**STUDY SAYS:**

**Smaller roundabouts might work**

*Demonstrated need* not determined yet

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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 being a dead horse,” said DDA board member Jim Saule.

See ROUNDBOUTS 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**

**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**

By Anna Troppens
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**Tyronne Twp.** — A joyful noise made in an African village.

**Summary**

A small congregation of 96, at Tyronne Presbyterian Church, raised $4,800 for a well to supply clean, fresh water to an African village.

See AFRICA on 10A

**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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How to fight a traffic ticket

NMA has compiled a 10-step guide

By Sharon Stone

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 reluctant to fight traffic tickets. However, attorneys are not cheap, so just because you can afford one doesn’t mean you should use one.

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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, stone to 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 creating jobs, while their president talks about creating life-saving health care legislation. I get it that Americans are terrified that we elected a 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, recent 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 drive like The View, Jay Leno and Jon Stewart.

I get it that Americans are offended by a classless vice president who arrogantly enacts ‘political correctness.’ I get it that Americans are amused 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-saving 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 that Americans are perplexed when a multi-millionaire president who never worked a day in his life tells us that we ‘need to spread the wealth.’

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 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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Do you believe in ghosts?

“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 Heenstra 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, Davison

“Yes, I just feel like people don’t always go to rest. They’re someplace else.” — 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

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Just about everybody mispeaks 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 saving 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, 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.

PLAN AHEAD...

In 2011, Daylight Saving Time will cause the clocks to move ahead one hour on March 13 at 2 a.m. and back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 a.m.

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. In 1916, 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.
Many drivers passing by the old Joseph Pontiac store have seen many changes — fresh paint, part of the lot sealed and re-striped, 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 Luttman, 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 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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**LAW**

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Beginning this weekend, motorists caught operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .17 percent will face stiff 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.


Joe Hood 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 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 .017 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 .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 period of suspension and restriction.
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 required 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 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.

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

Village President Pete Clemens will bring 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 section. 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.
POLICE & FIRE

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 to district officers at the Village of Holly Police Department. Troopers arrested the subjects for outstanding warrants out of Holly. During processing, a trooper found five orange pills, wrapped in foil, in the man’s pant 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 for the suspects 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 reported the scene to 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 outside and inside 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, 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 a hunter/trespasser at a location off Daviscub 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 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 3:19 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 on both structural 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.

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.

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 doing it," Living-Hawley said. "He got up 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.

**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 children from the T yrone Community Presbyterian Church, at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 to discuss her mission trip in Kenya. She will be at 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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ROUNDABOUTS
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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.

Focus on Vision

By: Dr. Juan Alvarado

STATISTICS ON CHILDREN’S VISION
According to the Eye Care Council, “Eighty percent of learning in school is visual.” This is one of the many reasons that the doctors at Fenton Vision Center recommend children have their first eye exams before kindergarten.

The American Optometric Association (AOA) also recommends first exams at age six months, then at three years, then before kindergarten. I agree with this approach as well. The following are some facts from the AOA.

• Twenty-five percent of kindergarten students have a vision problem.
• Eleven and a half percent of high school seniors have undetected or untreated vision problems.
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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 Jewelers’ 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.

Mos’ Art Jewelers has a vast assortment of jewelry pieces to choose from, including their 14K and 18K jewelry, New York diamonds and fancy colored diamond jewelry. Clients stepping into the sparkly showroom will also be able to select from numerous colored gem stone jewelry pieces, or tungsten, sterling silver, stainless steel jewelry, watches, 24K colored roses, gifts and more.

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.

Jewelry and watch repairs, custom-designed jewelry, jewelry appraisals, engraving, watches with free battery replacement, jewelry cleaning and prong checks are services that Moser and his associates cheerfully provide their clients.

Moser is confident that his commitment to being honest and genuine is what attracts longtime and new customers. “We’ll sell better quality jewelry then the mass merchandisers,” he said.

“We treat every customer with a smile and they leave here with a smile.

“Each customer deserves my best attention, I treat my customers as I would want to be treated.”

One of Moser’s favorite sayings about his business sense deals with the mirror test. “With the mirror test, you put a mirror under their nose and if they can fog it, they deserve my best attention.”

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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 2011 budget, according to Burns.

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Most of the wayfinding signs will be teal in color, with ones around city hall being blue and Dibleeville’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.

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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:

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

Should this proposal be adopted?

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Precinct #4
Tyrone Township Hall
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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.

Keith L. Kremer,  
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TYRONE TOWNSHIP

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Keith L. Kremer
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DIFFICULTY:
GROVELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
2011 CDBG FUNDS

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 by phone at the Groveland Township office located at the above address until 4:00 pm, Monday, November 08, 2010.

The Township Board meeting room is handicapped accessible. Arrangements to reasonable accommodate special needs, including handicapped accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon request. The agenda will be posted at the Township office and on the Township’s website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Pamela Mazich, Clerk

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you feel you need to speak with the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael J. DeMace and Mary L. DeMace to First National Bank and Trust as Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns. Notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of it, at public vendue, Court House, Genesee County at 10:00AM on Monday, December 06, 2010. The sale will be pursuant to an Order for Sale granted in Case #10-009123G in the 43rd District Court located at 311 South Saginaw Street, Flushing, Michigan 48433. The property is located in the Township of Flushing, Genesee County, Michigan, and is described as: Unit 6, Stony Brook, Brook Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 20060897-1, issued by the Genesee County Recorder, and designated as Genesee County Condominium Sub. Plan No. 344, together with the common elements, right of way and easements, set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 229 of the Public Acts of 1963, and Act 95 of the Public Acts of 1879, as amended, Commonly known as 13035 Stony Brook, Flushing, Genesee County, Michigan 48433.

The redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, whichever is later. Dated: 10/31/2010 CitiMortgage, Inc., Assignee of Mortgage, 4222 N. 6th St., Suite 400, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Published in the Flint, Michigan Journal, November 02, 2010.

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NOTICE
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP IS SEEKING RESUMES

Wanted: Argentine Township is seeking a Part-time Building Inspector. Applicant will need to be available during normal business hours and some early evening inspections and do Code Enforcement. Must have certification from the State of Michigan for Building Official, Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer. Must be available for court if needed. Send resumes with expected salary to: Argentine Township, c/o Building Inspector Receiver, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451. Any questions, you can contact the Township Office at (810) 735-5050. Sealed resumes must be received by December 3, 2010.
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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-lover 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.”

Rules that were built prior to the ordinance have been “grandfathered in” to allow their use today, according to city of Fenton Building Inspector Brad Hisong. While a mailbox may be made into a whimsical “decoration,” people need to know that there are serious laws regulating their use. If 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 post-age. “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.”

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- Mailboxes must be kept free of snow and debris that could potentially block access to the mailbox for delivery and pickup.
- 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.
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Source: www.usps.com
Khloe Kaye DeWitt

Logan and Rachel DeWitt of Heber, Utah have announced the birth of a daughter, Khloe Kaye DeWitt. She was born on Aug. 4, 2010 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her weight was 8 lbs., and she was 20 inches long. She has one brother, Wesley DeWitt, 2. Her grandparents are Brad and Janis DeWitt of Fenton, and Tom and Mindy DeLeone of Park City, Utah. Paternal great-grandmother is Lydia Turner of Fenton.

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

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

Trains the body and mind

By Tim Jagielo
tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

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

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. See STRETCH on 3B

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
**ASk the Mechanic**

Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic.

Q: I have a 2000 Chevy 4X4 truck and when I come to a stop the brake pedal goes down and vibrates. I have almost hit the car in front of me on a couple of occasions. The ABS light is not on, but it seems like it is in the Anti Lock Brakes. Can you please help me.

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 test 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.

Do you have a question that you would like to have answered? E-mail it to me at: askthemechanic@wilkinsonautorepair.com

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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 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. Her daughter has seen the academic benefits, as she recently scored straight A’s, because 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.”

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STRETCH
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It’s a stress reliever, too, releasing the tense muscles that often accompany stress. Michelle 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 people perform first 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 or mayoclinic.com.

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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 trailing 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 growing 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 rorc@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. Approxi-
mately 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 communi-
ties 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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Holly schools take proactive approach against bullying

Emphasis is on respect and recognizing positive behavior

By Tim Jagielo

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.

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.

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 won 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.
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: 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 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.
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.
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. Both of those would be very important, too.

In how do you celebrate Halloween?

“Trick or treating, I go with friends.”
— Dalton Cruz, junior

“Eat lots of candy, go shopping and, basically, party with other friends.”
— Grant Wilcox, senior

“We go trick or treating, and Halloween parties. I’m a banana.”
— Jamie Morris, freshman

“I dress up. I go trick or treating and hang out with my girlfriend.”
— Ty Duker, freshman

“I usually either throw a party or hang out with my friends.”
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Nellie (Arntson) Stuberg
Earl Alfred Stuberg - age 75, died October 20, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Josephine Judd
Myrtice Ignace - age 88, died October 26, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Betty L. Hiltzinger
Betty L. Hiltzinger - age 67, formerly of Evart, Mich., passed away late Friday evening, October 8, 2010 at Crucial Home in Grand Rapids. The daughter of Frank W. and Elsie (Hanser) Hiltzinger, she was born on February 12, 1953 in Detroit and grew up in Evart. 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 Philip G. Hiltzinger 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 Philip made their home in Evart. She was preceded in death by her former husband, Philip Jr., and Holy; a son, Philip G. Hiltzinger, Jr.; a son-in-law, Jim Ford; a granddaughter, the Hiltzinger's firstborn, and a brother, Jim Irons. Surviving are a daughter, Gail A. Fleishman (Hiltzinger) Irons, Robert F. and Kathy Hiltzinger of Knoxville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Philip Irons of Greenville, Erin and Sam Baldwin, Kami Ford, all of Grand Rapids, Nathaniel Hiltzinger, and Krista Hiltzinger, both of Evart, Michigan; Troy and Kimberly Hiltzinger, 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 Olympic Sports (www.somi.org) or to the charity of one’s choice. To send a message of sympathy to the family, please visit www.ChristiansCares.com.

Antony Chamings
Antony Chamings - Antony Chamings - age 70, died October 21, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Joseph Holtmeyer
Joseph Holtmeyer, Joseph Holtmeyer - age 80, died October 25, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

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Earl Alfred Stuberg
Earl Alfred Stuberg - age 75, died October 20, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Lorraine Louise Smith
Lorraine Louise Smith - age 72, died of Linden, died Sunday, October 24, 2010 at Genesee 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 McManus officiating. Burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held at the funeral home Monday from 6-9 PM and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 PM. Those desiring may contribute to American Cancer Society, Michigan Chapter.

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**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 — you can bet there’s something very wrong.”
- 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.
- According to an estimate by the United Nations, there are more than 3 million shipwrecks in the world.
- 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 rested fowl several steps further. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall stuffed a woodcock inside a pigeon, inside a goose, inside a duck, inside a quail, 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 a tip 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.

**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.” — Q.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 magnet sticks to the mirror, and I can always find them when I need them.” — W.L. in New Mexico
- Add a pinch of cornmeal or salt to a greased omelet to keep it from sticking.
- 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 Sam Mazotta**

**paw’s corner**

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: My little dog “Gelie” 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 biter. The website 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 or write to Paw’s Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 28847, Orlando, FL 32829-4473. And visit www.pawscorner.com for more information and resources!
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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 privatized and average postal employee makes $63,500 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.

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THE 2010 FEDERAL revenue is $2.4 trillion. Mandatory spending was $2.4 trillion. Discretionary spending was $1.4 trillion. The 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.

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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

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

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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.

Wednesday, Nov. 3
Children can sign up to read at 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, 15510 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.

First Baptist Church of Fenton is hosting a Military Vehicle Show to honor veterans on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission.

Calendar of events
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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 semis 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 Clarkson on Monday. The Tigers open with a 5:30 p.m. game against the tourney hosts, Clarkson, a squad that defeated 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.
Holly’s all ‘Smiles’ about its placekicking game

Senior is tri-county area’s second female varsity football place kicker

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 Andrew 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 Blackhaws. 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 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

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Linden — 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, 12-12 with three aces, and Jordan Sargent, 10-10 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
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 Davison 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 No. 3-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 Alivia 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.

“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 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

See VOLLEYBALL on 14B

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

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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. However, the Cavaliers ended up bouncing back, earning the 20-25, 25-16, 25-16, 25-12 victory at Holly High School.

The Broncos 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 Jami Jones. “It is going well for the first year. It is a great group of girls. I just wish some close

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 Williamson.

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**Fenton swimmers cap Metro dual season perfect**

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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 Mykietiuk’s 1:01.79 in the 100 butterfly. It was a state cut and the pool record at Brandon.”

Mykietiuk’s first was one of seven individual firsts the Tigers had. Only one swimmer had more than one first. That was Dranna Hooper, who won the 200 freestyle (2:10.96) and the 500 freestyle (5:57.40).

Others that won one individual event were Gabrielle Haaraa in the 200 individual medley (2:25.90), Haley Shaw in the 50 freestyle (27.04), Megan Patterson in the 100 freestyle (1:03.05) and Sasa 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, 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 (22:42:40) and Blair Merlo (22:50:06) took second and third in the 200 freestyle; Merlo (6:27.45) and Kalsey Kidd (1:12.83) took second and third in the 500 freestyle; and Kalsey Kidd (1:12.83) and Emily Pruet (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 but competing ourselves to past performances and our ability to rewrite the record board every year.”

The Tigers used the Brandon chance as a way to experiment with some of their lineup 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 Zipise
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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 Konopitski and junior Breanne 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 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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