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Coach, students react to winning ‘first-ever’ district trophy

By David Troppens

Midland — The Fenton varsity football team is in uncharted territory.

Sparked by an impressive defensive effort, the Fenton Tigers took care of Midland Dow, defeating the Chargers 24-0 in a district championship game at Midland Community Stadium on Saturday night.

The win earned the Tigers their first-ever district trophy and earned them their first-ever trip to a regional final game. The Tigers play that game Friday at 7 p.m. against the game’s host, Walled Lake Central.

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World War II veteran kept B-24 Witchcraft flying

By Anna Troppens

World War II was a defining event of the 20th century, with 16 million serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. More than 400,000 died, and millions supported the war effort at home.

Ray Betcher, 88, of Linden, was an Army Air Force sergeant who, along with four others in his ground crew, kept the B-24 Witchcraft in the air.

Although the original Witchcraft was disposed of on Oct. 3, 1945, the See VETERAN on 14

Sentencing of woman charged with embezzlement adjourned

By Sharon Stone

The sentencing of Pamela Heavner was adjourned Monday in Genesee County Circuit Court after a restitution hearing on Tuesday.

Heavner, 54, was criminally charged with embezzling more than $1 million from her employer, WPM Construction, a nationwide company based in Grand Blanc Township. After appearing in court on Monday, Heavner was remanded to the county jail with no bond.

See SENTENCING on 6

Arson case bound over to circuit court

By Sharon Stone

The 36-year-old woman arrested for allegedly setting her Argentine Township home on fire on Sept. 13 was bound over to circuit court for a jury trial.

Argentine Township police arrested Julie Villarreal on Tuesday, Sept. 14, while she was at the police station for questioning. She was transported to...
The Tigers weren’t alone in celebration. When the game ended with Fenton quarterback Houston Shaw’s final knee, about 100 members from the student body roared onto the field in celebrating their heroes. Overall, there were about 700 fans, including band members, who made the trip to witness Fenton football history.

The players found it hard to grasp their emotions after the 24-0 drubbing of Dow.

“It’s unbelievable,” Fenton senior Jake Georgakopoulos said. “We’ve been working on this stuff the whole season and during the summer. It’s great to see our dreams come true. It feels good being the first team to win a playoff game, and now we’ve won districts. We are trying to represent the Metro and show everybody what we are about.”

“There’s not a lot of people who believed that we could do what we are doing now,” Fenton head coach Jeff Setzke said. “Our kids believed in what we can do.”

Fenton is three wins away from a state title. Friday’s winner advances to the state semifinals against the winner of the Lowell-Muskegon game. The winner of that semifinal match then heads to Ford Field for the Division 2 State Championship Game to be played, Nov. 26 at 1 p.m.

On Saturday, though, the Tigers had enough excitement getting their first trophy. Most didn’t expect the Tigers to win their opening round game against Midland. That game ended up being a 42-35 victory for Fenton at Midland Community Stadium. Then, a week later, even more history was made with Saturday’s win against Dow at the same field.

“We consider this our second home,” Setzke said. “We call it Fenton North.”

“I can’t explain my emotions,” senior Branden Marion said. “Our school has never won a playoff game and we just won in the second round. We’re going to the third round. It’s unreal, I can’t tell you how good this is. Everyone is happy.”

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Disadvantages of warehouse clubs:
- Membership fees make customers pay for privilege of shopping.
- Difficult parking
- Limited selection of products.
- Items packaged in large quantities, resulting in waste and difficulty in carrying and storing.
- No bags, making it more difficult to load and unpack.
- Lack of customer service on the floor.
- Limited payment options.
- No customer-friendly shopping hours.
- Customers buy things they don’t need.
- Difficult to shop with children.

Source: helium.com

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com; 810-629-9320

It has been said by many “occasional” warehouse club shoppers that you can’t get out the door without spending at least $200. That’s because these growing national retailers and expert marketers know just how to tweak the “impulse shopping button” of consumers who are convinced that everything at Sam’s Club and Costco must be a great deal.

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Creosote build-up can spark a chimney fire

By Sharon Stone

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Don't help me, I can't afford it

Not too long ago, Congress passed legislation to fine airlines for leaving too many people on runways too long. The result of this legislation is that now airlines prematurely cancel more flights in the face of pending bad weather in order to avoid possible fines. Cancellations leave more fliers stranded at airports with no plane to fly in. Congress meddling in private business almost always makes matters worse. And yet they (the government), never learns.

There has never been a major government entitlement that has actually cut costs, or that has actually cost anywhere near what the politicians said it would. The unintended, but predictable consequences of bigger government are more regulations, more rules, more bureaucracy, more taxes, more uncertainty, more meddling and less motivation to take responsibility for one’s own life.

Politicians pass a stimulus package to kick-start the economy and create jobs, but trillions of dollars later they confess that identifying the jobs they say they will rise to cover their success, is now impossible. The unintended, consequences of government entitlement that have actually cut costs, or that has actually reduced costs, or that has actually saved money at taxpayer expense, are underachievers of the ‘80’s.

ISN’T IT INTERESTING, that day after the gasoline prices went from $2.71 per gallon to $2.99 per gallon. Guess the Republicans are celebrating by making us all pay into their pockets. It is not the environment that we are fighting for anymore, but the Republicans are still fighting to put the environment in the back seat.

Two roundabouts and a brewery. Imagine the intoxicated drivers navigating a roundabout. First time they crash and then they’ll avoid it and drive through your residential neighborhoods. Visit Ann Arbor and Green Oak Mall roundabouts along U.S. 23. They are traffic alleys. Neither are small town- or pedestrian-friendly.

Isn’t it interesting, that after the election the price of gas went down from $2.71 per gallon to $2.56 per gallon. Guess the Republicans are celebrating by making us all pay into their stock funds. I just watch how the prices will rise to cover their success.

Just wanted to say thanks for the great jobs done on Jennings and Ripley roads. Wow, what a difference and it was well worth any inconvenience. Also, since Rolston is 35 mph, could we please get some signs on Ripley making it 35 mph. This is a two-lane residential road.

REMEMBER THE HIGH inflation of the early ‘80’s? Get ready, you will see it spike even higher. The Obama administration, with all of their stimulus, has set this in motion. Have you been to the grocery store lately? It is starting. Of course, he will try to blame Republicans for this.

SO, NOW THE new Republican governor has appointed two Democrats to his staff. I guess the only change in Lansing will be what little is left in my pocket. No wonder only a minority of people waste their time to vote. Bah, humbug.

‘GET CLOSER,’ ARE you kidding me? I spent $100,000 for a Milford marketing consultant to come up with ‘Get closer?’ Our Fenton gazebo symbol will be replaced with a fleur-de-lis and a drip. We’re simple people, here. Think simple family values, and then spend.

My husband and I moved just outside the Fenton City limits a little over 10 years ago. We moved here for the small-town atmosphere. Since we moved here, Wal-Mart, then Target opened. We didn’t like it. We didn’t like seeing big city growth invade here. Now, roundabouts? We found our way around just fine. New signs are a waste. Now the DDA wants to invite Detroit here. Goodbye small town, hello bigger crime.

See HOT LINE throughout Times

Cleaning house

At the polls last Tuesday as I prepared to cast my vote in the midterm election, I could sense a feeling of quiet determination in the air. Voters turned out in higher than normal numbers. They wanted change and they were going to have their voices heard in getting that change, that so many people feel is desperately needed.

Incumbents took the brunt of it. I knew that was going to happen based on the numerous Hot line comments I read day after day. ‘Vote the bums out’ seemed to be the common theme.

And, that is exactly what happened in the village of Holly. Only one incumbent was re-elected to the village council, and the president was ousted, as well.

Personally, I think change is refreshing. And, sometimes, it is much needed. I hope the new council and the new president give their residents the change they are looking for.

I have a particular dislike for candidates who are term limited, only to seek out another term in a different area. To me, the intent of running for that position is no longer a passion for the issues at stake for potential job.

There is a Hot line in today’s edition of the Times, expressing disappointment at our new governor for appointing Democrats to two top positions. To me, it is a sign of hope — that those in leadership roles will no longer make decision based on party lines, but for what is truly best for people of this state.

There are also many Hot lines about our local government, and about how they are making decisions and ignoring the voices of the citizens they are serving.

All I can say is Election day is right around the corner for many of those elected officials. I think they may want to listen.

On a different note, tomorrow is Veteran’s Day, and there are many ceremonies in the tri-county area honoring those who have served our country. Take a moment to thank our veterans. I know I will.

Enjoy your week.

compiled by Tim Jagielo, Staff Reporter

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Adelaide Street work to wrap up soon

- Council approves alternate offer for water tap-ins, saving $20,000

By Anna Troppens

Fenton — The city’s Adelaide Street paving began earlier this week, and Phase 1 of the project is expected to be completed by Friday, Nov. 19.

Because of the size of the Adelaide Street project, it is taking place in two phases. The first phase is on Adelaide Street, from South Holly Road to Silver Lake Road, this year. The second phase will be in 2011, from Silver Lake Road to Oak Park. Along with water main replacement, the entire roadway along Adelaide Street will be repaved.

A top coat will be applied around Monday, Nov. 15, according to director of public works Leslie Bland. Sidewalk work also remains.

As part of the project, on Monday, city council approved spending $22,400 for water tap-ins on Rockwell Street. Frank Patrello, of Holly, offered a lower price than the contractor for Adelaide Street, which set the cost at $50,000, Bland said.

Patrello has done tap-ins for Fenton and offered 13 short taps at $800, for houses on the same side of the road as the water main. Long taps, for 12 houses across the street from the main, are $1,000 each.

The city is paying for the 25 tap-ins, which are $20,000, on Rockwell Street that were not changed over to the new water main when it was installed 28 years ago, Bland said. He believes it will take Patrello a week to do the work.

Adelaide Street project budget

Adelaide Street’s cost is estimated at $2.25 million, and Fenton is using Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding from Genesee County to pay for part of the repaving.

In addition, city council has approved Super Build America Bonds for the work.

The federal government sells this type of bonds, paying 40 percent of the interest. Fenton will pay bond debt for the water main portion of the project with money from water rate increases approved in January.

Summary

- Fenton’s Adelaide Street project is set to wrap up for the year around next Friday.
- Work on the second portion of the project, north of Silver Lake Road, will begin in the spring.

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COUNCIL tables awarding garbage contract

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — The Fenton City Council is examining two bids for garbage and recycling services, and costs will stay the same for at least a year.

Members discussed proposals from Waste Management, of Lennox — the current contractor — and Republic Services, of Flint. The recommendation of Assistant City Manager Michael Burns, and the Solid Waste Committee, was to award the bid to Waste Management, through Dec. 31, 2011, with options to renew the contract for the 2012 and 2013 calendar years.

Council decided to table awarding the contract, in order to obtain more information. Gary Hicks, municipality manager for Republic Services, clarified some information on his firm’s bid. Joe Denczek, who handles community and municipal relations for Waste Management, also provided more information.

Resident Marilyn Wendt asked when the issue will “hit us in our pocketbook.”

Costs will not increase for the first year, said Councilman John Rauch, a member of the city’s Solid Waste Committee.

Mayor Sue Osborn said council is going to examine all of the options and issues brought forward and discuss it at the worksession on Dec. 6. Fenton’s solid waste program is breaking even at this point, and residents “pay as they go.”

Hicks urged council to try Republic Services for 13 months. “Give us a shot. See if we do what we say,” he said.

Council can ask for bids again, or go back to Waste Management. Fenton would still save $20,000 in the first year, by contracting with Republic Services, Hicks said.

Councilwoman Cheryl King talked with Denczek at a Michigan Municipal League event, asking about a refund for the city that council discussed in a worksession. Denczek agreed to refund $7,000, spread over a couple of months, he said. This was due to the previous assistant city manager providing incorrect information on the number of solid waste customers in Fenton, King said. The previous employee over-counted by 166 units and Waste Management charged the city for.

Councilman Benjamin Smith said at a Solid Waste Committee meeting, Denczek showed pictures of a recycling center, which Republic Services does not use. Denczek said it was meant as an example of a third-party site, and Waste Management is the only hauler in the area that’s made an investment in its own recycling facilities. Republic Services is building sites of its own, Smith said.

Rauch said Waste Management has served the city for 15 years he’s lived there, and there’s never been a serious problem. A Waste Management truck visits city hall every day to see if there are any issues. Waste Management employees clean up dropped off, with a broom and dustpan, Rauch said. There is a difference in cost between the two bids, but it’s not much, he said.

Republic Services offered an estimate of 3,700 homes in Fenton. The number of customers changes every three months, Rauch said. It depends on housing closures, and people leaving the city. Fenton determines the number of customers by its quarterly water and sewer billings, which also include a fee of $13.50 per unit, per quarter for recycling.

Councilman Tim Faricy said recycling costs the city $8.10 per unit, per quarter. He asked about correcting the imbalance. Osborn said they need to talk to the city treasurer, and she believes Fenton is breaking even on solid waste. Recycling is figured into the equation.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A 32-year-old Fenton man is facing possible charges of domestic violence and home invasion. Lt. Jason Slater said police responded to a call in the 700 block of Silver Lake Road at 6:53 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7. The 31-year-old female resident said her 32-year-old ex-boyfriend forced his way into her home, pushed her up against the wall and threatened to assault her new boyfriend. The woman demanded he leave and he did, at which time she called 911. Fenton police located the man in the woman’s backyard as he was talking to her and making threats to her on his cell phone. The man was taken into custody and was transported to the county jail, awaiting his arraignment on the charges.

OWI ARREST

At 1:52 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, a Fenton police officer patrolling on southbound North LeRoy Street saw a vehicle in his rearview mirror approaching rear-ended vehicle quickly. When the officer lost sight of the vehicle’s headlights, he took evasive measures to avoid being rear-ended. The 2002 Chrysler Town and Country minivan detained a strong odor of intoxicants and its driver, who was traveling the speed limit. When the officer lost sight of the vehicle’s headlights, he took evasive measures to avoid being rear-ended. The 2002 Chrysler Town and Country minivan was stopped at 1:52 a.m. near Fenton. The 22-year-old driver of the vehicle was arrested for OWI.

Police arrested a driver for driving under the influence of alcohol on Nov. 7. The driver, a 22-year-old male, was stopped by police near Fenton after it was observed that the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver was arrested and is awaiting arraignment.

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nothing. Mystically, Fenton’s retailing of the French crest is French with a lily and fleur de lis. Hmm — can anybody think of the city’s logo is French with a lily and fleur de lis. Hmmm — can anybody think of the city’s logo?

STORY: STUDY SAYS: SMALLER ROUNDABOUTS MIGHT WORK

Let’s be real. The only one a roundabout would suit is a local business. This street hasn’t changed in 174 years. There is a three-way intersection at South LeRoy. We already put in a one-way street for them. It’s ridiculous to put a roundabout at South Adelaide and Shiawassee.**

“**The entire concept is absurd and highly unnecessary. I’m a Dibbleville local. I know the traffic patterns. The lion’s share of congestion at Adelaide and Shiawassee, and Shiawassee and LeRoy are cars looking for parallel parking spots near The French Laundry around lunch and dinnertime, and all weekend long. This is not a roundabout issue. It’s way-finding signage issue — and not at $5K a crack, either. City council, are you listening?” — Townie

STORY: NEW FENTON TAGLINE

“Let’s talk to people to find some sources say, nearly a half-million dollars of their tax money has been used for the betterment of (a local business)? Now, enter the ridiculous notion that a roundabout be put into the historical road map that has been with this city for 150-plus years. One-half block to the east is a dead end. If a roundabout is put in, it is a way for the business to extend their lot line and improve their property at taxpayers’ expense once again. Wake up, Fenton. This is reminiscent of the urban renewal debacle, which ended up greatly ruining the historical legend of this city.” — Enough is enough

ROADS MIGHT TAKE LONGER TO CLEAR

“Road Commission blames slow funding

Oakland County — The Oakland County Road Commission (OCRC) warns motorists that the winter storm cleanup might be slower because of a decline in road funding.

Ongoing budget cuts result in the road commission having fewer employees available to drive and maintain the snow plows/salt trucks this year, which means winter storm clean up will take longer than in past years.

“This winter, we will have about 50 fewer employees to drive snow plows/salt trucks,” said OCRC board chairperson Richard Skarritt. “That is about one-third fewer drivers this year than we had in 2007.”

OCRC typically puts 106 snowplows/salt trucks on the road to battle a major snow or ice storm. In the past, OCRC was able to replace the initial 106 drivers with up to 84 drivers for a second 16-hour shift to continue fighting the storm or to clean up after the storm. This year, the agency will have less than 40 drivers available for the second shift.

“That’s a substantial reduction in our ability to fight a prolonged storm, or even a series of small storms, or to clean up after a storm,” explained OCRC Vice Chairman Eric Wilson. He explained the reduction in staff is a direct result of declining state road funding for OCRC.

WASHINGTON

A mandatory settlement conference with the defendant was later remanded to the Genesee County Jail.

Police responded to a call in the 800 block of Oak Park Drive to investigate a larceny from auto complaint. The 22-year-old female said someone forced their way into her Chevy Cavalier overnight and stole her mp3 player. He said the car was locked. The officer noticed that the seal around the top of the door window had been tampered with, which could have allowed the suspect to gain entry.

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“Road Commission blames slow funding. This year is the fifth straight year in which our primary source of operat- ing funds — revenue from the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees — has declined,” noted OCRC Board member Greg Jamian. “Those five years of decline follow nearly 10 years of virtually flat revenues. We’ll receive less funding in the current fiscal year than we received in 2000.”

As a result, OCRC has been making cuts and finding ways to operate more efficiently. It is now at the point where the only way to achieve the level of savings needed to balance the budget is to reduce staff. In addition, OCRC has had to defer the replacement of its aging fleet of snowplows/salt trucks, meaning they will be out of service for repairs more frequently this winter.

“We are not happy about this situation,” Skarritt stated. “Safety is OCRC’s number-one priority, and it pains us greatly to have to reduce the level of service we can provide.”

Jamian pointed out that as a result of these changes, motorists must be, more than ever, vigilant when driving during or immediately after winter storms. “Because of the reduced level of service we will be able to provide this winter, it’s critical that motorists be aware of the road conditions and drive appropriately for those conditions. Don’t assume we have salted or plowed the roads as we would have in the past.”
Military milestones

Edwin W. Smith, of Linden, was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on Oct. 29. He served as a petty officer third class in damage control. He is a 2003 graduate of Linden High School.

Academic achievements

Calvin College has announced Ashley Look, of Fenton, has received a 2010-11 scholarship for new students. She is a graduate of Lake Fenton High School.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHY IS THE Lake Fenton school district not supporting middle school drama? My child rehearses in the library. They cannot use the stage because of sports practice. It is appalling how those kids are treated. The stage is a mess. Dance rehearsal in the library.

Great JOB, FENTON varsity football team. It was an amazing game against Midland Dow. All the guys on the team are true champions.

THE OIL companies wanted to thank the American people for voting in Republicans by raising the gas prices, by average, 35 cents. The gas companies reported that the high prices are because companies don’t have to worry about any new regulations or environmental tax increases. This was reported by the CEO (Harris) from Exxon Mobil Oil.

I JUST WANTED to thank Marvin and Norman at Apache Marketplace for Customer Appreciation Day. It was wonderful.

I AM GLAD there is a sidewalk on Silver Parkway. I park at Wal-Mart and walk to Weight Watchers. I walk from there to Gamedost or the bank. I return down that same walkway and go to Wal-Mart, then carry my purchases over to Wal-Mart, where I may go in and do a little shopping there. People use them.

On JAN. 7, 2011, a man who has served this city well will be retiring after 41 years. Lesley Bland has done his job above and beyond, time after time. We are so proud of you and we love ya, dad. Dan, April, Andrew, Cin-namon, Autumn, Payton and Noah.

September count: Fenton schools down 70 students

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton—Enrollment in Fenton Area Public Schools has dropped by 70 students from the last school year.

Early in the schoolyear, Fenton school administrators were expecting around the same number of students as last year. But, the September count showed 191 students left the district. This number was off-set by students entering the district, with a net loss of 70 students.

Doug Busch, executive director of finance and personnel, said many left due to the economy, and their families finding job opportunities elsewhere. The current enrollment is at 7,147. This rate is a direct effect on the district financially, since schools receive funding from the state according to the number of students they have. School officials have not determined the amount of per-pupil funding schools will receive this year, Busch said. Fenton’s per-pupil amount, which is not set in stone at this point, is estimated at $3,216. This is the same amount as last year, made possible by federal stimulus and jobs funding.

Officials are discussing per pupil in Lansing at this point. With the Nov. 2 election completed and the new legislature to be seated in January, school administrators are hoping to have more information on funding, soon.

“We’re really in kind of a holding pattern,” he said. The state doesn’t let school district know the amount of funding for future years, until that year arrives.

Fenton schools’ three-year budget projection is a fluid, working document instead of a hard set of numbers, due to uncertainties about enrollment and state funding.

“It’s a working document,” Busch said.

Reasons for leaving

Student exit surveys will be revised, so the district obtains more details on why students are leaving Fenton schools.

• Moved from county, 44 percent
• Housing change, 18 percent
• Moved out of state, 11 percent
• Family reasons, 10 percent
• Employment, 6 percent
• Left for home schooling or private school, 5 percent
• Unknown, 3 percent
Source: Fenton Area Public Schools

Local students compete at Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

By Jan Rynearson
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Knights of Columbus Fenton Council 7418 held their annual Spelling Bee on September 29 held at The Captain’s Club at the Woodfield Country Club, 10200 Woodfield Dr., Linden, Lake Fenton, and Fenton, grades 7-9. It was open to all area schools, and the two levels.

The winners in each level received a $75 savings bond and the first runners-up received a $50 savings bond. The second and third-runners-up go on to the Knights of Columbus Regional level with the winner and first-runners-up.

There were about 75 participants in the two levels.

Chamber hosts Holly Holiday Extravaganza

The Holly Area Chamber of Commerce invites community members to its annual holiday dinner, recently renamed the “Holly Holiday Extravaganza.”

The event, which features an evening of fine dining, music, dancing and entertainment, will be held Friday, Dec. 10 at The Captain’s Club at the Woodfield Country Club, 10200 Woodfield Dr., Grand Blanc.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at 12 a.m. There will be a buffet dinner with a cash bar. The chamber will also be holding its Blind Auction. Members are asked to provide a wrapped gift with a minimum value of $50. Cost of the event is $30 per person, or a reserved table of eight for $210. Reservations should be made to P.O. Box 214, Holly, MI 48442 by Dec. 3.

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Staff Spotlight

KATHY WILKINSON
Secretary to the Principal

Alivia Howell with Alyssa McCoy and Lindsay Sensoli

“I really like my job, and I like the people that I work with; and I honestly like working with high school-aged kids.”

Kathy Wilkinson has been the principal’s secretary for 10 years at Lake Fenton, and an unsung hero to many.

Lake Fenton 2009 graduate, Morgan Pettillo, said, “I do feel Mrs. Wilkinson is an unsung hero at Lake Fenton. She is the first person one sees when they enter the school, and she greets everyone with a smile no matter what. And she is a go-to person if you need anything, she’ll drop what she’s doing to help you.”

Wilkinson enjoys spending her free time with her family, including her husband of 23 years, Todd Wilkinson, and her daughter, Alex. She cherishes the opportunity to watch her daughter, currently a senior at Lake Fenton, participate in volleyball and softball.

Before she made her career decision, Wilkinson also considered accounting and went on to say, “I thought it would be a good career, and interesting, until my first class about it in college.”

Wilkinson’s favorite aspect of her job is interacting with students and teachers. However, taking care of behind-the-scenes circumstances that no one sees is where she finds her fulfillment.

But with every job there comes challenges, Wilkinson finds that to be “taking the brunt of people’s elevated emotions when they are upset about something out of my control.”

Having the inside take on things, Wilkinson has a powerful view on the students. She said, “All of the kids seem kind of the same on the surface, but a lot of these kids have deep personal things going on and it’s amazing how they handle things so maturely. It helps me to understand why they act the way they do.”

Teen depression should be taken seriously, say experts

Marta Watters

About 20 percent of teenagers will experience depression before they reach adulthood. Teenagers can be affected regardless of gender, social background, or even income level.

Depression has a serious impact on a teen’s life, making it difficult for them to be social, they may have a hard time in school or at work. They are prone to illness more than others, and usually struggle with relationships.

The most common signs of depression are loss of interest in activities, withdrawal from family and friends, changes in eating and sleeping habits, lack of motivation, fatigue, sadness, and frequent crying.

Teens suffer from unexplained aches and pains, they are irritable and angry, they are extremely sensitive to criticism, and they withdraw from some people, but not everyone.

Another serious issue involved with teen depression is suicide. Many people have suicidal thoughts when they are depressed, believing they are not good enough, or no one cares about them, so they question why they should ever be alive. Teen suicide is the third leading death among teenagers.

Vanessa, a teenager who has dealt with depression said, “When I found out that the suicide rate for people around my age is more than AIDS, cancer, heart disease, and lung disease combined, I was shocked.”

It is truly sad that many people do not even know how many of their peers at school could be dealing with the thought of suicide. Paul Joffe, a clinical psychologist at the University of Illinois said, “Fantasies of suicide can be quite addictive and can involve an idea of personal fierceness.”

Three’s not a crowd in hockey

Evan Haller

Lake Fenton hockey has been battling skater numbers for years, so last year when they combined with Durand as a co-op program, it apparently helped.

“Last year worked out well... everyone got along and having two teams helped fill in the holes a bit,” said senior Kyle Frank.

But will three schools this year change anything?

“As far as scheme, no, but it will make us a better team overall with more options,” Frank said in regards to Linden joining the mix-up.

Last year, a lot of people had their doubts but the team ended up with more wins than predicted.

“This year we will continue to get better and better. Adding another school is only going to help, the only place we lack right now is a goalie,” said sophomore Austin Frank.

Last year the team had about 14 players - a short bench even with two schools. This year there were over 28 players at tryouts, so having a short bench shouldn’t be a problem for the combined three.

Student StreetTalk

What’s the biggest change you’ve experienced in high school?

Angela Messina

“I’ve matured with my attitude, and became a lot more serious with school.”

Danny Brodie, Senior

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Ryan Smith, Junior


Brooke Goy, Sophomore

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Kayla Swartz, Freshman

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MY HUSBAND AND I want to thank the awesome couple in Holly, who tracked us down when we left our debit card in the machine. We really appreciate your honesty. Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts. ■

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I AM SICK and tired of the ADA always trying to spend, spend, spend. They all wouldn’t cost us $300,000.
Medicare Prescription Plans

By Cynthia Edwards
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

When you think of November, you may imagine such things as turkey dinners, family gatherings, Veteran’s Day, or the start of the holiday shopping season. However, newly entitled and current Medicare beneficiaries, who are considering changes to their Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan, might think of November as the time for thinking about Medicare.

That’s because the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program Open Season this year runs from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan is voluntary, and participants pay an additional monthly premium for the coverage. Some people with limited resources and income are eligible for extra help to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. To qualify for this Extra Help:
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Essential vitamins for seniors

There is a saying that the older one gets, the wiser they are. However, when it comes to making the right food choices, this is not always the case as far as senior citizens are concerned.

By the time people reach their golden years, they should not only understand the importance of eating nutritionally balanced meals, but be well practiced in doing so. The reality is that for a number of reasons, elderly people quite often do not get the vitamins and minerals that their aging bodies need to fight the onset of debilitating conditions including the signs of aging.

As people grow older, their bodies become naturally less efficient at using nutrients. Seniors generally develop more illnesses and tend to take more medications. As a result, many of these medications adversely affect the way the body breaks down nutrients.

Seniors who live alone may not feel the desire to prepare nutritionally balanced meals. In addition, many seniors don’t exercise on a regular basis. Because of this, elderly people frequently exhibit the symptoms of different vitamin deficiencies.

**Vitamin D**

Vitamin D is as important to the elderly as it is to children. It plays a vital role in the body’s ability to absorb calcium, which is required to keep bones healthy. With little or no calcium, bones can lose their mass, become brittle and bring about osteoporosis. Very few elderly people consume the proper amount of dairy products to ensure that their body gets ample amounts of vitamin D.

**Antioxidants**

Another serious condition confronting seniors is the oxidation damage caused by free radicals. These are unstable molecules that, when left on their own, run rampant throughout the body, destroying healthy cells. Oxidation is the same process that causes rust to develop on cars.

Antioxidants work to neutralize free radicals, a process that inhibits the amount of damage they cause. The best sources of antioxidants are fruits and vegetables. They also contain beta-carotenes and a number of other important vitamins such as Vitamin A, C, and E, yet few seniors consume the required amounts.

As healthy cells become damaged, seniors increase their risks of developing heart disease, arthritis, certain forms of cancers, cataracts, Parkinson’s disease and many other disorders. Antioxidants also keep the immune system functioning properly. As healthy skin cells break down, skin loses its elasticity and begins to sag, wrinkle and look older.

**Vitamin K**

The body needs Vitamin K to keep the body’s blood clotting mechanism functioning properly, yet once again, few seniors get enough. The absence of Vitamin K is believed to also be linked to the onset of Alzheimer’s disease.

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Physical exercise helps ‘maintain your brain’

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Steve TePaske, M.D., recently gave a presentation at Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden about how to maintain your brain. TePaske lectures throughout the state about this subject. He also spoke about the importance of physical fitness.

“As we age, our brain begins to shrink, and exercise dramatically affects how the brain functions,” TePaske said.

According to TePaske, exercise does more than build muscles. It also helps prevent heart disease.

“New science shows that it also boosts brainpower and may offer hope in the battle against dementia and Alzheimer’s disease,” he said. “Exercise is the name of the game to get one’s brain going.”

TePaske also said aerobic exercise is brain exercise. Those who gain the most in cardiovascular fitness also grow the most nerve cells.

“We sprout new neurons from moderate workouts after only three months,” TePaske said.

Basic brain facts

• The human brain is the most complex structure ever investigated by science.
• It is the size of a cantaloupe.
• The brain uses less power than your refrigerator light.
• The brain weighs 3 pounds.
• The brain is made of 100 billion neurons, to process and transmit information and one to five trillion glial cells to provide support.

How exercise activates the brain

• Exercise fires the same neural connections the brain uses to read, write and compute.
• Exercise feeds the brain glucose and oxygen, which builds greater connections between neurons.
• Exercise activates the release of a neuron growth factor that enhances cognition.
• Exercise stimulates and keeps people alert.
• It reduces stress, levels emotions, and improves memory.

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The list of conditions that result from vitamin deficiencies is long. Everyone, regardless of age, needs to understand the importance of giving their bodies nutrients in order to maintain good health.

If you are not getting the right mix of nutrients from your diet, regardless of the reason, it may be necessary to supplement your diet by taking daily multi-vitamin supplements. For the most benefit, choose one that has been formulated to suit the changing dietary needs of older individuals.
sent to Willow Run for four to six weeks, to train on B-24 aircraft. B-24s were built at Willow Run, with their engines made in Flint. The engines were taken to Willow Run to be installed.

Betcher worked with four other men on a ground crew, changing Witchcraft’s engines, refueling it after its missions, checking it for any problems and taking turns for early morning preflight duty.

They were nicknamed the “League of Nations Ground Crew,” because of their diverse ethnic background. The crew chief, MSGT. Joe Ramirez, had Mexican ancestors; S/Sgt. George Dong had a Chinese background, Betcher is German, Irish and English; and Cpl. Joe Vetter and Cpl. Walter Elliott were of German descent. Betcher is the only one alive today.

They were stationed near the North Sea in England, at Rackheath, near Belgium, where Betcher spent 17½ months. He remembers hearing some V-2 rockets go off, and small “buzz bomb” airplanes, which had unique-sounding motors. Rackheath was not close to combat while Betcher was there, although a few raids took place in Norwich, six miles away, before he got there. The ground crew would work, no matter what the weather was, he said. They wore sheepskin outfits when it was cold. When the Witchcraft returned from a mission, they would have to wash oil that collected on the plane in some areas. In addition to the ground crew, there were sheet metal specialists who would patch the flak holes in the bomber. When the Witchcraft returned from a mission, trucks would pick up the men who flew in it, to interrogate them.

Each B-24 had four engines, each of which the ground crew replaced when it wore out and began to burn a lot of oil, Betcher said. “We never had more than one fail at once.” They flew alright on three engines, but they didn’t fly too well on two engines.

During 100 missions, Witchcraft attacked 65 targets in Germany, 31 in France and four in Belgium, and no crew members were injured. There were three times an engine was shot out, and once when an engine failed over the English Channel. But the pilot, knowing Ramirez’ pride in the aircraft’s record, went to bomb his target just inside France (Fly-Past magazine, July 1995). Witchcraft never turned back for mechanical failure.

Ramirez received a Bronze Star Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, and the other ground crew members for the Witchcraft received Certificates of Meritorious Achievement. During the war, while he was stationed at Willow Run, Betcher married Doris Torrey. He worked for Wayne University, now Wayne State University, for eight years in the aeronautical engineering laboratory. Ray and Doris had 50 years together before she passed away. He later remarried, and his second wife passed away in 2003. A member of the Price-Crane-Robinsons Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4642, he lives in Linden.

**About the Witchcraft**

- It could carry 8,000 pounds of bombs.
- It had a 110-foot wingspan.
- It carried 2,700 gallons of gas, with 2,400 gallons in the main tanks and 300 gallons each for the outboard tanks.
- The plane’s 100th mission was Jan. 14, 1945.
- In 100 missions, the Witchcraft flew more than 665 hours of combat time, received more than 300 flak holes and wore out 13 engines.
- Witchcraft had 130 missions, the record for a B-24 with no mechanical failures.
- Its last, 130th mission was April 21, 1945.
- By the end of the war, Witchcraft’s ground crew changed its engines 25 times, rebuilding the last 13 engines.

**CEREMONIES**

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American Legion Post 149 of Holly will host a Veterans’ Day Salute at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Karl Richter Campus Auditorium, 920 Baird St. The event is free and open to the public.

Post 149 is also hosting the service at Lakeside Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11.
Older drivers are more prone to being seriously injured or killed in a traffic crash.

**Resources available to help seniors with driving skills**

By Sally Rummel

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By the year 2030, it is estimated that one out of every five Americans will be over the age of 65. That means many older drivers will be on the road, often with serious consequences.

Research has shown older drivers are more prone to being seriously injured or killed in a traffic crash, according to FFLT. Jim Shaw, commander, Michigan State Police Prevention Services Section.

The good news is that the number and severity of crashes involving older drivers in Michigan is declining. A recently released study of crash data from the Office of Highway Safety Planning, found that fatal and serious injury crashes involving drivers age 65 and older decreased by 23 percent from the years 1996 to 2008.

There are several resources available, designed to help improve senior driving skills, while other resources provide information about handling the family dynamics that take place when a spouse or child of a senior driver becomes concerned about safety.

“The issue really comes down to a loss of independence for that driver, and that is a very powerful, emotional issue for most people,” said Melinda Elmore-Hajek, program coordinator at Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden. “It really helps if the concern comes from family members who are close in their relationships and it’s done with a loving heart.”

Health experts suggest that exercise can slow down the aging process — especially flexibility, fitness training that can improve a person’s range of motion and level of fitness among older drivers. Increasing an older person’s mental acuity through class work is also a helpful component to safer driving.

Loose Senior Citizen Center offers the AARP Driver Safety Program twice a year. “The class is for all drivers age 50 and up,” said Elmore-Hajek. “A lot of people take it so they can show their certification to their auto insurance carrier and get reduced rates.”

The Partnership for Family Safety, a cooperative effort between the Michigan State Police, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians and 65 Michigan Meijer stores, wants to increase safe driving among older drivers by helping them to understand that driving is a physical exercise, which requires a certain level of strength, flexibility and coordination to do safely.

Seniors can enjoy Christmas on a budget

The holiday season is fast approaching and some senior citizens face Christmas with both anticipation and dread. And, living on a fixed income, some may feel they cannot keep up with expectations. Some older adults see Christmas is coming and don’t see any extra money in their budget.

There are some less expensive ways of enjoying the upcoming holiday season and here are the tips to help seniors stay in their budget.

- **Make a gift for someone** — food, crafts, or even writing a heartfelt letter.
- **Do a kindness for a stranger** or someone in need. That always puts things in perspective.

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To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plan, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).
Bingo is just one of the activities enjoyed on Senior Fridays at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Area abounds with activities for seniors

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There are many activities in the tri-county area for senior citizens. Loose Senior Citizen Center, the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and area churches are sources of activities to keep senior citizens busy.

Church bulletins hold a wealth of information, telling all of the pertinent information about senior activities.

Loose Senior Citizens Center in Linden is a source for dozens of activities for seniors, including wood-carving, pinochle, euchre, Zumba, clogging, and line dancing. Just to name a few. Special casino trips are available at least twice a month.

For the holidays, a special trip to the Holiday Pops at The Whiting in Flint is available, as well a special holiday lunch at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. For information, one can call the center at (810) 735-9406.

Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation holds Senior Fridays at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center at 1505 S. LeRoy St. in Fenton, weekly. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and social time goes until 10:30 a.m. From 10:30 to 12 p.m., bingo takes place. Lunch is from 12 to 12:30 p.m., followed by bunco and euchre. The fee for bingo and bunco is a $1, and lunch is $4 per week.

This Friday, Nov. 12, pizza, salad and bread sticks are on the menu. On Nov. 19, a Thanksgiving dinner will be served with turkey, mashed potatoes and green bean casserole. Seniors will also bring a dish to pass. On Dec. 17, a Christmas dinner will be served, with seniors bringing a dish to pass.

On the first Friday of the month, blood pressure is taken and birthdays are celebrated on the fourth Friday of the month. There will be no Senior Fridays on Nov. 26, Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

Home safety devices available to seniors

Fenton Twp. — Fenton Township is providing household safety devices to senior citizens through its Senior Safety Program. Residents, age 62 or older, are eligible to obtain a smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector and fire extinguisher from the township at no cost. There is a limit of one of each device per household.

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Based on 2004-2008 annual averages:
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (29 percent) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (32 percent) of home heating fires and four out of five (82 percent) of home heating fire deaths.
- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, was the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half (52 percent) of home heating fire deaths.
- One half (49 percent) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.

HAYL OF HOME HEATING FIRES ARE REPORTED DURING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

ARSON
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The county jail, where she remained until her arraignment. She remains free on personal bond.

If she is found guilty of arson of a dwelling, Villarreal faces up to 20 years in prison.

During her preliminary exam on Tuesday, a neighbor, Kim Kinard, was subpoenaed to testify. Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen and Det. Sgt. Lenny Jasukula of the Michigan State Police, who investigated the fire, also gave testimony.

The police chief said Kinard testified that she arrived at her home between 2:20 and 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13. As she was driving toward her home, she observed Villarreal driving from her home on Pine Walk Pass in her silver/grey Jeep. Kinard and her husband spotted flames at the Villarreal house a few minutes later and called 911 at 2:31 p.m., according to dispatch records.

Dispatch then put the call out at 2:32 p.m. and Argentine police officer Theresa Walters arrived three to four minutes later. The fire chief arrived roughly one minute later. The home was unoccupied and engulfed in flames.

Allen said Jasukula testified that an accelerator was used on the floor in the great room of the house. Mold formed around the edge of the suspected burnt area, which led the investigator to conclude that a petroleum-based accelerant was used.

Based on testimony, Judge John L. Conover bound Villarreal’s case over for a jury trial. She is due back in court on Nov. 15 for a circuit court arraignment.

Allen said the felony carries a stiff penalty because fires are extremely dangerous. “Think of all who could have been injured or killed,” he said. Allen added that the preliminary hearing went well and that the prosecution was able to present physical and circumstantial evidence, as well as an eyewitness.

“Given the circumstances and tough times, people do things they shouldn’t and make bad decisions,” said Allen. “It’s unfortunate.”

Jay Clothier said in a preliminary hearing, probable cause carries a very low burden of proof. He and his brother Jeff Clothier expected their client’s case to be bound over to circuit court.

“It’s now for a jury to decide,” said Jay. “Our client maintains her innocence.”

“She lost everything.

“She wants her day in court.

“And, she appreciates the tremendous amount of support from the community.”

“Think of all who could have been injured or killed.”
Daniel Allen
Argentine Township police chief

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Tough dandruff calls for a prescription

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am writing to inquire about the mite that invades one’s body and causes dandruff on the head. I have used Selsun Blue shampoo, but it is taking so long to see an effect. I wonder if there is an antibiotic that I could take to get rid of it faster. — M.S.

ANSWER: Dandruff is one form of seborrheic dermatitis — skin inflammation, along with an overproduction of skin cells and oil. The scalp is the place most often affected, but dandruff can be found on the sides and bridge of the nose, the eyebrows, ears, chest and back. A mite doesn’t cause it. Some speculate that a yeast (fungus) called Malassezia might be the troublemaker. This yeast is also found on scalps of those without dandruff, but those with dandruff have greatly increased numbers of it. Quite often, nonprescription treatments work well for dandruff. Selsun Blue is a good one. If, after one month of treatment, there’s no progress, then change to another. Head and Shoulders, Nizoral A-D and Gel are a sample of the many products on drugstore shelves. Nizoral A-D contains ketoconazole, a medicine that is active against the Malassezia yeast. Follow directions carefully. Usually they call for daily use until there’s some improvement, and then every-other-day use for a month. From that time on, less-frequent applications are OK. The condition tends to be chronic, so a long commitment is the rule. If you’re not making any progress with over-the-counter preparations, then a doctor can provide you with a prescription for more powerful items.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Paul G. Donohue, M.D.
Defense sparks Tigers to district crown, 24-0
Fenton faces Walled Lake Central Friday

By David Troppens
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Midland — It’s that said defense wins championships.

On Saturday, that rang true.

The Fenton varsity football team posted its first shutout of the season at the best time possible, defeating Midland Dow 24-0 in the Division 2 district championship game held at Midland Community Stadium.

The Tigers’ defense, led by senior linebacker Jake Georgakopoulos, was the biggest star.

Dow’s potent run game was held to a measly 94 yards as the Chargers never got anything going on offense. Meanwhile, after a slow first half, the Tigers’ offense had TD scoring drives on three consecutive second-half possessions, earning the school’s first-ever district championship trophy.

“Our defense was incredible,” said Georgakopoulos, who had a forced fumble. “We knew if we could stop their run game, that we could stop their offense. We focused on the run, stopped the run and they couldn’t do much else.”

“I can’t be more proud of the kids,” Fenton varsity coach Jeff Setzke said. “Coach Eltringham put together a great defensive plan. The kids went out and executed it tonight. They are a very good football program. They weren’t 9-1 by accident. To come out and get a shutout is outstanding.”

Dow’s top two offensive targets never got anything going. Quarterback Brandon Sklenar mustered just 46 rushing yards on 21 carries. Meanwhile, star running back Eric Schweng had just 15 yards on five carries before missing the rest of the game with an injury. Forced to throw the ball more than in past games, Sklenar completed just 8 of 22 passes for 94 yards.

Fenton’s Dan Tousley intercepted one of those passes. “They run mostly, so we put an extra guy on the line all the time and it ended up working,” Fenton senior Chad Schubbach said. “Our defensive line got a big push.”

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Fenton's Kelsey Kidd

Q: When is the last time the Fenton varsity football team won nine games in a season?
A: The Tigers have done it plenty of times, but not in recent years. The last time they did it was in 1985. A win on Friday would give them nine for the season.

SPORTS TRIVIA

Fenton swim team captures seventh straight league title

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Walled Lake Central preview box

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Seven seasons the Flint Metro League has been giving out championships in girls swimming and diving.

For seven years, the Fenton girls swimming and diving team has dominated the competition.

That trend continued again on Friday and Saturday at the Flint Metro League Swimming and Diving Championships held at Brandon High School.

The Tigers won eight of the 12 events, including all three relays, to dominate the meet and conclude their seventh straight league title.

The Tigers scored 675.5 points, more than the next two best teams combined. Holly placed second with 303.5 points, beating third-place Lapeer by 19.5 points. The second-place effort allowed the Bronchos to finish in a tie for second in the final league standings.

But, once again, the Tigers proved why they are the queens of the pool in the Metro.

“I feel honored to be a part of such a good swim program and having (Brad) Jones as our coach,” Fenton senior Deanna Hooper said. “We work way harder than any of the other teams. I can definitely say that. We come in every morning and evening. We have pre-workouts before a meet. We are working all the time.”

“It’s something that not only I, but all the Fenton girls want to keep the standard,” said senior Kendall Mykietiuk, who took part in four league championship events. “You go in knowing that this is our thing and that’s our meet.”

The Tigers, simply, dominated. They already knew they were going to collect enough points to dominate during Friday’s preliminaries, but ended any suspense on Saturday by winning the 200 medley relay, and then following that with a 1-2-3 sweep in the 200 freestyle. The 200 medley relay team of Haley Shaw, Sara Wujciak, Meagan Patterson and Gabrielle Haaraoja won in 1:57.74. In the 200 freestyle it was Mykietiuk (2:01.02), Kelsey Kidd (2:04.86) and Kali Finger (2:06.36) that completed the top three sweep.

Before the meet was over, Mykietiuk also led a
Linden CC program caps season at state meet
Boys finish 19th; girls take 22nd

By David Troppens
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For the Linden varsity cross country program, just being at Michigan Interna-
tional Speedway for the MHSAA State Cross Country Championships was a re-
ward.
But, both teams had their share of suc-
cess while there as well on Saturday.
The Linden boys finished 19th out of 27
teams, while the Linden girls took 22nd
out of 27th at the state meet.
For the girls, it was the culmination of
a senior class that remained together
throughout their middle school years. That
group led the Eagles to back-to-back state
trip performances.
This has been a great senior group,”
Linden girls coach Becky Stockford said.
“To have 10 seniors on a cross country
team is a rare thing. Often times, they de-
cide to pursue other activities. These girls
have been hard workers and great athletes.
Over the course of the season, the girls
become like family, and over the course
of four to six years that I have coached
them, it’s made them extremely close. I feel
honored and blessed to have worked with
them and am excited to see all they will
accomplish in the future.”
In the seventh grade, Celene Howard,
Brandi Juengel, April LaLonde, Heidi
Sack and Mayce Varacalli began to run
together. In eighth grade, Kate Tucker
gained her group. During their freshman
year, Angela Bertolini, Danielle Stars
and Amelia Versola joined as well. Erin
Edwards transferred from Lake Fenton
her junior year.
“Their talent will be missed for sure,
but it’s the personalities and leadership
that will be missed more,” Stockford said.
The girls performed well at the state
meet. Freshman Sydney Elmler was 69th
with a time of 19:31, leading the Eagles.
Sack was 145th (20:22), while Varacalli
was 156th (20:28). Danielle Starrs placed 160th
(20:29), followed by Aleighsha Engsch in
220th (21:32), Hollie Vemeersch in 226th
(21:38) and Varnier in 259th (21:59).
“Heidi ran a season best and Sydney,
Dani, Aleighsha and Hollie ran lifetimeests,” Stockford said. “As a coach, you
can’t ask for much more than that.
The Linden boys began the season
with a lot of new faces, looking to rebuild.
Instead, they qualified for the state meet
for a fifth straight season. And they did it
with a balanced team.
The varsity team was really composed
of nine kids this fall. It was unfortunate
that only seven could run at the state finals,
because all nine of them had good stretch-
es during the regular season,” Linden boys
cross country coach Clint Lawhorne said.
“All nine worked very hard and kept im-
proving in an effort to stay on the varsity.
None of them ever gave up fighting for a
spot, and that made all the difference for
our team.
The Eagles were paced by Roger Phi-
lips at the state meet. Phillips finished in
67th in 16:36.8. Graham Elliott was 106th
(16:54.3), followed by Mark Wright in
148th (17:13.0), Adrian Taylor in 154th
(17:15.3), Kirk Bennett in 156th (17:16.1),
Jacob Hoyes in 165th (17:23.1) and Sam
Moughler in 196th (17:44.2).
“Five of our seven ran lifetime personal
records and the two that didn’t, ran within
couple of seconds of season personal
records. It’s hard to ask for a better day
than that,” Lawhorne said. “Here’s how
crazy our varsity has been this fall — Graham
Elliott and Roger Phillips were the 11th
and 12th fastest kids to start the season.
They were our first and second runners
on Saturday. I’ve never seen improvement
like that over the course of a season.”
The Eagles had a strong season in the
classroom as well, earning academic all-
state honors with a 3.686 grade-point av-
erage. The Eagles, also, seem to have a
bright future.
“The future is bright for this team if they
choose to accept the challenge,” Lawhorne
said. “Five of the seven that ran Saturday,
return, but as we learned last year, there are
no guarantees. Each team has to earn their
own way.
“This team had good senior leadership
and that makes a big difference. Harry
Light, Mark Wright, Adam Dietz and Jake
Hoyes are all four-year runners, and made
it clear to the young kids from the begin-
ning that this team is special.”
Make that the program.
(From left) Coach Clint Lawhorne, Jacob Hoyes, Kirk Bennett, Graham Elliott, Mark Wright, Adrian Taylor, Roger Phillips and Sam Moughler were Linden’s seven runners at the state meet on Saturday.
DEFENSE
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through their line and grabbed some ankles. Our linebackers then cleaned it up. It was great.”
Fenton took the lead for good in the first half on a 26-yard field goal by Kenny Allen with 3:03 left in the opening half. Georgakopoulos set up that field goal with a strong stiff-arm on a run play, allowing him to scamper 34 yards to the Midland 9. Four plays later, Allen kicked the field goal.

Midland had just one real good shot at scoring. With 1:38 left in the first half, Midland drove to the Fenton 10 in a matter of seconds. They almost scored on a pass to Garrett Kidd, but Brendan Marion broke up the play in the end zone. Two plays later Midland missed a 27-yard field goal wide.

“All practice our secondary coach had been working with us on stop routes,” Marion said. “He ran a fade and came back. I stopped, turned around and I had good position on him. I jumped and got the block.”

The Tigers opened the second half scoring on each of their first three possessions.

The first was set up by a 46-yard kickoff return from Toulouse. Six plays later, Shaw completed a 27-yard TD pass to Marion.

“We were waiting for the defensive man to come up on me,” Marion said. “He came up on me and we called a play to do a zero route. We did a zero route and the QB dropped a diem right to me and I got the touchdown. It was a good throw, a good route and it worked in our favor.”

Schupbach recovered a fumble on Dow’s next possession at the Fenton 47. Eleven plays later, Georgakopoulos scored on a two-yard TD run. After Allen’s second of three extra points, Fenton led 17-0.

The Tigers’ defense followed the next Dow possession with Toulouse’s interception at the Fenton 22. A 23-yard completion to Quinton Mandle helped set up Riley Chapin’s 35-yard TD run. Fenton led 24-0 with 23.4 seconds left in the third quarter.

Dow never got anything going against Fenton’s defense. Its next possession ended with a pass break up for Marion and then a punt. Dow’s final possession had the Chargers at the Tigers’ 33. However, Skalenar was sacked with 4:57 remaining. From there, the Tigers ran the clock out.

Fenton’s offense had balance. Shaw threw for 145 yards while the running game provided 206 yards. Dow mustered only 188 yards total offense, with Georgakopoulos probably involving himself in almost 20 tackles.

“Our defense was incredible,” Georgakopoulos said. “We were running on all cylinders. The whole team really came together in the second half. We made plays. We knew what we had to do. We wanted to come out strong and show Midland what we are all about.”

The Tigers, certainly, did that.

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sweep of the 500 freestyle with a first-place time of 2:01.02 and was a member of the winning 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay teams. She teamed with Hooper, Patterson and Kidd to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:47.23), and teamed with Hooper, Haaraoja and Shaw to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:48.37). Kidd (53.33.17) and Finger (53.34.31) were the ones that helped complete the 1-2-3 sweep in the 500.

“It’s an honor. I was so excited,” Mykietiak said about earning four firsts. “It’s always exciting to get a win and compete with the girls, and in the two individual events, to see teammates place right by me was great.”

Wujciak, a freshman, won the 100 breaststroke (1:12.47), while another freshman, Haaraoja, won the 50 freestyle (25.77). Shaw took the top spot in the 100 backstroke (1:01.50).

Other second-place individual finishers for Fenton were earned by Wujciak in the 200 individual medley (2:15.41), Shaw in the 100 freestyle (56.20), Hooper in the 50 freestyle (25.96) and Patterson in the 100 butterfly (1:06.23).

“The meet was a lot of fun,” Wujciak said. “We support everyone, and I have a lot of friends from the other teams. It’s just a fun meet because you know everyone there and you support the other teams as much as you do your own.”

Holly had a champion as well. Hannah Micaleff won diving (285.90). Meanwhile, Courtney Konopitski took second in the 100 backstroke (1:07.99).

Holly’s 200 freestyle relay team of Breanne Konopitski, Anna Quinman, Breanne Thomas and Courtney Konopitski also took second (1:47.23).

Up next is the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships. The Tigers have many individual and relay participants qualified. The Holly Bronchos also have a relay qualified. Like the Metro meet, the state meet is a two-day meet with prelims on the first day.

“This meet gives you a sense of where you are and with what you need to improve for the state meet,” Shaw said. “It helps you to judge what you can do the first day and then the second day.”

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Orral M. "Marie" Key
1929-2010
Orral M. "Marie" Key, age 81, of Linden, died November 6, 2010 at Genesys Hospice Center in Grand Blanc.

She is the beloved wife of the late Larry D. Key. Mrs. Key was born in 1929 in New Madrid, MO. She married Larry D. Key in November of 1951. She has lived in Linden since 1957. She is survived by her children, Billy C. Key of Perry, Karen (David) Charles of Linden, Thomas (Vicki) Key of Traverse City, and Jeffery Key of Linden; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and sister, Beth (Fred) Hanns of Davison. She was pre-deceded in death by her son, Larry D. Key, daughter, Terri "Sue" Austin; and sister, Polly Addisson.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 11 at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Friends may gather from 9 AM until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be directed to the cancer research charity of their choice.

Mary Suzanne Canever
1954-2010
Mary Suzanne "Miss Mary" Canever to her K.C.'s kids - age 55, of Fenton, died Monday, November 8, 2010 at home.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, November 12, 2010 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St, Fenton, with Fr. David Harvey celebrating. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 211 Lake Rd, Fenton Thursday from 5-8 PM and at church Friday from 10 AM until time of rites.

Those desiring may make contributions to the Mary Suzanne Canever Memorial Fund, to be given to charity.

Wednesday, November 10, 2010
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