

**HOT LINE:
MINERS' RESCUE**

"I and so many others are so happy and satisfied that they brought every single miner in Chile to the surface. That shows great hope for mankind, when they put their mind to it."
— Frank J.

**STORY: HIGH COST
OF FIELD TRIPS**

"While I am sympathetic of your financial woes, I am equally sympathetic of the abuse your daughter may face due to your grandstanding in the media. I am sure you can cut \$30 from some area of your spending to send your daughter on the field trip."
Kids come through our subdivision all the time collecting cans as a way to fund raise. Grab a bag and start knocking on doors, unless you're above that."
— rukiddingme

**HOT LINE:
BUSH TAX CUTS**

"Please stop lying. The Bush tax cuts benefit almost every income range of taxpayers, not just above \$250K."
— Truth in Fenton
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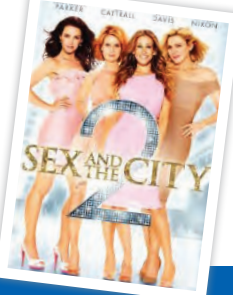


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**Spend
it local.**
Keep your
dollars in your
community.



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VG's breaks ground for gas station

► Fuel and convenience center will be in front of Silver Parkway store

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — VG's Grocery is beginning a new phase in its history in Fenton. It broke ground on a Quick Stop convenience and fuel center, at 18005 Silver Parkway, on Tuesday. The site is located near the VG's Food and Pharmacy at the same address.

Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and other community leaders joined VG's executives and store team to break ground at the construction site. Construction of the new VG's Quick Stop Fuel and Convenience Center is underway, with completion

Summary
► VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway, in Fenton, will be home to a Quick Stop convenience and fuel center. Construction is underway and expected to be completed in December.
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"VG's is excited to open our first VG's convenience
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ANNA TROPPENS
(From left) VG's Grocery Senior Vice President/General Manager of Eastern Division Brian Haaraaja, Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce President Shelly Day, Mayor Pro Tem John Rauch and Spartan Stores Vice President of Operations Ted Adornato attend the groundbreaking for the new Quick Stop on Silver Parkway.



Adelaide Street work to end for the year



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Due to approaching winter weather, the Adelaide Street construction project will cease after paving around Nov. 15. Work on the portion north of Silver Lake Road will continue in the spring. (See story on Page 5)

Missing woman from Southfield located in Fenton

► Woody's Towing employee recognizes plate number from Tri-County Times story

By Sharon Stone
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A Southfield woman reported missing last week has been located. Robin Schroeder, of Fenton, reported that her niece Ann Marie Wilson, 45, was located, unharmed, Saturday morning at the property of Wilson's late great-grandparents in Fenton.
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Ann Wilson

Creative Foam receives \$362,386 tax credit from state

► Green energy project may create 63 new jobs over next five years

Fenton — Fenton-based Creative Foam, which designs and manufactures cellular and non-cellular foams and plastics for customers in the automotive and
See **TAX CREDIT** on 17

Summary
► Creative Foam is receiving a tax credit and plans to invest \$1.5 million and create 63 new jobs, to support growth in producing specialized processing equipment for wind turbine blades.

Midwest, Great Lakes in for a cold, snowy winter

► Farmer's Almanac has 80-percent accuracy rate

By Sharon Stone
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The Old Farmer's Almanac and AccuWeather.com have made their weather predictions for this year's winter. If their forecasts are accurate, this area will see colder temperatures and more snow.

Since 1792, The Old Farmer's Almanac has established a reputation for
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How it predicts
The almanac uses three scientific disciplines to make its long-range predictions — solar science, the study of sunspots and other solar activity; climatology, the study of prevailing weather patterns; and meteorology, the study of the atmosphere.
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2 Computer Clean up



Dampen a Q-tip with alcohol. Be sure and squeeze out all the excess. Now, rub each key on your keyboard with the Q-tip. Change Q-tips as often as you need. The alcohol will not only clean the keys, but also sanitize and eliminate germs.

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BREW A VARIETY OF Halloween treats

"Spooktacular" desserts and hauntingly delicious snacks are on the agenda for Halloween. Whether preparing food for a party or gathering or simply for the family, Halloween food can be "devilishly" creative and good tasting. Pumpkins can be hollowed out to hold anything from spaghetti and meatballs or chili to popcorn balls, potato chips or trail mix.

Instant cobwebs can be made by melting large marshmallows for a few seconds in the microwave oven. Use two forks to spread them on buttered wax paper. After they are cooled, they are rather lifelike and oh, so edible.

They can also be used to decorate cakes while still warm. Dracula's Punch can be made by using cranberry juice or fruit punch. Adults can enjoy a hot brew of mulled wine and spices.



RECIPES

Witch's Brew (Orange-pineapple punch)

INGREDIENTS:

1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
1 (46 oz.) can pineapple juice, chilled
1 (2-liter) bottle orange soda, chilled
orange sherbet

PREPARATION:

In a punch bowl, or an old iron kettle, stir together the condensed milk, juice and soda. Top with sherbet and serve over ice if desired.

Harvest Dip

INGREDIENTS:

1 container Marzetti caramel dip
½ c. plain yogurt
1/3 c. crushed pecans
1/8 t. cinnamon

PREPARATION:

This is the perfect dip for ginger-snaps and fruit such as apples, pears and grapes.

Pumpkin Cookie Pops

INGREDIENTS:

1 (14 oz.) bag M&M's Halloween candy
1 (18 oz.) roll refrigerated cookie dough

See **RECIPES** on 13

School music programs inspire students

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton — It would be difficult to find anyone who is more of an advocate of music education than Ryan Gonder, director of band and choir for Lake Fenton Community Schools. And, the music program has grown under his direction.

Gonder, a 2002 Michigan State University graduate who performed with the university's marching band, has thrown himself into his work at Lake Fenton since 2002. The school district recently hired a second band director, Sean Spicer, to keep up with the interest.

Through music education, Gonder believes music students not only feel emotion beyond words — they will experience the art of music. He believes that music education be introduced into their lives as early as possible.

"The focus of our music program is to inspire students to become better, more well-rounded and culturally aware citizens."

Ryan Gonder
director of band and choir

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Ryan Gonder, director of band and choir for Lake Fenton Community Schools, conducts first-hour band Tuesday morning at the high school.

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You be the judge

It's very disturbing to me that Illinois failed to mail absentee ballots to our military members serving overseas in a timely manner. As a result, more than 35,000 military personnel serving overseas likely will not have their votes count in the upcoming elections.

Do I even need to point out that the men and women, who defend our country, must never be denied the right to have their say in our political process? So, under what circumstances could this somehow happen? Well, there are a handful of very competitive races in Illinois this year in which absentee ballots could easily be the difference in winning or losing. Republicans historically vastly outnumber Democrats by a wide margin among military voters, so the political implications are obvious. Add the fact that Illinois Republicans also have two military veterans on the ballot this year, and this whole scenario starts to stink even more.

Illinois is a state thoroughly dominated by Democratic control of... well, everything. So, at best, this is an example of the Democrats' gross incompetence, and at worst, the lowest form of dirty politics ever imagined.

You have to admit that it looks awfully suspicious when thousands of deployed troops failed to get their ballots to vote in this election from 35 different counties in Illinois. Can anyone think of a powerful politician who might possibly still have Democratic friends in the state where he was elected to the Senate? (Clue: his middle name is Hussein.)

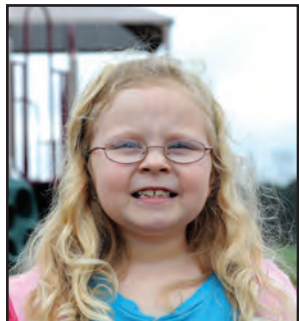
If one county forgot to mail the military ballot that could just be a mistake. If two counties do it, it starts to look a little suspicious. But, when a full 35 counties in Illinois 'forget' to send absentee ballots to soldiers serving overseas, in combat zones, away from their families, you have to consider intentional fraud as a real possibility.

P.S. All eligible inmates in the Illinois prison system (who historically vote Democratic) had their ballots hand delivered to them. You be the judge.

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What are you going to be for Halloween?



"A witch, because I like witches and they're cute."

— Alyssa Brooks
Linden



"Iron Man, he's one of my favorite superheroes."

— Ashton Howard
Linden



"An Asian princess, because I like Chinese fans."

— Paige Sundrla
Linden



"Super Mario, because he's from the video games. I play him all the time."

— Luke Bergfeld-Wiley
Linden



"Glenda, the good witch, I like The Wizard of Oz and she's my favorite character."

— Ella Williams
Linden



"Snake Eye, because I like the movie (G.I. Joe)."

— Evan Katzenberger
Linden

Hot lines

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THE MOMS OF Multiples sale at Fenton High School was awesome again this year. I love how you all work together and organize clothes by size. it makes my life a whole lot easier. I'm already looking forward to your next sale in March.

■■■■ **DEAR FENTON CITY** Council, you have consistently demonstrated you cannot manage or maintain roads, can't run a water plant, can't manage garbage collection, can't properly install or manage traffic lights or controls, and you consistently waste our money at every opportunity. You are not business- or resident-friendly. Please do us all a favor and resign before each of us is bankrupt and this wonderful city is no more. Signed, outraged residents and business owners.

■■■■ **PEOPLE, PLEASE PAY** attention to your children when you are shopping. Put your cell phones down. Your children are trailing behind you while you're talking away about nothing. Your children are more important.

■■■■ **THE CITY ALREADY** gets a kickback from the state every time they inspect a bar. They have or can get those forms from the state. Looks like double dipping. Of course, they won't tell you that.

■■■■ **IT IS GREAT** to see that Linden schools are taking a proactive approach to bullying. I have children in all of the Lake Fenton schools and have witnessed this kind of cruel behavior firsthand. I have seen it happen in front of staff at the school, with no consequences for the kids doing the bullying. Lake Fenton schools need to implement this kind of anti-bullying program, ASAP.

SEEING THAT FENTON Township is going to have a balanced budget and extra revenue, why not take that money and put it toward the sewer bill. Then, maybe I could afford to buy a second car. That sewer bill is like a second house payment.

■■■■ **KUDOS TO THE** cast and crew of Fenton Village Players' 'Little Shoppe of Hor-

rors.' What tremendous vocal talent. Fenton is so fortunate to have such a gem of a community theater. The 2011 season looks great. Can't wait to be sitting in the audience, again.

■■■■ **WANTED TO SAY** thank you to whoever fixed the railroad crossing on LeRoy Street. So nice to go over the tracks and have a smoother ride.

■■■■ **CHECK YOUR FACTS.** There is a tax on capital gains (including the sale of your home) if you earn \$250K in capital gains income if you are single, or \$500K if you are married. I wish I earned enough to pay the tax, but after the Bush years, there isn't much left for us middle- and low-income families. The wealthiest benefited from redistribution of wealth.

■■■■ **THE HOT LINE** writer who claimed that all home sales would be subject to a 3.5-percent tax to help fund health insurance reform, neglected to mention that it only applies to profits above the capital gains threshold of \$250,000 (\$500,000 per married couple). Beware of such scare tactics. The Heritage Foundation employs a full-time staff to generate such viral e-mails to scare the voters.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Get out there and vote

I reminded a good friend of mine not to forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2 in the General Election. She told me that she never bothers voting, unless it is a presidential election.

For the life of me, I don't understand that kind of thinking.

I couldn't wait until I was old enough to vote. I would read about the candidates in the local newspaper and watch the debates on television. I always put a lot of thought into who I am going to vote for before heading to the polls.

Now, it is definitely important to vote in a presidential election. But, I think it is even more important to vote for the governor of the state where you live and even more important to vote the local candidates who have a say on how your hard earned tax dollars are spent.

It's the state government that makes a decision to raise the sales tax from 4 to 6 percent or to put an additional tax on tobacco products or institute a smoking ban. And, it is the state government that decides what funding the schools your children are attending will receive.

Your local government will decide to increase your water rate or sewer service, and how much tax you will pay on the property you own.

Don't you want a say in who is going to make those decisions for you?

I see this as a 'real' year of change. Citizens are no longer satisfied with the status quo. It has been reported that a larger than normal number of voters is anticipated.

After this election, there will be a new governor at the helm of our state. There will be new faces in the state and local arenas, as well. I, for one, want some say as to who it will be.

The Tri-County Times featured profiles of the candidates in last Sunday's edition and information about state and local ballot issues. Publisher Rick Rockman's endorsements will be published Sunday, Oct. 31. The editorial team will be out in full force to provide results of the election for the Wednesday, Nov. 3 edition.

So, be informed, get educated, but more importantly — let your voice be heard and get out there and vote.

Hope to see you at the polls.

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streettalk

First-grade students at Linden Elementary School

Adelaide Street work to end for the year

►Construction to resume in spring 2011

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — Adelaide Street construction will end at Silver Lake Road this year and start back up in late April or early May 2011. There was a possibility of extending it to Wood St., across from St. John Catholic Church.

Summary

►Due to approaching winter weather, the Adelaide Street construction project will cease after preliminary paving around Nov. 15. Work will continue in the spring.

But due to winter weather, inclement weather approaching, this won't be taking place, said Department of Public Works Director Leslie Bland. Work on the portion of Adelaide Street south of the Silver Lake Road intersection will finish around Nov. 15.

The new water main has been installed and is in service up to the Silver Lake Road intersection. In addition, construction workers are tearing out old curbs, sidewalks, some driveways, and pouring new cement ones.

After letting the new cement curbs, sidewalks and driveways dry for four to five days, workers will grade the roadway and prepare it for paving. Paving will follow, ending the project until spring.

Work is progressing according to schedule, Bland said. There have been a couple of leaks to fix, where old water mains were capped off, and some difficulties with sewer leads from the new, galvanized pipe to residences.

In addition, an aging water main broke on Sept. 21, causing flooding near the Silver Lake Road/Adelaide Street intersection.

Background

Because of the size of the Adelaide Street project, it is being done in two phases. The first phase is on Adelaide Street, from South Holly Road to Silver Lake Road, this year. The second phase will be in 2011, from Silver Lake Road to Oak Park.

Along with water main replacement, the entire roadway along Adelaide Street will be repaved. Sidewalk ramps will be removed and replaced to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The entire width of North Road will be resurfaced from Adelaide to Oak Park, and a 400-foot water main connection from the Whisperwood Condominiums will be installed to the adjacent subdivision, creating a looped water system.

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Budget

The Adelaide Street project's cost is estimated at \$2.25 million, and Fenton is utilizing Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding from Genesee County to pay for part of the repaving costs. The city council approved the sale of Super Build America Bonds for the work. The federal government sells this type of bonds, paying 40 percent of the interest. Fenton will pay bond debt for the water main portion of the project with money from water rate increases council approved in January.



Fall Classes at Gerych's

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Tuesday, NOV 30 6:30-8:30 PM (\$25)
Vintage Christmas Decorating Class
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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Michigan v. Bryant (Part 2)

Last week's column was about a Michigan case called Michigan v. Richard Perry Bryant that is presently before the U.S. Supreme Court. The case involves the significant evidentiary issue of when a victim's statements to the police can be introduced at trial, with the key being whether the statements are deemed to be 'testimonial' (nonadmissible) or 'non-testimonial' (admissible). Part 2 is the rest of the Bryant story.

The Bryant case involves the shooting

of one Anthony Covington, who allegedly had been purchasing cocaine for approximately three years from Richard Perry Bryant at Bryant's back door. The two men lived within a few houses of each other in a Detroit neighborhood.

On April 28, 2001, Mr. Covington told his brother that he was going to provide Mr. Bryant with some cocaine in exchange for an expensive coat that he had previously pawned with him.

On April 29, 2001, Detroit police responded to a radio dispatch that a man had been shot at a gas station. They found the victim, Mr. Covington, lying on the ground at the gas station next to his car. The gas station was about six blocks from Mr. Bryant's house. Mr. Covington had a gunshot wound in his abdomen and was in obvious pain.

The police officers approached him and asked what had happened. In response, he said that he had been shot and 'Rick' had shot him. He was asked where it happened and he stated at a house on the corner of Pennsylvania, which he described. He further indicated that he was having a conversation with someone through the door and he recognized the voice as Rick's when shots were fired through the door and he was hit.

When the police went to the house no one was there.

The victim died within a few hours after being transported to the hospital.

It was later established that the defendant, Richard Perry Bryant, went by the name of 'Rick.' Without getting into the full procedural history here, the defendant was eventually tried, and convicted of second-degree murder. The trial court allowed the victim's statements into evidence. The Court of Appeals affirmed, but the Michigan Supreme Court reversed the conviction in 2009 finding that the victim's statements were testimonial in nature and not admissible.

The Wayne County prosecutor appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and the Court agreed to hear the case.

The question presented is simply this — was the primary purpose of Mr. Covington's statements, identifying the defendant as the shooter made to enable the police to meet an ongoing emergency, or were they made to enable the police to help with a later criminal prosecution?

The facts in every case are important and in the U.S. Supreme Court, the prosecutor and the defendant's attorney took quite opposite views of the facts. The prosecutor urged the Supreme Court to find that in view of the circum-

stances presented, the statements were made to meet an ongoing emergency and to allow the police to assess the situation, the threat to themselves and the potential danger to themselves.

The defendant's attorney argued the statements were the functional equivalent of testimony and were properly barred by the Michigan Supreme Court.

As I mentioned last week, this could be a significant case because it may shed additional light on the distinction between 'testimonial' and 'nontestimonial,' and the issues involving the Confrontation Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

This case will be closely watched and I will let everyone know the final decision.

Police&Fire report

FAMILY ARGUMENT

At 12:20 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, the Michigan State Police Groveland Post received a call to the 500 block of Otter Run in Rose Township, for a suspicious situation. The complainant had learned of a verbal and physical fight between a couple, both 30. The husband left before the trooper arrived, and the wife was vague about the incident and apologized for the trooper coming out. The husband was arguing with his wife over her work schedule, and they were yelling and things "might have got physical," she said. She said she probably smacked him and admitted she was wrong. No action was taken, since the husband did not want to file charges.

CIVIL MATTER

At 8:10 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, state police from the Groveland Post responded to the Holly Village Police Department for a family trouble complaint, stemming from the 2400 block of Kentha Court, in Holly Township, said Det. Sgt. Gary Muir. The complainant, 43, said she and her new husband, 42, were having difficulties getting along. A state police trooper stood by at the residence as she collected her dog and overnight items, and left for her mother's. The case was closed.

DRUG BUST

Just before 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, Fenton police were sent to the 1200 block of North LeRoy Street to investigate a suspicious situation. Lt. Jason Slater said the caller suspected a drug transaction was taking place after two people exited one vehicle and entered another vehicle with two occupants. Upon arrival, the responding officer made contact with the occupants. The officer recovered a small amount of suspected heroin, as well as marijuana, hypodermic needles and several prescription pills in plain bottles. A 19-year-old Holly female was arrested for possession of heroin. A 22-year-old Fenton male was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of a stolen vehicle. A 25-year-old Flint man was arrested for possession of marijuana. A 21-year-old Flint man, who was the driver of one of the vehicles was arrested for possession of marijuana. Slater said it appeared that the Holly and Fenton residents met with the Flint residents to purchase heroin. All were taken to the police station for processing. The vehicles were impounded. A computer check revealed the Fenton man was driving a vehicle reported stolen out of Pontiac, which is under investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

SHOPLIFTER CAUGHT

At 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, a Fenton police officer was sent to the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. A loss prevention employee observed a 54-year-old Fenton man

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Traffic on Jennings Road in Fenton Township travels smoothly in both directions Monday morning. The road reconstruction project was completed two weeks ahead of schedule.

Jennings Road — it's open!

► Work done two weeks ahead of schedule

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton Twp. — Parents and students driving to Lake Fenton High School Monday morning were pleasantly surprised to see that Jennings Road was open to through traffic.

The reconstruction project was completed about two weeks ahead of schedule. The Genesee County Road Commission closed the road on Tuesday, Sept. 7, the first day of school, to begin work. The project was expected to be completed on or before Nov. 12.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township said weather might have played a role in the earlier than projected completion date.

The road improvement project cost \$811,367, which was the lowest bid. The township's portion of that bill was \$793,847, according to Broecker.

Tony Brown, a trustee on the Fenton Township Board of Trustees and a Jennings Road homeowner, said, "They did

a really good job.

"They resolved all of the complaints and issues."

Now that the 1½-mile stretch of straight roadway has a new and smooth surface, traffic speed is of concern, said Brown. "Now we just have to slow the speeders down."

"The (Genesee County) sheriff's department will be issuing tickets to speeders."

Brown hopes that people will be smart and drive safely on the road. During the project, four extra feet of paved surface was added to each side of the road. This marked off area is for walkers and bicyclists. Since the repaving, Brown has noticed a substantial increase in the number of people walking their dogs along Jennings Road.

Not only was Jennings Road completed ahead of schedule, the parking lot at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center was completed early. The parking lot was open to visitors Monday morning, said Broecker. The township budgeted for the project, which cost approximately \$127,000.

Board of Education agrees to housing study

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — The Holly Area Schools (HAS) Board of Education has agreed to seek quotes from consulting groups to conduct a cost-savings study with the emphasis on elementary student housing in the HAS district.

A company will be selected at the Nov. 15 meeting, to conduct the study, according to Steve Lenar, assistant superintendent of administrative services. The study would begin in January, and be completed by the end of April, costing \$8,000 to \$25,000.

Superintendent Kent Barnes suggested the study, to help prepare for the more than \$2 million in cuts from state aid and the declining enrollment.

The housing review would explore what the community might think about closing an elementary building, compared to other possible measures.

"We are nowhere near closing any building at any point in the near future," said Barnes, who cautioned again about rumors exaggerating what the school board is considering.

Barnes said the community could voice opposition against any schools closing, and in that case, no schools would be closed.

Summary

► The Holly Board of Education has agreed to seek quotes from consulting groups for a housing review to explore cost-saving options, such as the closing of an elementary school. A decision will be made at the November board meeting.

Vice President Sue Julian said she would like to see figures on what would happen should a building not be closed, including what programs and personnel would have to be cut. "What are the consequences of the decision?" she asked.

The consulting group would assimilate different focus groups' answers and provide recommendations based on what they find, and what are the alternatives to closing a school.

"We're looking for useful information to make meaningful decisions," said President Tony Mayhew.

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"There is no doubt, in the mind of a music director, that something as infinitely beneficial as music has a place in every student's education," said Gonder. "By teaching music in the school, students will be enriched and perceive the world in a positive fashion."

Study after study suggests a direct correlation between music and improved test scores, analytical thinking and communication skills. Young music students who are learning fractions in math class perform better on the math tests, as they must learn to count musical notes.

Music can be included in all aspects of anyone's life due to its incorporation of communication skills, analytical thinking, individuality, responsibility, teamwork, personal discipline and mental, as



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Lake Fenton freshman Madeline Frasier, 14, plays bass clarinet during band rehearsal Tuesday morning.

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well as physical health and well-being. Studies have also shown that music education helps in other areas. According to a 1994 report by Peter H. Wood, music majors are the most likely group of college graduates to be admitted to medical school.

Physician and biologist Lewis Thomas found that 66 percent of music majors who applied to medical school were admitted. In comparison, 44 percent of biochemistry majors were admitted.

Based on his experience at Lake Fenton, Gonder said there have been some students who are active in school because of music and band. "It gets them in the door," he said.

Gonder believes the concept of a band or choir is the ultimate sport. With ensembles, the performance or product relies on everyone on the team, even when the individuals are resting. "We strive for 100 percent perfection, 100 percent of the time," he said.

Music programs are much like a close-knit family. Gonder has watched on occasion as his music students pull other students through hard times. "That family atmosphere gets them through those times."

Sophomore Becky Fernelious plays the flute. She chose it because it looked like it would be fun to play. "I picked up on it pretty quickly," she said. "I get to meet a lot of people and learn a lot of things. It helps with symphonic band."

Senior Timothy Nickels has played the trumpet since the fifth grade. He also sings in his church choir and is part of the community orchestra in Fenton. Nickels said, "It's just like theatre in a sense that

you're a totally different person when you perform on stage, you're a totally different person when you play.

"You're able to express yourself in ways you normally can't."
Timothy Nickels
student

Nickels said he is able to express himself and interpret even when he's reading sheet music. "More times than not, the trumpet is given the melody, and you have a lot of pressure on you, but at the same time, if you get it right it's like a pat on the back."

Music at Lake Fenton

Lake Fenton Community Schools offers general music to students K-5 under the direction of music instructor Rachel Solgat. Fifth graders begin an introduction to instrumental music with Sean Spicer. Grades six through eight have choir, and sixth graders begin instrumental classes. Grades seven and eight have concert band and some eighth-graders can join the high school marching band.

All high school band students take part in the marching band. Due to the increased number of band students, Gonder divided it into two bands. The symphonic band is comprised of juniors and seniors, while the concert band is comprised of freshmen and sophomores. The music program also includes a jazz band, pit orchestra, solo and ensemble events, and choir.

Acknowledging the benefits of music education, Lake Fenton and St. John School have put together a cooperative program where Spicer travels to St. John School for one hour every day to teach band. In return, Lake Fenton receives partial funds back from the state for the time St. John School students are in class, which offsets the cost of Spicer's hiring.

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its 80 percent accuracy rate when it comes to forecasting the weather. That's not bad, considering its experts use a secret formula, which was devised by the almanac's founder, Robert B. Thomas. Thomas believed that sunspots influenced weather on Earth. Sunspots are magnetic storms on the surface of the Sun.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, for the Lower Lakes Region, which includes this area, winter will be colder than normal, with the coldest periods in late December, mid- and late January and mid- and late February. Snowfall and precipitation will be near or slightly above normal in New York and below normal elsewhere. The snowiest periods will be in mid-December, January, and mid-February. April and May will be cooler and drier than normal.

AccuWeather.com Chief Long-Range Forecaster Joe Bastardi is forecasting rough winter conditions across the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes regions.

Bastardi says that areas of the Great Lakes and Northern Plains could have the worst of this winter's snow and cold. This includes cities in the Midwest, such as Detroit, Chicago and Minneapolis. Additionally, cities normally affected by lake effect snow could see more than usual this year for a number of reasons.

"I think the Great Lakes, interestingly enough, while they may not be that cold, may have a heck of a lot of snow this year from big synoptic scale storms," Bastardi said.

La Niña will make synoptic, or large-scale, storm systems more prevalent in the

northern half of the country. With this type of winter, the southern jet stream moves northward, channeling more storms and cold snaps into the northern half of the country.

The above-average summer in the Midwest warmed the Great Lakes more than average, according to AccuWeather.com Expert Senior Meteorologist Dave Dombek. Warm lake water creates a higher probability of lake effect snow. He's predicting large amounts of snow on areas of the Upper Peninsula, western Michigan and western and northern New York.

Fenton prepares for winter

Leslie Bland, director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the city of Fenton, said he monitors information provided by the National Weather Service and reads the Almanac. To his understanding, this winter should be similar to last winter, but maybe just a little bit colder.

"We prepare for a normal winter," he said. A normal winter means the city budgets for 1,000 to 1,500 tons of salt

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One way to predict if there will be frost in the morning is by looking up into the sky at night. When the night sky is clear, the Earth's surface cools rapidly. According to the almanac, if the night sky is clear enough to see the Moon and the temperature drops enough, frost will form.

that can be spread on the city streets.

Currently, his department is preparing trucks and equipment for the winter and has salt on hand. "You can't really predict the weather. By Nov. 1, all of our equipment will be ready."

The city purchases its salt from the Detroit Salt Company and has it delivered to the DPW facility on Alloy Drive. Bland said they like to keep 200

tons of salt on hand at all times. On average, the city uses 1,500 tons of salt, more, if conditions warrant it.

After 4:30 p.m. each day, Fenton police are the ears and eyes for the DPW. Bland said if road conditions worsen after hours, police

will notify the DPW crew leader so that they can tend to the roads.

Although it is the responsibility of Genesee County, in an emergency, the police chief could advise the DPW to salt the U.S. 23 overpass over Silver Lake Road, which has been the site of numerous weather-related crashes over the years.

Old proverbs

Who hasn't heard the old proverb, "Red sky at night, sailors delight. Red sky in morning, sailors take warning."

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, a reddish sunset means that the air is dusty and dry. Since weather in North American latitudes usually moves from west to east, a red sky at sunset means dry weather — good for sailing — is moving east. On the other hand, a reddish sunrise means that dry air from the west has already passed over us on their way east, clearing the way for a storm to move in.

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Batty for bats

(Above) Organization for Bat Conservation presenter Michelle McIntosh shows second graders at Linden Elementary School, Beatrice, an Egyptian fruit bat, at a presentation Monday afternoon. McIntosh teaches the students how bats are a benefit to the ecosystem. (Left) Organization for Bat Conservation presenter Michelle McIntosh holds Beatrice, an Egyptian fruit bat, at Linden Elementary School on Monday.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Holly Township to shore-up fence standards

►Amendment will ensure safety, quality of residential fences

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly Twp. — Supervisor Jesse Lambert and Clerk Karin Winchester are trying to give some teeth to the township's zoning ordinance concerning residential fences.

At the October meeting of the Board of Trustees, Winchester and Lambert proposed an amendment to the ordinance, designed to ensure that fences are built safely and are not an eyesore to neighbors.

If the amendment were approved, residents would obtain a building permit from the township. The building inspector would then ensure the fence

is being built up to building department standards, and would not be a hazard.

The amendment also calls for fence posts to face the property of the person building the fence, the ornamental side facing the neighbors.

These amendments could be in place as early as February, said Lambert.

The planning commission will review the amendments at its December meeting, and give its recommendation to the board.

A public hearing would then be held at the January meeting. The board could vote to adopt the amendments, change them, or deny it at its February meeting.

The amendments came about, in part, due to a resident complaint about an unsafe fence being built by a neighbor.

Summary

►The Holly Township Board has proposed amendments to tighten residential fence standards to ensure safety.

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Delaney Miesch, 9, of Fenton, donated hair to Wigs for Kids. This is the third time she has donated hair for a worthy cause.

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select, conceal and exit the store with four cans of compressed air without paying. The officer recovered some of the merchandise from the man's blue Impala. He was arrested for retail fraud. Under suspicion of consuming alcohol, a breath test was administered, showing a blood alcohol level of .188 percent. The man was transported to the police station, where he was lodged until sober. Upon his release, he was issued a court appearance ticket for retail fraud.

SMOKING POT IN CAR

At 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, a Fenton police officer was sent to an apartment complex off Torrey Road at the request of apartment manager. The manager said a suspicious vehicle was in the carport with two males inside. While making contact with the 19-year-old Fenton resident and a 16-year-old Tyrone Township resident, the officer detected the strong odor of marijuana. The teens admitted smoking marijuana and the officer recovered a bag of it. The 19 year old said the marijuana belonged to him. He was issued a court appearance ticket. The 16 year old was released to his mother. Both teens were warned to stay away from the apartment complex.

LATE NIGHT ARREST

At 4:06 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24, a Fenton police officer was dispatched to the 3200 block of Owen Road. A caller reported that two male occupants of a black Chrysler appeared intoxicated as they went through the drive-through lane of the restaurant. A traffic stop was initiated on the car on Owen Road, near Silver Parkway for a motor vehicle violation. The driver, a 42-year-old Linden man, blew a .139 on the breath test. The 19-year-old male passenger from Fenton Township blew a .136. The officer recovered a marijuana pipe, an open bottle of beer and liquor inside the car. Both were taken to the police station. A computer check revealed the driver was driving on a revoked license and had outstanding arrest warrants from Livingston and Genesee counties. The teen was arrested for Under 21 Consumption and possession of open intoxicants in a vehicle.

PREDICTS

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Almanac experts predict weather trends and events by comparing solar patterns and historical weather conditions with current solar activity. Their forecasts emphasize temperature and precipitation fluctuations from averages, which are based on 30-year statistical averages prepared by government meteorological agencies and updated every 10 years.

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News briefs

Tyrone using \$30,000 in PEG funding

Tyrone Township is spending \$30,000 in Public Education and Government (PEG) money, collected from residents' Charter Communications cable TV fees. PEG money can be used to provide programs for public access Channel 99. The township hall has a new sound system, said Clerk Keith Kremer. In addition, township officials will be able to record meetings electronically and digitally and stream them over the Internet, via the township website.

Township cancels Nov. 4 meeting

Tyrone Township's board has cancelled its Nov. 4 regular meeting. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16.

Board tables action on tower review

The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees has tabled using McKenna Associates/Center for Municipal Solutions to review applications for wireless communications facilities in Tyrone Township. Clerk Keith Kremer said board members wanted to ask the vendor questions and obtain more information. This includes details on fees, what the township and applicants would be getting and references.

Township approves snow removal

The Tyrone Township board has approved extending snow removal contracts with Shoemaker Services of Fenton, for one year, for the township hall and Parkin Lane subdivision. Parkin Lane residents, who live on a private road, asked the township to obtain snow removal services for them, at their expense. They are paying through a special assessment district, Clerk Keith Kremer said. Shoemaker Services will also handle plowing (\$45 to \$80 per time, depending on depth of snow), salting (\$42) and sidewalk clearing (\$10 to \$20) at the township hall.

Tyrone approves floor cleaning

The township board has approved the low bid for tile floor cleaning at the township hall, for \$937, to Cyclone Tile, Grout & Carpet Cleaning, of Byron. The tile has not been cleaned in around 10 years, and the price includes stripping and waxing it, Kremer said.

GAS

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and fueling station in Fenton, Michigan.

Gasoline is a natural addition to our one-stop-shopping strategy for customer convenience. This service is important to today's consumers and central

to our commitment to being a neighborhood supermarket," said Brian Haaraoja, senior vice president and general manager for VG's.

"VG's is grateful for the support of the community in making it possible for VG's to expand and grow in our hometown of Fenton. This new fuel and convenience center not only brings a new product and service to our customers, but also represents our commitment to reinvestment in the communities where we have stores. I

would like to thank all who were involved in making this project possible," Haaraoja said.

VG's Quick Stop will have four islands, featuring eight gasoline pumps, said Kevin Johnson, of Rhoads & Johnson in Fenton, the contractor for the project. The mini-mart will be 1,200 square feet and is scheduled to open before Christmas.

Paradigm Design, Inc. is the architectural firm for the project.

Day said, "Thank you

for making this tremendous investment into our community."

"I hope that the friendship will be well into the future, and we can work on other projects together," said Mayor Pro Tem John Rauch.

The new Quick

Stop will be the latest enhancement to the supermarket chain and its variety of products and services to make it easier for time-strapped consumers to satisfy their shopping needs in one location. The fuel and convenience centers will offer beverage and food items made in the adjacent supermarket, as well as promotions and discounts for VG's supermarket shoppers.

VG's owns and operates two Quick Stops, in Howell and Waterford. The

Quick Stop in Fenton will be the 25th one for Spartan Stores, which owns VG's, said Cindy Stanley, director of Fuel Operations for Spartan Stores. Spartan moves 50 million gallons of fuel annually in Michigan.

It will continue to evaluate locations for future Quick Stops under the VG's banners. Selling gas and groceries is a way to stay competitive in the market and helps build customer loyalty, a company spokesperson said.

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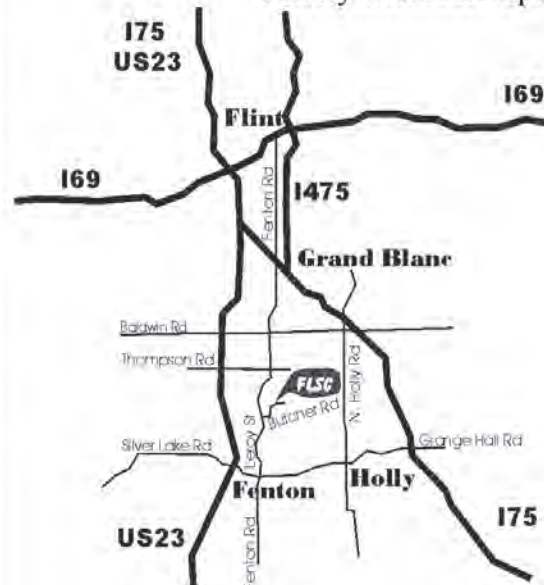
Fenton-based VG's is a member of the Spartan Stores retail supermarket operations. Spartan Stores owns and operates 96 retail supermarkets throughout Michigan and is a wholesale distributor to more than 350 independent grocery retailers in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

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Notes of thanks

Thank you, to the people of the Fenton, Holly and Linden area, for their generous support of the 2010 Tootsie Roll Sale to benefit the mentally impaired. Once again, these communities have shown great kindness to those who are less fortunate. In good times and bad, our citizens always support this statewide effort by the Knights of Columbus, and do so with a smile and good cheer. Thanks also to city and township leaders for their cooperation, and to the merchants and businesses who allowed us to stand at their doors, VG's Grocery, Wal-Mart, Citizens Bank, and The State Bank. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

— Richard Dixon, Knights of Columbus Council 7418, Fenton

Calendar of events

Sunday, Oct. 31

The **Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church**, 9141 Hartland Rd., is celebrating its 132nd anniversary on Sunday. The service is at 10 a.m., and the community is invited. For more information, see tyrone-communitypresbyterianchurch.com or call (810) 750-0350.

The **First Presbyterian Church**, 503 S. LeRoy St., Fenton, will host a Flu Shot Clinic on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The clinic is open to the public. Most insurance plans are accepted and workers will be there to assist in making that determination. Those attending the clinic are to enter the church from the parking lot at the rear of the building and follow signs.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Children can sign up to read to **Calvin the dog** at the Holly Township Library, 1116 N. Saginaw St. in Holly, between 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3. Other times are available between 4 and 5 p.m. on Nov. 10 and Nov. 17. To sign up, parents can stop by or call the library at (248) 634-1754.

ONLINE

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“To the ‘smart’ Bush tax-cut basher, I do not make \$250K, but absolutely, those tax breaks helped me. My taxes will go up when they expire, possibly by thousands per year. Sorry if that does not fit your blinded view.”

— Chris



Fall Classes at Gerych's

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

Thursday, OCT 28 6:30-8:30 PM (\$25)

Halloween Floral Design

Design your own custom arrangement to take home for your holiday table.

Thursday, NOV 4 6:30-8:30 PM (\$25)

Cooking Demonstration

Meet the owners of Country Home Creations & learn how to make dips & appetizers for your next party!

Thursday, NOV 11 6-8 PM (FREE)

Ladies Night

An evening of shopping and pampering. Bring your friends out to this great event!!

We will have lots of new products and a number of local vendors available to assist you with pampering, shopping and having a great time.



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WITCH'S BREW



RECIPES

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1 (16 oz.) can vanilla frosting
Orange and green food coloring
25 craft sticks

PREPARATION:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two cookies sheets with aluminum foil. Cut approximately 25 1/4-inch slices of cookie dough. Slip a craft stick 2 inches under each cookie. Make small dimples in dough at the top of the cookie, directly on opposite side of the craft stick. Bake cookies for 15 minutes and remove from oven, transfer to wire rack and let cool completely. Tint 1/4 c. frosting green and transfer to a plastic bag. Snip a corner and set aside. Tint remaining frosting orange, you can also use orange flavoring if desired. After frosting cookies, pipe on stems around the dimples. Use candy to create jack-o-lantern faces.

Pizza Goblins

INGREDIENTS:

4 English muffins, split
1 can (8 oz.) pizza sauce
1 pkg. (10 ozs.) sliced Mozzarella cheese
Pepperoni slices
Green pepper slices
Sliced olives

PREPARATION:

Toast English muffins under the broiler until golden. Spread each muffin with about one tablespoon of the pizza sauce. Cover with a slice of cheese. On each muffin, place two pepperoni slices to resemble eyes, a piece of green pepper for the mouth and an olive slice for the nose. Return to the broiler and broil only until the cheese melts. Makes eight mini-pizzas.

Frost-On-The-Pumpkin Cupcakes

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
1 c. granulated sugar
1 1/2 t. baking powder
1/2 t. baking soda
1/2 t. ground nutmeg
1/4 t. salt
3/4 c. solid pack pumpkin
1/4 c. vegetable oil
1 t. vanilla extract

PREPARATION:

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and salt; set aside. In a small bowl, beat eggs, add pumpkin, oil and vanilla. Mix well and spoon into 12 greased or paper-lined muffin cups, filling 3/4 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Spread with glaze when cooled.

Orange-Colored Glaze

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 c. sifted powdered sugar
1 T. butter, melted
1 to 2 T. milk
6 drops yellow food coloring
3 drops red food coloring

PREPARATION:

Mix ingredients together and blend well. Garnish frosted cakes with orange or chocolate sprinkles.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUDICIAL REVIEW BY the ARDC in Illinois was common practice for any voluntary transfer to inactive status. Snopes has reviewed the Attorney Registration & Public Disciplinary Record of the Supreme Court of Illinois and has found no record of any disciplinary action against Michele Obama. The judicial review was prompted by her request for inactive status, not as a result of the review. You're right, the truth shall prevail. Investigate before you accuse.

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THE STATE OF Michigan has 148 legislators for 10 million people, while California has 120 lawmakers for 35 million people. We need to reduce the number of legislators in Michigan. This can be done if we vote for a Constitutional Convention in November.

Correction

In the story, "Financial aid available to most students," published Wednesday, Oct. 20, it was reported that a student can fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid without their parents if they aren't claimed as a dependant. There are actually many factors used to determine this. "College Goal Sunday" will be held Feb. 13, not Feb. 14, as reported.

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Energy vanishes when thyroid on the blink

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have taught fourth grade for 20 years. This year I couldn't wait for the summer break. I was feeling fine at the beginning of the year, but as the months passed, I could hardly make it through the day. I had no energy. My husband insisted that I see a doctor. I did. The first doctor told me I was depressed. The second one took a longer time with me and ordered a batch of blood tests. My thyroid gland isn't working. I have a condition with a foreign-sounding name. Do you know what I'm talking about? Will you expand on it for me? – T.Y.



autoimmune disease, one where the immune system turns on its own body. Signs of a lack of thyroid hormone come on gradually. Fatigue and weakness make it a heroic feat to get through

ANSWER: I'm sure you're referring to Hashimoto's thyroiditis. The Hashimoto name is not recognized by most people. It is, however, in our part of the world, the most common cause of hypothyroidism – a nonworking thyroid gland. The thyroid gland is located in the lower part of the neck. Thyroid hormone keeps all body cells and organs working at their peak efficiency. In Hashimoto's thyroiditis, the immune system has attacked the gland for reasons that are not clear. It's yet another example of an

the day. Hair might fall out. Skin becomes dry. Affected people feel cold when others are comfortably warm. Constipation is a common complaint. Menstrual cycles are erratic. Weight is gained in spite of a poor appetite and a decreased intake of calories. In addition to these signs, the gland often enlarges – becomes a goiter. Although Hashimoto's thyroiditis and the resulting hypothyroidism are serious conditions, treatment is straightforward: Supply the missing thyroid hormone. Once on the pill form of the hormone, signs and symptoms disappear. It takes time, however, before a person notices big changes for the better. The booklet on thyroid disorders discusses conditions of both under- and overactive thyroid glands in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 401W, 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.

KING FEATURES

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Army rank
6 Huge
9 Matterhorn, for one
12 Eat away
13 Tramcar contents
14 Knightly address
15 Trapshooting
16 "Alas!"
18 Motivated
20 Urban fleet
21 Tackle moguls
23 Listening device
24 Wheels of fortune?
25 Scull lineup
27 Hosiery fabric
29 Large constrictor
31 Zeroes
35 Precise
37 Campbell's product
38 Analyze
41 "— Wiedersehen"
43 Greek H
44 Undo a dele
45 Followed
47 Slight footing
49 Staffordshire ceramicware
52 Shade provider
53 Latin 101 word

DOWN


1 Month (Sp.)
2 Deluge
3 2001 David Spade movie
4 Baltic Sea feeder
5 Fix a stubborn knot
6 Section of NYC, with "The"
7 Unyielding

54 Norton's workplace
55 In medias —
56 Supporting
57 Meddler


8 "Golly!" brand
9 Black tea of India
10 People will bend over backward to do it
11 Fourth estate
17 Cupcake enhance-ments
19 Woman of letters?
21 Bribe
22 Bandleader Kyser
24 Singer Rawls
26 Scabbard
28 Yoga position
30 Anti-acne

RELEASED THIS WEEK


DVDs&Movies



THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE
Noomi Rapace reprises her role as Lisbeth Salander, genius hacker, along with Michael Nyqvist, who again portrays Mikael Blomkvist, the crusading journalist and publisher of the magazine Millennium. In this fast-paced, edgy thriller, two journalists on the verge of exposing their story in Millennium about an extensive sex trafficking operation between Eastern Europe and Sweden are brutally murdered. Lisbeth Salander's prints are on the weapon. Blomkvist, alone in his belief in Salander's innocence, plunges into an investigation of the slayings that will implicate highly placed members of Swedish society, business and government.



WINTER'S BONE
An unflinching Ozark Mountain girl hacks through dangerous social terrain as she hunts down her drug-dealing father while trying to keep her family intact. Seventeen-year-old Ree Dolly (Jennifer Lawrence) sets out to track down her father, who put their house up for his bail bond and then disappeared. If she fails, Ree and her family will be turned out into the Ozark woods. Challenging her outlaw kin's code of silence and risking her life, Ree hacks through the lies, evasions and threats offered up by her relatives and begins to piece together the truth.



SEX AND THE CITY 2
The fun, the fashion, the friendship: "Sex and the City 2" brings it all back and more as Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Charlotte (Kristin Davis) and Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) take another bite out of The Big Apple — and beyond — carrying on with their busy lives and loves. What happens after you say, "I do"? Life is everything the ladies ever wished it to be, but life holds a few more surprises for the foursome — this time in the form of a glamorous, sun-drenched adventure that whisks them away from New York to Dubai. It's an escape that comes exactly at the right moment for the four friends. After all, sometimes you just have to get away with the girls.

WILD GRASS
In this romantic drama, a wallet lost and found opens the door — slightly — to Georges and Marguerite's romantic adventure. After examining the ID of the red wallet he's found, Georges discovers that it's not a simple matter to turn it in to the police. Nor can Marguerite retrieve her wallet without having her curiosity piqued about the person who found it. As Georges and Marguerite navigate the social protocols of giving and acknowledging thanks, turbulence enters their everyday lives.

BY LINDA THISTLE

WeeklySudoku

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

Homecoming Fenton 2010



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | KELLEY MCKAY

Fenton High School junior and senior girls face off in the powder puff football game. This year's queen (left) is Alessandra Kozlowski.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SAMANTHA CHALUT

New Fenton High School Homecoming King Joe Eddy (right) receives his sash from 2009 Homecoming Queen Hannah Taylor, and 2009 King Tyler Fitzgerald.

Homecoming Lake Fenton 2010



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SHARON STONE

(Left) Kalyn Hitt, this year's homecoming queen, displays a poster of this year's king, Jay Booker, (right) Mary Rossmassler was this year's parade grand marshal.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SHARON STONE

Queen Kalyn Hitt (holding roses) poses with the Queen's Court for Lake Fenton High School.

Homecoming Linden 2010



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

(Left) The new Linden High School Homecoming King is Max Powell. (Above) The Eagles marching band parades through Linden.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

The Linden High School queen's court is (from left) Lisa Malinowski, Paige Morgan, Dani Starrs and Kelly Roberts.

Homecoming Holly 2010



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WOMAN

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Wilson was seen driving from her Southfield home Tuesday afternoon in her Dodge Durango. Her husband, Mike, had found a note at their home saying she was taking a drive to Fenton to visit her parents. A call to the in-laws revealed she had never arrived.

Knowing that this sort of behavior was out of character for Wilson, the family sought help from the Tri-County Times and television news stations Thursday morning. Wilson's husband filed a missing person report with Southfield police.

Schroeder said she was thankful that employees of Woody's Towing in Fenton had read the article in the Tri-County Times Saturday morning. She said they spotted a Dodge Durango on the family property and initially believed it belonged

to hunters, however, when they saw the license plate, they recognized the numbers from the newspaper article and called police.

After Wilson was located, Schroeder said police told the family that her niece was voluntarily missing and needed space. Schroeder and the rest of the family wanted to express their appreciation for everyone's prayers and help in locating Wilson.

"There were so many prayers and e-mails of prayer," said Schroeder. "Their prayers did help."

Bill Guillen, of Woody's Towing, recognized Wilson's photo in the paper and called Southfield police and the Livingston County Sheriff's Department.

Guillen said that last week, a woman, later identified as Wilson, parked at the far end of the party store parking lot by Woody's and came into the store two days in a row. Seeing her park so far away, plus weeds hanging from her Durango, drew his attention to her.

When he saw her picture and article in the paper Saturday morning he said, "That was her."

Guillen said hunters came into the store on Saturday and mentioned they had seen a vehicle parked off the road near Center Road. Guillen sent a Woody's Towing employee out to that area and located the vehicle and Wilson.

"I'm just glad it was a good outcome," said Guillen.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THERE SHOULD BE a law that politicians who are term limited in one office cannot run for another office.

■■■
I WASN'T ABLE to go to the Washington D.C. trip in eighth grade, because my family didn't have the money. Sure, I felt left out, but I got over it. Some of my family is going on a cruise and I can't afford to go on it. Should I call the governor to complain?

■■■
I AGREE, THERE should be a limit on voting measured by one's understanding of the problems we face and solutions to correct these problems. This would, however, eliminate more than 50 percent of our current electorate, including many generational welfare families, public- and private-sector union members and the under-30 crowd. One other aid would be the elimination of straight ticket party voting.

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medical industries, has received a \$362,386 tax credit from the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) board to expand their manufacturing of machined core materials comprised of their composite materials to supply the renewable energy market.

"The automotive and medical industries continue to be a very important part of our business. However, we're also glad to bring new industries to Michigan," said Wayne Blessing, CEO and president, Creative Foam Corporation. Blessing added, "The tax credits awarded to Creative Foam means that we can expand into new and exciting markets such as wind energy. We thank the MEGA Board, the city of Fenton and the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce for their support of our Michigan expansion plans."

Creative Foam was notified of the five-year tax credit during the Tuesday, Oct. 26 MEGA board meeting in Lansing. The MEGA board provides refundable tax credits against the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) to companies expanding or relocating their operations in Michigan. Creative Foam plans to invest \$1.5 million and create 63 new jobs over the next five years to support their growth in producing high tolerance composite foam cores and specialized processing equipment for wind

turbine blades. The company currently employs 366 employees in Michigan.

Blessing and other Creative Foam executives were in Lansing on Tuesday for the announcement. Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn and Janice Karcher, regional chamber vice president of economic development, were also present at the MEGA meeting. Tim Herman, CEO, Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce is a MEGA board member.

Osborn said, "Creative Foam is a real asset. The MEGA Board announcement is exciting news, not just for Fenton, but also for Genesee County. The city of Fenton will do everything it can to help Creative Foam realize their expansion plans."

Herman said the MEGA tax credit is an important step in making the Creative Foam expansion project a reality. "The Regional Chamber has worked closely with Creative Foam for many years. I am pleased with the role that our organization has played in this

process as a collaborative partner with the MEDC, Creative Foam and the City of Fenton. On behalf of all of our business leaders, I want to thank Creative Foam for selecting Fenton and Genesee County for this important expansion project," he said. "We have a lot to offer in Genesee County, and this project is a good example of how strong partnerships can make it possible for companies."

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Most of the fall sports are winding down. All but volleyball and swimming have already started their postseason or will this weekend. Yet, there's more instability in our rankings than anyone could imagine. We have teams that aren't on this list that could still finish high on it. We have teams that earned their spots for what they've done to this point, but must prove they deserve those spots at the end. Yes sir, the next month should be pretty exciting.

No. 5 - Holly boys tennis -

The Holly boys have a 51-match unbeaten streak against Metro foes and won the Metro League once again this year (18 straight). They were a regional champ as well. This team can still finish very high on the list or off of it entirely. It depends on what the other fall teams do over the next few weeks.

No. 4 - Holly boys soccer - A first-round loss in district play can't tarnish what the Bronchos accomplished this year. While more postseason success would've been nice, the Bron-

chos beat and tied many strong teams during the regular season, solidifying its spot in the top five. They still could sneak back into the top spot.

No. 3 - Fenton volleyball - Three straight undefeated Metro seasons makes Fenton an outstanding candidate to finish No. 1 in this poll. A win against Clarkston in districts would help their cause.

No. 2 - Fenton girls swimming - Unless the entire team gets sick in one week, the Tigers will win a Metro crown. A strong showing at MISCA shows that

this team can finish in the top 10 in the state, and have to be considered the favorites to finish the season at No. 1 in this poll.

No. 1 - Linden girls cross country - The Linden girls were supposed to be in a tight battle with the Holly Bronchos for the Metro title. It didn't happen. Linden is here because of their dominance in league play. However, it remains a delicate placing. Strong showings in regionals and the state meet will be needed to remain No. 1, or in the top five at all.

SPORTS TRIVIA

Q When was the last time the tri-county area had three football teams qualify for the state playoffs?

A Why, it happened just last year when Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton qualified for the playoffs.

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Area football teams preparing for playoffs

Holly Bronchos excited about second-ever postseason game

By David Troppens
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Holly — There was something different going on at Holly High School Monday after school.

The regular season is over for the prep football season, but for only the second time in school history, the Holly Bronchos were still one of the remaining playoff teams practicing.

They did some sprints as head coach Ryan Culloty yelled at them, "This is the greatest challenge of your football lives," or "You think you are tired. Any kid from Brandon (the team the Bronchos defeated on Friday to make the playoffs) would gladly trade places with you."

Indeed, it was different. But the Bronchos aren't complaining. In fact, they are soaking up every ounce of playoff football. And Monday's practice was just the start of that. On Friday, the Bronchos will travel to Walled Lake Central for what will be the team's first-ever road playoff game in school history. Kickoff is

slated for 7 p.m.

"Being only the second team in Holly history to make the playoffs is overwhelming," Holly junior Ryan Houldsworth said. "We've done what only one previous team has done, and it's a great accomplishment. We hope to keep it rolling."

This wasn't expected by many of the so-called experts. The Bronchos were, at best, expected to win three or four games this year. But the Bronchos' running game proved potent all season, and earned the team a 5-3 record entering its last game of the season at home against Brandon, also 5-3 at the time. The winner could punch their playoff ticket. For Holly, the game-winning TD was provided by junior Patrick O'Connor on a 30-yard TD run, one of two TD runs he had in the contest. Holly won the contest 35-28.

"The weight just lifted off my shoulders," Houldsworth said about his feeling after the win. "It



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The Holly Bronchos do some sprints at the start of practice Monday afternoon, in preparation for Friday's playoff game.

was unbelievable. I couldn't feel myself for the next two hours."

The only other time the Bronchos made the playoffs was in 2006 when Mike Millhouse was the coach. The Bronchos (6-3) finished the regular season 7-2 and had a home game against Metro League foes Oxford. Holly lost

a defensive-minded contest 6-0. Getting the school's first-ever win in the playoffs won't be easy.

The Bronchos are the clear underdogs against Walled Lake Central (8-1). The Vikings' only loss of the season came in the opening week, a 27-7 setback

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Tigers have tough task vs. Midland

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity football team knows what the playoffs are like.

The Tigers will be entering them on Saturday for the third straight year, the first time the school has done that in its history.

But the Tigers want to do something different. They have yet to ever win a playoff game, and that's what's on the itinerary against Midland High, Saturday at 7 p.m. — getting that first playoff win.

"We're looking forward to the playoff game and doing something we've never done here before," said Fenton senior Jake Georgakopoulos, after the Tigers' win against Swartz Creek on Friday. "We want to win a playoff game. It's so important. The whole team wants it. We've been

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The Linden Eagles hope to celebrate a playoff victory Friday against Goodrich.

Metro champs Linden facing GAC champs Goodrich Friday

By David Troppens
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The season began with the Linden varsity football team holding a lot of question marks.

Forget the loss of a quarterback, the team lost every starter on offense. On defense, the story was almost as bleak. Only three players, not all full-time starters mind you, returned with some starting experience.

Yet, this is Linden. And, apparently, replacing 20-something starters is just part of life. The Eagles overcame all of that to win their third straight Metro League title, qualifying for the playoffs for the ninth straight season.

"I don't think anyone expected us to be where we were at, that's for sure," Linden coach Denny Hopkins said.

"They were picking us fourth or fifth in the league. It's been kind of a battle cry for our kids. It was their turn. This class took it upon themselves to prove that we are a good football program."

And prove it is just what Linden did. Now, the Eagles get a chance to host what may be one the most intriguing playoff matchup in the Flint area. The perennial Metro powers host the perennial GAC Red powers, Goodrich, for a first-round playoff game Friday at 7 p.m.

While the teams haven't played each other since 1981, their proximity and history suggests that they are familiar with each other. And, of course, both teams were in the Genesee Eight until 1981.

"It's real exciting," Hopkins said.

"We used to be in the same league as Goodrich, way back when. It should be a very good game, but this talk about one conference versus another one, is a bit overblown."

The game will pit two teams that are successful offensively in two different ways. The Martians are a running team first. Wade Wood has run for over 1,100 yards and is averaging more than 10 yards per carry, scoring 14 TDs fall. He's the team's top runner, but isn't the only threat. Nick Sweet has run for over 500 yards and is also averaging well over 10 yards a carry on the ground. He has scored eight TDs. Kasey Porritt added a 93-yard TD run in a 48-7 victory against Flint Powers on Friday. When Nick Glowicki is asked to throw

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did you know?

The only year two tri-county football teams won a playoff game was in 2006 (Linden and Lake Fenton).

Fenton, Holly swim teams post strong MISCA results

By David Troppens

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The MISCA meet is designed for the top swimmers in the state of Michigan to compete against each other, helping push the field to better times.

For those that haven't qualified for the state meet, that extra push is supposed to help them get those times.

For Fenton and Holly, it appears to have worked.

The Tigers posted a bunch of personal best times and state-qualifying times at the event held at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School on Saturday.

"It was a good day for us," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "We, actually, were almost perfect. We bettered or matched our best times every single swim except the last relay. That did go faster, but was disqualified for an early start."

Individually, freshman Sara Wujciak had as good a day as any area swimmer. She placed 14th in the 200 IM (2:15.79) and 15th in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.88). She also teamed with Haley Shaw, Kendal Mykietiuik and Deanna Hooper to place 16th in the 200 medley relay (1:55.67) with over a three-second drop in the event.

Shaw had a 14th-place performance in the 100 backstroke (1:01.38), while also taking 23rd in the 100 freestyle (55.74). Mykietiuik placed 21st in the 200 IM (2:17.08) and 23rd in the 500 (5:21.79), while Hooper placed 30th in the 50 freestyle (25.85) and 32nd in the 100 freestyle (56.41). She's .03 seconds

off qualifying for state in the 50.

Others that competed individually were Kesley Kidd, 53rd in the 500 freestyle (5:32.68); Kali Finger, 61st in the 500 (5:34.84) and Gabrielle Haaraaja, 38th in the 100 freestyle (56.59). The 200 freestyle relay team of Haaraaja, Kidd, Finger and Hooper also posted a state time of 1:46.45, placing 33rd.

"Almost all of our individuals posted times that are fast enough to place them in the finals at the state meet, or very close," Jones said. "All of our relays are having times that will place us in the finals at the state meet. This meet was very encouraging to everyone that made it. We are tired and are going through Hell Week this week, so we anticipate having a great taper and some very fast swims in the finals."

The Holly Bronchos also saw a relay qualify for the state meet at the event. The 200 freestyle relay team of Breanna Konopitski, Anna Quinnan, Breanne Thomas and Courtney Konopitski took 32nd with a state-qualifying time of 1:46.40. The 200 medley relay team of Konopitski, Jessie Felix, Quinnan and Konopitski (2:04.13) took 51st place.

The Konopitski sisters competed in individual events. Breanna Konopitski tied for 30th in the 50 freestyle (25.86) and in the 100 freestyle (56.39), less than a second from qualifying for state in each event. Courtney Konopitski placed 49th in the 200 IM (2:22.55) and 69th in the backstroke (1:06.14).



Tigers one step closer to Metro title with win vs. Holly

By Al Zipsie

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Fenton — The Fenton varsity swim team remains flawless in the Metro League since conference matches began seven years ago. The Tigers made another step toward earning title No. 7 Thursday, as Fenton beat Holly 120-56 on senior night.

One of the Fenton seniors, Deanna Hooper had a career personal-best, winning the 100 freestyle in 56.75 seconds. She also did the backstroke leg of 200 yard medley relay, joining Megan Rhenigans, Meagan Patterson and Emily Pruiett to a winning time of 2:11.90. Hooper added a runner-up finish in the 50 freestyle behind freshman teammate Gabrielle Haaraaja, who won in 26.37 seconds.

"On senior night it was nice to have one last home meet," Hooper said. "I have been having a great year, and it is nice to win all our meets and (set up winning the Metro) championship again. My body felt good tonight and I was in sync with the water. I had a career best in the 100 freestyle and it was my best split time all year in the medley relay."

"Hooper is one of our senior captains and is hoping to return to state this year," said Fenton coach Brad Jones.

"It is always a fun meet with Holly. The girls did a nice job and swam real well."

Other first-place efforts from the Tigers came from Haaraaja in the 50 freestyle, sophomore Haley Shaw in the 100 backstroke (1:03.99), Kendal Mykietiuik in the 200 freestyle (2:03.50) and 100 butterfly (1:04.02), Kali Finger in the 200 IM (2:30.23), and Kelsey Kidd in the 500 freestyle (5:37.09).

Shaw also had a second-place performance, finishing .1 second behind teammate Hooper in the 100 freestyle.

Holly also had a good night, going head-to-head with their area rivals. It was only Holly's first Metro loss of the season. Holly's Hannah Micallef won diving (165.00). Courtney Konopitski won the 100 breaststroke (1:16.90). Konopitski, Breanna Konopitski, Anna Quinnan and Jessie Felix won the 200 freestyle relay (1:52.39) and the 400 freestyle relay (4:11).

"Our girls were so exhausted and still came out and swam well," Holly coach Danielle Gray said. "I am real happy with some great wins. We switched some things up and had good results. Jessie Felix has worked really hard all year and it paid off with her best time in the 100 free and with best in splits in both relay wins."



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(Above) Fenton's Sara Wujciak (bottom) slightly leads Holly swimmer Breanna Konopitski during Thursday's meet with the Bronchos. (Far left) Holly's Konopitski is one of the members of the Bronchos' state-qualifying 200 freestyle relay team. (Immediate left) Fenton's Kristen Isaac competes in the 100 breaststroke during the Tigers' 120-56 Metro League victory against the Bronchos. Both teams also had members compete at the MISCA meet on Saturday, with each team earning some state-qualifying times.



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working on it for three years now, and everyone is pumped up for it."

"We're excited to be in the playoffs," Fenton coach Jeff Setzke said. "But this is our third year in them. Our goal wasn't to get to the playoffs, but now to win. That's what we've focused on, and that's what we are focusing on this week. The awe is gone about qualifying. Now we want to concentrate on winning in the playoffs."

The Tigers will be trying to get that first playoff win against a team they've never faced, yet have faced the last two seasons.

Let's explain. According to Michigan-football.com, the Tigers haven't played Midland in any year since 1950. However, for the last two seasons, the Tigers have competed against the Chemics during their preseason scrimmage. So when Fenton travels to Midland on Saturday for their 7 p.m. kickoff, they'll know a little about their foes.

"I think it helps, to a degree," Setzke said. "One, it helps in preparation. If we play a new team, you only get some film and then you have to prepare. We are a little familiar with them and have a basic understanding. It helps the kids. In the first round, it makes it easier if it's someone you are familiar with."

Midland won't be an easy foe. A member of the Saginaw Valley Association, the Chemics are a traditional playoff squad, finishing

with double-digit win totals in each of the previous three seasons. As recent as 2007, the Chemics went to the state finals. This season, the squad remains strong. Losers of their first and last game of the regular season, the Chemics won seven games in between against their strong Saginaw Valley Association foes by outscoring those teams 272-79.

The Chemics are a powerful team that returned all five of their offensive linemen from a year ago. And they are big. Quarterback Alex Rapanos is in his second season as the starting signal caller, and completes about 50 percent of his throws. However, it's the running game that the Tigers must be wary about. While they run out of the shotgun, the Chemics are very much a "smash mouth" type of squad. Rapanos, who suffered a shoulder injury in a 44-6 victory against Flint Northern during Week #7, heads a running game that includes many talented runners. Among the list to watch out for are T.J. Wilson and Avery Chatman. Each is averaging at least a rushing TD a game this season.

"They are a very big, physical team and run the ball with power," Setzke said. "They do it out of the shotgun. They have three linemen in the 6-foot-5, 290-pound range. They are in the Saginaw Valley Conference, and they all run the ball with power."

When they do throw the ball, usually

about 30 passes a contest. He's completed 148-of-262 throws for 2,182 yards and 17 TDs. His options have been diverse. Max Powell has been his top go-to threat, but Kevin Baker, Tim Cook, Eddie Waltherhouse and Tyler Krause each have caught double-digit numbers of passes this year as well.

Kenney's also the team's top running threat, running the ball for 787 yards and 17 scores. Kenney's biggest problem has been interceptions. He has 17 this year, with many coming in bunches.

"The big key will be the turnovers. We can't turn the ball over," Hopkins said.

"We have to take care of the football.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Riley Chapin (left) runs with the ball during Friday's playoff-clinching win against Swartz Creek on Friday. The Tigers play at Midland on Saturday at 7 p.m.

about 10 times a game, expect Dave Walker and Alex Albrecht to be Rapanos' top targets.

Defensively, the Chemics are a strong squad. Entering the final week of the regular season, teams were averaging about 180

yards total offense against Midland.

"They play smaller guys up front," Setzke said. "They want to stop the run. They do a lot of man coverage in the secondary. They haven't given up a lot of points."

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the ball, he can do so with reasonable efficiency, completing just over 50 percent of his throws this year. His top targets are Sam Bolongaita and Nathan Landsgaard.

"They run the ball very well," Hopkins said. "They have some good running backs and their quarterback is very good. They have a good offensive line and what they do, they do well. They are well coached."

Of course, the Eagles' spread offense is the total opposite. It's run through quarterback Thad Kenney, who throws

A few games we have not taken care of it. A couple of times it's hurt us, and a couple it didn't. Since the Detroit Country Day game, our focus has been to make better decisions, and the kids have done a good job."

The Eagles are playing in the Division 4 playoffs. The Eagles are 2-12 in

playoff games.

"Last year, we were the smallest D3 school. The year before, we were the second-smallest D3 school," Hopkins said. "We knew we'd be close. We are the second-biggest D4 school, so that helps. We are looking forward to the game. It should be a good crowd."



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The Holly Bronchos do a group cheer right before starting practice on Monday. The Bronchos are in the football state playoffs for only the second time in school history.

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against undefeated Canton. Since then, the Vikings' offense has scored at least 28 points in every game they've played. The offense's potency comes from its run game, primarily through the option. Quarterback Zac Leimbach is a strong runner, as are backs Ramon Alexander, Kyle Clark and K.J. Schultz.

"I know they are a solid football team and that they like to play the option,"

Houldsworth said. "So our defense has to play responsible 'D.'"

The Bronchos realize they are the underdogs, but that doesn't bother them. They were heavy underdogs just to be playing in Week #10.

"(Being in the playoffs) means we overcame what everyone's expectations were," Houldsworth said. "We can keep on going as long as we keep believing in ourselves. Don't stop at Week #10, but keep on moving."



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Trucks For Sale 8b

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Garage Sales 13

FENTON - DOLL collection sale. Barbie, Alexander and many more. **October 28-30th**, 9-4p.m., 2304 Crane Rd., off Torrey Rd.

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Manufactured Homes 17

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER 20, 2010 MEETING SYNOPSIS

Approved: Consent Agenda as Amended.
Public Hearing: 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant Application.
Presentations: Jerry Walker – Village Manager and Hope Ponsart – Village DDA Director
No Action: Shared Services
No Action: Cooperative Ads.
Approved: Holly Township Hall Cement Repair Proposal – Grandville Construction.
Approved: Proposed Holly Township Code of Ordinance Amendment – Fences; Refer to Planning Commission.
Approved: Appointment of Fence Viewer – Roger Welsh.
Approved: Proposed Holly Township Code of Ordinance Amendment – Blight; Refer to Attorney.
Approved: Holly Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors Appointment – Proposed
Resolution 2010-17.
No Action: Garbage Collection and Road Improvement Services.
Karin S. Winchester, Clerk Jesse Lambert, Supervisor

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For Sale** **26**

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Wanted** **27**

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**Household
For Sale** **29**

SAGE GREEN sofa, excellent condition. \$250/best. 810-629-4835 or 810-282-8642, please leave message with phone number.

**Lost &
Found** **31**

FOUND - MALE, neutered, small/medium, with a little black. Red collar, no tag. Downtown Linden, corner of Ripley and Tickner. 810-869-9869.

Pets **34**

PARROTLET BABIES - green - 1male, 1 female. \$50. Call 810-422-8213.

**Cycles/
Snowmobiles** **43**

MOTORCYCLES FOR sale. 1971 Triumph 250 - \$1,500; 1969 BSA 250 - \$1,500; 1967 BSA 441 - \$1,750. All Run. 810-629-7710.

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**Legal
Notices** **75**

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MICHAEL C. HENRICKSEN and JUDITH C. HENRICKSEN, husband and wife, Plaintiffs.
-vs-
File No. 10-20713-CH
FLOYD BEECHLER and ENA BEECHLER, husband and wife;
RALPH N. LeVAC and DORIS LeVAC, husband and wife; NORWOOD H. BROWN and CLARA BROWN, husband and wife; MUNLEE CRANSON and EDNA CRANSON, husband and wife; DUANE HICKS and NORMA HICKS, husband and wife, Defendants.

Kirt L. Harmon P53896
Attorney for Plaintiffs
220 W. Munising Avenue
P.O. Box 480
Munising, MI 49862
Telephone: (906) 387-3888

ORDER TO ANSWER
At session of said Court held in the Courthouse in the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, and State of Michigan on the 18th day of October, 2010. PRESENT: HONORABLE STEPHEN T. DAVIS, CIRCUIT JUDGE
On the 31st day of August, an action was filed by Michael C. Hendricksen and Judith C. Hendricksen, Plaintiffs, against the defendant and unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, or assigns of the party Defendants as appear in the caption of said Complaint and Defendants in this Court to Quiet Title to land.

Upon hearing and consideration of the pleadings in this matter, the verified motion of Plaintiffs, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of Munlee and Edna Cranson and Norwood H. and Clara Brown and Duane and Norma Hicks, six of the named Defendants and/or their unknown heirs, devisees, legates, successors and assigns are unknown, that, therefore service upon said Defendants of the Summons and a copy of the Complaint in this action cannot be otherwise effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be appraised of the pendency of this action by the publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the named Defendant, and/or his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, successors and assigns shall serve on this Court and Serve on Kirt L. Harmon, Attorney for Plaintiffs, whose address is 220 W. Munising Avenue, P.O. Box 480, Munising, MI 49862, and answer, or take other such action as may be permitted by law, on or before twenty eight days after publication. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a Judgment by Default against these Defendants or any person claiming through said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in Genesee, Eaton, and Roscommon Counties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 21 days of the date of entry of this Order; and that mailing a copy of this Order be dispensed with because Plaintiffs cannot, with reasonable diligence, ascertain a place where the Defendants would probably receive matter transmitted by mail.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that posting of this order is not required as it had been mailed to Defendant, Duane Hicks, and returned unclaimed.
Date: 18th, October 2010.
Stephen T. Davis
Honorable Circuit Court Judge

Dated: 18 October, 2010

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**Woodstoves/
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**Obituaries,
Funeral
Services and
Memoriums****Joseph (Joe) Burgess**
1951-2010

Joseph (Joe) Burgess - age 59, of Grand Rapids, died



October 22, 2010 with his family by his side. Joe was born August 6, 1951

in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Lake Fenton High School and later received his Bachelor's degree in business from Central Michigan University. Joe was an avid boater, fisherman, and captain of the "Joe Mama." Joe is survived by his wife, Sue; step-daughter, Vanessa (Viet) Do; step-son Jeremy Smith; grandson, Collin Do; brothers, Daniel, Robert (Kathy), Charles (Kim) and James (Deb) Burgess; sisters, Pam (Dave) Bluhm and Sandy (Brian) Mann. He is further survived by several nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Gloria Burgess. The family is planning a private memorial, but invites family and friends to join them for a celebration of Joe's life held on October 30, 2010 from 11AM-3 PM at East Grand Rapids Community Center, 750 Lake Michigan Dr. SE. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org/Involved/Donate/.

Phillip L. Blair
1941-2010

Phillip L. Blair - age 68, of Holly, died Sunday, October 24, 2010. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Military honors and burial will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was from 2-5 and 7-9 PM Tuesday with a Masonic Memorial Service at 7 PM Tuesday. Mr. Blair was born in Ft. Wayne, IN on November 21, 1941 the son of William and Vendetta (Judd) Blair. He served in the US Army and was a member of the Amel Schwartz Post #149 American Legion of Holly and the Holly Lodge #134 F&AM. Surviving are his wife Margaret; 5 children, David (Kimberly) Pool-Blair of GA, John Pool-Blair of Holly, Dawn Pool-Blair of Holly, Roger Pool-Blair of Holly, and Joey Pool-Blair of Holly; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be given to the family. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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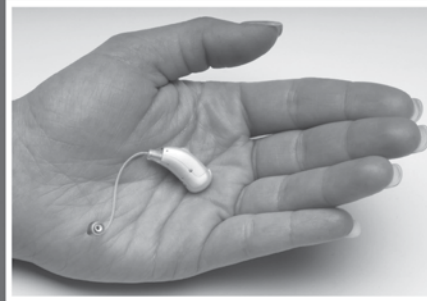
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