes are counted.

Barbara Rodemsky was an election inspector for three years, for Fenton Township and it was an enjoyable ex-

perience for her. "I got to see a lot of my friends and neighbors, and it was a very pleasant day," she said.

The number of election inspectors needed for the city of Fenton varies from five to seven, said Clerk Jennifer Naismith. It depends

on whether it is a state and federal election, or one for a school district or other local issue. All five precincts in Fenton must be open for a state and federal election, while three precincts must be

**See INSPECTORS on 15**

# acne

## ►Teens grow out of it, but scars may remain

By Sally Rummel

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It's not caused by eating too much chocolate or not washing your face enough.

These myths surrounding acne have been passed down through the generations, but the truth is that acne is caused by hormones—which is why 80 percent of teenagers are plagued with some type of acne condition.

"Twenty percent of our practice is related to acne," said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist at The Skin & Vein Center in Fenton. "Acne can start as early as age 12 and

can also plague adults up to about age 50; although our average patient being treated for acne is between 13 and 20."

Acne starts in puberty, said Seiger, because when hormones start to change, a person's skin gets "stickier." Testosterone, a hormone present in both males and females, is increased during puberty and stimulates the sebaceous glands of the skin to enlarge, produce oil and plug the pores.

"Oil gets trapped underneath the skin, then the bacteria under the skin 'eats' the oil and causes pimples," he added. "Our goal is to kill the bacteria so the skin will be less sticky, using either

**See ACNE on 9**



## Types of acne

Source: American Academy of Dermatology

► **Teenage acne** — whiteheads, blackheads and pimples are present.

► **Prepubertal acne** — when acne occurs before a first menstrual period.

► **Cystic acne** — when acne is severe and forms pus-filled lumps.

► **Adult acne** — develops later in life and may be related to hormones, childbirth, menopause or stopping the birth control pill.

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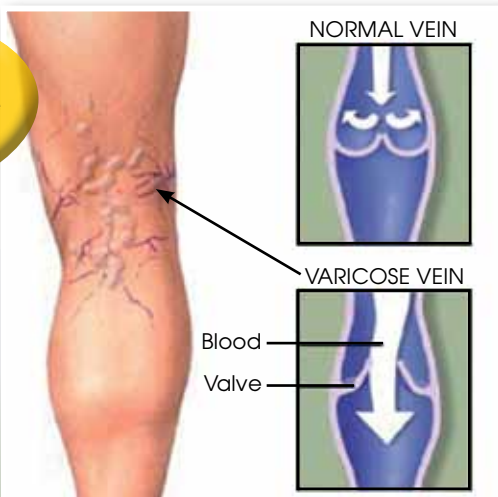
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Richard Rockman

Straight from the  
Shoulder

## publisher

**The perpetual decline of the USA?**

America is in decline! If there's anything upon which liberal and conservative pundits agree, it's that the country is in the fast lane to self-destruction, said David A. Bell. Google 'America's decline' and you'll get 42,500 hits, all depicting various scenarios of the end of society, as we know it.

Are we really reaching the end? Possibly, but the theme of American in decline has been a constant in American culture and politics since at least the late '50s.

First, it was Sputnik and the Soviet Union that heralded our imminent demise. Then, the social chaos of the '60s, the oil shock of 1973 and Japan's rise as an economic power in the '80s. Today, it's China that's predicted to upstage the United States. But, as this history of pessimistic overreaction suggests, these anxieties have a life of their own in the regular course of our country.

Yes, America has problems — just as it did in decades past, and as China does today. But, after a half century of collective, moral self-abuse, maybe we should try viewing our problems with a bit of realistic perspective. The end? I don't think so.

**African-Americans don't watch Oprah**

We might want to debunk this ridiculous idea that networks have to hire people of a certain ethnicity in order to appeal to viewers of that same ethnicity. While Oprah ranks seventh, overall, in syndicated programming rankings, she doesn't even make the Top 10 among African-Americans. Judging by the ratings, if she wants to crack the African-American audience, she should tackle her guests and punt prizes into her studio audience. NBC Sunday Night Football ranks as their No. 1 programming choice.

**France in more trouble**

Since 1970, the birth rate of French women has been below the 2.1 children needed to sustain France's population, what demographers call zero population growth. For the next four decades until 2050, the fertility level of French women is projected to remain roughly 15 percent below ZPG. Yet France's population of 62.6 million is projected to make a healthy leap to 67.7 million. How can a population continue to grow when the birth rate for almost 80 years running to 2050 is below replacement level? The answer is that France is filling up with immigrants — mostly Muslims.

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**TYRONE TOWNSHIP, WATCH** out. I think it's a little too late for that. We are all already paying for the sewer fund through the shell game of the public safety vote.

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**ONE HUNDRED-FIFTY** dollars for inspection fees at area bars. Aren't these officers already on the clock? Leave our businesses alone. These people take a risk starting a business in this city. They pay taxes, high water bills, permits and council tries to figure a way to get a little bit more. A gazillion dollars in signs welcoming strangers to our city (another great idea) and stick it to our local businesses. Empty storefronts pay nothing.

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**I CANNOT WAIT** for the city of Fenton to put in roundabouts. It is going to be so funny to watch all the crashes with drivers trying to get used to them. I am going to bring my lawn chair and a video camera for this show.

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**THE CITY NEEDS** \$300,000 to update the 911 dispatch system. How are they going to come up with that money? Oh, I know. Why don't they use the money they want to spend on city signs? Or, better yet, the money they are flushing down the toilet on ridiculous studies. These funds would easily cover the cost for our urgently needed public safety equipment. Problem solved. Really, folks, you need to start speaking up.

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**THE DDA'S WISH** list sounds like Obama's list to fundamentally change America. Reconstruct Dibbleville? Take private property? Expand your authority outside of the downtown area? Demolish and rebuild? Not

Hot  
lines

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again. It sounds too much like urban renewal. What Fentonites told you we wanted such changes to our city?

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**ME AND SO** many others are so happy and satisfied that they reached every single miner and brought them safely to the surface. That shows God's power.

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**JUST ROLLED THROUGH** Fenton and it is the biggest red light district in Michigan. I thought Target was supposed to install smart lights to improve the traffic on Owen Road. But that would make the lights smarter than the council. It's time something was done there.

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**BILL CLINTON DIDN'T** have to sign a NAFTA agreement with China. The Chinese own 28 percent of the U.S. financial worth. Buy American.

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**BARACK OBAMA COULD** take a lesson from President Pinera of Chile. He showed so much love and compassion for his people.

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**I THINK IT'S** wonderful that the DDA has all these plans for Fenton. Everyone has a place to park to see all of the businesses that have gone under.

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**EVERYONE WHO OWNS** a small business is scrambling to make a dollar, cooks, because nobody has a job to support these businesses, and Fenton has the audacity to put a \$150 inspection fee on the business when the state already does the inspection. Way to go, Fenton. You guys are really cool.

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**APPARENTLY, YEARS AGO** when Holly schools decided to switch from half-day to full-day kindergarten, there was a

vote for the parents to say whether they wanted half- or full-day kindergarten. I have three little family members who are having to deal with full-day kindergarten and having such a tough time. I sure would like another vote, and I would love for it to be public knowledge this time.

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**WHOEVER THOUGHT FENTON** needed roundabouts needs their head examined. Lee Road in Brighton is a fiasco and most seniors avoid it like the plague. Spend that money putting up a light at the northbound exit at Silver Lake Road and another at Torrey and North roads. I also think a Country Buffet in the abandoned building at Caroline and Adelaide streets would draw more people downtown.

**LAKE FENTON FOOTBALL** coach, please use this as a lesson learned and call an ambulance ahead of the game. Your local township medical person is nice, but left you guys. People of Fenton Township, your board could have had a free ambulance service agreement and they chose not to sign it while Fenton and Linden did. I call it irresponsible on their part. Someone say something.

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**WHEN VOTING IN** the Nov. 2 election, be sure to read all of the proposal entitled 'Genesee County Millage for Services for Veterans and their Dependents.' It spells out that not only will part of the tax collected will be spent on administrative and facility costs, but this is where the DDA 'captures' some of its revenues. How much of the millage will go to veterans and their dependents?

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**CONGRATULATIONS, LAKE FENTON** freshman football team and coaches. Those Rams were out to stomp us and you fought hard and turned it around. Great job, guys. There were folks in heaven smiling down on us at that field.

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**AS A PARENT** in Linden schools, I find it ridiculous that my child's teacher is told to pay the electric bill for the lamps in her room, that create a warm classroom atmosphere, or they will be removed from her room. Isn't that what my money, as a taxpayer, goes toward? You should be ashamed, Linden.

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**OUR FENTON COUNCIL** is getting too giddy. Where are all the good brains to run our city? They are giving our much-needed tax money away while most of our streets need paving today. They are giving \$15,900 for some outsider's opinion and selling our fire station for a dollar to a brewery. They have torn down buildings and ruined our city. When election time comes, please vote these people out.

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**BEFORE SPENDING \$300,000** on welcome signs to invite people to come to our city, you had better fix the streets or they'll never want to come back.

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**I WAS BLOWN** away by the talent in the Fenton Village Players' latest musical, 'Little Shop of Horrors.'

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## How important is your credit score?

## streettalk



"It is extremely important. I get credit at a cheaper rate."

— Robert Bills,  
Fenton Township



"Very important, everything you buy, you get another car, and it all goes by this."

— Dorothy Snyder,  
Hartland



"It is not important, not now with all the bankruptcies. People can still buy whatever they want."

— Dan Loper, Spring Hill, Fla.



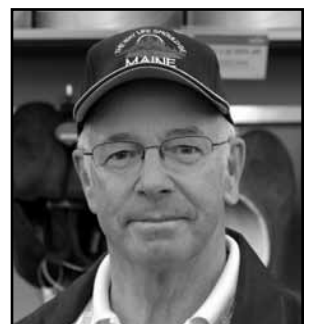
"It's very important, really. If you want to get anywhere in life you have to have a good credit score."

— Lori Sulfaro, Rose Township



"I figured, everyone else is in debt, why not me? It doesn't matter to me."

— Jeff Bugg  
Waterford



"I think it's very important, a good credit score enables you to get credit reasonably."

— Chuck Wood  
Tyrone Township





## Michigan v. Bryant (Part 1)

By definition, whenever the U.S. Supreme Court renders a decision the entire nation takes notice. This is because whatever the Supreme Court says on a legal matter is the final word.

The Supreme Court decides cases arising from all 50 states, and I have always found it especially interesting to follow cases that come from Michigan.

On Oct. 5, the Supreme Court heard such a case titled Michigan v. Richard Perry Bryant.

The case is potentially very significant because it may give further direction and meaning to a previous 2004 decision in a case called Crawford v. Washington and a subsequent 2006 decision in the case of Davis v. Washington.

The issues that were raised and decided in Crawford and Davis involved the admissibility of out-of-court state-

ments that were made to the police during interrogation when the person who made them was unavailable at the trial.

The admissibility of such statements turns on whether they are 'testimonial' or 'non-testimonial' under the definitions spelled out in the decisions.

At the risk of being overly technical and by way of example, a 'testimonial' statement under the rule is when a person during interrogation by the police says, 'Mr. Jones is the person who shot me.' Under most circumstances, unless the person who made the statement testifies at the trial, the statement can't be admitted under the Confrontation Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which provides that a person has the right to be confronted by their accuser.

However, the Supreme Court did not make this a blanket rule or a strict definition and instead, made a distinction between testimonial and non-testimonial (admissible) statements as follows:

'Statements are non-testimonial when made in the course of police interrogation under circumstances

objectively indicating that the primary purpose of the interrogation is to enable police assistance to meet an ongoing emergency. They are testimonial when the circumstances objectively indicate that there is no such ongoing emergency, and that the primary purpose of the interrogation is to establish or prove past events potentially relevant to later criminal prosecution.'

Now, when faced with such an issue,

the question for state trial courts to decide is determining the purpose of the interrogation — is it to meet an ongoing emergency or is it to eventually use the statements in a subsequent criminal prosecution?

In next week's column, I will talk about the facts of the Bryant case and the two very opposite positions that the attorneys for the state of Michigan and Mr. Bryant have taken in the case.

## Contract for Walnut Street reconstruction approved

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — The Walnut Street reconstruction project, scheduled for spring 2011, is a go.

City council approved a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation last Monday, authorizing City Manager Lynn Markland and Clerk Jennifer Naismith to execute necessary documents.

The project will include reconstruction work along Walnut Street, from Ellen Street to Silver Lake Road. It is estimated at \$215,000, with federal stimulus grant (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ARRA)

funding of \$185,949, Markland said.

Fenton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will pay for the portion of the project federal funding doesn't cover.

Councilman John Rauch asked whether the condition of underground utilities has been checked.

Markland said he believes it has been. In addition, no one knows when a water main break will happen.

"I want it looked at," Rauch said. "I hate to see new pavement dug up."

This happened two weeks after North Road was repaved, because of water main breaks, he said.

### Summary

► Fenton City Council has approved a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation, for the Walnut Street reconstruction project. It is estimated at \$215,000, with \$185,949 paid from federal stimulus grant money. The DDA will cover the remainder of the cost.

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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**ALL OVER THE** news, I see and hear, 'yes we can, yes we can.' Yet, saying 'yes we can' and doing something to make the change are two totally different things, Mr. President.

**THIS IS A DDA** gone wild. Just watch our taxes skyrocket. Don't tell us it will all be paid for. We heard that with the new water plant. We want Fenton to stay Fenton, not to be a mini New York City. Go away, DDA. Your ideas are not what's best for Fenton.

**DOES ANYBODY IN** Fenton realize they don't need their own 911? They are already paying a county tax for county 911.

**I SEE THE** village of Holly received 27 applications for village manager. Why waste the time of 26 applicants. The acting manager is the 27th application, and he and the chief of police are buddies. Now, who do you think is going to get the job?

**LAST WEEK, PRESIDENT** Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden went on TV a number of times saying that the chamber of commerce received foreign donations and gave the GOP more than \$550,000 in donations. They failed to mention that the same chamber of commerce gave the DNC more than \$1 million. This party has no shame when they lie and distort the facts at the same time. This is what you get when you elect a community organizer as our president.

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**COMMENTS**

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**"For those of** you who disagree with Fenton's 911 and want county, just wait and see."

— Joe

**ONLINE COMMENT: BREW COMPANY NEAR CHURCH**

**"To TB, who** is making a big deal about the brewing company next to the church, the community center right across the street routinely has wedding receptions with large amounts of alcohol. If it was against the law, the liquor control board would not issue a license."

— Bob

**HOT LINE: ROUNDAABOUTS**

**"Roundabouts** cannot work in Fenton. The intersections are too small for large vehicles such as tractor trailers to travel through."

— Joe

**HOT LINE: FENTON COUNCIL**

**"Another crazy idea** of Fenton council, to spend more money when they don't have any. I would imagine the new intersection at LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road must have cost \$100,000-plus. Now, let's tear that out at a cost of \$40,000 and put in a roundabout at \$100,000. Heck, let's put a building in the middle and everyone can drive around that. It's been done before."

— B.

**BULLYING**

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videotaped with another male, by his roommate. The roommate faces invasion of privacy charges and possibly hate-crime charges.

News of Clementi's death brought attention, according to an article in Keen News Service, to other anti-gay bullying cases, including that of Asher Brown, 13, of Houston, Texas. He shot himself in the head Sept. 23.

Seth Walsh, 13, of Tehachapi, Calif., hung himself Sept. 19 and died after nine days on life support. Billy Lucas, 15, of Greensburg, Ind., hung himself Sept. 9 and Justin Aaberg, 15, of Anoka, Minn., hung himself July 9.

The news article stated that all of the teens were the subject of repeated anti-gay bullying, according to reports from friends and family.

The never-ending issue of bullying can lead to tragic consequences and Linden schools are taking a proactive stance.

The school district uses the online program by the Boomerang Project called Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) at [www.boomerangproject.com](http://www.boomerangproject.com) for middle school students.

Superintendent Ed Koledo told the board of education that "Rachel's Challenge" is bringing the school the Chain Links Club, which is for all students who are taking a stand against bullying and will stand up for the rights of others.

Each Monday during announcements, words of wisdom are read from a program Project Wisdom with classroom discussions following.

The high school students participate in the Boomerang Project's Link Crew, which begins by helping freshmen as they enter the world of high school and all the emotions and challenges that come with it.

Link Crew also trains members of the junior and senior classes to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success.

Acknowledging the presence of bullying and the potential harm it can cause to its young victims, Linden has ongoing programs, at all grade levels, beginning with the first graders. Though it appears bullying is not planned at this age, school officials want to ensure the students are aware.

Koledo said the anti-bullying program has grown over the years and has become more formal. Behavior is monitored on the playgrounds and good behavior during this most unstructured time of the day is rewarded.

The anti-bullying program at the school

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The negative effects of bullying can linger for years. Victims are encouraged to tell a friend or trusted adult if they are bullied.

continues to grow. "Every time we think we're doing a good job, they find new ways," said Koledo. To stop bully behavior in its tracks, he stresses the need for the students to speak out right away. Often, students try to handle it on their own, but they need to know that it's OK to talk about it at the onset.

Astecnology makes its way into every aspect of one's day, "cyber-bullying" is spreading and can have immediate effects. Koledo said as a school administrator, cyber-bullying is very difficult for the schools to deal with since it happens outside of school. "It's creating big issues. They're (victims) getting teased and do not know what they're talking about," he said.

The first thing a victim should do is to tell someone, either a friend or any adult they are comfortable talking with, said Koledo.

Disciplining a student for bullying begins with talking to the students involved to find out exactly what is happening. A face-to-face meeting might prevent further incidences. "We try to make it right," Koledo said.

It's difficult for Linden High School Assistant Principal Darin Dreasky to say if bullying has gotten worse over the years, but he can say that there are more methods. He remembers back when he was a student, technology was far from what it is today. There were no cell phones, text messaging, camera phones or social networking websites.

With technology, it's easier for the bully to remain anonymous. "They can sit behind a keypad and they don't have to see the reaction of a particular person," Dreasky said.

Utilizing older students as mentors is seen as a step in the right direction. Dreasky said the younger students are much more likely to listen to other teens who share their real experiences.

Dreasky encourages students or their parents to contact the school if bullying issues arise. Parents and students should "absolutely" contact the school or even local police if there is ever any type of threat.

Recently, a text-messaging incident was resolved. Dreasky said a message was taken out of context, and fortunately, the situation was discussed by those involved and the matter was smoothed out. "There's no substitute for sitting down, face-to-face for a discussion," he said.

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## Police&Fire report

### FAMILY TROUBLE

At 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11, MSP Groveland Post received a call from the 14000 block of Linder Drive, near Quick Road, in Holly Township. A 30-year-old woman called due to a heated verbal argument between herself and her stepdaughter, 14. They were pushing each other, and the woman called 911 for an intervention. A bowl was broken at the home. The trooper arrived to calm the situation, and there were no arrests.

### SPEEDING MOTORCYCLES

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, a Michigan State Police trooper from the Groveland Post saw three motorcycles headed south on I-75, in excess of 100 mph. The trooper could not catch two of them, and the third one fled at 130 mph. He broke off the chase when it became too dangerous. There are no suspects, Muir said.

### BREAK-IN AT THE CAR WASH

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a breaking and entering complaint, which occurred at car wash in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway. Lt. Jason Slater said the break-in occurred sometime between Oct 12 and 14. The suspect(s) forced their way into the mechanical room and stole quarters and paper currency. Police are reviewing security video footage and the case remains under investigation.

### STOLEN TRUCK RECOVERED

At 11:15 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, Fenton police were sent to the 400 block of East Caroline Street to investigate a stolen vehicle complaint. The 26-year-old Fenton man said his 1990 black Chevy pickup truck had been stolen between Oct. 15 and 16, while he was out of town. He learned of the theft when Mundy Township police called him to inform him his truck had been recovered at Torrey and Cook roads. The man said he routinely leaves the ignition keys in the truck.

### MOTORCYCLE STOLEN

At 6:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, a Fenton police officer was sent to an apartment complex off Torrey Road to investigate a stolen vehicle complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said the 50-year-old resident said someone stole his 2005 Honda VTX 1300 motorcycle, which was parked in a carport. The theft occurred between 6 p.m. on Oct. 17 and 5:45 p.m. on Oct. 18. The motorcycle was entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen.

### SUSPECTED SHOPLIFTER LOCATED

At 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct 16, Fenton police were sent to the 18000 block of Silver Parkway to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said a female shopper was observed placing several items in a small shopping cart. As she attempted to leave, an employee followed, asking if she intended on paying for the merchandise, the suspect entered a vehicle and drove away with no lights. The license plate was provided to police. Police went to the address associated with the vehicle and made contact with the suspect, a 51-year-old Fenton woman. The woman was transported to the police station for processing and was issued a court appearance ticket for retail fraud. Some of the items reported stolen were recovered.

### MOTOR HOMES BROKEN INTO

The Linden Police Department is investigating four larcenies, which occurred on Monday, Oct. 11 at a motor home storage facility in the 15000 block of South Linden Road in Linden. Officer Gary Conklin said unknown suspects broke into the motor homes, ransacked them and stole miscellaneous items. If anyone has information, they are to contact Linden police at (810) 745-5454.

### LAWN MOWER STOLEN

On Monday, Oct. 11, the Linden Police Department took a larceny complaint from a resident in the 200 block of Murphy Street. Officer Gary Conklin said the complainant reported that unknown suspect(s) entered their unlocked shed and stole a 20-inch push mower.

### TOOLS STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

On Monday, Oct. 11, a resident in the 800 block of Tickner Street reported to Linden police that someone entered their unlocked vehicle and stole some personal belongings, including tools, valued at \$500. The theft remains under investigation. Police urge all residents to keep the doors to their vehicles locked at all times to prevent theft.

### JEWELRY STOLEN FROM HOME

A homeowner on Franklin Street reported to Linden police that someone entered her home on Wednesday, Oct. 13 and stole a

jewelry box, containing gold rings, which are about 150 years old. A suspect has been identified and the case remains under investigation.

### ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN AT BUSINESS

The owner of a business at the corner of West Rolston Road and North Bridge Street in Linden reported to Linden police that unknown suspects attempted to break into the building at 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The shop's surveillance video shows three black males, and one female attempting to break into the building. The suspects threw a rock at the glass door on the north side of the building; however, they were unable to gain entry. They also tried to force open a door. The suspects were seen entering a vehicle and driving away, taking the rock with them. If anyone observed suspicious activity during this time, they are to call Linden police officers Gary Smith or Ed Dubuc at (810) 735-5454.



### Fall Classes at Gerych's

This is just a preview of all the classes and events, please check online for the full list.

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Bring in your vintage items and learn how to display them in your home for the holidays. We will have an appraiser on site who can value up to 2 items for you as part of your class fee.

Tuesday, DEC 7 6:30-8:30 PM (\$25)

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## Dinner event planned for Blue Heron Theatre Company

**Holly**— The Blue Heron Theatre Company will hold a dinner theatre at the Calvary United Methodist Church located at 15010 North Holly Rd.

The play is called “We build ‘em, but we didn’t kill ‘em.” It’s the story of a construction company where something bad has happened. Linda Mishler, of Holly, created the play, and the actors will perform in and amongst the dinner audience.

**Saturday, Oct. 30**

**Dinner:** 7 p.m.

**Show:** 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15 per person

**Reservations:**

Call (810) 931-7108

Tickets can be purchased at My Sweet Holly, 101 S. Saginaw St.; Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Dr.; and Holly Foods, 15191 N. Holly Rd.

It is a fundraiser for the new theatre company that

Linda and her husband Joe Mishler have created. To be part of the theatre group, call (810) 931-7108. For information about the season, call or e-mail blueherontheatre@comcast.net.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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## BUDGET

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to the roads and the township hall parking lot.

“We project a balanced budget and hope that we’ll have one,” said Broecker.

Amendments in revenue for the township’s general fund include an additional \$10,000 in franchise fees from Charter Communications. This would amend projections from \$210,000 to \$220,000.

An additional \$34,000 in revenue was projected from the state sales tax. This would increase revenue in this category from \$795,000 to \$829,000.

Broecker said revenue generated from sewer administration and operation was projected to increase by \$22,000, raising the amount from \$218,000 to \$240,000.

Proceeds from bonds and notes generated \$990,000 for the general fund.

Total revenues of the general fund were amended to reflect an increase of \$1,056,900, increasing the amount from \$2,252,400 to \$3,309,300.

Aside from the township hall parking lot reconstruction costing \$141,000, and improvements to Jennings and Ripley roads costing \$902,000, there were few changes in expenses.

Total expenditures were amended to reflect an increase of \$1,056,900, which increased expenditures from \$2,252,400 to \$3,309,300.

“We should have a balanced budget at the end of the year,” said Broecker.

The board voted in unanimously in favor of the proposed amendments. Trustee Kenneth Hill was absent.



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Reed Kakuska (left) receives his Rotary National Award for Space Achievement award from Capt. Michael Foreman USN (ret.).

## Fenton grad wins award for aerospace engineering

Reed Kakuska, a 1977 graduate of Fenton High School, has received a national award for aerospace engineering. He recently received 2010 Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) award for his “unwavering pursuit of innovative approaches to complex propulsion issues enabling sustained mission success for Atlas V and Delta IV upper stage launch vehicles.”

Kakuska is currently the chief engineer of the RL10C-1 Rocket Engine Program at Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne.

## Calendar of events

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**

Dr. Stephen TePastte will present, “Maintain Your Brain — Can You Prevent Alzheimer’s Disease?” at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the **Loose Senior Citizen Center**, 707 Bridge St. in Linden. The free event is open to the community. For reservations, contact (810) 735-9406.

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## Healthy living

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ANNA TROPPENS

Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden held its annual health fair Friday, featuring health information and resources for senior citizens. (Left) Here, Donna Roberts, a massage therapist who works with the center, provides a shoulder massage. (Above) Bob Lee (left) leads a tai chi demonstration, as Sue McEwen, of Linden, follows along.

## ACNE

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a topical cream with vitamin A or oral antibiotics to help unblock the pores and reduce bacteria.”

For cases of severe acne that will lead to scarring or other acne conditions that aren't responding to other treatment, Seiger advocates the use of Accutane — a medicine used to treat severe nodular acne, a severe and disfiguring skin disease. He calls it a miracle medicine, because it actually cures acne, but there are side effects and patients using Accutane must be managed closely.

A dermatologist can treat acne scars using skin resurfacing with laser, dermabrasion, chemical peels, or electrosurgery to flatten depressed scars. Soft tissue elevation with collagen or fat-filling products can elevate scars. A combination of these surgical treat-

ments can make a noticeable difference in the physical appearance of patients.

The good news is that 99 percent of patients “grow out” of acne, once their hormones level off. The bad news is that some of the emotional scars left from experiencing severe acne can last well into adulthood and affect a person's confidence level and self-esteem.

That's why Seiger sits on the board of directors of “Challenge Days,” a national organization dedicated to decreasing the incidents of bullying in high school, with a vision that each child feels safe, loved and celebrated.

“Teens with severe acne often won't leave their house, won't involve themselves socially and are less likely to participate in activities,” said Seiger. “Nearly 25 percent of teens with severe acne have had thoughts of suicide, according to a news report from CNN.com.”

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**FENTON TOWNSHIP, HOW** bad are you going to hose us this year, with tax increases. Don't forget that half the schools in Flint closed, the colleges raised their tuitions and we have a \$255 charge to keep the sewers intact. We really need a break out here.

**I THINK THAT** the lawmakers should have something else to do with their time than selling liquor on Sunday. Maybe they should spend that time going to church.

**DID YOU KNOW** that roundabouts in cities decrease accidents and decrease time waiting in traffic for lights to change? It works, it's great and I would recommend it for Fenton's traffic snafus.

**IS ANYONE AS** angry as I am about the taxpayer dollars Obama is spending campaigning for the Democrats? How's that 'change' he promised working out for you?

**THE BIGGEST MYTH** about breast cancer is that it is the largest cancer killer of women. In fact, lung cancer kills almost twice as many women — 72,000 compared to 40,000 for breast cancer. Thousands of young, never-smoking women (and men) are dying of lung cancer.

**JOHN KUPIEC, THE** Republican candidate against Dale Kildee, is a hypocrite. He talks about individual responsibility and how welfare programs are costly, yet he himself is a welfare recipient in the amount of more than \$50,000 in farm subsidies. Farm subsidies cost us taxpayers \$245.2 billion since 1995, although only 38 percent of farmers receive these subsidies.



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## CREDIT

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or her credit payment history, current debts, length of credit history, credit type mix and frequency of applications for new credit. Because the scoring systems are based on different criteria, which are weighted differently, the three major credit bureaus in the United States may issue differing scores for an individual, even though the scores are based on the same credit report information.

So what is a good score? Scores range between 350 (extremely high risk) and 850 (extremely low risk). Being aware of a credit score is half the battle.

Trisia Gotham, manager of Flagstar Bank in Fenton, admits the ways credit scores are determined are a bit of a mystery. "It's not really disclosed to banks," she said.

Although the process of determining the score is vague, she offers suggestions as to what affects a credit score, negatively and positively. What causes the biggest negative impact on a credit score is when people make bill payments late, or not at all.

If a collection agency is attempting to collect money, or if there are any judgments or liens on a person, those matters, too, will negatively impact a credit score.

On a positive note, Gotham said continuing to make payments, on time, will influence a credit score in the better direction. She said installment payments, such as an auto loan or mortgage, has greater



influence than a credit card payment. This is because credit card payments are inconsistent as they can fluctuate from month to month.

Gotham said banks also look at the number of trade lines one might have. "You need a few of those," she said.

Having just one credit card is not a tremendous amount of credit history for a financial institution to look at. "Don't be overextended, though. It (having credit cards) basically shows you can handle responsibility."

Gotham said Flagstar recommends people review their credit reports annually. "You're entitled to one free every year," she said.

Mistakes might be found on the report, which could negatively impact one's credit score. Some mistakes could result from having a common name, a junior or senior in the family or identity theft. A report could also reveal a medical collection that the individual did not even know about. Despite paying a medical bill, a clerical error could lead to inaccurate posting.

Obtaining one's own credit report should not negatively impact a credit score. Gotham, however, said if someone goes from lender to lender seeking a loan and the financial lenders obtain a credit report each time, that could be what negatively affects the score. "If you've been turned down, you're entitled to see your credit report," she said.

If one's credit score is low, raising it will take patience and time. "Banks want to see stability and reestablishing credit is crucial," she said. "Clean up any collections and start working on the credit score."

If anyone has questions about their credit report or credit score, Gotham advises them to speak with their banker and review the numbers together.

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## Top 10 moneymaking careers in United States

By Sharon Stone

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As high school students evaluate what career path they'll take, they might be thinking about which ones would earn them the most money. The medical profession ranks at the top in pay, however, those positions also require the most years of education and training. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, surgeons earn the most money (\$181,850). These highly trained professionals also put in the most years of education

and training (10-15 years).

Not everyone is cut out to be a surgeon, however. Becoming a surgeon requires eight years of education beyond high school and three to eight additional years of internship and residency.

College undergraduates will need to complete requirements for biology, chemistry, physics, genetics, English and humanities. Biochemistry is also recommended.

Medical school is another four years, followed by an internship

and surgical residency program.

A person will earn more if they have more education. They will also be less likely to become unemployed. A survey from 2008 shows that average earnings grow from \$426 to \$591 per week, just by earning a high school diploma. Getting a bachelor's degree increases average earnings to \$978 per week, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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1. **Surgeon** - \$181,850. Requires 10 to 15 years of education and training.
2. **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** - \$140,880. Education and training varies.
3. **Engineering Manager** - \$140,210. Requires 6 to 7 years of education and training.
4. **Airline pilot** - \$134,090. Requires 5 to 10 years of education and training.
5. **Dentist** - \$132,660. Requires 8 years of education and training.
6. **Lawyer** - \$110,590. Requires 7 years of education and training.
7. **Air traffic controller** - \$100,430. Requires 9 years of education and training.
8. **Computer and Information Systems Manager** - \$100,100. Requires 4 to 8 years of education and training.
9. **Marketing manager** - \$100,000. Requires 4 to 6 years of education and training.
10. **Natural Sciences Manager** - \$97,560. Requires 6 years of education and training.

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# Are you thinking about college?

## ► Here's why it's a good decision

By Sally Rummel

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Going to college just makes (dollars) and sense for many people. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, here is a comparison of annual earnings, based upon degrees earned:

- High school diploma, \$33,801
- Associate degree, \$42,046
- Bachelor's degree, \$55,656
- Master's degree, \$67,337
- Professional degrees, \$100,000+

Of course, it's not "all about the money," but college will also provide a person with knowledge, skills and more opportunities to use for the rest of his or her life, according to The College Board. Students in college learn to express their thoughts clearly in speech and in writing, grasp abstract concepts and theories and increase their understanding of the world and their community.

These abstract concepts actually offer practical benefits, too, because more and more jobs require education beyond high school. It's a fact that college graduates have more jobs to choose from than those who don't pursue education beyond high school.

Even if you're not exactly sure of a career path, college will provide an opportunity to explore all the options. You'll be exposed to a variety of academic subjects, people, and new perspectives.

If you're not sure about which college to attend or don't know what you want to study, look at a nearby community col-



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College graduates have more jobs to choose from than those who don't pursue education beyond high school.

lege. Community colleges are public, two-year schools that will provide either an associate's degree, a certificate program, technical training or an opportunity to inexpensively get in your "prerequisites" before continuing studies at a four-year college or university.

### Bachelor's degree or master's degree

With the job market as challenging as it has ever been since the Great Depression, some people may look at going back to school rather than trying to find a job.

If a full-time degree program remains an appealing option, a person should be very clear on expectations — whether it's a degree that qualifies him or her for better opportunities in a current field or as a way to switch to a more promising field altogether, according to CNN Money Watch.

Over the course of a lifetime, a person with a master's degree stands to earn \$400,000 more than someone with only

a bachelor's, according to Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions. Those with graduate degrees are also significantly more marketable than those with a bachelor degree. It does, however, make a difference in the course of study — a mathematics degree will be more financially lucrative than a doctorate in world history.

Students and workers in today's economy need to consider these figures in the context of "missed opportunities" when they take themselves out of the workforce and away from a regular paycheck — and add the costs of tuition, living expenses and health care. Kiplinger.com has a calculator that will estimate the potential costs and benefits of going back to school.

Given today's uncertain job market, prospective students may want to hang on to the jobs they've got and try to go back to school part-time, while still bringing home a paycheck.

## U.S. schools — how do they compare to overseas?

By Anna Troppens

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American students are often maligned for their knowledge of geography, math or other subjects, compared to their international peers. How do U.S. schools really compare to ones in other countries? Dr. Timothy Jalkanen, superintendent for Fenton Area Public Schools, knows firsthand, since he has taught overseas during his career in education.

One of the biggest differences regarding American schools is, all students in the United States are educated at a high level, Jalkanen said. The No Child Left Behind law, signed a number of years ago, is evidence of this. It really is the foundation of what makes U.S. schools so different from their counterparts around the world.

"We are looking at every student, and are working for success for every student," he said. "We try to graduate every student with high expectations, K-12, and have a challenging curriculum for all."

In other countries, some students are

tracked for higher education, while others are expected to go into the workforce.

In addition, when comparing students' test scores, one should consider whether every student took the test, Jalkanen said. It makes a difference in the scores.

Fenton's ACT scores are above the state average, and every high school junior takes the test. Two to three years ago, not all Michigan juniors took the test.

And, in any country, there are some very good schools and there are ones that are struggling to do better, he said. In Detroit, for example, there are schools that are struggling. There also are some good schools there. "But, you don't

hear about that," he said. "In Fenton, we believe all of our schools are excellent schools. We want to continue to grow and do better and better."

Jalkanen's experience teaching in other countries showed him that all parents want the best education for their children. In the schools he taught in,

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## CAREERS

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Kim Smith, a career counselor for Lake Fenton Community Schools said schools in Genesee, Oakland and Livingston counties use the extensive website [www.careercruising.org](http://www.careercruising.org) to help students with their educational and career path.

Beginning officially in the eighth grade, students start thinking about whom they are and where they'd like to go in life, career wise. If they ask, seventh-graders can also start using the Educational Development Program (EDP).

Career Cruising, and an assortment of other online sites break down the education costs as well as job descriptions, and earning potential. As a career counselor, Smith said it's important to match a student's interests and assessments with a suitable career.

When a student reads that a particular job could lead to a particular income, Smith said it is oftentimes difficult for them to know exactly what that would mean to them. If a student approached Smith about a top, moneymaking career, she said she would be sure to tell them that there is more than just money to make them happy.

Through their EDP and the online programs, students have access to everything they would need to lead them on their way to career choice.

One of the first things students need to decide on is who they are. They write down their interests and test results will reveal their strengths and weaknesses, academically.

From this point, the student will then decide where they are going.

Realizing interests, the students must begin thinking about how they are going to achieve their goals. If they choose a specific career, the Career Cruising program will lay out all of the classes they would need to take in high school so that they will be properly prepared for college. The website lists all of the colleges in Michigan, or across the country that offer any given program.

If students are interested in the top money making careers, further research through Career Cruising will show them if those jobs are available in Michigan, and if that career is growing or declining. Sometimes, moving out of the tri-county area or Michigan would be a must.

Detailed job descriptions, wages, training, education, colleges with those degrees, job growth and outlook projections provide a wealth of information for the students.

### Median weekly earnings in 2008 and the unemployment rate of that level of education

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- High school graduate - \$591  
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- Some college, no diploma - \$645  
5.1 percent unemployment
- Associate's degree - \$736  
3.7 percent unemployment
- Bachelor's degree - \$978  
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- Master's degree - \$1,228  
2.4 percent unemployment
- Professional degree - \$1,522  
1.7 percent unemployment
- Doctoral degree - \$1,555  
2.0 percent unemployment

# Financial aid available to most students

## ► Federal aid begins with online FAFSA form

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Applying for financial aid can be stressful for young or mature students.

There are many steps to this important process, and many resources to help students through it.

Most students apply for financial aid online using a Federal Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA).

It takes less than an hour to complete, and a few weeks to get an idea of what financial aid is available. Most students will be able to receive loans that must be paid after they have finished college.

Scholarships and grants are also available. Scholarships can sometimes be based on student grades, while grants are based on need.

Linda Grimshaw, assistant director of financial aid at the University of Michigan, Flint, to fill out the FAFSA form, students and parents need their income tax forms from the previous year. If the student is not claimed as a dependant by the parent, they can file without their parent's income tax information.

Once the form is completed, it will generate the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This number determines a student's eligibility for grants and loans. The lower the EFC, the better, said Grimshaw. To be eligible for a federal Pell grant in 2010, the student's EFC needs to be lower than \$5,273. The closer to an EFC of zero, the higher the Pell grant could be.

If the EFC is too high for grants, nearly everyone can get federal loans, said Grimshaw. The average interest rate for student loans is 6.8 percent for unsubsidized loans, where interest on the loan accrues while the student is in college. Subsidized loans are at 4.5 percent.

Grimshaw advises that students should borrow only what they need to cover costs, and not borrow the most that is available. "Unfortunately, we're not in the business of telling people how to spend their money," she said.

Students can defer financial aid repayment while attending at least half time at a college or university. Repayment of the loan begins six months after the student graduates or drops below six credit hours.

If a student fails to make payments when they are supposed to, they have defaulted on their loan. "That's not a good thing," said Grimshaw. Defaulting on loans can hurt the student's credit, and ability to get loans in the future.

Grimshaw suggests that high school students talk to a school counselor about financial aid, and also the financial aid

office of the college or university they would like to attend.

On Feb. 14, 2011, from 2 to 4 p.m., U of M, Flint is hosting College Goal Sunday, an annual event designed to help prospective college students and their parents with financial aid questions,

and forms. Financial aid representatives will be on hand to help with online forms that can be completed online, on the spot.

Grimshaw said that students should be ready to take responsibility for the process. "It can be

very overwhelming for people that have never gone through it before," she said.

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**Linda Grimshaw,**  
assistant director, financial aid office,  
University of Michigan, Flint



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children would come to class without shoes. They would have old textbooks. "But, the parents wanted their kids to go to school," Jalkanen said.

What makes American education best, he believes, is that everyone values it. "We want our educational system to be strong," he said. The question isn't where the United States wants to go, educationally. It's how to get there.

The challenge for Michigan schools is funding. For seven to eight years, every district in Michigan has been reducing its budget, he said. It's getting to the point where school officials can't reduce anymore. "It makes it a real struggle when the funding is cut every year."

Proposal A, which some people believed was very good when it was enacted, has created some issues. And, the Michigan economy has been struggling. "It's a people industry," Jalkanen said. "Our money is going for people and materials. That is the expenses we have."

In Fenton, the challenge in day-to-day activities in the school district is to maintain high-quality programs and education, and high student success, with more limited funding. "But that's what we're working on," he said. "I know it's being looked at. But, being looked at and being improved are two different things. I think there's a strong belief that the structure of funding public schools needs to be changed."

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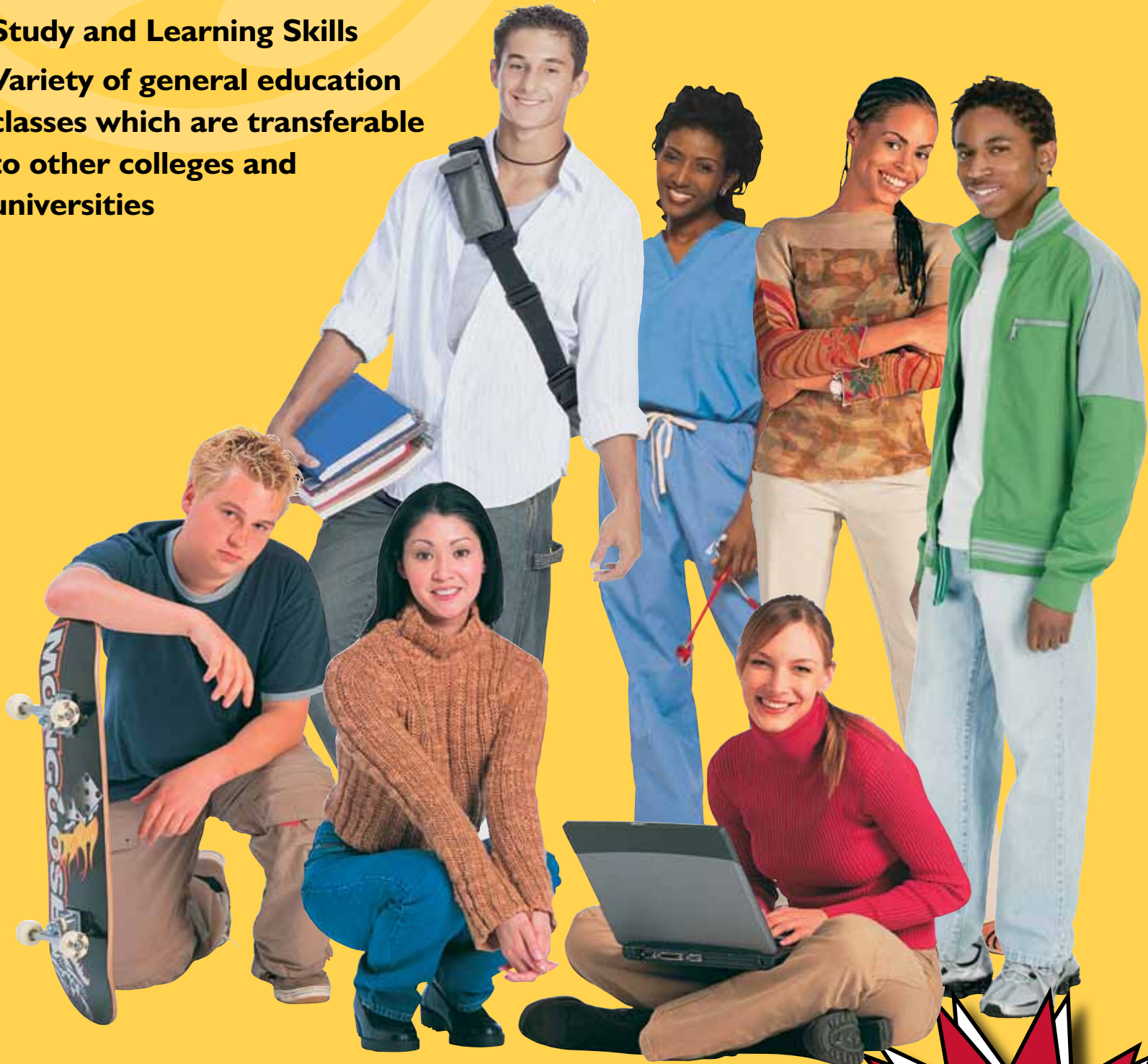
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Parent Amanda Zefferro (middle) talks with Early Learning Center Director Linda Mora (right).

## Early childhood education takes center stage

### ►Policymakers tour Ellen Street Campus

By Anna Troppeps

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**Fenton** — Linda and Mike Finch, of Fenton Township, have twin grandchildren who attend an early childhood program at Fenton Area Public Schools' World of Wonder Early Learning Programs (WOW). Their granddaughter is excited about beginning to read, and shared a book called, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" with them. Their grandson is learning social skills, instead of depending on his sister.

"Now he goes out and makes his own friends," Linda said. "I'm a retired teacher, so I believe in supporting the children in the community."

Early childhood programs help students be more comfortable, feel safe and make a smooth transition into school, she said. "I worked with kids, and they're scared to death of school."

Policymakers and political candidates visited Fenton schools' Ellen Street Campus Monday, which houses the World of Wonder (WOW) early childhood programs and sixth graders' Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School. The building was recently restructured, and houses Great Start Readiness, Tuition Preschool, Successful Kids = Involved Parents, (S.K.I.P.) and other early childhood programs.

Parents and grandparents joined the policymakers and candidates for a tour of the facility, and a discussion on the importance of continuing funding for Michigan's early education programs, said Early Learning Center Director Linda Mora. About 25 policymakers attended the bus trip, which also included a visit to Spicers Orchard and a community health clinic in Burton.

"It was a good experience for everyone," she said. "The people who were here, they were passionate about early childhood education's benefits and were very heartfelt."

Richard Zamora Malone, constituent services representative for Congress-

man Dale Kildee (D), said education is an important issue for Kildee, a former teacher and current chairperson of the K-12 Education Subcommittee. "It lets you see the concept in action," Malone said, of the tour.

Brian Aubuchon, of Holly, said he and his wife used Schools of Choice so their son could attend an early childhood program at the Ellen Street Campus. "It's very important that the

'powers that be' understand how important education is," he said.

Early childhood education helps students with reading, social skills, comprehension and understanding, Aubuchon said. His

son will probably attend kindergarten in Fenton, where he will already know some other children. His 4 year old will attend an early childhood program in Fenton next year.

Erica Tilton, another parent, said the Great Start Readiness Program helped her younger child with social skills. "The teachers are all amazing," Tilton said.

Parent Amanda Zefferro said one of her children received help with speech through an early childhood program at WOW. Early childhood programs are a way to find and address issues early on, she said.

Vernon Molnar, who is a Republican running for state senate, Dist. 27, attended the tour and the forum that

followed. "The parents in this building are the most dedicated and sincere people," he said. "I commend you. Your values are your children."

#### About World of Wonder

World of Wonder, or WOW, is housed at Fenton Area Public Schools' Ellen Street Campus. Early Learning Center Director Linda Mora said parents in Fenton and the surrounding communities can contact the center at (810) 591-8349 to find out which programs their children are eligible for.

Fenton Area Public Schools recently renovated its Ellen Street Campus, adding a new playground, parking lot and traffic loop for parents to pick up their children, Mora said. The city of Fenton closed Ellen Street so the changes could take place at the school.

## INSPECTORS

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staffed for a school district or local one.

Fenton residents vote at the St. John Catholic Church's Activity Center. The church donates the use of the center, Naismith said. Election inspectors report for duty at 6 a.m., and polls close at 8 p.m. The work wraps up for them around 9 to 9:30 p.m. "It's kind of a long day," she said.

Workers take turns for lunch and dinner breaks.

The use of optical scanners has speeded things up considerably. Voters insert their ballots into the scanners, which read the votes and tally them. Election inspectors compare the votes against the poll books, which show who voted. Absentee ballots also are marked in the poll books.

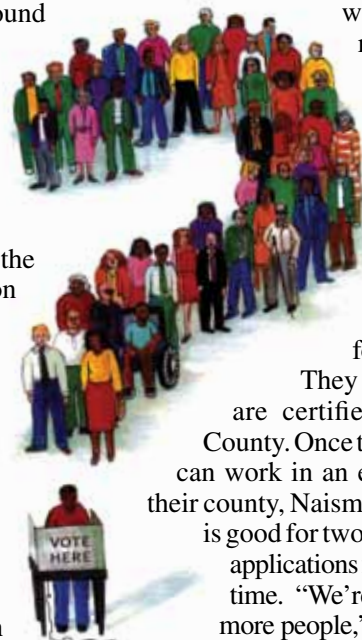
Rodemsky said she was an election inspector for Fenton Township before optical scanners were used. Her job was going through the absentee ballots and putting them through

the machine used at the time. Now, she votes absentee herself, which gives her time to study the ballot.

Pay for a city of Fenton election inspector is \$120 per day, while the election chairperson, who manages the precincts, receives \$135. As clerk, Naismith provides support to the election workers, and enforcement, if necessary.

Fenton pays election inspectors and the chairperson for training, which takes three to four hours. It is up to each municipal clerk whether election workers are paid for training, she said.

They receive training and are certified through Genesee County. Once they are certified, they can work in an election anywhere in their county, Naismith said. Certification is good for two years. Fenton accepts applications for election staff at any time. "We're always looking for more people," she said.



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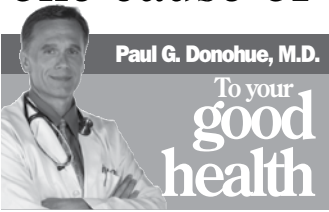
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**ANSWER:** Don't jump to conclusions. Sciatica (sigh-AT-ik-ah) is only one cause of back pain. The fact that your father had it has little bearing on your having it. Did your dad arrive at the diagnosis on his own? Many people do. Quite often, they're wrong.

The sciatic nerve is a large nerve formed by the intermingling of nerve roots coming from the lower segments of the spinal cord. It and its branches run from the lower back through the buttock and down the leg to the ankle and foot. Pressure on the nerve at any point in its course irritates it and produces the pain of sciatica. The most common cause comes from a protrusion of one of the back's disks, which presses on the spinal cord rootlets that combine to build the nerve.

Low-back, buttock and leg pain are the hallmarks of sciatica. The leg pain is on

the back of the leg or its outer side.

Even though the diagnosis is a bit iffy here, sciatica – and most of the other causes of low-back pain – get better in three to six weeks. You don't have to completely rest. Strict bed rest is contraindicated. Walk around and perform the normal activities of daily life, but don't lift, push or perform manual labor. Use heat or cold on your back, whichever you find benefits you more.

Tylenol (acetaminophen) usually controls pain. If it doesn't, one of the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (Aleve, Advil, Motrin) can be tried. An injection of steroids into the back takes care of inflammation that adds to the pressure on the nerve. Surgery usually isn't necessary. The long-term outlook is good.

If the pain hasn't gone by four weeks, see a doctor. See the doctor promptly if pain increases or you lose control of your bladder or bowels.

The booklet on back pain provides more information on this common problem. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 303W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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**RELEASED THIS WEEK**

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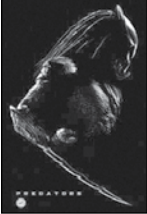
**PLEASE GIVE**

Kate (Catherine Keener) and Alex (Oliver Platt) are a couple living in New York City who specialize in vintage furniture, which they buy on the cheap at estate sales and mark up at their trendy Manhattan store. Kate and Alex have a teenage daughter, Abby (Sarah Steele) — who has image problems — and their apartment is starting to feel a bit small. Kate and Alex own the unit next door to them, and once the flat becomes vacant, they plan take over the space. However, Andra (Ann Morgan Guilbert), their tenant, is an elderly woman with a poor disposition who doesn't seem eager to go anywhere soon. Hoping to make the best of the situation, Kate tries to strike up a friendship with Andra and her fiercely protective granddaughter Rebecca (Rebecca Hall), but Andra isn't especially interested in making new friends. Add in Kate's guilt over the business, this quirky comedic tale of human foibles soon takes an unpredictable turn.



**PREDATORS**

The film stars Adrien Brody as Royce, a mercenary who reluctantly leads a group of elite warriors who come to realize they've been brought together on an alien planet — as prey. With the exception of a disgraced physician, they are all cold-blooded killers — mercenaries, Yakuza, convicts, death squad members — human predators who are now being systematically hunted and eliminated by a new breed of alien Predators.



**BY LINDA THISTLE**

# Weekly Sudoku

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## FIELD TRIPS

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Pietrzyk said her and her husband struggle with bills, just as she believes everyone is in this economy. "I work overtime for extra money," Pietrzyk, who is a nurse, said. "I'm sure other families have issues, too."

Pietrzyk said the \$30 fee for this trip is overshadowed by what she knows she will be expected to pay next year when her daughter will have an opportunity to go on a three-day, two-night trip to Traverse City with her eighth-grade class. She heard the trip costs approximately \$285. Overnight trips must be approved by the school board.

"How can you expect families to pay these fees," Pietrzyk said. "My daughter's been to Traverse City, but she would feel left out if I didn't let her go."

Pietrzyk spoke to Principal Dan Ferguson. She was told that there are scholarships available to families and a variety of fundraisers to offset the costs. She is in favor of field trips, "but not at such a high cost."

She also said the expensive trips create a cycle of stress, such as by making the parents feel bad if they have to say no and making the student upset when they can't go. "If it's charity, the parents feel bad again," she said. "Wake up, we're in Michigan. It just makes me mad."

Dissatisfied with Ferguson's response, Pietrzyk contacted Superintendent Wayne Wright. Again, she was told that scholarships and fundraisers were available to cover the costs. "We just need to be more cost efficient. There are plenty of places to go that are local," she said. "I feel forced to pay it. I'm sure other parents feel the same way."

As a suggestion, Pietrzyk said before the trips are planned and approved, a letter could be sent to the parents to see how many want to send their child knowing the costs involved. "The whole point of this is to look at less expensive trips," she said.

Ferguson said his school has several field trips planned for this year. The sixth graders will be going to Ligon, at no cost to students, and to the Imagination Station for approximately \$20. The seventh graders will be going to Camp Tamarac at \$30 each and Cedar Point at approximately \$55 each.

The eighth-grade Camp Experience trip to Traverse City costs \$200 and is the most expensive middle school trip.

"We are well aware of the current economic climate in our towns, county, state and nation," said Ferguson. "In five years, we have grown from a student population

### Lake Fenton Board of Education FIELD TRIP CRITERIA

- **Safety for all students** must be a priority with appropriate student-teacher ratios.
- **At no time should** costs be the primary factor for a student to opt out of a field trip.
- **The trip must have** educational relevance and at the middle level, that often includes team-building initiatives and group dynamics.

of 9 percent free and reduced food service to more than 26 percent.

"For that reason, many of our fundraising efforts are in an attempt to ease the financial burden for our families to perhaps offer an enrichment opportunity to a student or family to an experience they may never have access to without the schools' support."

Wright said the district has a policy where no child will be denied a trip based on finances. "We'll come up with the money. We'll pay for part or all."

### FENTON AGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

"We have one field trip on the books to the Flint Youth Theatre and the cost is \$7, which covers the student's ticket and transportation. We are looking at each teacher request for field trips as they come in, but we want to make sure each is curricular in nature and allows students to learn, as well as be able to take part in the actual trip. In addition, we have a wonderful PTO who is helping with scholarships for students who are in need."

— *Heidie Ciesielski,*  
*Fenton AGS Middle School principal*

### LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

"Field trip costs vary. Our students do team-building trips to Rollhaven and bowling. We also do academic field trips, such as the eighth graders going to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington. Trip costs range from \$3 to \$10, typically. Special trips to things such as attending a play at the Gem Theater may cost \$20 a student."

— *Julie Brown, Linden Middle School principal*

Eighth graders at Linden Middle School will be going on a three-day field trip to Washington D.C. at a cost of \$668 each.

— *Ed Koledo*  
*Linden Community Schools superintendent*

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**SURE, IT'S DOUBLE** dipping to charge what is already being paid by taxpayers. This inspection fee on businesses that sell liquor is targeting one type of business, like Mr. Walden said at the meeting. When he pointed that out, Sue Osborn said they would address that next year, government speak for 'we're coming after the rest of you next year.' Kind of like Night of the Living Dead, 'We're coming to get you. Barbara.'

**THANK YOU, TO** the very nice Fenton man and his son who helped me on Saturday when my truck ran out of gas on U.S. 23.

**TO THE PERSON(S)** who stole the pumpkin from my front door, I hope you feel really good about yourself. I will explain to my grandchildren that someone needed them more than they did. The 12 year old will understand, but the 4 year old?

**SENIORS, KISS YOUR** nest eggs goodbye. Congress has already stated they will allow the Bush tax cuts to expire, thereby bringing forth a mammoth tax hike.





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Lake Fenton's Tony Grams

# LF soccer advances to GAC final, but falls to Goodrich, 5-1

By David Troppens  
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**Goodrich** — Lake Fenton soccer coach Lenny Glasstetter knows how much the mental aspect of a sporting event can determine the winner.

He saw it work in his advantage about 20 years ago.

In one of his kids' fifth- and sixth-grade basketball league games, his son's team was playing against a team from Bendle in what was a battle of undefeateds. However, his son's team walked passed the Bendle bench with every player wearing new high-quality basketball shoes.

"They looked at our shoes and kept saying 'Oh, my gosh, look at those shoes. Those guys must be awesome,'" Glasstetter said. "They lost the game at that point."

When it comes to GAC soccer, Goodrich is the new, classy-looking shoe.

The Blue Devils (8-8-1) looked like an out-matched and bewildered team in the first half, resulting in a 5-1 loss at Goodrich in the GAC tournament championship game.

"It's all mental at this stage," Glasstetter said. "Mentally, we don't think we can beat Goodrich. And until we get in our mind we can beat them, it's not going to happen. We have enough talent."

On Friday, the Blue Devils fell behind before most

were able to settle down to enjoy the game. A cross to Danny Garr resulted in a goal just 1:02 into the contest. And while the Blue Devils struggled just to get shots off, the Martians scored four first-half goals.

The second half was much more competitive. The Blue Devils settled in and played with more confidence. The result was an evenly played 1-1 second half. However, by then the damage had been done.

"I told them that story at halftime, and they played much better in the second half," Glasstetter said. "It was a 1-1 game. Toward the end they started putting in subs, but they still had quite a few starters in there. We have to play like that the whole game — play like that for 80 minutes."

See **ADVANCES** on 20

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** When was the last time the Detroit Lions had a winning record entering their bye week?

**A** In 2007, the Lions were 3-2 entering their bye week. They finished the season 7-9 after losing seven of their last eight games.

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# Eagles' playoff run ends vs. Martians, 3-1

By David Troppens  
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**Goodrich** — What was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Linden varsity boys soccer team ended up being a pretty strong season.

However, that season probably ended a bit shorter than the Eagles had hoped. The Eagles dropped a 3-1 Division 2 district opening contest against the Goodrich Martians Monday at Goodrich.

Tied at 1-all entering the second half, Goodrich scored two goals around the midpoint of the second half, resulting in the 3-1 win. The first was set up by a cross from Patrick Season to Kenny Rappuhn. Rappuhn then crossed the ball once again to the farside post to Andrew Giza, who scored the go-ahead goal with 27:27 left in regulation.

Still in the contest at that time, Goodrich took a two-goal lead with 22:32 left in the contest when Season penetrated the Linden defense and scored a goal to the farside corner. Goodrich led 3-1.

The Eagles had other shots, once trailing by two goals, but none of the shots were too dangerous either.

## Tri-County Top 5

1. Holly boys soccer
2. Fenton boys cross country
3. Linden girls cross country
4. Fenton girls swimming
5. Fenton volleyball

**Note:** The Holly boys soccer team captured a league title and probably needs to do something in the postseason to finish No. 1 at the end of the fall. Chances are all five of these teams will win Metro League titles, four by the end of this week.

But after finishing the season in third place in the Metro on a team that replaced 15 seniors from a season ago, the Eagles were pleased with their 8-7-1 overall mark.

"I think we did pretty good this year, considering we lost 15 seniors from last year," said senior Brad Farthing. "I'm pretty surprised we got third in the Metro. We could've done better than that too, so I was pretty satisfied with this year."

"I'm real proud of these guys," Linden coach Kevin Fiebert said. "The way we started out with all the new guys. I knew what I was going to get out of the other players, but the youngsters were very

timid and raw at times. But we settled in and played well. They grew up a little bit. We still have a lot of growing to do. We get a lot back, so we're looking forward. I'm excited about what I see."

Farthing also remains excited about the team's future once he's gone.

"I think they are going to be pretty good," Farthing said. "We work pretty good as a team. There are a lot of young players, and they'll get a lot of team bonding and team work."

The contest didn't start  
See **PLAYOFF** on 20



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(Left) Linden's Ted Parcher scored the Eagles' only goal in a 3-1 district loss to Goodrich on Monday. (Above) Linden's Zach Bakos (left) tries to get the ball from Goodrich's Logan Montgomery.



# Bronchos win vital game for playoff hopes, 14-13

By David Troppens  
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The Holly varsity football team's hopes for its second trip ever to the state playoffs remained a possibility on Friday night.

Holly's Austin Hopkin caught his second interception of the game with 1:48 left, helping ice Holly's 14-13 victory against Lansing Waverly.

At the time, Waverly was driving and at the Bronchos' 14. The throw

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Holly's defense makes a stop during a recent contest against Clio. The Bronchos defeated Lansing Waverly 14-13 on Friday night.

was picked off in the end zone.

Offensively, John Williams had two TD passes. He completed a three-yard pass to Cody Brotherton in the second quarter and a 49-yard pass to Anderius Gray with 1:48 left until halftime. At the time, the Bronchos led 14-7. However, Justin Ray scored on a one-yard plunge in the third quarter for Waverly. But Waverly missed the extra point, allowing the Bronchos to maintain a 14-13 lead.

Conversely, Holly's Melissa Smiles made both of her extra-points, helping Holly earn the win.

Williams finished with 102 yards rushing. Defensively, Allan Strode had 10 tackles.

The Bronchos host Brandon in a contest pitting two 5-3 teams fighting for a playoff spot.

**Montrose 35, Lake Fenton 0**

Montrose's Nick Huckabay had TD runs of 55, 5 and 1 yard, leading the Martians to the victory. Huckabay had 176 yards rushing. Lake Fenton fell to 3-5.

## did you know?

The last time the Detroit Lions won a road football game was on Oct. 28, 2007 against the Bears.



# Fenton swimmers keep on winning

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity swim team doesn't know what it feels like to lose anything in Metro League competition. That trend continued on Thursday.

The Tigers upped their Metro League winning streak to 33 meets, defeating Kearsley 127-56.

Girls swimming became a Metro League championship event in 2004. Since then, the Tigers have never lost, winning six straight titles. No one has even threatened the Tigers' run to this point.

And it looks like it won't happen this year, either.

On Thursday, the Tigers won 10 events. Kendal Mykietiuks was the only individual double-winner, taking the top spot in the 200 freestyle (2:04.17) and the 100 backstroke (1:06.98). She also teamed with Deanna Hooper, Gabrielle Haaraaja and Sara Wujciak to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:47.07).

Five others won one individual event. They were Kali Finger in the 200 IM (2:29.83), Haaraaja in the 50 freestyle (27.17), Hooper in the 100 butterfly (1:08.11), Wujciak in the 100 freestyle (57.12) and Shaw in the 500



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Fenton's Blair Merlo was on the Tigers' winning 400 freestyle relay team during a victory against Kearsley.

freestyle (5:46.61).

The Tigers also won the other two relay events. Megan Rumbles, Carli Finger, Hooper and Haaraaja won the 200 medley relay (2:08.10) and Rumbles, Jaycee Stevenson, Blair Merlo and Emily Pruiett won the 400 freestyle relay (4:24.73).

The Tigers swept the top three spots in two events — the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

"It was a good meet," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "There is nothing incredible to post. We are trying to focus on MISCA next weekend in order to be ready for state. We have Holly before the MISCA meet. That's always a fun meet."

Fenton hosts Holly at 6 p.m. on Thursday. The MISCA Meet, which is a sort of All-Star meet for swimmers at all divisions, is Friday and Saturday.

## Fenton squads hitting volleyball court for charity

By David Troppens

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Sometimes fighting for bragging rights can make for good charity.

That happens to be the case for the Fenton boys soccer and volleyball programs.

The two Fenton programs will be hosting "Spike for Food" at the Fenton High School gym Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Each program will have three teams, one for the freshmen and JV levels and a final one for the varsity teams. Entry for the event is \$5 or five cans of food for Fenton's "Stuff the Bus" charity.

"Eric Mowery and Sam Granger came up with the idea of playing each other for bragging rights," Fenton soccer coach Matt Sullivan said. "(Fenton varsity volleyball coach Linda Rusaw) Cheese and I made it a charity fundraiser. The school is already involved in 'Stuff the Bus,' so we are just helping out."

The varsity match is expected to start at about 7:30 p.m. All the scores from each match will be kept so a winner can be declared at the end. Afterwards, the teams will be hosting a pizza party fundraiser for breast cancer at Luigis. Luigis is donating half of their profits to help fight breast cancer as well.

"All the players will be wearing pink," Sullivan said. "It should be a lot of fun and be a great charity event."

# Holly remains undefeated in Metro action

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity swim team heads into its dual meet with the six-time defending Metro League champion Fenton Tigers boasting a perfect Metro record.

The Bronchos accomplished that by defeating Brandon 104-76.

Holly's Breanna Konopitski and Courtney Konopitski were four-time

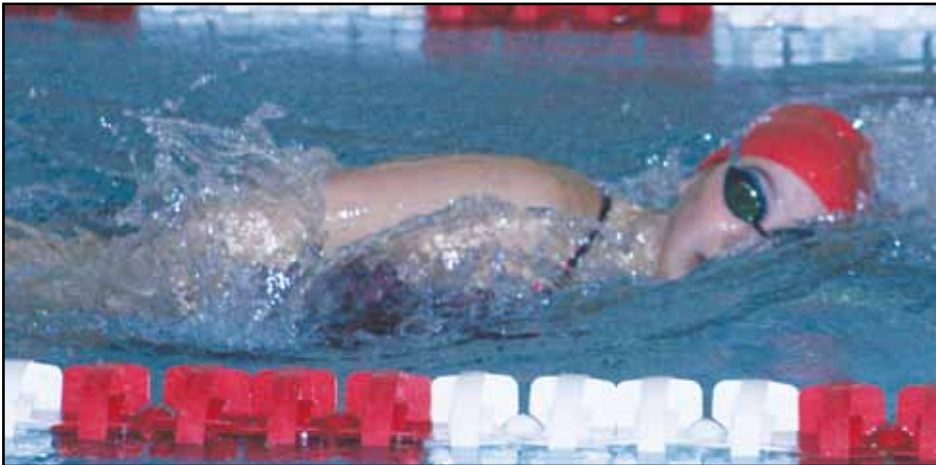
winners.

The sisters teamed up with Breanne Thomas and Jessie Felix to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:53.08), while teaming with Anna Quinnan and Felix to win the 400 freestyle relay (4:17.00).

Breanna Konopitski won the 200 freestyle (2:09.7) and the 50 freestyle (26.79), while Courtney Konopitski won

the 200 IM (2:23.22) and the 100 butterfly (1:06.45). Quinnan also won the 500 freestyle (6:18.4), while Hannah Micallef won diving (145.6).

The Bronchos travel to Fenton Thursday at 6 p.m.



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Holly's Courtney Konopitski won two individual events and was a member of two winning relays during the Bronchos' 104-76 victory against Brandon.

## SPORTS REPORT

### CROSS COUNTRY

► **Lake Fenton at Gabriel Richard Invitational:** The Lake Fenton girls took sixth out of eight teams, with Andrea Roe leading the squad with a 25th-place finish in 21:58. Other times for the girls were Laura Carlson with a time of 22:40, Marta Watters with a time of 25:37, Marie Azman with a time of 23:03, Becky Fernelius with a time of 22:54 and Maggie Barringer with a time of 29:24. Trevor Sheridan led the boys with a personal best time of 21:52. Mike Dailey had a time of 24:15.

### SOCCER

► **Lansing Catholic Central 2, Lake Fenton 0:** The loss ended the Blue Devils' district hopes in the opening round of the tournament. Lake Fenton ended the season with an 8-7-1 record.

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# Holly tennis ties for 17th at state meet

By David Troppens  
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The Metro League and regional champion Holly varsity boys tennis team came home from the Division 2 state meet as the 17th-best team in the state of Michigan.

The Bronchos scored three points, tying for 17th with Dearborn Edsel Ford and Grosse Pointe North.

Midland Dow won the tournament hosted at Jenison High School with 35 team points. Battle Creek Lakeville was second. The Bronchos had two flights win a match. The No. 2 doubles team of Jake Quinnan and Craig Richards defeated Allen Park's Jake Lincoln and Adam Holinski, but then lost to the No. 3 seeded Battle Creek Central squad of Tyler Vondell

and David Taylor.

The Bronchos' No. 3 doubles team of Ricky Slemons and Taylor Mills also won a match. They defeated Lahser's Brendan Tsai and Lornzo Lorenzetti, but then lost to Okemos' Jack Gillaly and Elan Dantus.

Holly's singles competitors that were at the state meet were Jeff Sophiea (No. 1), Sam Caldwell (No. 2), Connor Bilkos (No. 3) and Colton Richards (No. 4) each lost their first-round matches.

The other doubles teams were Erik Kahn and Zac Goodrich (No. 1) and Christian Roberts and Parker Cuthbert (No. 4).

Metro League foe Ortonville Brandon also competed at the state meet and tied for 21st place.



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Holly's Jake Quinnan (front) tries to volley a ball near the net during a recent match while his doubles teammate Craig Richards watches. The Bronchos tied for 17th at the state meet.

## Third-annual Hero Day football game slated for Nov. 6

By David Troppens  
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Two years ago, Josh Lawrence set up a football game for Genesee County EMS workers.

Now in its third year, the game seems to be growing in interest a bit more every year.

This year, the third-annual EMS vs. Fire Hero Bowl game will be hosted at

Fenton High School on Saturday, Nov. 6. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.

Admission is free, although a donation can be made. All proceeds made from the game will go to Toys For Tots, Lawrence said.

He is excited to see how the game has grown.

"We started two years ago and it was flag football then," Lawrence said.

"We had a lot of people ask us about it after the event, asking if they could play or what was going on. Last year, we brought in the fire department so we could get larger teams, and it ended up being 20-on-20 with a crowd of about 50 people.

"We had a lot of people say they wish we told them because they would've come out and supported us."

"So, this year, we are trying to make it the biggest event ever. We hope this can become a charity event that a lot of people will come and support."

This year's game will be tackle football, but without pads. There are four high school referees and there will be

full concession stands, with the proceeds from that going to the senior class. There will be a playing of the National Anthem, and the game will have 15-minute quarters.

Last year, the EMS crew defeated the Fire 53-0.

"Being the quarterback for the EMS, it's not only important for the team to do well but to have both teams show up and have a lot of fun," Lawrence said. "This is something I generated out of my head one day, and it's generated to the point it has today. It's good to see everyone out there."

For more information, send an e-mail to emerservsports@yahoo.com.

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The Martians (12-6-1) put enough in the first 40 to win the game. Garr added another goal with 8:25 left in the first half, when Austin Ross sent a free kicked to him at the farside post. He also assisted on the second half, dropping a ball to Ross, who blasted that shot from about 15 yards out, scoring.

Andrew Giza made it 4-0 with a header goal off a rebound with 3:32 left in the opening half.

The Blue Devils, who had just two shots in the first half and just one on goal, had

better chances in the second half. They scored a goal with 20:27 left when Rance Hennessey assisted Chase Hanson's goal. The contest remained 4-1 until Alex Karas scored on a shot from about 15 yards out with just over eight minutes left in the contest.

Lake Fenton was outshot 24-11 in the contest, but the difference was just 10-9 in the second half. Lake Fenton keeper Spencer Quick made 12 saves, a couple of the spectacular variety.

"That's the most goals we've allowed all year," Glasstetter said. "It was three before this. We're getting there."

### PLAYOFF

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well for Linden. The Martians scored just 54 seconds into the game on a cross from Kevin York to Evan Grzecki. It remained 1-0 until the 31st minute, when Linden had a corner kick. Eventually it resulted in a cross from Zach Bakos to Ted Parcher near the goal crease. He scored, tying it at 1-all.

"They were winning all sorts of 50-50 balls. That's a veteran team," Fiebert said.

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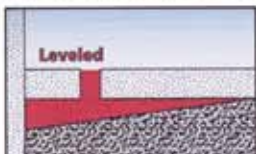
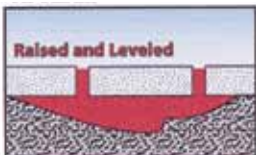
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## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

### Joann K. Essmann 1918-2010



Joann K. Essmann - age 92 of Linden, formerly of Southfield, died Sunday, October 17, 2010. Joann was born June 5th, 1918, in St. Joseph Missouri. She married William Essmann in July of 1948 and he preceded her in death, July, 2002. She and William owned and operated Essmann Printing Company in Ferndale, Michigan. Joann was dedicated to her family, and was very active in various card clubs and her church. She is also preceded in death by her parents and brother, Arthur (Barbara) Kroll. Surviving are two children, son, Craig Essmann (Linda) of Fenton, and daughter, Elaine Hemphill (Dick) of Hebron Indiana; four grandchildren, Matthew (Jane) Essmann, Kelly (Scott) Pushman, Mark Mayersky, and Tara Mayersky; two step-grandchildren Rick (Stacey) Hemphill, Erika (Vic) Gaskey and two great-grandchildren, Carter and Cole Essmann. A memorial service will be held at 12 noon on Friday, October 22, 2010 at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W 14 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, MI (248-642-0200). Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 3810 Packard Rd., Suite 240, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Duane Frederick Smith 1943-2010



Duane Frederick Smith - age 66, of Fenton, died Saturday, October 16, 2010 at his residence surrounded by his family. Services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Pastor Dale Swihart officiating. Visitation was held 2-5 and 6-8 PM Tuesday. Interment will be held at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to McLaren Hospice. Duane was born October 28, 1943 in Flint, the son of Charles and Lola (Brookman) Lykes. He was a 1962 graduate of Linden High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during Vietnam. Duane married Linda Sutherby on August 26, 1972 in Fenton. He was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church. Surviving are: wife, Linda of Fenton; daughter, Emily; two sons, Roger and Fred; five siblings, Pat Fox, Roger Smith, Russell Smith, Lucy and Gerald Johnson, Joyce Lykes; brother and sister-in-laws; Bert and Brenda Belding, Spencer and Sharon Sutherby, Tim and Sandi Sutherby, JoAnn Sutherby; many nieces and nephews; special friend, Danny Eder. He was preceded in death by: his parents; sister, Jean Arnold and brother-in-law, Gary Sutherby. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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