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## GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

After much consideration, I have compiled what I consider to be the best candidates in the Nov. 2 election, based on their experience and voting record.

### Governor:

✓ **RICK SNYDER** — The last eight years have been a disaster for Michigan. We desperately need new leadership. Bernero's entire campaign has consisted only of character attacks on his opponent. Snyder is far more qualified to get us out of this mess.

### Attorney General:

✓ **DAVID LEYTON** — A close one to call, but Leyton's experience gives him the edge.

### Secretary of State:

✓ **RUTH JOHNSON** — Ruth Johnson is the current Oakland County Clerk and Register of Deeds and a Holly resident. Jocelyn Benson has no experience except for teaching.

### House of Representatives, 5th District:

✓ **JOHN KUPIEC** — This is a very important race. Kildee is 81 years old, a career politician and a lockstep Obama voter. He should have retired gracefully. Kupiec is well qualified for this job due to his experience in the private sector. Time for a change.

### House of Representatives, 8th District:

✓ **MIKE ROGERS** — One of the very few incumbents I am endorsing.

### Holly Village President:

✓ **JEFF MILLER** — The current president's dismal performance is negatively impacting every resident of the village. A new village president is critical to leading Holly into the future. Time for a fresh start.

### Holly Village Council

✓ **JACKIE CAMPBELL**,  
✓ **JACK HOLLANDS AND**  
✓ **WILLIAM KUYK**

### House of Representatives, 51st District:

✓ **PAUL SCOTT** — A close call. Newcomer Art Reyes will likely win in the future, but Scott has proven himself in his first term.

### State Senate, District 26:

✓ **DAVE ROBERTSON** — He is a proven commodity based on his experience.

### State Senate, District 27:

✓ **JOHN GLEASON** — His past experience speaks for itself.

### Genesee County Treasurer:

✓ **JUDY ZABIK** — A Fenton resident and a fresh face. Her opponent, Deborah Cherry, has been on the public payroll long enough.

### Genesee County Commissioner:

✓ **DAN HARRELL** — The only race where both candidates are equal and either would make a great commissioner. Edge to Harrell due to his 19 years working with the county board.

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## STUDY SAYS: Smaller roundabouts might work

► 'Demonstrated need' not determined yet

By Anna Troppens  
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**Fenton** — The size of two roundabouts, at Adelaide Street and Shiawassee Avenue and Silver Lake Road and LeRoy Street could be a sticking point. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has asked for information on what a smaller roundabout would be like, at Adelaide and Shiawassee streets.

"If we can't reduce the size, I believe we are beating a dead horse," said DDA board member Jim Saule.

See **ROUNDBABOUTS** on 11A

### What did the \$16,000 for a roundabout study pay for?

It was a joint effort between the city engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC) and DLZ, of Lansing. Project Manager and Roundabout Designer Jason Whitten, from DLZ, said the work included:

- A feasibility study
- Traffic data determining the number of cars in the area
- Using federal and Michigan

See **STUDY** on 11A

## DDA unanimously approves moving forward with signs



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Fenton Assistant City Manager, and DDA Executive Director Michael Burns stands by a municipal parking lot mock-up of one of the 56 signs to be installed around the city. The project is estimated to cost about \$300,000. "When people look at money amounts, I think they need to think of it differently. It's a community investment," Burns said.

► Will provide uniform look and directions to key places

By Anna Troppens  
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**Fenton** — What will an estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 in signs get the city of Fenton? The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) unanimously approved moving forward with the first phase, for welcome and service club signs. The DDA is paying for the signs from its budget.

See **SIGNS** on 14A

### Summary

► Fenton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is spending an estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 for new signs for the city. It will provide a uniform look, welcome visitors and direct them to key places in town.

### What will Fenton get?

The estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 is the cost with concrete, fluted bases for all of the signs. Without concrete bases, the estimate is \$217,000. The welcome signs will have concrete bases, and it is possible — depending on cost — that wayfinding signs in Phase II will have concrete bases.

• **Phase I**, \$103,500, welcome and service  
See **FENTON** on 14A

## Fifty-six member church raises \$4,800 to drill well in Africa



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Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church, which has grown from 16 to 56 members in the past two years, has raised \$4,800 to drill a water well in Africa.

By Anna Troppens

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**Tyrone Twp.** — A joyful noise made in Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church is being heard thousands of miles away, in Africa. Children from the small, 56-member church rattled collection pails for a year and a half, raising the \$4,800 needed for a well to supply clean, fresh water to an African village.

See **AFRICA**  
on 10A

### Summary

► A small congregation of 56, at Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church, raised \$4,800 in a year and a half, to supply a well for clean drinking water in an African village.

## New 'Super Drunk' law goes in effect today

► Statute adds criminal penalties if BAC is .17 or higher

By Sharon Stone  
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Those planning to enjoy a few beers or cocktails at Halloween parties this weekend are going to want to take note of a new law and make the necessary arrangements for a ride home.

See **LAW** on 6A







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### 1 Shower curtain cleaning

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### 2 Remove elmer's glue easily



Now that school has started back, the kids are going back to creating school projects. Most of these projects will use Elmer's. If your

child spills a little glue on the table or counter and you don't see it until it's already dry, don't worry. Clean it with a little vinegar. The acid will loosen the glue, lifting it right off the counter.

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# mailboxes



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A train, a fish, and a sturdy mailbox encrusted with stones are just a few of the interesting mailboxes that can be found in the tri-county area.

## ► Unusual ones need stamp of approval from post office

By Sally Rummel

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Have you ever thought about what your mailbox says about you?

A standard box might say that you like to play by the rules, or that you just don't pay much attention to things like that. But, an offbeat, custom mailbox can reflect one's personality and let the neighbors, visitors — and mail carrier — know a little bit more about you.

"I get a chuckle out of unique mailboxes, as long as they are in good shape and the right height for me while I'm driving," said Fenton mail carrier Sandy Cook.

Whether your mailbox reflects your occupation, your devotion to a particular sports team or your love of animals, this exterior piece can reflect your interests or

**See MAILBOXES on 23A**



### Rules regarding your mailbox

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- **Mailboxes must** be on the right-hand side of the road and in the carrier's direction of travel.
- **A mailbox** must be set back 6 to 8

**See RULES on 23A**

## How to fight a traffic ticket

### ► NMA has compiled a 10-step guide

By Sharon Stone

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One way to ruin a perfectly fine night out on the town, or simply a day filled with errands, is to end up with a traffic ticket.

A simple traffic ticket can add points to your driver's license, affect your employment, or at the very least is, a costly inconvenience.

As one removes a parking ticket from underneath the windshield wiper or

reluctantly accepts it from a police officer, thoughts of what to do next are likely to occur.

The driver must decide whether to pay the fine associated with the ticket and move on with life — or fight it.

If the driver is convinced he or she did nothing wrong, or that they have a valid explanation, it might be worth fighting.

Contrary to what some believe, attorneys are not

**See TICKET on 7A**



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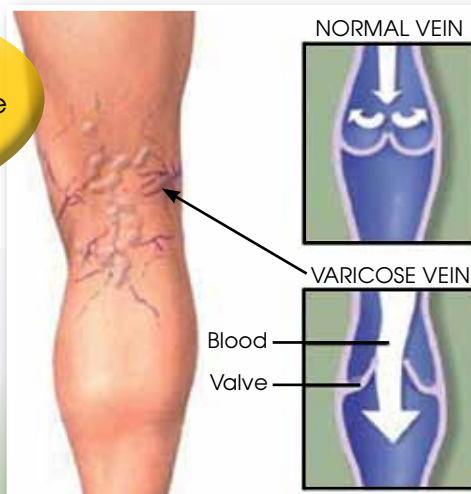
A motorist is pulled over by Fenton police on Owen Road in Fenton Thursday afternoon.

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# I get it. They don't

I don't get it that they don't get it.

Because I sure as hell get it.

I get it that the vast majority of Americans are angry and frightened at a Congress gone completely mad with power.

I get it that Americans believe that the people we elect should represent us, not their political party.

I get it that Americans are frightened that we elected a president who won't say the Pledge of Allegiance, mocks the Bible, and speaks reverently about 'the holy Koran.'

I get it that Americans are aghast at the left-wing crooks, perverts, tax-cheats and radicals that their president consorts with.

I get it that Americans are confused when their president talks about creat-

ing a national police force.

I get it that Americans are confused by the president's appointing of dozens of 'czars,' — defined by Webster's as 'emperors or kings.'

I get it that Americans are wary of a presidential cabinet filled with unelected, inexperienced, ultra-liberal 'czars' whose actions have an enormous impact on our professional and personal lives.

I get it when Americans are offended by a classless vice president who arrogantly drops 'F' bombs on primetime national TV.

I get it that Americans wonder why the current administration is populated primarily by people who reject American values, resent Americans in general and wealthy Americans in particular.



I get it that most Americans have never felt more at risk of a terrorist attack than right now due to the proliferation of the 'politically correct' culture.

I get it that Americans are perplexed by a president who demeans the office by appearing on lightweight drivel like The View, Jay Leno and Jon Stewart.

I get it that Americans are puzzled by Congress' ability to give themselves raises, and pass legislation that doesn't apply to them.

I get it that Americans are confused when our elected representatives pass a life-changing health care bill (that most hadn't read) that greatly impacts our lives, but doesn't affect theirs.

I get it that the very last people on earth that Americans want involved in making life and death medical decisions are government bureaucrats.

I get it that it seems like everything the current Congress enacts, or seeks to enact, is beneficial to them, and harmful to me.

I get it when Americans are per-

plexed when a multi-millionaire president who never worked a day in his life tells us that we 'need to spread the wealth around.'

I get it that Americans are angry that the solemn campaign promises made by our president were cavalierly discarded the moment he was elected.

I get it that the Democratic Party thinks that it is their job to fundamentally 'change' America to meet their perverted standards — no matter what the other 300 million of us think.

I get it that most of the time we Americans don't want to be labeled as liberals, or conservatives, or Democrats or Republicans — we just want to be Americans.

What I don't get, is that they don't get it. The best way to make sure they do get it is to vote on Nov. 2. Finally, they will be held accountable for their actions.

Then, finally, they'll get it.

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**PLEASE GET THE** facts prior to complaining. The DNC pays the expenses for President Obama campaigning for Democrats.

**THANK YOU, TO** the mom who questioned the cost of field trips at Lake Fenton schools. I, and many others, feel the same way. How unfortunate that a couple of rich 'you know whats' responded to you so negatively. Thank you for speaking for so many of us.

**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.

**I JUST WANT** to say thanks to Dewey's for the awesome Halloween display. I love it.

**THE FENTON FRESHMEN** won their last game of the year. They ended up winning nine out of nine. Great job,

guys, and congratulations to the coaches. They did a great job with these boys.

**SOCIALISM IS A** philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy. Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery. The author of this sage wisdom is unknown, but the intended recipient is our esteemed President and the socialist cronies he has surrounded himself with in his administration.

**HOW DO YOU** get rid of a DDA? It seems like they are over-abundant with money, yet the new county proposal would provide them with more money. I am voting no strictly for that reason. Give me a proposal where all the money goes to the vets and their dependants.

**WHERE WERE ALL** the parent Hot lines and front-page articles thanking Lake Fenton for leading the area on the MEAP. Our kids are so lucky that Lake Fenton teach-

ers care about them. I can't afford to take my kids and family to a number of the places they go on field trips, but I am glad they are learning these valuable lessons somewhere. Great job, Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton schools. You make us proud.

**WHY IS IT** that I keep seeing city workers still smoking in city trucks? Can somebody explain that to me? Who ever is driving the big box water truck should be ashamed of himself.

**IF YOU LIVE** off Forest Street or Beach Street in Fenton, you need to stop raking your leaves out in to the street. The city does not dispose of leaves this way.

**THE PERSON WHO** doesn't think our taxes will go up when the Bush tax cuts expire is living in a dream world. Everyone got a tax cut. Have him contact his tax preparer and see the difference.

**WHEN I WAS** a kid, we loved a good scare at Halloween. Things were spooky and dark. What I want to know is who took the scare out of Halloween with all these orange Christmas lights. Happy orange Christmas, y'all.

**LET'S BEGIN TAKING** our country back from a bunch of self-serving, corrupt politicians and throw out the trash on Tuesday, Nov. 2. And remember, we will finish the trash removal in November of 2012. Every vote counts. Make sure yours does.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## Do you believe in ghosts?

## streettalk



"I don't, it would make me way too afraid. It might make life scary."

— Lisa Showek  
Fenton



"No. I've never experienced anything like that. My wife does, though."

— Tim Freyburgher  
Fenton



"No, I've never met one. Introduce me to one and I'd be a believer."

— Scott Heemstra  
Fenton



"It's possible, based on my experiences. There's a strong smell of flowers in my living room. It used to be a parlor where they'd lay bodies in state."

— Bobbie White, Davisburg



"Yes, I just feel like people don't always go to rest. They're somewhere."

— Colton Lange  
Fenton



"Yes, they have to go somewhere. They're attached to certain things and they don't want to leave."

— Tyler Marquardt  
Fenton



## Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 7

By Sally Rummel

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Just about everybody misspeaks when they refer to Daylight Saving Time as "Daylight Savings Time," not recognizing the fact that the phrase is using the word "Saving" as an adverb, not as a noun.

But, even more important than saying Daylight Saving Time correctly is remembering to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday night before you go to bed. At 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, Daylight Saving Time officially ends for the year, and U.S. clocks will return to Standard Time.

Every spring, we move our clocks ahead one hour and "lose" an hour of sleep. Each fall, we move our clocks back one hour and "gain" an extra hour. The phrase "Spring forward, Fall back" was designed to help people remember which way to set clocks when Daylight Saving Time begins in the spring and ends in the fall.

Two U.S. states — Arizona (except some Indian Reservations) and Hawaii have chosen not to observe Daylight Saving Time. In addition, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have also made this decision. This choice does make sense for the areas closer to the equator because the days are more consistent in length throughout the year, says geography.com.

Other parts of the world also observe Daylight Saving Time. While European nations have been taking advantage of the time change for decades, in 1996 the European Union (EU) standardized an EU-wide European Summer Time. This EU version of Daylight Saving Time runs from the last Sunday in March through the last Sunday in October.

In the southern hemisphere, where summer comes in December, Daylight Saving Time is observed from October

to March. Equatorial and tropical countries don't observe Daylight Saving Time because the daylight hours are similar during every season. Kyrgyzstan and Iceland are the only countries that observe year-round Daylight Saving Time.

During the eight-month period of Daylight Saving Time, the names of time zones in the U.S. change as well. Eastern Standard Time (EST) becomes Eastern Daylight Time, Central Standard Time (CST) becomes

Central Daylight Time (CDT), Mountain Standard Time (MST) becomes Mountain Daylight Time (MDT), Pacific Standard Time becomes Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), etc.

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### How did Daylight Saving Time begin, anyway?

Daylight Saving Time started in the United States during World War I to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October, according to geography.com. During World War II, the federal government again required the states to observe the time change. Between the wars and after World War II, states and communities were able to choose to observe Daylight Saving Time.

In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, which standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time. You may notice that Daylight Saving Time is actually four weeks longer since 2007, due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005.

The Act extended Daylight Saving Time by four weeks, from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November, with the expectation of saving 10,000 barrels of oil each day through reduced use of power by businesses during daylight hours. Whether or not that expectation has been met is difficult to determine, according to geography.com. The time change continues, hopefully saving valuable energy in people's homes.



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## LAW

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Beginning this weekend, motorists caught operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .17 percent will face stiffer fines and penalties. Currently, those with a BAC of .08 are considered intoxicated.

The new "Super Drunk" or "High BAC" law adds a criminal penalty for operating a vehicle with a BAC of .17 gram or more per 100 milliliters of blood, 210 liters of breath, or 67 milliliters of urine.

After legislators approved Senate Bill 1134 and House Bill 4289, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the bills into law on Jan. 9, 2009, which amended the Michigan Vehicle Code. It takes effect today, Sunday, Oct. 31.

Responding police officers typically administer a breathalyzer at the scene and once the suspected intoxicated driver is taken into custody, a series of chemical tests determining their BAC, and admissible in court, will be administered.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said they would look at their arrests on a case-by-case basis to determine if this new statute is appropriate to use. Because of the increased penalties, these cases

## Blood Alcohol Calculator

• **A 135-pound woman** who consumes one Long Island Ice Tea in 30 minutes would likely register a .081 BAC (intoxicated). If this same woman had consumed one beer in 30 minutes instead, she would have registered a .025 (not impaired). If this same woman consumed one Red Bull and vodka in 30 minutes, she would have likely registered a .025 BAC (not impaired).

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Source: [www.bloodalcoholcalculator.org](http://www.bloodalcoholcalculator.org)

will be handled by the Genesee County prosecutor and not the local prosecutor.

"Potentially, the county prosecutor could be inundated with these cases," said Aro. "We'll look at each case and decide whether to go to the prosecutor or charge as we have in the past."

Aro added that the High BAC statute should only be used with first offenses. This is because penalties for OWI (second offense) and OWI (third offense) are more severe than the penalties for High BAC.

The new harsher law would require a driver license suspension and the use of an ignition interlock device when driving on a restricted license. Participation in an alcohol rehabilitative program would also be required.

The new law would require a law enforcement officer to impound a vehicle not equipped with a properly installed ignition interlock device if the driver is allowed to operate a vehicle only if it has that device.

## Michigan Vehicle Code

The Code requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to suspend a person's driver license for certain violations. Under the bill, for a 0.17 BAC violation, if the person has no prior convictions within seven years, or not more than two convictions within 10 years, the SOS must suspend the person's license for one year. The SOS may issue the person a restricted license, except during the first 45 days of the suspension.

If a person convicted of a 0.17 BAC offense violates the conditions of the restricted license or operates or attempts to operate a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.025 percent the Secretary of State must impose an additional like period of suspension and restriction.

## Where are all Joe's cars?

Many drivers passing by the old Joseph Pontiac store have seen many changes — fresh paint, part of the lot sealed and re-stripped, new signs, new art work on the inside of the building, and customers coming in for affordable service. But, we questioned Joel Orrison the sales manager, where are all the cars?

"The one thing all this has taught Joe and Cheryl is to look at expenses more closely," said Orrison. "I know for a fact some months they paid interest in excess of \$100,000 to GMAC per month just to have the cars sit on the lot," he said. That type of cost simply creates more overhead, and overhead is always considered when pricing cars and service. According to Joe Hood, the previous owner of Joseph Pontiac, with the Internet and the ability to buy cars from all the manufacturers on line, there really is no reason to stockpile cars on the lot, in hopes someone will fall in love with the car.

According to Cheryl Luttmann, it saves the consumer upwards of \$3,000 on a typical late model transaction. As we sat at the desk looking at cars online, we looked at a 2010 Ford Fusion they had just bought for a customer — dealer cost, \$11,800, consumer cost, \$12,500. Another car we looked at was a 2010 Ford Focus (while we were in the Ford Section). It was nicely equipped.

This car dealer cost was \$9,200 and consumer cost \$9,900. The reason for the lower cost is the lower overhead by not carrying so many cars on the lot. "Dealers must pass that cost along to consumers, and there is no way of avoiding the cost of floor plan," said Orrison.



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**Joel Orrison, Sales Manager at Joseph of Fenton stands next to a fully loaded 2010 Ford Fusion for sale.**

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## TICKET

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immune to traffic tickets. Just ask attorney John Tucker, of Fenton Township. He was recently ticketed for disobeying a traffic device. He fought the ticket in court and negotiated a lesser charge of impeding traffic.

Fighting a ticket is not difficult to do, but preparation, attitude and one's driving record do play a role in the outcome, he said.

Tucker advises those with a ticket to respond quickly at court, typically 10 to 20 days, depending on where one lives. The ticket holder will be given a choice of having an informal or formal hearing. As an attorney, he would most likely choose a formal hearing for himself.

As for advice, Tucker says it's important to remain polite, despite the amount of anger and frustration there is. Anything but polite would be counter-productive. "Don't be argumentative," he said.

When asked if many tickets are thrown out, Tucker said, "Very few are dismissed. They always want to negotiate them." When possible, he advises a defendant to negotiate a lesser violation, such as impeding traffic or defective equipment, which will prevent any points being added to a driver's license and no reporting to the Secretary of State's office. There will be fines to pay, however.

Although having an attorney is not required to fight a typical traffic ticket, Tucker said if someone has a chauffeur's license or their job depends on them having a clean driving record, it's best to "spend the money and get a lawyer."

The National Motorists Association (NMA) has compiled a 10-step guide. **Dissect the traffic ticket**

When stopped for a traffic violation, the NMA advises the driver not to argue their case at the roadside. While being civil and courteous with the officer, do not admit to any violations of law. Let the officer explain the violation.

### Decide how to plea

In most cases, the driver is best served by pleading "not guilty" because that preserves their rights to fight the ticket. It also opens up the possibility of a plea bargain with the prosecutor. Pleading "no contest" or "guilty with an explanation" will result in the judge finding the driver guilty.

If the ticket holder is unable to make a court appearance, hiring an attorney is an option to consider. However, in most cases, fighting a traffic ticket does not require an attorney. Those facing other

charges as well are advised to hire an attorney.

### Research the law

Research the statute or ordinance referenced on the ticket. Consider whether the reason for the traffic stop and citation was related to that law. Review mandated requirements for the law to be enforceable.

### Research enforcement technology

The enforcement technology used by the officer can shape a driver's defense. Find out what technology the officer used (it should be noted on the ticket) and learn how it works. It would be a good idea to know if the officer used radar, a laser speed gun or if they determined the speed by pacing, or following, the alleged speeder.

### Gather information

There are formal and informal methods of gathering information. Requests, motions for discovery, open records or public records requests are some of the options.

### Learn court procedures

The police officer will testify first and other prosecution witnesses will follow. The ticket holder can cross-examine the officer and prosecution witnesses. The NMA recommends that those fighting a ticket attend a court date, prior to their scheduled hearing, so that they can observe how the courtroom functions.

### Consider a continuance

A continuance allows more time for police and/or court to respond to requests. It gives the driver more time to conduct research. It also decreases the chances of the officer being able to testify against the driver and the chances of the officer remembering the specifics of the case.

### Prepare the defense

The prosecution must prove three elements for a conviction — the defendant's vehicle was at the scene of the alleged violation, the defendant was operating the vehicle and the defendant violated a specific law while operating their vehicle.

### Pre-trial conference

This conference is a negotiation between the defendant and the prosecutor, usually held on the arraignment date. An agreement could be reached here to avoid a trial.

### Trial

If the ticketing officer is not in court, a dismissal is not automatic. It would be up to the defendant to make a motion to the court for dismissal. The trial could be postponed until the officer is available. If the trial begins, the prosecutor will ask the officer to testify. The defendant then cross-examines the officer or other witnesses. It would be up to the defendant if he or she testifies. If the defendant loses at trial, he or she can file for an appeal.

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## Village council halts search for new police chief, city manager

►Decision to be made by newly elected council

By Tim Jagielo  
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**Holly** — On Tuesday, the Holly Village Council voted to table the search for a new police chief. The entire process will be left for the council that will take control after the Nov. 2 elections, as four of the members could be different. The council also voted to table the search for a new city manager to replace Marsha Powers, who was fired in September.

The new council members will be sworn in on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Police Chief Rollie Gackstetter is retiring on Friday, Dec. 17.

Village President Pete Clemens

brought the motion during the meeting and Council member Sandra Kleven supported it.

Council member William Kuyk was the only dissenting vote to table the search for a police chief. "There's a lot of work that

has to be done in a short time," said Kuyk. Current council members could advertise and collect résumés to help the next council, he added.

"There's still plenty of time to look," said Clemens.

Should a permanent replacement not be found in time, the council will select an interim police chief. Clemens said the interim position is

normally the next ranking officer, which would be Sgt. Michael Story.

"We'll still have police out there," said Clemens.

### Summary

►The Holly Village Council has voted to table the police chief search, and leave the process up to the next council. The council also voted to table the manager search after receiving applications.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WHY DON'T THEY** pad the outside of football helmets to prevent concussions? It works on steering wheels and dashboards.

**KUDOS TO THE** mom who commented on the cost of field trips, and shame on the parents who mocked her. Their arrogant remarks say a lot about them. Maybe we 'have nots' should band together to have our voices heard.

**WE WENT TO** the Fenton football game against Swartz Creek. It was great. But, I'm disappointed in the cheerleading sec-

tion. The girls stood around and didn't do much cheering at all. Girls, you need to wake up if we are going to District.

**THIS IS REGARDING** the post office raising the price of stamps to 46 cents after the first of the year. In the past, I resisted having bills taken out of my checking account, but that is going to change in the very near future. At Christmastime, I won't send cards; I will just make a call saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. That will have to suffice.

**REMEMBER HOW WE** said all year, 'We will remember in November?' It is now November. Please, please, please vote.



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## Police&Fire report

### SUSPECTED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

At 2:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21, troopers from the Michigan State Police Groveland Post turned over a 24-year-old man and his mother to officers at the Village of Holly Police Department. Troopers arrested the subjects for outstanding warrants out of Holly. During processing, a Holly officer found five orange pills, wrapped in foil, in the man's pocket. He said they were from his mother for his girlfriend, who is addicted to painkillers. The prescription pills are being tested at a lab and are a suspected controlled substance, police reports said. Once test results are available, Holly police will make a warrant request on both subjects for felony delivery/possession of a controlled substance.

### BREAKING AND ENTERING

At 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, Holly Village police officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Elm Street, for a commercial alarm. The first officer to arrive found three juvenile males — ages 13, 14 and 16 — running from the west side of the business. They were detained, and the tread on their shoes matched footwear impressions inside and outside the business. Windows on the building were damaged, and the boys had been on the roof. A front and side door were open. At the police station, the boys confessed to breaking the windows and entering the building. They were released to their parents, and petitions for the three were sent to the prosecutor's office for review.

### ATTEMPTED LARCENY, RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY

At 1:09 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, a Holly Village police officer performing a vacation check of a house in the area of Bevins and Airport roads, saw a male subject leaning inside a Blazer at the homeowner's address. Seeing the officer, the male closed the car door and began walking away. Upon questioning, he admitted the vehicle was not his, and he was trying to take change inside it. The officer arrested him. The male later admitted he was stealing change from vehicles to pay court costs from a previous arrest. He also was in possession of a wallet stolen from a vehicle on Airport Street. He said his girlfriend stole it and gave it to him. He has been charged with attempted larceny from an auto and receiving and concealing stolen property. The investigation continues into his involvement, and his girlfriend's, in larcenies from vehicles in the area.

### TREE STAND CONFISCATED

At 8:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20, Michigan State Police (MSP) Groveland Post received a report of hunters/trespassers at a location off Davisburg Road, near Eagle Road in Rose Township. A trooper located a Big Game deer hunting tree stand, brown and camouflage in color, and five sections of ladders. He confiscated the property, which is at the MSP Groveland Post.

### SEX OFFENDER FAILS TO VERIFY

A sex offender registered with the Michigan State Police as living in the 1500 block of Addis Road, in Holly Township, is being charged in Oakland County with failing to verify and change the record of his address, a felony. Within 10 days of relocating, registered sex offenders are required to provide their new address. They also must verify their address quarterly. The MSP Groveland Post found the man moved in October, and he is being searched for.

### LARCENY FROM VEHICLE

Between 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21 and 5:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, a complainant from the 10000 block of Eagle Road in Rose Township reported both of his vehicles were broken into. He said change was stolen, and prescription medication. There were no signs of forced entry and no suspects.

### PASSING A SCHOOL BUS

Michigan State Police Groveland Post received a report of a vehicle passing a school bus that stopped and was letting off children. The incident was at 3:18 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21, on Marcene Road in Holly Township. A witness obtained the vehicle's license plate number, and the 59-year-old Holly woman is receiving a citation by mail for failure to stop.

### GARAGE AND AUTOS DESTROYED IN FIRE

The Linden Police Department responded to a structure fire in the 400 block of Aldrich Street Monday at 7:27 p.m., Fire Chief Brian Will said firefighters arrived on scene in seven minutes and found the detached garage fully engulfed in flames. The fire chief said the homeowners were home and called 911 after hearing a loud bang outside and seeing flames in the garage, which contained two vehicles. Although the garage was detached, the heat caused the backside of the house to catch fire, as well as break some windows. The fire on the house was quickly contained, however, the garage was a total loss, said Will. Firefighters stayed on scene for quite some time to extinguish any hot spots. Due to the fierce winds Tuesday, a small flame rekindled in the garage Tuesday morning and the fire department again responded to the property to put out the fire. With the amount of damage to the garage, Will said it is difficult to say what caused the fire. He did say that there was nothing suspicious detected. The homeowners have made temporary living arrangements.

### INSANITY

At 7 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24, Michigan State Police were dispatched to a gas station in the 6400 block of Grange Hall Road. A clerk there said a customer was asking for police. When the trooper arrived, the subject said he was from Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. and was a personal friend of President Barack Obama and wife, Michelle Obama. In addition, he needed a ride to Washington, D.C. to speak with the Obamas. The subject said he is homeless, and gave a different name to police than his driver's license. The trooper said he would help him and get him a ride, and the man was taken to a Pontiac hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

## Rollover accident



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SHARON STONE

A young woman was injured after she lost control of her car at about 10 a.m. Thursday. The woman was traveling west on Petts Road, by Parker Lake in Fenton Township in a black Pontiac G6. Witnesses reported that she appeared to over-correct her steering on the curve, causing her car to rollover. The Fenton Township Fire Department and the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene. Rescue workers pulled the woman from the heavily damaged car. She was then transported to the hospital by STAT EMS ambulance.

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Children from the Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church, shown with Pastor Linda Living-Hawley, are proud of collecting enough money that will be used to drill a well for clean drinking water in an African village.

## AFRICA

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They called it the "Noisy Collection," said Pastor Linda "Rev. Red" Living-Hawley. "Our congregation is 'mature,' but some younger people are starting to find out about us. I wondered how this would be received."

She needn't have worried.

"They loved it," Living-Hawley said. "They were so happy. Some people would come in with their change in a little Ziploc. It gave them great joy to see the kids run about and get their nickels, dimes and quarters."

The congregation was generous. "All of a sudden, there would be a check for \$100," she said. "Things like that would show up in the buckets."

Tina Nippa brought in a globe on a stand, showing the children where the United States is. "I'd spin it and say, 'Where's Africa,'" Living-Hawley said. "The distance amazed them."

She showed a bottle of clean water and one filled from a mud puddle in her driveway. "I said, 'What if you had no choice, and you were thirsty,'" she said.

Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church worked with Churches for Life in Texas. The congregation sent the

money in September, and the well was to be dug this month.

"Even though we are small in number, we are mighty in giving to those less fortunate," Living-Hawley said.

"The Kids of Tyrone," ranging in number from three to 15 each Sunday, embraced the challenge. One small boy,

Aiden, was listening to a Bible story. "Obviously, Aiden was done," Living-Hawley said. "He got up and went over and got his bucket as if to say, 'I'm ready.' So I said, 'OK, story's over.' Everybody was laughing."

When the church was just shy of its goal, Joe and Paige Ludwig stepped up. Joe, a Liturgist, was assisting at the pulpit. "He asked me how the well was going," Living-Hawley said. "I said, 'Well, we're \$100 short.' He announced he and his wife were donating by check, \$136 to complete the fund."

The church is helping those in need in the local area this holiday season.

It has a food pantry for members who are in need. They also are adopting a family for Christmas and collecting mittens and hats for people who need them.

"The children are so happy and pleased to know that other children will have clean water and not get sick."

**Pastor Linda Living-Hawley**  
Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church

### Missionary to share her experience

Sandra Sovaj, R.N., recently returned from a mission trip to Africa. She will be at Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church, at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 to discuss her mission trip in Kenya.

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Saule said he isn't so sure about having a roundabout at Silver Lake Road and LeRoy Street, but likes the idea of one at Adelaide and Shiawassee.

Walkability consultant Dan Burden suggested roundabouts in Fenton after visiting the city in the spring. DDA Director Michael Burns said the DDA would like to have a plan in place, before "selling" the roundabout to city council — which controls the roadways — and the public. The DDA is seeing whether roundabouts would work, and Burns doesn't know if the idea will go forward.

The DDA and Fenton officials are considering roundabouts as a gateway to the downtown, said Jon Booth, of Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc., the city engineering firm. It's a long process, and the study by HRC and DLZ (see sidebar) is a first "baby step," Booth said.

It did not examine whether there is a demonstrated need for roundabouts in Fenton, said Jason Whitten, project manager and roundabout designer for DLZ. A demonstrated need would be if traffic signals are operating at a poor level of service, or if there are accidents at the proposed location of the roundabout.

In addition, \$16,000 for a study is a pretty small cost in the traffic world, Booth said. The study for adjusting the

timing of seven traffic signals on Owen Road cost \$44,000. And, if Fenton decides to go ahead with roundabouts, there would be a lot more information to gather. This would include data on how traffic would move from one roundabout to the other, for example.

Preliminary plans for a single-lane roundabout at Shiawassee and Adelaide streets include a 126-foot diameter. The DDA asked for information on a 100-foot diameter size at this location.

The roundabout at Shiawassee and Adelaide streets was shifted north, to avoid The French Laundry and structures on the south side of the intersection, a report from HRC said.

If the size of the roundabout at Shiawassee and North Adelaide streets can be reduced, it would not require that the DDA obtain as much property from property owners on the north side of the intersection. DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt said the legal process of condemnation might be needed as a last resort to obtain land from these property owners, if no other solution can be worked out.

A two-lane roundabout at Silver Lake Road and LeRoy Street was proposed

at 140 feet in diameter. The city would lose a lot of property there to get the roundabout, especially at the corner at the old Republic Bank, which the DDA recently purchased, Schmidt said. DDA board member Doran Kasper said it would eliminate the equivalent of about 25 parking spaces there.

Carmine Avantini, from LSL Planning Inc., the city's planning consultant, said his opinion on roundabouts might differ from other people's. He supports historic preservation, and maintaining historic character. Roundabouts are not part of Fenton's history, he said.

In addition, he suggested that city officials talk to their attorney about condemnation. Courts have said governments can use condemnation to legally force property owners to sell land for a public purpose.

If there is a traffic issue, Fenton could use condemnation, Avantini said. But, if the roundabout is for an aesthetic reason, a court might consider it an economic development project. And courts have judged against condemnation of land for economic development purposes, in the past.

## STUDY

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Department of Transportation guidelines, determining an appropriate size for the roundabouts based on vehicle use and speeds

- Preparing a location concept and layout of the roundabouts
- Showing impacts to the right-of-way
- Showing the overall size of the roundabouts
- What the roundabouts would look like, and how they would work

After discussion at the downtown development authority (DDA) meeting, HRC and DLZ will incorporate changes the DDA requested.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Frank Moser, owner of Mos' Art Jewelers located at 17235 Silver Parkway in Fenton, offers a vast assortment of jewelry pieces at his family-owned jewelry store, including these diamond pendants.

### Mos' Art Jeweler's treats every customer with a smile

By Sharon Stone

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Frank Moser wants to be your jeweler. He grew up in the jewelry business and worked side by side with his father at Mos' Art Jewelers when he was just a young man. The family-owned jewelry store was established in 1977 by both of his parents, and Moser has enjoyed it ever since.

Moser has been the business owner since 1995. He and his mother began running the business after the passing of his father. The mother and son duo joined forces and moved to Fenton because they liked the area. His mother retired in 2006; however, he continues serving his many customers.

“I can't think of a better place to be,” he said.

His passion is repairing and making jewelry. Moser even goes beyond jewelry by repairing eyeglasses, as well.

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The jewelry shop's success is largely attributed to Moser and his associates' efforts to educate their customers with the jewelry-buying process. They will answer customers' questions, offer suggestions, and give them any information they need to help them pick out the perfect piece.

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## SIGNS

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The new signs will set the tone for the town and provide order and structure for Fenton's signage, consultant Susan Grissim, of Grissim Metz Andriese Associates, has said.

The wayfinding sign project has been in the works since 2008, according to DDA Director Michael Burns, and a committee has been meeting regularly. Bidding for Phase I will be in January or February 2011, with the signs installed in the spring. Phase II will take place after the DDA's upcoming downtown streetscape project is

completed around 2012 and will be paid for from a different budget year.

The original budget for the signs was \$325,000, but it was reduced, said DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt.

The three welcome signs will cost around \$11,000 each and be placed at North LeRoy Street, Silver Lake Road and Owen Road. Fenton City Council and the DDA have already approved them, and the cost is around \$103,500, without the price of the fluted, concrete bases, Burns said.

Weaver Designs incorporated elements from the Fenton Gazebo, nature and the Saarinen architecture of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center into the signs, Grissim said. Exact locations for the wayfinding signs in Phase II haven't been determined yet, she added. The sign panels will be interchangeable and can be moved to a different post, or swapped out as needed.

Most of the wayfinding signs will be teal in color, with ones around city hall being blue and Dibbleville's signs being plum, she said. Concrete, fluted bases are an option for these, and the cost is still being determined. The welcome signs, in Phase I, will definitely have concrete, fluted bases.

The sample sign behind Fenton City Hall is not the actual, final design, Grissim said.

The informational kiosks, in Phase II, will be placed at city hall and the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

## LF school board member resigns

► Letters of interest being accepted to fill vacant seat

By Sharon Stone

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**Lake Fenton** — With the recent resignation of Trustee Stan Bragg, the Lake Fenton Board of Education is seeking an individual to fill that seat until the end of the school year.

Superintendent Wayne Wright said Bragg submitted his letter of resignation, citing work-related commitments.

The board is required to select an individual to serve as trustee until June 30 and has 30 days to make its appointment. Interested per-

sons must live within the Lake Fenton Community Schools district and be at least 18 years of age.

Bragg, who has served on the board since 2002, was re-elected last May. His term ends in June of 2014. Due to his resignation, his seat will be up for election next May in order to have someone serve the remainder of his term.

Bragg said that his workload for his job recently increased significantly and he is no longer able to contribute the time and energy to the district per his standards. He sincerely feels it is in the best interest for the board to appoint a new board member.

The Lake Fenton Board of Education is accepting letters of interest until the close of the business day on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Address letters to President Robert Grubbs and send to the superintendent's office, at 11425 Torrey Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. After the deadline, the board will consider all interested applicants.

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club signs. The \$103,500 does not include the price of concrete, fluted bases. Metal scrollwork will be on the top of the welcome signs. City officials have said they would like lettering on both

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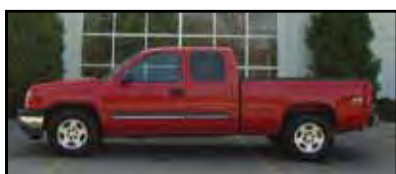
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Show 11**

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This Sale will be held on:  
**November 15, 2010**  
on or around **9:30 am** at the following location:  
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**Holly, MI 48442**  
**248-634-7012**

Nancy Burgher	Unit 191	Household
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Esther Pease	Unit 60	Household
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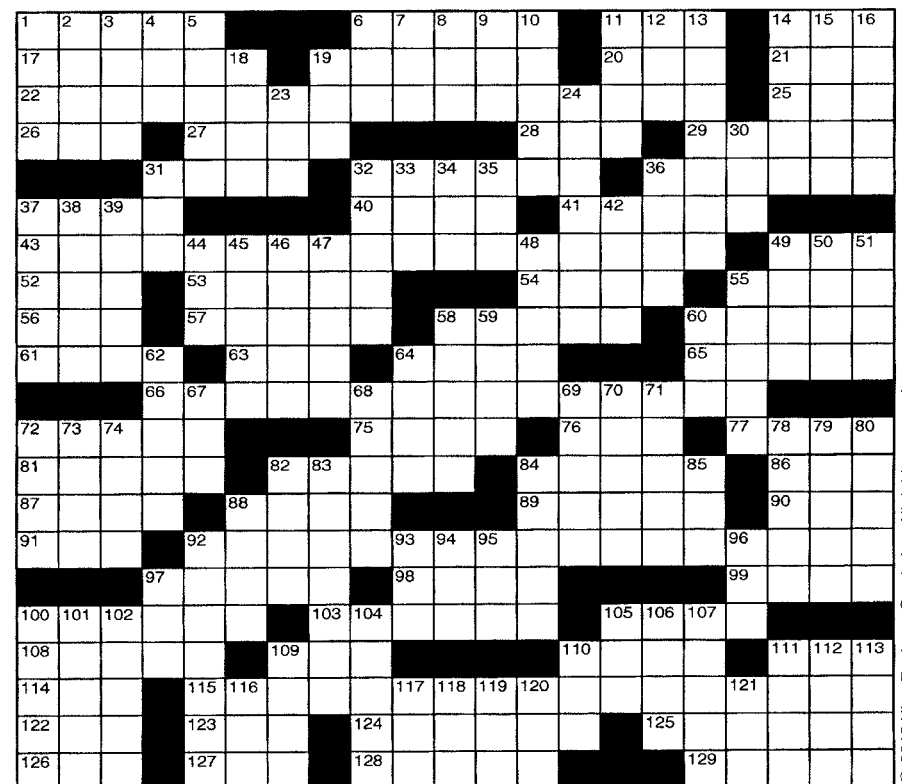
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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Potassium, e.g.	57 '86 Janet Jackson hit
6 pole	58 Fresh
11 Scott's "The Quartet"	60 Billie of "The Wizard of Oz"
14 "Nova" network	61 Merino males
17 Idolized	63 I.M. the architect
19 Fandango kin	64 Manage
20 Maestro de Waart	65 With
21 "Hulk" Ferrigno	49 Down, Thomas Jefferson's veep
22 George M. Cohan biopic	66 Edwin Booth biopic
25 Link letters?	72 Line
26 Grant or Tan	75 "Confound it!"
27 Crow's toe	76 Cubic meas.
28 CPR provider	77 Mosque figure
29 Tenor Mario Svelte	81 Marine leader?
32 TV's "Greg"	82 Helps with the dishes
36 "El Cid" star	84 Sao ___, Brazil
37 Stardom	86 Nev. neighbor
40 Like pie?	87 Privy to
41 Squirrel away	88 Decree
43 Thomas More biopic	89 Moving
49 Small shots	90 Cotton __
52 Bother	91 Bleak critique
53 Japanese dog	92 Billie Holiday biopic
54 Social misfit	97 Biblical city
55 Throw in the towel	
56 Cio-Cio-San's sash	
	98 Journalist Jacob
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	100 Western desert
	103 Sherbet flavor
	105 Coup d'__
	108 Fight site
	109 Actress Alicia
	110 Applaud
	111 Make wine divine
	114 Glowing
	115 Robert Stroud biopic
	122 Dram
	123 Chou En-
	124 Prepared a
	125 Aftershock
	126 "Ask Girl" (59 film)
	127 Terminate
	128 Frequently
	129 Electrical inventor
	9 Palindromic preposition
	10 Transmit by bytes
	11 The Mertzies' income
	12 Suffix
	13 Unhappy
	14 Rocker Robert
	15 Movie chimp
	16 Largest African nation
	18 Sandwich shop
	19 Cellist's need
	23 Blocker or Aykroyd
	24 Piles up
	30 Timber tree
	31 Decimal base
	32 Hold up
	33 Baseball's Chase
	34 Dolt
	35 Bread or booze
	36 Jurist Learned
	37 Party present
	38 Lab critter
	39 Adage
	42 British pol
	44 Mozart's "Così __"
	45 Giraffe kin
	46 Up and about
	47 Tall story?
	48 First name in photography
	49 See
	65 Across
	50 South African activist
	51 WWII gun
	55 Resembling
	58 Couches
	59 Datebook abbr.
	60 Candy quantity
	62 Cold-shoulder
	64 Transformer part
	67 Actress Peggy
	68 Polishes prose
	69 "Stop, sailor!"
	70 Time of your life
	71 "Dallas" matriarch
	72 Wisecrack
	73 Skeleton part
	74 007's school
	78 Tycoon
	79 Historian Durant
	80 IQ crew
	82 "The Aeneid" tutte
	83 TV's "Everybody Loves __"
	84 Dated
	85 Solid circle
	88 Grow dull
	92 Endearing
	93 Nest egg
	94 Diarist
	95 Anais
	95 Light carriage
	96 Fate
	97 __ Antonio, TX
	100 Mediter-ranean island
	101 Sky stalker
	102 Dock
	104 Stallone role
	105 Building wing
	106 Diplomacy
	107 In pieces
	109 Saharan
	110 No gentleman
	111 "Babes in __" (37 musical)
	112 Sheffield slammer
	113 Biblical book
	116 Charleson or Carmichael
	117 Rottweiler's remark
	118 Take-home
	119 Be in debt
	120 Marsh
	121 Fairway accessory



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NOTICE OF ELECTION  
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ALL ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a General Election will be held in all voting precincts of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates of the Republican, Democratic, Green, US Taxpayers, Libertarian, and Natural Law Parties, and candidates without political party affiliation who seek election to the following partisan offices are to be voted for in Livingston County: U.S. Representative in Congress (8th District), Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Senator (22nd District), State Representative (47th District), State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Wayne State University Board of Governors, County Commissioner, Township Trustee, and such other partisan offices that may by law be required to be elected at this General Election. Candidates seeking election to the following nonpartisan offices are also to be voted for at the General Election: Justice of the Supreme Court, 4th District Appeals Court Judge, 44th Circuit Court Judge, 53rd District Court Judge, and such other nonpartisan offices that may by law be required to be elected at this General Election.

The following Ballot Proposals will also be presented at the General Election:

PROPOSAL 10-1

A PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A GENERAL REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2011 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?

PROPOSAL 10-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FELONS FROM HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE AND SPECIFIED TYPES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Make a person ineligible for election or appointment to any state or local elective office or to hold a position in public employment in this state that is policy-making or has discretionary authority over public assets, if:

- 1 within the preceding 20 years, the person was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of the public trust; and
- 2 the conviction was related to the person's official capacity while holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state or federal government.

Require the State Legislature to enact laws to implement the prohibition.

Should this proposal be adopted?

List of polling locations:

<b>Precinct #1</b> (Linden School District voters)	Fenton Church of the Nazarene 11075 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton
<b>Precinct #2</b> (Fenton School District voters residing north of White Lake Road)	Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church 10235 White Lake Road, Fenton
<b>Precinct #3</b> (Fenton School District voters residing south of White Lake Road)	Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church 10235 White Lake Road, Fenton
<b>Precinct #4</b> (Hartland School District Voters)	Tyrone Township Hall 10408 Center Road, Fenton

All of the above polling locations provide voting access for individuals with disabilities and contain voting instructions in alternative formats, including audio and Braille.

Applications for absent voter ballots are available for the November 2, 2010 General Election and may be obtained at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Requests for absent voter ballots must be in writing.

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Keith L. Kremer,  
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ROSE TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on November 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) as follows: Request to Program Year 2011 application in the approximate amount of \$19,142.00 to be used for barrier free access improvements at 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan.

A copy of the Proposed Programming Resolution and the publication that detail the range of eligible activities for the application and the programming that may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant Funds will be available for public viewing at the Clerk's Office; Monday 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. except holidays.

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or to submit written comment. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. The Rose Township Board will consider any public comments received at this time. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Rose Township Clerk at 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442. For further information or services, please call phone: 248-634-7551.

Handicapped individuals, who require assistance to participate or to attend this meeting are requested to contact the Township Clerk at the number above at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

*Debbie Miller*

Debbie Miller  
Rose Township Clerk



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# TYRONE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Tyrone Township is looking for volunteers to serve on the newly created Strategic Planning Committee. This committee is tasked to develop the township vision and strategic plan. Residents who are interested to serve on this committee should visit our website at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us) for an application or call the township at 810-629-8631. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on November 30, 2010.

Keith L. Kremer  
Tyrone Township Clerk

BY DAVID UFFINGTON

# Dollars & SENSE

## FORECLOSURES HALTED

At last count, upward of 40 states have called a temporary halt to foreclosures. Paperwork is a mess, with lenders admitting to having signed off on thousands of foreclosure documents without even having read them.

If you're facing foreclosure, now is the time that scammers will come out of the woodwork and approach you about beating the foreclosure completely - and possibly ending up with a free house.

Here's how that has worked in the past: When mortgages were moving fast, it wasn't uncommon for a lender to immediately sell off a collection of promissory notes to someone else for a profit, take that money, lend it out and start all over again. When the "savvy" homeowner was faced with foreclosure, all he had to do was say to his original lender: "Produce the note."

With so much paper shuffling going on, often nobody could locate the actual note, the sole document with your signature on it. Unscrupulous attorneys would hustle clients into court and tell the judge, "No one can find the note. No one can prove my client actually owes any money," and would file a form demanding to see the original note.

Some people, it's said, actually ended up with a free house. The bigger negative was that some homeowners were foreclosed on by multiple lenders, all claiming to have a right to do so.

BY LINDA THISTLE

# letter box

Place a letter in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the letters listed above the diagram. When completed, the row indicated will spell out a word or words.

A B I L N O T W Y

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ANSWERS BELOW

This ploy doesn't work anymore. The reason: MERS, or Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. MERS is party (as nominal mortgagee) to each mortgage transaction, as well as an online computer registration system for documents. If there's a case of foreclosure where the lender needs to produce facts, MERS has them. Your note can be sold multiple times, and it will be tracked the whole way by MERS without you needing to sign anything. Or, as a party to the deal, MERS also can file for bankruptcy. According

to the MERS website ([www.mersinc.org](http://www.mersinc.org)), all the biggies use them, including the Federal Housing Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Unfortunately, MERS is now embroiled in the foreclosure battle as some judges have decided that MERS has no legal standing in foreclosures, since it doesn't actually own the loans. Hence the halt in foreclosures in many states.

Best bet: If you face foreclosure, find the money to hire an attorney.

# GO FIGURE

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

**DIFFICULTY: ★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	-		x		16
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17		25		10	

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 8 9  
ANSWERS BELOW

# PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword and Sudoku Puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this section.

# KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 27 mins.

M	A	J	O	R		B	I	G		A	L	P
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# SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

M	E	T	A	L		T	O	T	E	M		R	A	J		P	B	S
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# SUDOKU ANSWERS

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9	2	1	4	8	6	7	3	5
7	6	8	3	1	5	9	4	2
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# LETTER BOX ANSWERS

W	I	N	B	Y	A	L	O	T
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# GO FIGURE ANSWERS

4	-	2	x	8	16
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-		x		+	
7	-	5	x	9	18
17		25		10	



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Notice is hereby given that the Township Board will hold a public hearing at the Groveland Township Hall, located at 4695 Grange Hall Rd, Holly, MI 48442 at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 08, 2010.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2011 application in the approximate amount of \$17,176 to fund eligible projects. Oakland County will allow participating communities to spend a maximum of 30% of their annual allocation on public services. This action will ensure compliance with federal regulations.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the Groveland Township office located at the above address until 4:00 pm, Monday, November 08, 2010.

The Township Board meeting room is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonable accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact Pamela Mazich at 248.634.4152 for further information or if special services are required.

Pamela Mazich, Clerk

### Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2010

Supervisor Cole called the meeting to order @ 7:40 p.m.  
 Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Cole, present, Ciesielski, present, Hallman, present, Graves, present, Schmidt, present. Absent: none.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Albert "Hap" Ashley.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of October 12, 2010 Election Commission. Motion passed.

Motion to approve budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

Motion to pay bills as submitted on Check Register Report. Motion passed.

Police Department - Written report submitted.

Fire Department- Written report submitted.

Building Department- 5 permits that total \$3,427.00.

Motion to approve a 6- month Temporary Occupancy Permit with a \$5000.00 cash bond and bullet points covered as discussed for Janelle's Banquet Center. Motion passed.

Attorney: Oral report given.

Motion to appoint Judy Grubb to the Board of Review for a term ending 2011. Motion passed.

Motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise for a part-time Building Inspector. Motion passed.

Motion to direct our attorney to send a letter to Mr. Swan indicating the Township, within 30 days plans to go to Circuit court and take action. Motion passed.

Motion to allow Cole and Schmidt to tag structure located at 14205 Cole Road. Motion passed.

Motion to increase Nancy Hieber's hours to 40 per week, effective November 15, 2010. Motion passed.

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation. Motion passed.

Entered Executive Session @ 8:20 p.m.

Motion to return to Regular Board Session 8:50 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion to direct our attorney to proceed with proposed resolution as discussed in closed session. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:51 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

**Misc.  
Wanted 27**

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## MAILBOXES

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passions in life and you are welcome to do so. Just remember, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) owns the rights to your mailbox and you have to follow the rules.

"When you establish your mailbox on your property, that is your agreement to go by the rules of the USPS," said Shannon LaBruyere, communications specialist. "The mailbox belongs to the customer, so a homeowner can be as creative with it as he or she wants to be, within the bounds of postal residential mailbox standards."

In some cases, local ordinances govern the structures or modifications permitted to the mailbox. "These ordinances are separate from USPS standards and are enforceable by the community," said LaBruyere. "However, a community cannot make a law or establish an ordinance that detracts from the minimum basic requirements of a mailbox."

That means a collegiate sports-lovers or custom-designed mailbox, is allowed by the USPS, but the mailbox itself has to be one that has been stamped with USPS approval.

"There are a handful of companies that make these boxes, and you can find them at Home Depot and other retailers," said Brenda Hendrix, postmaster at the post office in Fenton. "As long as the box itself is approved, and you follow municipal rules for constructing a mailbox, there aren't any regulations that we enforce to stop your creativity."

In Fenton, permanent mailboxes affixed with brick or cement are no longer allowed, thanks to an ordinance passed five years ago. "People hit them, and not just mail carriers," said Hendrix. "They may be pretty, but they can be very dangerous."

Ones that were built prior to the ordinance have been "grandfathered in" to allow their use today, according to city of Fenton Building Inspector Brad Hisson.

While a mailbox may be made into a whimsical "decoration," people need to know that there are serious laws regulating their use. It is against the law to open a mailbox that is not your own. It is considering "tampering with the U.S. mail. Damaging a mailbox on purpose will have serious consequences, including fines and/or jail time.

It's also against the law to put something in or on a mailbox without postage. "Generally speaking, this is usually done in honest error," said LaBruyere. "However, the USPS will retrieve those mail pieces, charge the customer with the postage that is due and send them a letter. Circumstances will determine whether it is a crime. It can be treated as such and subject to fines, but usually we are able to work this out with our customers."

## RULES

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inches from the front face of the curb or road edge to the mailbox door.

- **The name** on the mailbox should be at least 1 inch high.
- **Advertising on** a mailbox or its supporting post is prohibited.
- **Regulations cover** what can and can't be placed in a curbside mailbox or mailbox outside of your house. Regulations don't govern what can be placed in a mail slot on a homeowner's door.
- **Mailboxes must** be kept free of snow and debris that could potentially block access to the mailbox for delivery and pick-up.

Source: www.usps.com



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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

### HALLOWEEN

Have you ever noticed that the two holidays, Halloween and Easter, are about 6 months apart? And both holidays are associated with the consumption of a significant amount of candy and sweets by both the young and the young at heart. Some claim it's all a "dentist conspiracy" in order to drum up more business. All joking aside, too much of any good thing is bad. Sweets and candy consumed in moderation are great but eating too much can cause tooth decay, as everybody knows. Actually, the quantity of sweets eaten is of much less concern than is the frequency that candy is eaten. Binge eating of candy and sweets around a popular holiday such as Halloween could lead to a stomach ache but probably will NOT cause an increase in tooth decay. However, long-term, habitual eating and nibbling of sweets and candy, on a daily basis, will definitely lead to a destructive pattern of tooth decay. The real problem is the cumulative effect of a constant assault of acid on the tooth surface caused by the metabolizing of fermentable carbohydrates (sugars) by plaque bacteria. This causes the destructive loss of tooth mineral that forms defects in the teeth that people call cavities. This process takes time; about six months, as a matter of fact, to penetrate the enamel layer of a tooth. This is one very important reason we dentists recommend regular six month dental visits. So go ahead enjoy your Halloween candy. Have fun but be sure to get back to healthy dietary habits, brush and floss every day and see your dentist for six month cleaning and check-ups and dental decay should not be a major concern.

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## Social News

### BIRTHS

#### Khloe Kaye DeWitt

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## Catch OF THE WEEK

The Tri-County Times wants to give our readers the chance to show off the trophies they catch this season. If you have a fish worth showing off, snap a photo and bring it in or mail it to the Times office.



Chase Poulson, 9, of Linden, caught a 29-inch pike on Oct. 3 while fishing on Lake Fenton.

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## Buck Pole



Bradley Hutchins, 14, harvested this 7-point buck on Sept. 25 in Marion.

The Tri-County Times wants to give our readers the chance to show off the trophies they bag this season. If you have a deer worth showing off, snap a photo and bring it in or mail it to the Tri-County Times, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. Submissions should include a contact number and list important details.





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(Top) Ken Zender, left, and Dan Sleep, of Fenton, practice forms Monday night at Fenton Karate. (Right) Master Tony Husted (center) leads the open class in punching drills. His class had more than 30 students. (Left) Charles Haggard, left, and Lucas Goss practice forms at the Monday night open class.

# Karate

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## Trains the body and mind

By Tim Jagielo

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At Fenton Karate Monday night, the Dojang (training area) is filled with students in white uniforms, with different belt colors and varying in age. Family and friends of the students watch from the sideline, and new members don fresh uniforms and stiff white-belts for the first time.

Master Anthony Husted calls the group into rows, leads them in drills and talks to them about an upcoming tournament.

Karate has become increasingly popular as a way to stay healthy and gain self-defense skills. Husted, who is the master and owner of Fenton Karate, said most people know that improved strength, stamina and

See **KARATE** on 2B



**PRINCIPLES OF  
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## STRETCH THOSE MUSCLES FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

If you think you have done a complete workout with cardio on the treadmill and strength training with weights, wait — you need to stretch those muscles that

you have been contracting and flexing during your exercise program.

Some of the benefits of stretching, according to mayoclinic.com, include

increasing flexibility, improving a joint's range of motion and improving one's circulation, which increases blood flow to the muscles.

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You can stretch anytime, anywhere — in your home, at work or when you're traveling. If you have a chronic condition or an injury, however, you may need to alter your approach to stretching. For example, if you have a strained muscle, stretching it like usual may cause further harm. Discuss with your doctor or physical therapist the best way to stretch.  
Source: Mayoclinic.com

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**A:** This is most likely caused by rust build up under the front wheel speed sensors but can be other things like a bad wheel speed sensor or wheel bearing, the front wheel speed sensors can be cleaned in most cases but sometimes they are rusted in and break trying to remove them. You can get just the speed sensor without the bearing. If the wheel bearing is loose or making noise, it comes with the speed sensor, so you should just buy the whole assembly and replace it all. To find out for sure if it is the rust build up or other problem; you will need a lab scope. However, rust is the most common cause and just takes time to clean if the sensors come out OK. We do a lot of them here with just the cleaning.

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## KARATE

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flexibility can be achieved through practicing martial arts. People can get back in shape and lose weight or stay in shape, because of the cardio activities it offers, such as drilling and sparring. Tang Soo Do was technically started in 1942, and is a special Korean form of martial arts, similar to Japanese Karate. Tang Soo Do training includes vigorous cardio work, stretching, hand-to-hand combat, self-defense techniques

### Summary

► Karate is a popular form of martial arts that teaches self defense training, while encouraging mental and physical health, and respect for others.

and Korean terminology.

Husted is not sure how many calories can be burned during his classes, but he is more interested in the positive impact classes have on his students. And, most people do not know about the other benefits that can be achieved through learning Tang Soo Do.

Parents tell Husted about their child's improved confidence. Husted said students can also experience improved academics, and many others feel mental health benefits. Younger students can learn self-control, discipline and respect.

Evan Brown, 7, of Linden, has recently moved up to an open, all-ages class at Fenton karate. "I think he feels like he's got a long-term goal now," said Mari Brown, his mother. She said she has seen Evan listen more actively because of karate classes.

Orange Belt Carl Lainson, of Fenton, became interested in karate because of his 11-year-old daughter. His daughter has seen the academic benefits, as she recently scored straight A's, because



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Black Belt Tom Byczynski works with new students at Fenton Karate Monday night. These students were among 10 new white belts on the floor that evening.

karate made her more alert.

"I've seen people totally change," said Husted. Students in his classes range from age 3 to age 59. A 15-year-old, third-degree black belt has been training since she was 5. "She was one of the shyest young girls you would ever meet," he said. A 59-year-old electrician has lost weight, and can keep up with younger students on the training floor.

"It's given me much more energy," said Lainson, who has lost 30 pounds, and said he is more alert. "I am more confident in myself, and have more balance." He said, overall, his body and mind are healthier. Lainson, who is 48, said he was feeling closer to 55 before classes two years ago, and was a borderline diabetic.

Lainson's favorite parts of training are breaking boards, and doing forms, which are a prescribed series of moves and turns designed to take on multiple opponents,

and to string several moves together.

Students at Fenton Karate are taught that the skills they learn are for self-defense only. If a student uses their skills out of aggression, they will be removed from any programs there. "It's not to be a weapon, it's a self defense thing," said Lainson. "It's a lot of confidence and respect."

Lainson said he has never had to use karate for defense. "Hopefully I'll never have to, but it's there." The first thing students are taught is to try to walk away from a dangerous situation. Husted's classes have been training hard all week to prepare for an

upcoming tournament. Although preparation is important, he stresses that winning is not. "Tang Soo Do is more of a way of life and is not a sport," he said. "There are no losers when you train to better yourself."

**"It's really not a sport. It's a way of training your body and mind to do what you want it to do."**

**Carl Lainson**  
karate student



Green belt Brandon Zender watches Master Anthony Husted (left) demonstrate a form during the Monday night class at Fenton Karate.

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## STRETCH

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It's a stress reliever, too, relaxing the tense muscles that often accompany stress.

Michael O'Hara, physical therapist and owner of Fenton/Linden/Milford Physical Therapy offices, believes that every person should spend 10 minutes during every exercise session, working on his or her flexibility.

Flexibility training is even more important as you get older, said O'Hara, in a recent newsletter published by Fenton Physical Therapy. Most of the men and women he and his staff treat in physical therapy have problems related to movement restrictions in their hips, shoulders, ankles, and spine.

Most people spend too much time sitting hunched over a computer or steering wheel, and develop adaptive shortening of many muscles and joints, he added. Limited flexibility interferes with your ability to get stronger, develop better movement patterns, and greater endurance.

Whether or not stretching helps prevent injuries is still a controversial issue, but Jennifer Miller, certified training and conditioning specialist/personal trainer at Fenton Fitness & Athletic Center, uses "dynamic stretching" with her clients to help them warm up before starting a workout. This stretching mocks the movements they'll perform during their exercise session. "I believe stretching is a good way to avoid injury," she said.

When setting up a stretching routine, MayoClinic.com suggests that a person target their major muscle groups — focusing on their calves, thighs, hips, lower back, neck and shoulders, and any muscles they routinely use at work or play.

Most health professionals suggest that people warm up first before exercise, doing a favorite low-intensity activity for

five to 10 minutes. You may hurt yourself if you stretch cold muscles, according to mayoClinic.com.

Because it takes time to lengthen muscle tissues safely, each stretch should be held for about 30 seconds, repeating each move on the other side. Do each stretch three or four times. Don't bounce, because this can cause small tears in the muscle, which will leave scar tissue as the muscle heals, tightening the muscle even further. This will make you less flexible and more prone to pain.

Focus on a pain-free stretch, expecting to feel tension during the stretch. If it hurts, you've gone too far. Relax and breathe freely — don't hold your breath while you're stretching.

As a general rule, people should stretch as often as they exercise, at least three times a week to maintain flexibility. If you have a problem area, you may want to stretch more often.

For more information, visit the Fenton Physical Therapy website at [www.fentonfitness.com](http://www.fentonfitness.com) or [www.mayoclinic.com](http://www.mayoclinic.com).



## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**I SAW THE** same story in the Wall Street Journal regarding the counties in Illinois that didn't send ballots to soldiers. Rick's column and the WSJ both got it wrong about the number of counties and the number of states that blew it. There was less in Illinois, but more around the country in other states that also didn't send out ballots on time.

**HOLLY, WE NEED** a light on Oakland Street and Academy Road for the charter school or even a cop up there patrolling traffic in the morning. Those parents drive like idiots in and out of that school.

**FENTON VARSITY SOCCER** boys, you should be so proud of yourselves. The last few games were awesome, even the ones you lost. You did great and couldn't have done better. You went further than Linden and Lake Fenton. I am so proud of you. You are the best.

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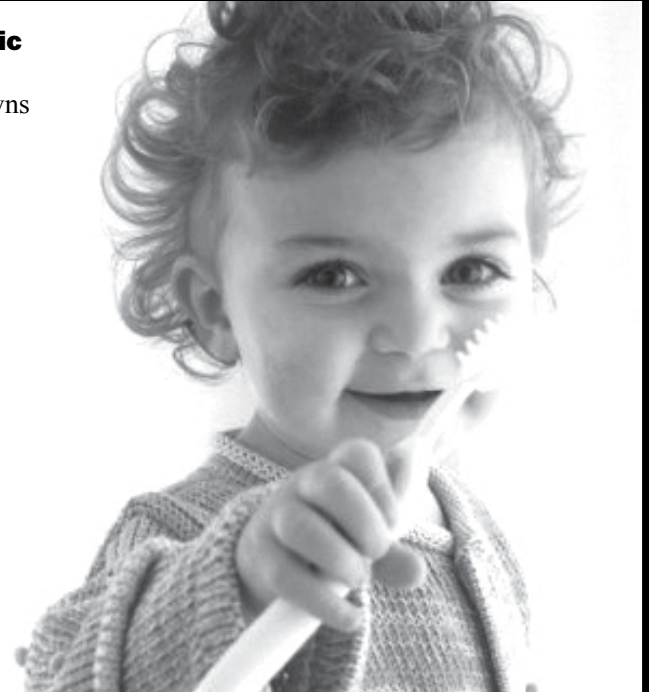
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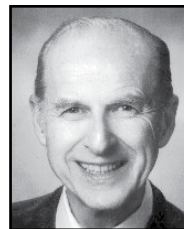
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## Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



### Many surprise meetings are no accident

Having finished my postal business, I was driving out of the post office parking lot when I felt a solid bump from behind. Getting out of my car, taking a quick glance at my rear bumper to check for damage and approaching the truck involved in the smash, I introduced myself to the driver and prepared to exchange information with him so we could contact our insurance agents.

That was when I learned we had a problem. The driver of this big rig didn't have a driver's license, which, he explained, he had lost when arrested for driving under the influence. He did have a temporary permit, so I wrote down the details and asked him to follow me to my car so we could inspect the damage.

All the way to my car, this embarrassed truck driver kept apologizing for what he had done, but by now, I was convinced this was no accident.

Opening my wounded trunk lid, I saw a supply of materials I had written to help people break free from alcohol's bondage, including my book 'Alcohol: the Beloved Enemy.' Meanwhile, my new acquaintance continued apologizing.

'Stop apologizing,' I pleaded. 'If this hadn't happened, we wouldn't have met.'

I'm not sure this confused permit holder yet grasped the miracle of the

designed drama in which he found himself, but consider the odds against this experience being only accidental. He could have bumped into the trunk areas of all the cars in that parking lot and not hit one carrying material to help him overcome his greatest problem.

Entering a fast food restaurant, I met a smiling waitress, ready to take my order.

'You look happy,' I said.

'Well, I'm not,' she replied, her smile turning to a frown.

This strange meeting having turned a bit awkward, I placed my order, wondering what had turned this formerly glowing waitress into a growling one. Reaching into my shirt pocket I handed her a tract on forgiveness.

This formerly happy woman then told me she had started her day arguing with her husband. Knowing she needed to forgive him, I excused myself while she prepared my order and returned with one of my books that help people forgive.

While I had been surprised by her burst of anger after first brightening my day with a smile, I now knew why I had stopped there and had brought along a tract and book that would change her attitude and day.

This was no accident. And, this now smiling woman recognized it.

As I headed for my booth with my hamburger and fries, I heard her say, 'God sent you to me today.'

What a great thought.

God sends each of us out every day to meet people along the way who need us. When we realize this, every day becomes an adventure and even the bumps along the way become blessings.

*Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.*

### The Freedom Center to debut documentary

Last year, on Oct. 10, The Freedom Center Church rallied the community of Fenton to give \$1 to help make a difference in a distant community. Approximately 350 people attended the '1 Day' event, where Pastor Adam Cooke said, "Even in our deepest hour of need, we, in America, seldom worry about having access to fresh water."

He urged the community to partner with him, and set a goal to raise \$10,000 (the approximate cost to dig one 40-foot well in Africa), which would provide fresh drinking water for an entire com-

munity of people.

Fenton and its surrounding communities raised just under \$10,000 and a team of seven people from The Freedom Center traveled to Africa to dig the community's very first well.

In order to remember this event that the community experienced one year ago, The Freedom Center invites the community to debut the documentary film made about this project entitled, "1 Day," on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The Freedom Center is located at 2473 W. Shiawassee Ave., in Fenton. For more information, call (810) 629-5261.

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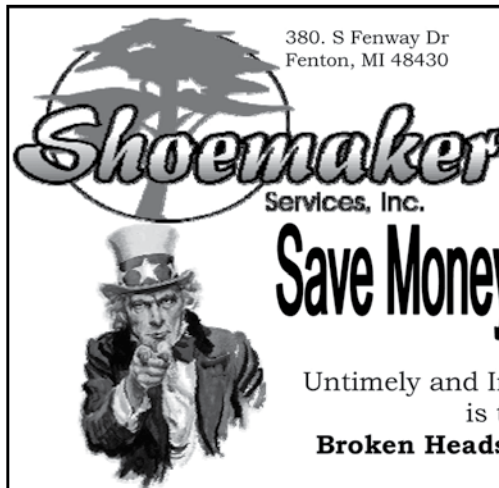
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## News briefs

### Council approves bid for uniforms

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### Fenton sets hearing on parks & rec plan

City council has set a public hearing for its Monday, Nov. 22 meeting, on the adoption of the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Nov. 22 meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at city hall. A copy of the proposed plan is available at city hall, for public viewing, during office hours.

### Administrators attend conference

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland and Assistant City Manager Michael Burns attended the International City and County Management Association conference in San Jose, Calif., two weeks ago. Paying their own airfare, they arrived Saturday, Oct. 16 and left Tuesday, Oct. 19. They received information on topics including economic issues, health care reform and its impacts, and shared services, Markland said.

### First meeting with Michigan Brewing Company takes place

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) had its first negotiations with Michigan Brewing Company Monday, said DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt. Lawyers for both sides were present. They are working out a contract for Michigan Brewing Company to purchase the old fire hall, north of Fenton City Hall, to develop a restaurant there. They are moving forward, with a few "snags," Schmidt said. The restaurant project will benefit the DDA, he said. Earlier, Fenton DDA sought proposals for the location, offering to sell the old fire hall for \$1 and provide a financial incentive of up to \$400,000 for the developer it selected.

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## Holly schools take proactive approach against bullying

►Emphasis is on respect and recognizing positive behavior

By Tim Jagielo

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October is National Bullying Prevention Month and tragedies have surfaced nationally, concerning students who have committed suicide after being bullied many times over the Internet. Because of these events, Holly Area Schools Board of Education President Tony Mayhew asked Superintendent Kent Barnes to research what Holly Area Schools (HAS) have been doing to discourage bullying. Barnes presented what he found at the Tuesday board of education meeting.

### Summary

►Holly Area Schools has a no-tolerance policy toward bullying, which is reinforced by the different programs at the schools, including a culture of positive reinforcement.

Holly School's policy on bullying is about 250 words, and was adopted in 2005. The policy defines bullying as a form of harassment including real, or threatened physical, mental and emotional abuse. Both students and staff can be guilty of bullying. The policy also addresses "electronically transmitted" abuse.

Barnes said the policy works, but needs to be reviewed and kept up to date with current court decisions and recommendations.

"Simply stated, bullying is not acceptable, period."

**Kent Barnes**  
superintendent,  
Holly Area Schools

HAS have a variety of programs that deal with behavior issues, which Barnes described. Rose Pioneer Elementary School is a "positive behavior support school," meaning that the school approaches and affirms positive behavior, instead of dealing with all negative behavior. Barnes said that Rose Pioneer students recite their unique "Rose Pioneer Pledge" after the Pledge of Allegiance, designed to engender a positive, responsible and respectful atmosphere.

"If you ever go to Rose Pioneer and ask one of the students to say it, they can," said Barnes. "They can do it by heart."

The school also posts its expectations for students anywhere within view, and recognizes students who exemplify a positive trait. The staff also discusses with students how bullying does not fit into their school culture.

All the elementary schools have woven respect and a positive approach into the daily lives of their students. Both bullies and victims are encouraged to share their feelings. Barnes cited frustration at home as a

reason for young people bullying students, with the economy being a factor.

The Holly High School student handbook includes the district's policy in its text, and is emphasized at each class and at each assembly.

In his most recent Podcast, Barnes mentioned electronic bullying through the Internet and text messages. He said the Oakland County prosecutor visited the middle school last year and spoke to the students about the legal implications of bullying.

Barnes said HAS has no authority over what students do over the weekend, and at home. A student bullying another student over the Internet does not fall under school jurisdiction. "While I appreciate individuals thinking we have authority over everything, that's just not the case," he said. HAS however, will forward information about bullying onto the police.

If a student in HAS reports they are being bullied, Barnes said there is a process the administration goes through to find out exactly what is happening.

"All of us need parental help, student help, and open communication," he said.



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# Look Who's Talking

By Anna Troppens Tri-County Times Associate Editor

**My name is:** Collin Sasseen.

**I am:** 18 and a senior at Holly High School.

**My parents are:** Tammy and Mark Sasseen.

**My siblings are:** Two sisters, both graduated from high school.

**If I have learned one thing in life so far, it has been:** Do your best at everything, and try as hard as you can.

**What I like most about my friends is:** that we all like to do the same thing. We all hang out.

**In my spare time, I enjoy:** I like to hunt and golf — bow hunting, deer. I've gone out a couple times already. I've seen a lot.

**The person who made the biggest impact on my life is:** my parents or my best friend, Jesse Spain. He helps me with a lot of stuff, he's a role model. He's a senior here, too. My parents, anything I need, I can go to them and they guide me through life's issues.

**What I like most about my school is:** The staff is very helpful. If I need something, I can come in here and they can fix it for me and help me out.

**I am involved in school activities such as:** I golf, all four years of high school.

**What I remember about kindergarten is:** I remember taking naps and having snacks.

**Whom would you choose to portray you in a movie:** I'll pick Colin Farrell, because he's got the same name as me.

**The advice I have for younger students is:** A lot of freshmen slack off their freshmen year. I'd



## COLLIN SASSEEN

18-year-old senior at  
**HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL**

say, make sure they do their homework. Don't fail any classes, that's for sure.

**The advice I have for parents is:** I don't really give parents advice. I'd rather follow what they tell me, rather than telling them what to do.

**My favorite clothing is:** anything, I don't really care. Anything that's washed.

**My favorite movie is:** 'Joe Dirt,' I just think it's funny. It's hilarious.

**The nicest thing anyone ever did for me is:** My employer loaned me a car when mine was broken. I work at a financial firm. I am an intern.

**The one thing I am most proud of is:** I'm proud of helping others out when they need help, and being friendly.

**I want to be remembered as:** I don't want to be remembered as a mean person. I want to be remembered as a nice guy.

**The food I cannot live without is:** Chinese food, anything, but if I had to pick it would be General's Chicken.

**My favorite television show is:** 'How It's Made,' it shows how anything is made, computers, TVs.

**The country I'd most like to visit is:** Australia. I've always wanted to go. I've always been drawn to the Southern Hemisphere.

**After high school:** I want to get a business degree. I haven't picked a college yet. I want to have a house and family.

**In 10 years, I see myself:** having a house and family.

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**Betty L. Hilzinger**  
1923-2010  
Betty L. Hilzinger - age 87, formerly of Berkley and Holly, passed away late Friday evening, October 8, 2010 at Crystal Springs Peace Harbor in Grand Rapids. The daughter of Frank W. and Elsie M. (Hansen) Irons, she was born on February 12, 1923 in Detroit and grew up in Berkley, where her father was chief of police and later Oakland County sheriff. Following her graduation from Berkley High School, Betty completed her nurses training at Mt. Carmel and worked as a registered nurse. On April 21, 1945 she married Phillip G. Hilzinger and together they enjoyed 63 years of marriage. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she had been a member of the Berkley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. In retirement, she and Phillip made their home in Holly. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip G. Hilzinger; a son, Phillip G. Hilzinger, Jr.; a son-in-law, Jim Ford; a grandson, Joshua Hilzinger; and a brother, Jim Irons. Surviving are a daughter, Gail A. Ford of Greenville; a son, Robert F. and Kathy Hilzinger of Knoxville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Jack Ford of Greenville, Erin and Sam Baldwin, Kami Ford, all of Grand Rapids, Nathanael Hilzinger, and Krista Hilzinger, both of Knoxville, Tennessee; and three great-grandchildren, Jordan, Jenna, and Jake. Honoring her wishes, private family services will be held at Oakview Cemetery & Mausoleum in Royal Oak. Contributions in Betty's memory may be directed to the Michigan Special Olympics ([www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org)) or to the charity of ones' choice. To send a message of sympathy to the family, please visit: [www.ChristiansenCares.com](http://www.ChristiansenCares.com). Arrangements were entrusted to the Christiansen Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Greenville.

**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/](http://www.cancer.org/Involved/Donate/).



**Charles Johnson,**  
Charles Johnson - age 79, died October 23, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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**Earl Alfred Stuberger**  
1923-2010  
Earl Alfred Stuberger - age 87, of Fenton died Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Funeral services will be



held 3 PM Friday, November 5, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday from 12 PM until time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Michigan Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Mr. Stuberger was born February 5, 1923 in Brandon, MN, the son of John Peter and Nellie (Arntson) Stuberger. He was a graduate of Brandon High School in Brandon, MN. Mr. Stuberger married Dorothy M. Biscupski February 19, 1955 in Adrian and she preceded him in death September 22, 2001. Earl was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired as a civilian worker. He had resided in Fenton since 1996 coming from Oscoda, where he had resided for 30 years. He was a member of the Oscoda V.F.W. Post #3735 and the D.A.V. Flint Post #122. Surviving are: children, Judy Hempel and husband Kirk of San Diego, CA, Sandy Stuberger of Howell, MI; step-daughters, Linda Goett and husband Terry of Fenton, MI and Donna Sack of Georgia; grandsons, Jason Stuberger, Matthew Meyer and Christopher Goett; granddaughters, Melissa Meyer and Michelle Heidger; great-grandchildren, Tristan, Hunter and Catherine. He was also preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Heather Goett; 4 sisters and 3 brothers. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**James McCoy,**  
James McCoy - age 71, died October 26, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



**Fay Richards,**  
Fay Richards - age 75, died October 28, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



**Lorraine Louise Smith**  
1937-2010  
Lorraine Louise Smith - age 73, of Linden, died Sunday, October 24, 2010 at Genesys Hospice Care Center. Funeral services



were held 1 PM Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, with Pastor Jack McMaster officiating. Burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Howell. Visitation was held at the funeral home Monday from 6-9 PM and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to American Cancer Society. Mrs. Smith was born June 27, 1937 in Flint, the daughter of Glenn and Rexine (Kingsbury) Judd. She was a 1954 graduate of Beecher High School. She married Richard L. Smith May 8, 1955 in Flint and he preceded her in death July 11, 2002. Mrs. Smith had worked in Adult Foster Care for 25 years as a Caregiver. She had resided in Tennessee and Hartland before moving to Linden in 1999. She was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. Surviving are: 4 children, Cindy Jabero and husband Morry of Northville, Michael Smith and wife Barbara of Howell, Steven Smith of Linden and Sheila Crandall Windom and husband Thomas of Linden; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers, Dennis DeMott of Highland, Norman DeMott of Highland, Leon DeMott of Highland and Harold DeMott of Gaines; Several nieces and nephews; She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Richard L. Smith II; brother, Keith DeMott. Online tributes may be posted at the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Jamie Kotlark,**  
Jamie Kotlark - age 19, died October 25, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



**Judy Ridenour,**  
Judy Ridenour - age 52, died October 20, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



**Myrtice Ignace,**  
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BY JOANN DERSON

Now here's a **TIP**

- **"Prewash fabrics** that tend to shrink before you use them to make clothing items. That way, the fit is more accurate." -- G.V. in Indiana
- **Use a saltshaker** to sprinkle sugar on cookies. Make sure you label it if you put it back in your cabinet!
- **"I used double-face tape** to adhere a small magnet to my vanity mirror to keep track of my tweezers. The tweezers are held there by the magnet, and I can always find them when I need them." -- W.L. in New Mexico
- **Add a pinch** of cornstarch to beaten eggs for a fluffier omelet.
- **Keep your paintbrushes** soft by rinsing them with a little fabric softener and letting them dry. They may dry stiff, but when you rinse them before use, they will be perfect.
- **"When you are asked** to mark your preschooler's things for day care, the best marker for a bottle or sippy cup is nail polish. Use a bright color. It stays on forever and won't wear off with washing." -- K.L. in Georgia

BY SAMANTHA WEAVER

Strange but **TRUE**

- **It was American author,** producer, screenwriter and director Michael Crichton who made the following sage observation: "Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agrees on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you're being had."
- **Statistics show** that more babies are born in September than in any other month of the year.
- **Talk about bad luck:** In May of 2009, two thieves broke into a jewelry store in Milwaukee, bagged up their loot and tried to make their getaway. On the way out of the looted store, they were confronted by two more thieves, who took the ill-gotten gains. No one ended up profiting from the crime, however; all four were arrested.
- **According to an estimate** by the United Nations, there are more than 3 million shipwrecks on the ocean floor.
- **You may have heard** of the turducken -- a chicken stuffed into a duck stuffed into a turkey -- but you probably didn't know that a chef in the United Kingdom took the idea of nested fowl several steps further. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall stuffed a woodcock inside a pigeon, inside a partridge, inside a pheasant, inside a chicken, inside a guineafowl, inside a mallard, inside a duck, inside a goose, inside a turkey. No word on how the 10-layer dish was carved for serving.
- **If you're not the sort of person** who makes the bed every day, here's some good news for you: Researchers in the United Kingdom have found that unmade beds are less likely to harbor dust mites, a common cause of asthma and allergic symptoms. \*\*\*  
Thought for the Day: "If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things." -- Rene Descartes

BY SAM MAZZOTA

## paw's corner



## Do home flea remedies work?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My little dog "Gellie" gets fleas quite often. A while ago in your column a reader suggested washing the dog with Dawn dish detergent and soaking her collar in something. Do you know what that something is? Also, how often should you bathe a dog? -- Frances M., Batavia, N.Y.

**DEAR FRANCES:** Unfortunately I don't have the original column right at hand, but I did a little research for you on home remedies for getting rid of these pesky biters. The website [www.stopthefleas.com](http://www.stopthefleas.com) is the source of the dish detergent remedy: specifically, bathing your pet in lemon-scented Dawn liquid soap. It supposedly both kills and repels fleas.

It's important to note, however, that using dish detergents or hand soaps to bathe your pet will dry out their skin. This can lead to other problems, including rashes and sores, increased allergies, and in general, a lot of discomfort for your pet -- as well as making its skin more susceptible to future flea infestation. I would recommend not using this method more than once a month, or even once every two or three months. And I'd encourage you to look for pet-friendly, natural flea-repellent soaps, which are available at pet stores.

Home remedies are probably not as fast or effective as chemical remedies, and you'll need to employ other methods to discourage fleas, including vacuuming the house at least weekly. Sprinkle a little Borax in front of the doors or plant pennyroyal near your home's entry points. Brush your pet daily, especially if she goes outside at all, to remove dirt or grass that fleas can ride in on and dislodge flea eggs.

Have a question about your pet? Contact Sam at [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com), or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. And visit [www.pawscorner.com](http://www.pawscorner.com) for more information and resources!

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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**IF YOU WANT** to watch the absolute crash of the stock market again, please vote in more Republicans. Bush and Cheney and their Republicans have destroyed the United States. Do you and your kids have a job? Vote.

**ISN'T IT ABOUT** time to disband the DDA, with their grand ideas of roundabouts and fancy signs around town. Let's use some of that 'captured tax money' to get the roads in this city fixed up. It will attract more people than all the signs and roundabouts in the world.

**I JUST RETIRED** from our U.S. Postal Service after 35 years. I wish I could have retired with an \$80,000 pension. I wonder where the person got the information on the 'average' employee making \$83,500. I worked at about eight different offices over the years. The starting pay now is about \$12 an hour for sorting or delivering. And, that's through rain, shine, sleet or snow or tornadoes.

**I CAN'T BELIEVE** the council is going to spend \$15,000 to study roundabouts. We already had a roundabout in Fenton. It was called Dancer's Department Store and we all know how that worked out.

**THE 2010 FEDERAL** revenue is \$2.4 trillion. Mandatory spending was \$2.4 trillion. Dis-

cretionary spending is \$1.4 trillion. The debt is \$1.4 trillion. The total debt is \$11 trillion. Tax increases combined with spending cuts needs to create 40 percent more revenue. All government offices should be combined into one, Discretionary spending, with a 50 with decrease in budget, we only need to pay 30 percent more in taxes to break even.

**FENTON HIGH SCHOOL** Ambassadors needs your help. Recently, the group entered the Magic 105FM 'Magic Glee Club Contest' and was selected to be among the Top 10 finalists. The group could win \$10,000, a recording session and the opportunity to perform at Detroit's Tree-Lighting Ceremony. You can help by voting for the Fenton High School Ambassadors as your favorite Glee Club on the Magic 105FM website. [www.detroitmagic.com](http://www.detroitmagic.com).

**THIS IS IN** response to the person who claims that the postal service needs to be privatized and average postal employee makes \$83,500 a year. I have been an employee for 26 years with the postal service and barely make \$50,000 a year. So, I think you need to check your facts before you start speaking.

**I'M VOTING NO** on Proposal 2. If you read it, the money is divided up among the DDA and different localities. Probably nothing will go to the veterans at all. You need to read this entire proposal before you vote.

**Rainy day Tuesday**

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO

Cars on LeRoy Street in Fenton cross puddles that approached 10 inches in many places following heavy rainfall and wind Tuesday afternoon.



## Shopping locally is the best investment you can make in your family and your community.

When we spend our dollars locally, they return to us again and again. They create jobs for our kids and grandkids. They help pay for police and fire protection. They underwrite ambulance services. They keep our roads plowed, our streets lit and our municipalities vital. They keep our school systems strong and our downtowns and shopping centers vibrant and growing. And they nurture a consistent growth of locally available goods and services.

In the past, the big city retailers have done a good job of convincing us that they are cheaper, but that just isn't true anymore. Often local retailers can easily match or beat their prices. When you add in fuel costs, parking costs and your time, the overall savings is even higher. And with warnings of global warming almost constantly in the headlines, this

offers the ideal opportunity to reduce our carbon footprint.

Most local businesses have a stake in the communities where they operate. Their families live here, their kids go to school here and their largest investments – their home and their business – are located here. As investors in their community, local merchants have a deep respect for all aspects of living here and a greater commitment to excellence.

We all know times are tough. But these are the times when small towns like Fenton, Linden and Holly need to pull together the most. Now is when loyalty and commitment to our own communities is most needed and most appreciated. The future character and content of our communities is at stake.

So shop smart, shop local! It's the best investment you can make.

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## Calendar of events

### 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.

A free **health care power of attorney signing party** will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden. To sign up, call (810) 735-9406.

### Saturday, Nov. 6

**Calvary United Methodist Church**, 15010 N. Holly Rd. in Holly, is hosting its annual turkey dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The annual dinner features mouth-watering turkey, stuffing, gravy, real mashed potatoes, green beans, squash, cranberries, salad, rolls, beverage and free dessert. The cost is adults \$7, children 6-12 \$3, and 5 and under free. Take-outs are available. Proceeds go to mission projects and youth camp.

### Saturday, Nov. 13

**First Baptist Church of Fenton** is hosting a Military Vehicle Show to honor veterans on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission.

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## SPORTS TICKER

### FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Goodrich 57, Linden 41  
WL Central 46, Holly 6  
Saturday's Game  
Fenton at Midland, 7 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Linden 3, Davison 0  
Durand 3, Lake Fenton 0  
Carman-Ainsworth 3, Holly 1

### SWIMMING

Fenton 120, Brandon 50  
Lapeer 91, Holly 89

### DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

Class A District at Clarkston  
Monday's Matches  
Fenton at Clarkston, 5:30 p.m.  
Holly vs. Brandon, 7 p.m.  
Class B District at Linden  
Monday's Match  
Williamston at Linden, 5 p.m.  
Note: Lake Fenton begins action  
at Linden on Wednesday against  
Williamston-Linden winner.



Fenton's  
Lauren Zepeda

# Volleyball district action begins on Monday

By David Troppens

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Tri-county volleyball teams will get one last chance to shine starting Monday.

That's when three of the four area teams begin their quest for a district title.

The Linden Eagles are hosting a Class B district, and will open against Williamston, the squad that eliminated Linden in the district semifinals a year ago. That contest is slated for a 5 p.m. starting time.

The winner of that match will face Lake Fenton, Wednesday at 7 p.m. Lake Fenton and Linden faced off in the district opener a year ago, with the Eagles defeating their area GAC Red foe. However, this season the Blue Devils defeated Linden in four sets at Linden High School. The winner of that match plays in Thursday's district title game at 7 p.m. against either Stockbridge or Fowlerville.

Metro League champion Fenton and Holly travel to Clarkston on Monday. The Tigers open with a 5:30 p.m. game against the tourney hosts, Clarkston, a squad that defeat-

ed Fenton earlier this season. Meanwhile, the Bronchos play the night's second match against Brandon, a team that has posted a 2-1 record against Holly this season. If Fenton advances, the Tigers play Swartz Creek in Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal and will be favored to win that match, advancing to Thursday's final at 6 p.m. If Holly wins, Grand Blanc awaits for Wednesday's 7 p.m. semifinal. The winner of that match also advances to Thursday's title match.

The tourneys are single-elimination, meaning once a team loses, their season is over.

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** When was the last time a tri-county area varsity football team won a game on Halloween?

**A** In 1997, three teams won Halloween regular-season games. Lake Fenton defeated Genesee, Linden beat Lapeer East and Fenton defeated Durand.

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# Linden's season ends vs. Goodrich, 57-41

## Martians' ground game sparks Eagles' loss; Bronchos defeated by WL Central, 46-6

By David Troppens

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**Linden** — Eight turnovers and Goodrich running back Wade Wood ended the Linden Eagles' football run in the first round of the playoffs Friday night at Claude Cranston Field.

The Eagles turned the ball over eight times — five on interceptions — and saw Wood run for 239 yards and score six TDs in the Goodrich Martians' 57-41 Division 4 playoff victory.

The Eagles had a ton of offense themselves, scoring six TDs, while racking up nearly 400 yards total offense, but the miscues killed Linden's hopes of keeping up with the Martians, and, in the end, having a chance to earn the victory.

Still, the loss couldn't erase what was a strong season for the Eagles. Entering it, replacing nearly the entire starting lineup on offense and defense, the Eagles finished the season 7-3 and with an outright Metro League championship.

"It means a lot to us," said Kyle Fisher, one of the few seniors returning with starting experience. "We didn't have many guys coming back and we had to do it with what we had. We had a lot of underclassmen step up and we played the best we could. We played hard every play, and our coaching staff was really good."

"I'd have to say hard work and dedication were our keys. I'd say we practiced more than any team in the league. We gave 100 percent every play, turning almost nothing into something. We didn't have very many great athletes on the team, but we stepped up and made moderate players into a great team. It's not about one player on a team, but everyone working together."

"We had a good year," Linden coach Denny Hopkins said. "We didn't play very well defensively tonight, and our offense didn't help us. Some of the turnovers were desperate stuff, but the stuff at the start were not good plays."

The Eagles couldn't have asked for a better start. After stopping Goodrich on its first possession, the Eagles took just four plays to complete a 31-yard drive. Max Powell caught a 14-yard completion for the score. Mary-Kathryn Fiebertz made the first of her three extra points, putting Linden up 7-0.

On one of his few bad plays, Wood fumbled the ball on Goodrich's next play from scrimmage, and it was recovered by Powell. Five plays later, Kevin Baker caught a 9-yard TD pass. Just 4:36 into the game, the Eagles led 14-0.

But not much went Linden's way the rest of the first half. Goodrich scored on its next possession on Nick Sweet's 11-yard run, and the Eagles botched the ensuing kickoff, allowing the Martians to recover. Goodrich converted it into a 26-yard field goal by Nick Glowacki with 2:12 left in the first quarter.

Goodrich scored the first three TDs of the second quarter, all capped on Wood runs. The first was from 25 yards, the second from 1 and the third from 3. With 3:34 left in the half, Goodrich led 30-14.

The Eagles did cut the gap down before the break. Taking just five plays after that third Goodrich score to score themselves. Linden QB Thad Kenney had his third TD pass when he hit Tyler Kraus with a 22-yard reception. Linden trailed just 30-20 at the half.

The third quarter featured 42 points, 21 for each team. Goodrich had TD runs of 21 and 31 yards runs from Wood, and a 25-yard scamper by Sweet. Among those three scores, Baker scored on a 21-yard reception from Kenney. However, by the time Sweet scored on the 25-yard run, Linden trailed 51-27 with just 4:11 left in the third.

Somehow, the Eagles made it a game with two TDs before the quarter ended. Just 42 seconds after Sweet's second TD run, Kenney threw his fifth TD pass, this one to Max Powell from 43 yards out. Goodrich was forced to punt on its

next possession, giving Linden the ball back with 1:50 left in the third. A play after converting a fourth-and-2 on a 13-yard completion to Tim Cook, Kenney scrambled for 51 yards for a score. The two-point conversion try failed, but Linden was still within 51-41 entering the fourth quarter.

Goodrich's final scoring drive was set up by Kenney's fifth interception, collected by Nathan Landsgaard at the Eagles' 21. Just five plays later, Wood scored his sixth — and final — TD on a one-yard score. Linden trailed 57-41.

"He's a good runner," Hopkins said about Wood. "But we gave them three touchdowns and that hurt us. We gave the ball on the outside kick when we should've caught it. He got a little nervous and forgot what to do. That gave them a TD and we gave them another TD, and it forced us to play catch-up." We couldn't stop them."

The Eagles marched the ball to the Goodrich 8, for a first-and-goal on their next possession, but were unable to score. Kenney was sacked for a 12-yard loss on first down, and the next three downs ended with incomplete passes.

To go with his two TD receptions, Baker also picked off three interceptions.

## Walled Lake Central 46, Holly 6

The Bronchos trailed 26-0 before scoring their only TD late in the first half.

It came on a 75-yard TD pass from John Williams to Anderius Gray with 28 seconds left in the first half. That was about the only highlight for the Bronchos, who ended their season at 6-4.

Chris Koziara had three rushing TDs for Central and finished with 138 yards rushing. K.J. Schultz also provided two TD runs for Central.

Williams had 111 yards passing and just 47 yards rushing. The Bronchos finished with 221 yards total offense.



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The Linden Eagles lost their Division 4 playoff game against the Goodrich Martians 57-41 on Friday night. (Above) Probably the Eagles' best player was Kevin Baker. Baker made this catch for a TD, one of two touchdown receptions he had in the contest. He also caught three interceptions on defense. (Left) Linden's Thad Kenney threw five touchdown passes in the victory and ran for another. Kenney scampered 51 yards for a TD in this photo. Linden capped its season with a 7-3 overall record.

**did you know?** Since 2000, the only 1A college football team to complete two undefeated seasons is Boise State.



# Holly's all 'Smiles' about its placekicking game

## Senior is tri-county area's second female varsity football placekicker

By David Troppens

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**Holly** — Holly's annual powder puff game pitting the junior girls vs. the seniors helped the Holly varsity football team win at least one game this season.

That's because they found themselves a field goal kicker because of the contest.

Senior Melissa Smiles kicked field goals for Holly's senior team, and it gave her an idea.

"After the powder puff game, I was talking to one of the (football) coaches. We started talking about football and I asked him if I could try out and he said, 'Yeah,'" Smiles said. "I came out one day. I kicked that day. They told me to come back another day to kick some more and to see how I could do with football pads on. It all started from that."

And the senior, who is now the tri-county area's second female place kicker, has made that decision pay off. The varsity soccer player has made all seven of her extra point attempts in her two games, actually scoring the game-winning point in her first contest, a 14-13 victory against Lansing Waverly.

Smiles' first kick came with 8:58 left in the second quarter against Waverly. The

extra-point was good and gave the Bronchos a 7-0 lead.

"I just remember my heart beating a million times a minute," Smiles said. "It was quiet, very quiet. I just remember it sailing over like a slow-motion picture."

Later that same quarter, with 1:51 left, the Bronchos retook the lead 13-7 on a 49-yard TD pass from John Williams to Anderius Gray. Smiles made that extra point, making it 14-7. That extra point, ultimately, won the Bronchos the game. Waverly would go on to score another TD, but miss its extra-point kick, resulting in the 14-13 Holly win.

"In my first game, I was happy to have a shot to kick in the game, and one of my points won the Waverly game," Smiles said.

Last week, she kicked all five of her extra points in the Bronchos' playoff-clinching 35-28 victory against the Brandon Blackhawks. Now, the soccer player is headed to the playoffs.

"I thought, nothing is going to top this (the game-winning extra point), then I got to kick five times in the Brandon game," Smiles said. "I was able to perform on the field a lot, our team won the game and now we're going to the playoffs. I never dreamed I'd ever be on a football field, let alone in a playoff game."

Not bad for a player that wasn't sure if she'd initially make it.

"I wasn't used to having all this stuff on (the pads)," Smiles said. "It was like culture shock, wearing the uniform. I didn't know what it would feel like to have a football



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Holly's Melissa Smiles (right) practices her field goal kicks on Monday during Holly's varsity football practice. In the final two regular season games, she made all seven extra points she attempted.

uniform on, and I didn't know how exciting it was going to be until I put one on."

Smiles said she feels like a part of the team and has been supported well.

"I feel like I'm part of the team. They all talk to me and say, 'Good job, Smiles'

and hit me on the helmet," Smiles said. "Everyone is so supportive. I couldn't ask for anything more. My friend made me a sign that said, 'We heart our kicker' and held it up at the game last Friday. It was so exciting."

## Linden volleyball prepared for districts

By Al Zipsie

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**Davison** — Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason took the positives from a loss to larger school Davison, Thursday, in a non-league volleyball match. The Cardinals swept the three games 25-20, 26-24 and 25-16.

The Eagles will be making a run at the Class B District championship, which they host. They open with Williamston Monday at 5 p.m., hoping to avenge a loss to the same team in last year's district final.

"We have the home court advantage, and we have not hosted a district since I have been here as coach," said Mason. "We lost to Williamston last year, playing

without Emily Kursik, who was hurt."

The Eagles took an 18-18-8 record into the Fenton Invitational Saturday, their last action before districts.

"At this point, we won't change any lineups. We are established in who we are playing," Mason said. "We are working on attacking more in the middle with Sabrina Kinney and Kelsey Brecht.

"We did a good job executing against the offense that Davison runs in stone. Williamston is not as set on the offense."

Davison won the opening game 25-20 and then pulled out a close 26-24 win in the second set. The Cardinals then capped it off with a 25-16 victory in the third set.

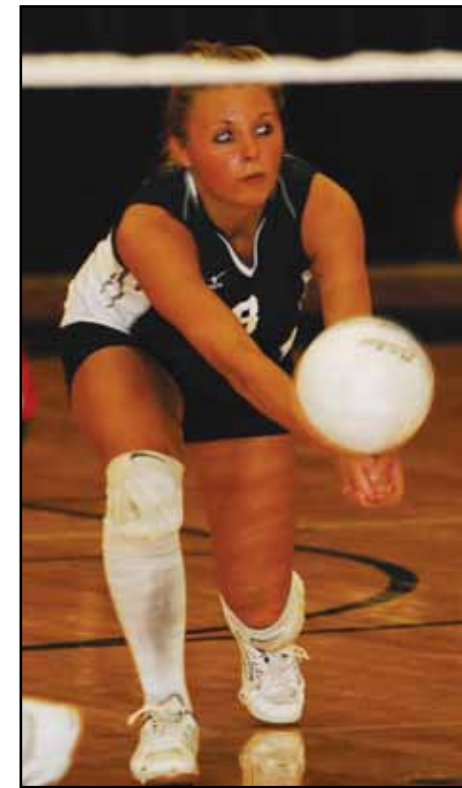
Sabrina Kinney led the Eagles with nine kills and 11 digs. Paige Morgan had 30 digs and Kelsey Brecht added five kills. Both Stefanie Dobias, 12-of-12 with three aces, and Jordan Sargent, 10-for-10 were perfect serving.

"I think we can win it all (at Districts)," said Dobias. "We lost to Williamston last year with our big middle player (Kursik) out. We will be pumped up with the home crowd."

"Underclassmen Lexi Downes and Kelsey Brecht are really stepping it up for us this year up front."

Last year's Linden volleyball team won a lot of games but came up just short of the District title losing to Williamston, who advanced to the regional finals. This season, Linden has all those underclassmen back, and doesn't have as many wins. If Linden beats Williamston the Eagles will play neighbor Lake Fenton in the semifinals, Wednesday.

Linden also played New Lothrop and Bentley earlier in the week, defeating



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Linden's Paige Morgan tries to dig a ball in a recent match.

Bentley 25-9, 25-9, but losing to New Lothrop 20-25, 25-20, 15-10. Kinney led the team with 13 kills, 11 digs and four aces, while Kaitlyn Dunleavy had 12 kills and three blocks. Morgan had 12 digs and four aces, while Lisa Malinowski had 11 digs. Dobias had 20 assists, while Jordan Sargent had 18 assists. Lexi Downes had nine kills and three blocks, while Brecht had seven kills and two blocks.

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# Lake Fenton volleyball pushes No. 3 Durand

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**Lake Fenton** — At times on Wednesday night the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team pushed the No. 3 team in Class B to its limits.

But in the end, the Blue Devils made too many mistakes to pull off the upset, losing a 28-26, 25-15, 25-22 verdict against the Durand Railroaders at Lake Fenton High School.

There were times that Lake Fenton's squad, which played only two seniors on Thursday night, looked poised to possibly upset the third-ranked team in the state. But there were other times that the team's own inexperience and adjusting to replacing senior leader Alivia Howell showed as well.

In the end, Durand's experience and less errors earned the Railroaders the victory and an undefeated 6-0 GAC Red record entering Saturday's GAC Red meet. The Blue Devils enter the tourney with a 3-3 conference mark.

"It's very hard to win games when you are making so many service errors," Lake Fenton coach Lisa Howell said. "I think a lot of that has to do with us being a very young team. With Alivia (out with an ACL injury) not playing, we only have two seniors on the court. These girls have had a good season. They had opportunities to win (tonight), but that's where a little bit of the youth comes in."

The service errors may have been the Blue Devils' biggest culprit. Lake Fenton fought hard in the first and third sets, and actually had set point in the first set. However, the final of six service errors tied the game at 26-all. The Blue Devils ended the

set with a service reception error and a hitting error, earning the Railroaders the tight 28-26 first-set victory. Beyond those service errors, though, the Blue Devils did plenty of things that suggested they could win that first set. The team had 15 kills in the first set alone, with junior Ellesa Smith pounding down six of them. Sidney Scott had four more. The Blue Devils also blocked well, collecting three block kills in the first set alone. However, there were two other times (at 15-all and at 19-all) that the Blue Devils had service errors with a chance to take the lead in the set.

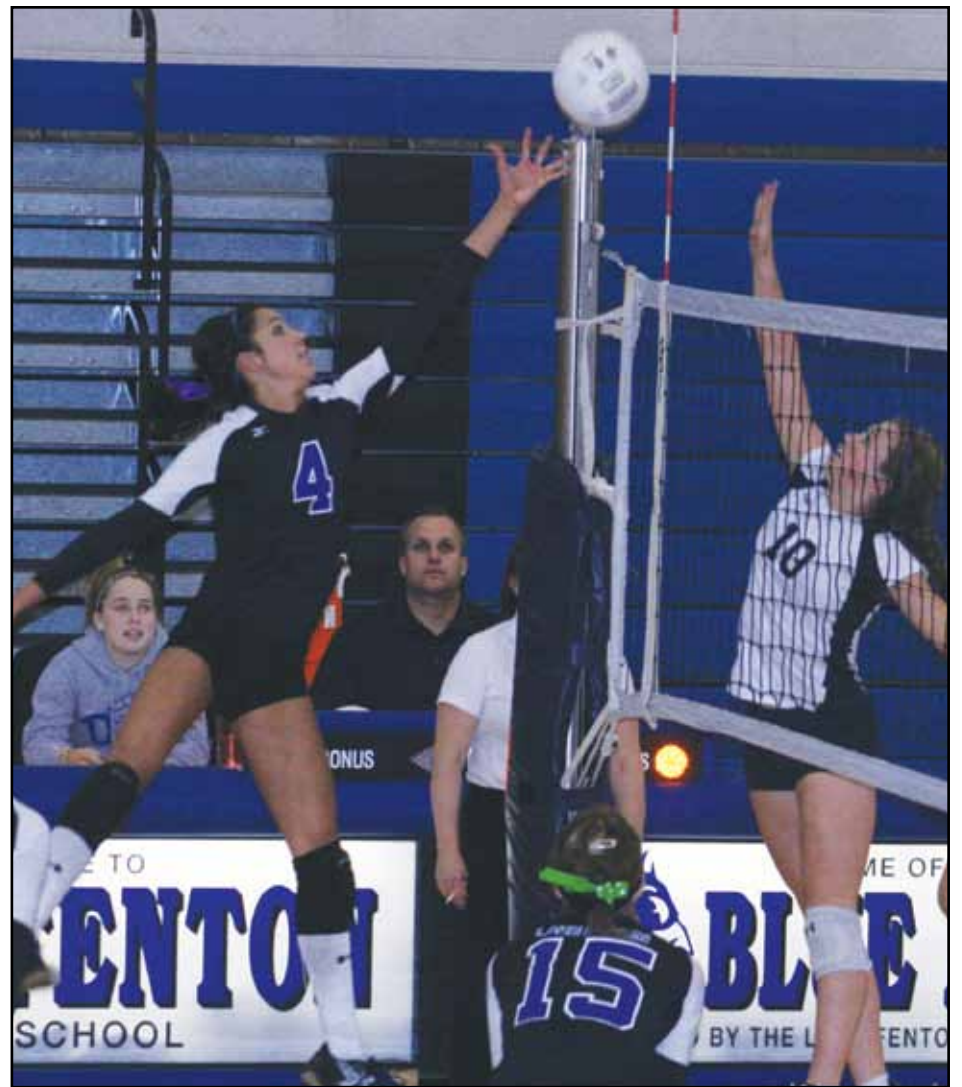
The Railroaders dominated the second set. Lake Fenton cut the gap to 8-6 with a kill from Paige Stafford, but never would get any closer. Durand scored five of the set's last six points, assuring the victory.

In the third set, the Blue Devils, again, pushed the Railroaders. Lake Fenton took its first early lead in any of the sets, taking a 6-3 lead after an overpass kill by Chelsea Jordan. However, Durand quickly tied it back up at 6-all, and from there the set featured seven ties and one lead change.

The lead change came at 13-all when the Blue Devils had their one bad run of the set. A hitting error gave Durand a 14-13 lead. A service error, a serve reception error and two hitting errors over the next six rallies, enabled Durand to take an 18-15 lead.

The Blue Devils fought to get back into the game. A Smith kill cut the gap to 22-20 and it was followed by a Stafford kill and a Smith kill on the next two rallies, tying the set at 22-all. However, another Lake Fenton service error gave Durand a 23-22 lead. Lake Fenton had two chances

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Lake Fenton's Ellesa Smith (left) tries to tip a ball past Durand's Ashley Bennett in the Blue Devils' loss to the No. 3-ranked team in the state on Wednesday. The Blue Devils begin district action Wednesday against either Linden or Williamston.

## Holly volleyball starts strong versus Carman-Ainsworth, falls in four games

By Al Zipsie

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**Holly** — It was senior night for the five Holly volleyball players playing in their last home match Wednesday.

They came out playing inspired and knocked off Carman-Ainsworth in the opening set 25-20. However, the Cavaliers ended up bouncing back, earning the 20-25, 25-16, 25-16, 25-12 victory at Holly High School.

The Bronchos played five seniors — Dorian Cheff, Alexa St. Souver, Jenna Mitchell (15 assists), Merissa Moorehead and Stephanie Hamlin — in the first game. They rewarded themselves with the win.

"It was really awesome having the seniors starting and playing so well in the first game," said Cheff, who led with 30 digs and eight kills. "It was very awesome to see Stephanie get a chance to play and do so well."

"(The seniors) came out fired up with good blocks and played hard and emotional in the first game," said first-year Holly coach Jamie Jones. "It is going well for the first year. It is a great group of girls. I just wish some close

games would have gone our way.

"The younger players know me now and we have some talent to build with."


But, Jones was most proud of Hamlin. "She is such a great kid," Jones said. "She has rarely played. She has sat on the bench, always stayed positive, practices hard and never complains. She is all heart and had a great game."

Holly was clicking on all cylinders in the first game. Cheff put them in the lead to stay at 3-2. A Megan Piwowarski kill made it 18-13 and an errant Cavs' return put the lead at 19-13. Cheff and Mitchell had back-to-back kills for a 21-14 lead. Carman cut the lead to 22-20 before the Bronchos scored the last three points, earning the solid 25-20 win.

The momentum did not stay with Holly. Led by the Cavaliers' Karim Gold, Carman-Ainsworth won the last three games.

Holly opens the MHSAA District at Clarkston on Monday, playing Brandon at 7 p.m..

"If we play like we did the first game tonight we, hopefully, can tie things up at two games each with Brandon," added Cheff.



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to pound down the next kill on the next rally, but Durand dug both strong hits by Smith. Then, Durand's Gabrielle Ducharme responded with a kill, making it 24-22. Match point was provided by Durand's Riley Robbins' kill.

In the end, 14 service errors doomed Lake Fenton. The Blue Devils had 34 kills, but did have 18 hitting errors as well.

"I stat how many errors we have in a row, and it's tough to come back from that," Howell said, showing a run of errors on her statsheet. "But the one thing you'll notice is they push right to the end. They never give up. And I think they are harder on themselves than you can ever be. Once we can get over that hump, they can have confidence in themselves and know they are capable of finishing these games. I think you'll see that in the future, this group will be able to accomplish that job."

Smith led Lake Fenton with 15 kills and 21 digs, while Alex Wilkinson had 21 digs. Rachael Mundy had 23 assists. Ducharme led Durand with 18 kills, while Meghan Drobish had 30 digs.

Lake Fenton opens district action at Linden High School, Wednesday against the winner of Monday's Linden-Williamston match.

**Fenton swimmers cap Metro dual season perfect**

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — The Fenton varsity girls swim team is halfway to its seventh straight Metro League title.

All that stands between the Tigers and their seventh title in seven seasons is the Flint Metro League meet, being held at Brandon High School Friday and Saturday.

The Tigers finished the first half of the Metro League season standings in first place by defeating Brandon 120-50 Tuesday.

"It wasn't much of a challenge," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "But we did get some questions answered for the Metro meet next week. The high point of the meet was Kendal Mykietiuks's 1:01.79 in the 100 butterfly. It was a state cut and the pool record at Brandon."

Mykietiuks's first was one of seven individual firsts the Tigers had. Only one swimmer had more than one first. That was Deanna Hooper, who won the 200 freestyle (2:10.96) and the 500 freestyle (5:57.40). Others that won one individual event were Gabrielle Haaraoja in the 200 individual medley (2:25.90), Haley Shaw in the 50 freestyle (27.04), Meagan Patterson in the 100 freestyle (1:03.05) and Sara Wujciak in the 100 backstroke (1:06.31).

Minus a true disaster, the Tigers are all assured the title. All Fenton has to do is finish second at the meet and they've locked up at least a share of the title. In reality, the Tigers have enough talent and depth that they are expected to blowout the rest of the competition and easily claim the league meet. Still,



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Fenton's Jessica Ulrich attempts a dive during a recent Tigers' meet. Fenton completed a perfect Metro League dual season by beating Brandon on Tuesday.

the meet matters a lot to the Tigers.

"It's very high," Jones said about the meet's importance. "Our girls take a lot of pride in our record in the Metro League and continuing our undefeated streak."

The Tigers have most of the league's best swimmers, but also has more depth than anyone. That was symbolized by three events against Brandon. The Tigers finished 1-2-3 in the 200 freestyle, the 500 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. Behind the winners, Kallie Marcola (2:22.40) and Blair Merlo (2:25.06) took second and third in the 200 freestyle; Merlo (6:27.45) and Kalyn Leonard (6:40.83) took second and third in the 500 freestyle; and Kelsey Kidd (1:12.83) and Emily Pruiett (1:17.57) took second and third in the 100 backstroke.

The Tigers pretty much own the Metro

League record book. A Fenton swimmer holds records in nine of the 12 events.

"We felt that there are seven records that we could break with a good day," Jones said. "The goal is always to try and win every event. Shallman from Lapeer will be a challenge in whatever event she's in, but we do have the ability to take them all."

"Winning is an assumption at this point, however, we hold ourselves to high standards by comparing ourselves to past performances and our ability to rewrite the record board every year."

The Tigers used the Brandon meet as a way to experiment for what they may want to or may not want to do at the Metro meet.

"We are trying to put the lineup together that will allow us to have as many of our girls qualify for the finals as possible," Jones said.

**Holly swim team edged out by Lapeer squad, 91-89**

By Al Zipsie

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**Holly** — The Lapeer girls swim team won the last event, the 400 freestyle relay, to edge Holly 91-89 in a Metro League dual girls diving and swim meet Tuesday.

It was only Holly's second dual loss in the Metro, the other coming against Fenton.

The Bronchos had plenty of talent on the team. The issue was depth and Emily Shallman. Lapeer's Shallman sparked the win. Shallman, who won the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly, anchored Lapeer's 400 freestyle relay, helping the team past Holly.

Lapeer moved ahead of Holly in the Metro standings by one win, despite the outstanding efforts from the Konopitski sisters, senior Breanna and sophomore Courtney. Holly actually won seven of the 12 events.

"We knew the meet would be close. It just wasn't in our favor," said Holly coach Danielle Gray. "We swam outstanding with good times. We just have the type of team with our relays that can score points in big meets."

"We have circled the date. We won't lose to (Lapeer) at the (Metro) League meet," Holly senior Anna Quinnan said. "We know Fenton should win it, but have our sights set for a strong second. It was only our second loss in the Metro. We will do well in the big

meets left."

"The higher you score, the better in big meets and with our strong relay teams (we should do well at the league meet). We are not as good in a dual," added Gray. "Our focus is the Metro League meet."

Quinnan, the Konopitskis and junior Breanna Thomas won the 200 freestyle relay, who had a season best at the MISCA Saturday. The 2:01.71 made the automatic qualifying time for the state meet.

"We are good friends and get along great, and all we can do is improve on (split) times for the state meet," Quinnan said. "I had a season best 26.06 at the MISCA."

"The 200 relay team had made the state time, and at the MISCA they re-qualified with a change on the team," said Gray, as Thomas switched spots on the relay teams with Jessie Felix.

Holly's 200 medley relay team of Breanna Konopitski, Courtney Konopitski, Anna Quinnan and Breanna Thomas won with a time of 2:05.60.

The Konopitski sisters each won two individual events. Breanna Konopitski won the 100 freestyle (57.16) and 100 breaststroke (1:14.29). Courtney won the 50 freestyle (26.75) and 500 freestyle (5:47.42). Holly's Hannah Micallef won the one meter diving event with a score of 148.55.

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