VG’s breaks ground for gas station

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

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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 expected in December. “VG’s is excited to open our first VG’s convenience,” Shelly said.

See GAS on 11

Adelaide Street work to end for the year

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Missing woman from Southfield located in Fenton

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

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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.

See WOMAN on 16

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 construction industries, received a $362,386 tax credit from the state this week. The company plans to invest $1.5 million and create 63 new jobs.

See TAX CREDIT on 17

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.

See PREDICTIONS on 11

Midwest, Great Lakes in for a cold, snowy winter

Farmer’s Almanac has 80-percent accuracy rate

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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 See ALMANAC on 9
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**School music programs inspire students**

By Sharon Stone

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. See MUSIC on 8

**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.

**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

**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
1/2 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 (13 oz.) bag M&M’s Halloween candy
1 (18 oz.) roll refrigerated cookie dough

See RECIPES on 13

**VEIN DISEASE**

**FACTS:**
Vein disease affects 25% of our community. It is the 9th leading cause of disability in the United States.
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 that’s dominat- ed 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 ‘forgot’ 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.

PS. 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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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.

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ULTRASOUND IMAGING

She has my nose... ...and his chin

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SEEING THAT FENTON Township is going to have a balanced budget and extra revenue, why not use 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 Shop of Horrors.’ 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 sit 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

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What are you going to be for Halloween?

First-grade students at Linden Elementary School

【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 Sundra
Linden

【Super Mario, because he’s from the video games. I play him all the time.】
— Luke Bergfeld-Wiley
Linden

【Glenda, the good witch, because The Wizard of Oz and she’s my favorite character.】
— Ella Williams
Linden

【Snake Eye, because I like the movie (G.I. Joe).】
— Evan Katenberger
Linden

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, Staff Reporter

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 TV. 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. 2 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.

Comments on this column can be made on-line at www.tctimes, or to cdennison@tctimes.com. Hot line comments can be made by calling 810-629-9221.
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 project will cease after preliminary paving around Nov. 15. Work will continue in the spring.

But due to winter weather, the Adelaide Street construction project was put on hold last week after preliminary paving 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 up old curbs, sidewalks, some driveways, and pouring new cement ones.

After lifting 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 copped 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 replaced 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.

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.

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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 purchase some cocaine from 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. Bryant 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 went inside the house, had 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 before 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 defense attorney took opposite sides of the facts. The prosecutor urged the Supreme Court to find that in view of the circumstances presented, the statements were made to meet an ongoing emergency and to allow the police to address the situation, the threat to Bryant’s back door, 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 ‘non-testimonial,’ and the issues of applying the Confrontation Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

This case will be closely watched and I will let everyone know the final decision.
Jennings Road — it’s open!

Work done two weeks ahead of schedule

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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 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 Barnes, 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 ½-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 Jagiello

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.

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.
MUSIC
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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 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 “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 syncphonic 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.”
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.”

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

Music at Lake Fenton
Lake Fenton Community Schools offers general music to students K-5 under the direction of music instructor Rachel Soligut. 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.
Aknowledging 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.
ALMANAC Continued from Front Page

More than just weather...
The Old Farmer’s Almanac includes much more than just weather predictions. It has sections with amusing stories, as well as sections devoted to astrology, astronomy, holidays in the calendar year, farming tips, recipes, gardening tips, news and sports.

Curious cures for a headache
• Tie your aching head in a red bandana.
• Paste a leaf of cottonwood on each temple and do not remove it until it falls off on its own, taking the skin with it.
• Mix a bear’s gall with olive oil and beeswax, shape it into a pill, and swallow it.
• Rub your forehead with a lodestone.
• Apply tobacco leaves to your temples.

Best fishing days and times
The best times to fish are when the first are naturally most active. The Sun, Moon, tides and weather all influence fish activity. For example, fish tend to feed more at sunrise and sunset. During a full Moon, tides are higher than average and fish tend to feed more.

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 Allyn 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.”
According to the Old Farmer’s Almanac, a reddish sunrise means that the air is dusty and dry. Since weather in North American latitudes usually moves from west to east, a red sky at sunrise means dry weather — good for sailing — is moving east. On the other hand, a red dish 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.

Holly Township to shore-up fence standards

>> Amendment will ensure safety, quality of residential fences

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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.

Wigs for Kids

Delaney Miesch, 9, of Fenton, donated hair to Wigs for Kids. This is the third time she has donated hair for a worthy cause.
POLICE
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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 theft, theft in violation of a construction order and possession of a controlled substance. He was released on a bond of $1,500 and was to appear in court on Nov. 29.

SMOKING POT IN CAR
At 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23, a Fenton police officer was sent to an apartment complex off Torey Road at the request of apartment manager. The man 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 for retail fraud.

LATE NIGHT ARREST
At 4:06 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24, a Fenton police officer was dispatched to the 2000 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.

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Almanac experts predict weather trends and events by comparing solar patterns and historical weather conditions. They monitor 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.

The almanac even offers ways for ordinary people to forecast weather in their own areas. These methods of forecasting, which are based on observations of the sky animals and nature, have been around much longer than meteorologists.

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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 gas station self service fuel pumps, a 1,200 square foot store 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 stores 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 help build customer loyalty, a company spokesperson said.
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 tyronecommunitypresbyterianchurch.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.

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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
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 dependent. There are actually many factors used to determine this. “College Goal Sunday” will be held Feb. 13, not Feb. 14, as reported.

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:
1½ c. all-purpose flour
1 c. granulated sugar
1½ t. baking powder
½ t. baking soda
½ t. ground nutmeg
¼ t. salt
¾ c. solid pack pumpkin
¼ 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 ⅔ full. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Spread with glaze when cooled.

Orange-Colored Glaze
INGREDIENTS:
1½ 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.

Halloween Bash
Saturday, October 30
6pm-10pm

3180 W. Silver Lake Rd. • Fenton
810.750.1360 www.chassefenton.com
Dear Dr. Donohue:

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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 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 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.

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Energy vanishes when thyroid on the blink

Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

To your good health

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

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

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

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

Holly High School students celebrate, and get ready for the homecoming football game at the pep rally.

Queen Kalyn Hitt (holding roses) poses with the Queen’s Court for Lake Fenton High School.
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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 driving 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 on Tuesday 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 Guilen, of Woody’s Towing, recognized Wilson’s photo in the paper and called Southfield police and the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department.

Guilen said that Thursday, 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.”

Guilen said hunters came into the store on Saturday and mentioned they had seen a vehicle parked off the road near Center Road. Guilen 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 Guilen.

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 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.

DOES ANYONE KNOW where you can get a cut Christmas tree before Thanksgivi
ging or a Christmas tree farm that will sell a tree before the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.
TAX CREDIT
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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 66 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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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 afternoon. 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.

“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.

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

No. 3 - 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 Bronchos 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.

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Fenton, Holly swim teams post strong MISCA results

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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 they 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 Myktaisti 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). Myktaisti 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 qualified individually were Kesley Kidd, 53rd in the 500 freestyle (5:32.68); Kali Finger, 61st in the 500 (5:34.84) and Gabrielle Haarajoa, 58th in the 100 freestyle (56.59). The 200 freestyle relay team of Haarajoa, 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 (1:08.14).

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 Rheinigan, Meagan Patterson and Emily Pucciatt to a winning time of 2:11.90. Hooper added a runner-up finish in the 50 freestyle behind freshman teammate Gabrielle Haarajoa, 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 swim real well.”

Other first-place efforts from the Tigers came from Haarajoa in the 50 freestyle, sophomore Haley Shaw in the 100 backstroke (1:03.99), Kendal Myktaisti in the 200 freestyle (2:03.50) and 100 butterfly (1:04.02), Kali Finger in the 200 IM (2:30.23), and Kesley 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 Micaleff 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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working on it for three years now, and everyone is pumped up for it.”

“We’ve played to win 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 they 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 of. 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, 200-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 Walterhouse 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.

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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 Belongaia 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.**

**BRONCHOS**

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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.”

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.
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**Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials**

**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 5, 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 a lifelong 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 (Kathy), Charles (Kim) and James (Debe) Burgess; sisters, Pam (Davis) Bluhm and Sandy (Brian) Mann. Joe 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 Oakland 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 #114 American Legion of Holly and the Holly Lodge #134 F&A M. Surviving are his wife Margaret, 5 children, David (Jody) Pool-Blair of GA, John Pool-Blair of Holly, Dawn-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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