Mom questions high cost of field trips at Lake Fenton schools

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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.

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.”

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Fenton Township projects balanced 2010 budget

► Additional $34,000 in sales tax revenue

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

During the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Operations Manager/Dep-uty 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

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Linden schools take tough stance against bullying

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 filmed having a romantic inter-relationship with a fellow student

See BEING SECRETLY

Just how important is your credit score?

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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.

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

See CREDIT on 10

IMPROVE/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 card? 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.

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Fenton Township enforcement officer gives report

**Zoning, blight and tall grass tops list of complaints**

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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.

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**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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"Your granddaughter is beautiful. And there wasn’t any packet loss in the recital video at all."
Election inspectors... They make voting happen

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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 Rodemeyer was an election inspector for three years, for Fenton Township and it was an enjoyable experience 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 open for a school election.

Summary

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

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acne

Teens grow out of it, but scars may remain

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

This 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

- Teenage acne — whiteheads, blackheads and pimples are present.
- Prepubertal acne — when acne occurs before a first menstrual period.
- Adult acne — develops later in life and may be related to hormones, childbirth, menopause or stopping the birth control pill.

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Hard to open bottles

A tip for all those girls out there who occasionally lack the courage 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 sticker ones.

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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. 
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, which 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.

How important is your credit score? 

“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.” — Don Lopez, 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 Saffron, 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

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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 statements 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.
HOT LINE CONTINUED
ALL OVER THE news, I see and hear, ‘yes we can, yes we can’ and doing something to make the change are two totally different things, Mr. President.

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 of commerce received foreign donations. Vice-President Joe Biden went on TV a few times midweek and the chief of police are buddies. Now, who do you think is going to get the job?

BULLYING
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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 playground and good behavior during this most unstructured time of the day is rewarded. The anti-bullying program at the school 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.

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FAMILY TROUBLE
At 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11, MSP Grove-land Post received a call from the 14000 block of Linder Drive, near Quick Road, in Hall Township. A 30-year-old woman called due to a heated verbal argument between herself and her stepdaughter, 14. They were arguing over clothes, 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 a car wash at the 18200 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 11:30 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 was 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 left the 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 break-ins that occurred on Monday, Oct. 11 at a motor home storage facility in the 15000 block of South Linden Road in Canton. 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 600 block of Tickner Street reported to Linden police that someone entered their unlocked vehicle and stole several personal belongings, including tools, valued at $500. The theft remains under investigation. Police urge all residents to keep 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.

ATTENDED BREAK-IN AT BUSINESS
The owner of a business at the corner of West Robinson 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.
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.

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

WE ARE ON the verge of taking back our great nation from those who would have this be a nation of takers, instead of a nation of makers. Join the revolution to oust Socialism, and become a conservative community organizer. Jobs, hard work and making wealth will make us great. Redistribution or stealing of wealth is wrong.

I HAVE NEVER “norf” voted for Dale Kildee. This time, I will vote for one of his opponents. Mr. Kildee has nothing more than a Pelosi pawn. He has abandoned his traditional values and moved to the far right. It is time to stop the madness and vote for someone who will not only listen to their constituents, but vote in their will, not his cohorts.

SPENDING $300,000 ON federally mandated street signs? Tell them to take a hike. Now you see what’s wrong with big government and why the country is in debt and why over regulation is driving business off shore. FENTON or Fenton? Is it worth it?

BUDGET Continued from Front Page

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 $200,000, there were few changes in expenses.

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

“Should we 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 Hjelmers absent.

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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.

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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 $200,000, there were few changes in expenses.

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

“Should we 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 Hjelmers absent.

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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 electric
surgery 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 con-
fidence 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 them-
selves socially and are less likely to par-
ticipate 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.”

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pared to 40,000 for breast cancer. Thou-
sands of young, never-smoking women
(and men) are dying of lung cancer.

JOHN KUPIEC, THE
Democratic challenger 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 per-
cent of farmers receive these subsidies.
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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. Airport 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.

**IMPROVE**

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- Don’t use credit card issuers who don’t report your credit limit.
- Ask a trusted friend or family member to add you to one of their old cards as an authorized user.
- Ask a creditor for forgiveness.
- Get student loan payments current.
- Dispute old negatives.
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- Target “easy” errors — negatives that truly are not yours.

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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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Are you thinking about college?

Here’s why it’s a good decision
By Sally Rummel

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+

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

College graduates have more jobs to choose from than those who don’t pursue education beyond high school.
Financial aid available to most students

Federal aid begins with online FAFSA form

By Tim Jagielo
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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 dependent 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 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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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 to help students with their educational and career path.

Beginning officially in the eighth grade, students start thinking about whether 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-paying 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 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 and 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

• Some high school, no diploma - $265
• High school graduate - $591
• Associate’s degree - $736
• Bachelor’s degree - $978
• Master’s degree - $1,228
• Professional degree - $1,555
• Doctoral degree - $1,655

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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.

With that, the Michigan 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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Early childhood education takes center stage

Policymakers tour Ellen Street Campus

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton – Linda and Mike Finch, of Fenton Township, have twin grand-children who attend an early child-
hood program at Fenton Area Public Schools’ World of Wonder Early Learning Programs (WOW). Their granddaughters are excited about beginning to read and shared a book called, “Brown Bear, Brown Bear.” with them. Their grand-
son is learning social skills, instead of de-
pending on his sister.

“They go 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 child-
hood programs and sixth graders’ Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School. The building was recently re-
structured, and houses Great Start Readiness, Tuition Preschool, Successful Kids = In-
volved 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 in-
cluded 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 Maloney, 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 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 Zeffero said one of her children received help with speech through an early childhood pro-
gram at WOW. Early childhood programs are a way to find and address issues early on, she said.

Vernon Molnar, who is a Republican run-
ning for state senate, Dist. 27, attended the tour and the forum that followed. “The parents in this build-
ing 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.

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

INSPECTORS

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Fenton residents vote at the St. John Catholic Church’s Activity Center. The church donates the use of the center, Nais-
mith 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 consid-
erably. Voters insert their ballots into the scanners, which read the votes and tally them. Election inspectors compare the votes against the poll books, which sh"ow who voted. Absentee ballots also are marked in the poll books.

Rodemnsky said she was an election inspector for Fenton Township before optical scanner-
ners were used. Her job was going through the absentee bal-
lots 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 inspec-
tor is $120 per day, while the election chairperson, who manages the precincts, receives $135. As clerk, Naismith provides support to the election workers, and enforce-
ment, if necessary.

Fenton pays elec-
tion inspectors and the chairperson for training, which takes three to four hours. It is up to each municipal clerk whether elec-
tion 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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ANSWER: Don’t jump to conclusions. Sciatica (sigh-AT-ik) 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 discs, which presses on the spinal cord roots that combine to build the nerve. Low back, buttock and leg pain is hallmarks of sciatica. The leg pain is on the back of the leg or its outer side.

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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.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them into the booklet on back pain. He cannot be responsible for unsolicited materials sent in. None will be returned.

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BY LINDA THISTLE

Weekly Sudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, each column and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Traverse City with her eighth-grade class. Pietrzyk spoke to Principal Dan Ferguson: "If I didn’t let her go."

She heard the trip costs approximately $200 and is overshadowed by what she knows she will have an opportunity for. "How can you expect families to pay this?" Pietrzyk said. "I work overtime for extra money," Pietrzyk, who is a nurse, said. "I’m sure other families can’t go."

She also said the expensive trips create a cycle of stress, such as by making the student upset when they may never have access to without the school's support. "Wake up, we’re in this economy. "I work struggling with bills, just as she believes 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 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 of 9 percent free and reduced food service to more than 26 percent."

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. "If it’s charity, the parents feel bad. "If it’s charity, the parents feel bad again," she said. "Wake up, we’re in this economy. "I work struggling with bills, just as she believes 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 Camp Tamarac at $30 each and Cedar Point at approximately $55 each.

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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 sooner 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.

“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 outmatched 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.”
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 champion Fenton doesn’t know what it feels like to lose. 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 Mykietiuk 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 Haaraoja 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), Haaraoja 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 freestyle (5:46.61).

The Tigers also won the other two relay events. Megan Rumbles, Carli Finner, Hooper and Haaraoja won the 200 medley relay (2:08.10) and Rumbles, Jaycee Stevenson, Blair Merlo and Emily Priouct 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.

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

“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.

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.
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 Okemos’ Jack Gillaly and Eian 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).

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As the 17th-best team in the state of Michigan, the third-annual EMS vs. Berry game will be hosted at Jenison High School on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. Admission is free, although a donation is encouraged.

“We started two years ago and it has grown. 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.

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“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.”

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

“Advancement 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.

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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.

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Duane Frederick Smith
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Duane Frederick Smith - age 65, 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 on 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 Suhreby 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, Pat Fox, Roger Smith, Russell Smith, Lucy and Gerald Johnson, Joyce Lykes; brother and sister-in-laws; Bert and Brenda Belding, Spencer and Sharon Suhreby, Tim and Sandi Suhreby, JoAnn Suhreby; many nieces and nephews; special friend, Danny Edler. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jean Arnold and brother-in-law, Gary Suhreby. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfunerhomes.com.

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- November 12, 2010
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- 248-634-3533.

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