I have dreamed of being on Wheel of Fortune since I was a child. My parents watched it every day. They are now deceased, but I’m carrying on the tradition of watching and solving every night. I don’t miss a show. I’m a wheel watcher.”

Dorothy B.

Fenton DDA considering leasing, instead of selling, old fire hall

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — Fenton’s Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is considering leasing the old fire hall on South LeRoy Street to the Michigan Brewing Company, instead of selling the property, according to Fenton Director Michael Burns.

Negotiations are still underway for the restaurant site, and Fenton is looking at different options. Nothing is set in stone at this point. “We are discussing a couple different options to protect our asset and the public money,” Burns said.

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FUMC volunteers assemble 91 food baskets

Joan Brady, of Linden, assembles a food basket for a family of five at the Fenton United Methodist Church Tuesday morning. About 70 volunteers made 91 Thanksgiving food baskets. The donated food was from a fundraiser by Fenton schools support staff and was delivered by Fenton firefighters.

Legislators support father’s quest to change paternity law

By Sharon Stone

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Daniel Quinn is remaining optimistic that his 4-year-old biological daughter will soon be returned to him. The 33-year-old Fenton man has been fighting for his daughter Maelleigh’s 9-year-old biological daughter recognized by the courts and to reunite with the 4-year-old.

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Fenton to receive a piece of the World Trade Center

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — The city of Fenton’s fire department is receiving a 36-inch piece of history. Council has approved an agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to receive a steel 9/11 artifact from the World Trade Center. Terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 destroyed the World

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Shop ‘til you drop

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Some people avoid stores like the plague on the day after Thanksgiving, but a large number of bargain hunters brave the crowds, long lines, sore feet, snow and parking lot woes in order to get a deal. Is it the thrill of getting the best deal or is it about tradition and creating memories?

For one Fenton Township woman, it’s about all of the above. Jennie Nelson is a die-hard Black Friday shopper and has been for more than a dozen years. Growing up in a large family, seven children, Nelson was taught by her parents to look for ways of saving money.

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Local woman shares passion of Middle Eastern art form

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Jennifer Lobb, of Fenton Township, looks like an ordinary preschool mom, living a typical suburban life. She’s happily married, and spends many harried mornings getting her 3-year-old daughter, Gwendolyn, off to school.

Lobb may be blonde, green-eyed and American, but that doesn’t keep her, (aka Aziza Salem), away from the stage and spotlight as a world-class belly dancer. She may not look a part when she’s dressed in her regular jeans and sandals, but as soon as she dons one of her 15 ornate and jeweled costumes (priced between $800 and $3,000 for each custom-made piece), she has transformed herself — and her audience — to a new place.

While Arabian music lends a cultural backdrop and an uplifting beat, it’s the dramatic sweeps that Lobb makes with 4 yards of billowing scarf that carries her across the floor with the passion of each move. She clearly is using all of her energy in the dance, engaging her core, her legs and her arms with each movement.

“Dancing with a 3-yard scarf is more common,” she said. “Dancing with 4 yards is more advanced, because it takes a lot of energy and skill to keep the scarf off the floor.”

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Reduce that holiday stress

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Yoga is one way to alleviate stress during the holidays. Instructor Heather Barnes demonstrates the basic yoga “tree” pose at Ethos Yoga of Holly.

Positive thinking and natural remedies can make a difference

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Trying to pull off the perfect holiday season can create a pile of stress and even depression — ruining the holidays and hurting one’s health. In contrast, being positive will get you through the holidays.

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Remove candle wax from carpeting

To remove wax from carpeting or other fabric, first scrape away any excess. Then, place a brown paper bag over the wax and run a warm iron over the bag. Continue moving the bag around as you pick up the wax so you are always using a clean section. If a little grease stain remains on carpet, sprinkle with baking soda and allow to sit overnight before vacuuming, which will remove the grease residue. If colored wax leaves a stain on carpet, blot with spot remover or carpet cleaner, following label directions.

Cleaning with vinegar

You may or may not be aware that white distilled vinegar is just the job for a multitude of household cleaning tasks. Cleaning with vinegar is great for killing germs, bacteria and mold due to the high levels of acidity. It really is a great alternative to using harsh, powerful chemicals — not to mention it’s good for the environment and is very cost effective.

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Some thankful thoughts

Tomorrow, I will be taking part in my 81st Thanksgiving. I’m very thankful that Thanksgiving, with few exceptions, is the same as it was when I was a kid — a time for families to gather together and celebrate the fact that they are living in the most affluent country on the planet.

I’m thankful for winter, where the cold weather is a welcome change and reminds me to get in my car and head to Florida for six months. I’m thankful for the early darkness and long nights, which provide me with an even longer period to lie in bed and wonder why I can’t sleep.

I’m thankful for the decades of selective breeding of turkeys that makes them so tender that even people with false teeth can chew them. I’m thankful that I don’t have everything I desire in life. If I did, there would be nothing to complain to my friends about.

I’m thankful that I still have setbacks in my life. It keeps me from being bored. I’m thankful for the mistakes I make each day, because they remind me that I still have the ability to learn again the things I learned last week, but forgot already.

I’m thankful for the success and proliferation of the newspaper you are reading. I’m thankful for the little faces of my nearly two dozen great-grandchildren, most of whom I don’t know their names. I’m thankful for hot coffee and cold beer. I’m thankful for the physical and mental challenges and obstacles I face each day — they remind me that I’m not just alive, but living.

I’m thankful for my memory loss because I get to watch a lot of good movies that I forgot I already watched. It seems to me that most of us find it convenient to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. Our blessings are easy to recognize and even easier to give thanks for.

I’m thankful that I’ve learned to give thanks for everything in my life — including the sorrows, setbacks, and challenges. I think the difficulties in life are often blessings in disguise — we just don’t always realize it at the time.

From my family to yours — Happy Thanksgiving.

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How do you cook a turkey?

“Mom cooks everything, it’s really good. Sometimes, she even makes beef with apple.” — Abby Gottron

“My mom makes stuffing and puts it in the turkey. She’s trying a different stuffing this year, though.” — Logan Birchmeier

“My mom cooks the turkey, and my grandpa helps. She’s a good cook.” — Kate Snicket

“My grandma cooks all the stuff. She makes the best egg rolls.” — Fidel Carinna

“We go to my cousin’s and we’re bringing sweet potatoes. I don’t know who’s making the turkey.” — Olivia Bataglia

“My mom cooks it. I don’t know how she makes a turkey, but it’s good. She makes cornbread, too.” — Caleb Learman

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Family, food and football

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays, because it represents two of my very favorite things — food and family. I love to eat, and I love to cook, but most of all I love having my family gathered around the dinner table sharing our own simple traditions.

My Thanksgiving menu has stayed the same for many years. My son, Jeff, would be disappointed if I didn’t serve crab dip, which is made especially for him. The sausage and sage stuffing is everyone’s favorite.

Homemade cinnamon rolls are served for breakfast on Thanksgiving morning, enjoyed by those who are helping in the kitchen, chopping onions and celery for the stuffing, peeling potatoes and putting the finishing touches on the pumpkin pie.

My favorite tradition is that my grandson, Brennan, helps stuff the turkey. He has been pulling a chair up to the counter and helping prepare the stuffing since he was 3.

I always try to include a new dish at the Thanksgiving dinner table. This year, it will be baked, white sweet potatoes with a little butter and brown sugar. This is something that I enjoyed at a restaurant in my home state of Maryland. I was surprised to find them here in Michigan. (Thanks, Four Seasons Market.)

When it comes to new recipes, the Times has a new feature on its website. Readers can share a favorite recipe or search for a new recipe, just in time for your holiday meal.

Just click on the ‘Living Section’ at www.tctimes.com and then go to ‘My Recipes.’ Follow the instructions to share your favorite recipe — or check out the many delicious recipes that have already been submitted, such as ‘Pumpkin Pie Cake,’ a unique and simple twist of the traditional pumpkin pie.

Of course, Thanksgiving wouldn’t be Thanksgiving without the third ‘F’ — football. It just wouldn’t be Thanksgiving without our Detroit Lions.

To all of our Times readers — may you have a safe, blessed and happy Thanksgiving!
Fenton Township garbage assessment decreases

Services provided to remain the same

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton Twp.—The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved an identical four-year contract with Republic Services of Flint, for trash collection and a recycling program. The action was taken based on a trash assessment renewal, approved by voters earlier this month and by what residents said they wanted in a recent survey. Households will pay $120 per year, down from $126, for trash collection and the expanded recycling program, which was already in place. Voters approved spending up to $145 on the assessment.

The board was pleased with the number of residents who responded to a survey regarding garbage pick-up and recycling. Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, put the survey together so the township could get an idea of what residents wanted.

Overall, Broecker said residents wanted no changes to the garbage pickup and recycling program.

“It (the survey) told us what people wanted,” said Supervisor Bonnie Mathis. “They didn’t want any changes at all.”

Of the approximately 5,700 households, 917 (16 percent) returned surveys. More than 77 percent indicated they did not want to have an alternative recycling program.

Of the returned surveys, 80 percent said they recycle every, or nearly every, week. An overwhelming number of respondents, 76 percent, said they wanted to keep the current program, with no increase in cost.

Although the number of households recycled is at 80 percent, according to survey responses, Mathis said she hoped that number was higher. Extra recycling bins are available at the township hall, at no cost.

Treasurer John Tucker said he initially was interested in the large garbage cart idea, however, because of the economy and not wanting to see anyone lose their job, he reconsidered. If the township had chosen to go with the large carts, which could hold seven garbage bags, a special truck would have lifted the containers and dumped the contents, possibly eliminating an employee position.

“That would cut employment,” said Tucker. “If we go cart-based, that young man would be without a job. I didn’t want to do that. Let’s keep things the same.”
Holly school budget to take $3.5 million hit next year

By Tim Jagielo

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The slow-to-recover U.S. and Michigan economies will hit Holly Area Schools (HAS) hard in the 2011-12 budget year.

At the board of education meeting last Monday, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Steven Lenar gave a budget update. According to Lenar, the 2010-11 budget is safe.

“Going forward is not great news at all,” said Lenar.

The 2011-12 budget year for HAS could easily see a $3.5 million deficit, said Superintendent Kent Barnes in his weekly podcast on Nov. 15. Problems in the budget include declining enrollment and federal grants.

Lenar said the school district is projecting a loss of nearly $2 million in federal aid, and up to 100 less students, which would strip away another $731,600 from the district’s general fund. HAS lost 34 students in the 2010-11 school year.

To balance the $3.5 million budget, HAS will have to make up the loss of the federal funding, the loss of funding from the loss of students, and clear the $700,000 deficit, Lenar said.

To keep above water, Barnes mentioned consolidation, while taking into consideration what programs people want to keep, in his podcast. “We can and we will meet the challenges before us,” said Barnes.

The board of education recently approved a housing study that could save the district up to $700,000, should they close a building.

OLD FIRE HALL
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The DDA hopes to have an agreement in place in the next couple of months.

The DDA selected Michigan Brewing Company, based in Berville, out of three proposals for the site. Previously, the DDA considered selling the old fire hall for $1, offering 33 percent funding for the developer — as much as $400,000 for the project.

A goal for the development is to bridge the gap between Dibbleville and North LeRoy Street, DDA President Craig Schmidt has said.

Representatives from Michigan Brewing Company have said they would like to use the entire building, creating a family-friendly restaurant — possibly called the Fenton Fire Hall Brewery. The restaurant would include microbrewery selections, distilled liquors, and wine.

A possible issue in obtaining a license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission is the site’s proximity to the Fenton United Methodist Church.

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A 2006 Chevrolet Malibu, reported stolen on Nov. 2 by residents on Tupper Lake Way, has been recovered. Some items were taken from the car. Det. Sgt. Mike Ignash of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department said the car was spotted in the parking lot of the apartment buildings at Rolston and North roads. Two individuals, one from Fenton City and the other from Fenton Township, have been identified as possible suspects. Ignash said the sheriff’s department is seeking arrest warrants on two individuals. Genesee Auto Theft Investigative Network (GAIN) investigated the theft.

Home invasions and thefts under investigation

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Fenton Twp. — The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department is investigating several home invasions and thefts in recent weeks. Det. Sgt. Mike Ignash said in the past couple of weeks there have been reports of as many as five home invasions during the nighttime hours. Residents were home at the time of the break-ins.

What concerns Ignash and other law enforcement agencies is that residents are leaving the doors to their homes, garages and vehicles unlocked, which makes them easy targets for thieves.

The nighttime home invasions have been in the Ripley and Rolston roads area. Items reported stolen include jewelry, purses, iPads, GPS devices and laptops.

Ignash said there have also been three daytime break-ins in the past week. The suspects used forced entry by kicking in a door. Areas hit include the Springfield Hills subdivision, Ripley Road and the Jennings and Lahring roads area.

A few suspect vehicles have been reported to the sheriff’s department, said Ignash. He added, however, that this information has come in only after the witness learned that a neighbor had been victimized. A white cargo van might be involved in the break-in in the Springfield Hills neighborhood.

Ignash encourages residents to talk to their neighbors and inform them if they see any unknown vehicles parked in their driveway or near their home. “Be proactive, rather than reactive,” said Ignash.

If anyone observes any suspicious activity, vehicles or individuals lurking around a neighbor’s home, they are advised to call 911. A patrol car would be dispatched to investigate.

Board approves firefighting training reimbursement

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Fenton Twp. — On Monday, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a “Training Cost Reimbursement Agreement,” drafted by Fenton Township Fire Chief John Moulton and reviewed by township attorney Richard Cooley. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said the fire chief had told township officials that there have been incidents, which caused him some concern. Mathis said some prospective firefighters have participated in fire department’s high-quality training, and then took jobs elsewhere, leaving the fire department to foot the bill.

“This is an effort to prevent that,” said Mathis.

The agreement

• Firefighters will be responsible for the cost of any training required by the township.

• The township will pay upfront, directly to the training entity, the cost of training the firefighter in Firefighter I and II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, driving of firefighting vehicles, Incident Command Systems and Medical First Responder.

• These upfront payments are to be considered a loan from the township to the firefighter.

• If the firefighter completes three years of service with the fire department operated by the township, after the paid-for training ends, the loan will be forgiven and not have to be repaid.

• If the firefighter completes fewer than three years of service after the paid-for training ends, the loan shall be repaid by the firefighter, within 90 days after the firefighter leaves the department. Repayment is 100 percent if firefighter completes one year or less. Repayment is 50 percent if firefighter completes one year and two complete years after training ends. Repayment is 25 percent if firefighter completes between two and three years after the training ends.
ARTIFACT
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Trade Center, in New York City. Airplanes captured by terrorists also crashed into the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania, after passengers thwarted the terrorists on board.

Summary
The city of Fenton will be receiving a piece of the World Trade Center, from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The downtown development authority (DDA) could commission an artist to create a sculpture for the downtown, with the 9/11 artifact as a focal point.

Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff said the only cost to the city to receive the artifact is shipping, or arrange to pick it up. Details on size, weight and appearance are not yet available, other than it is a 36-inch long piece of steel.

“It has been a 1½-year long process for us,” Cairnduff said. “They had to get a court order to release it.” Two airplane hangars in Washington contained 9/11 artifacts.

An issue was, some of the material was being sold, Mayor Sue Osborn said.

He is not sure when the city will receive the artifact, Cairnduff said.

At first, Fenton was going to house the artifact in the fire station. Since then, firefighters have approached the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), about commissioning an artist to create a sculpture with the 9/11 steel as the focal point. City Manager Lynn Markland said. It would be placed downtown, possibly by the fire hall.

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Business briefs
Sharp Funeral Homes announce new members
Sharp Funeral Homes is proud to announce two new members to their professional team. Carson Gormley, of Fenton Township, and David Kanyak, of Fenton, are both currently working as funeral director assistants.

Gormley is a 2008 graduate of Lake Fenton High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan-Flint. He is an active member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish in Fenton.

Kanyak began working with Sharp Funeral Homes this past January. He is a 2007 graduate of Fenton High School and is currently pursuing a business degree in mortuary science from University of Michigan-Flint, and upon completion plans to obtain a degree in mortuary science from Wayne State University. Kanyak is a life long member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton.

Academic achievements
Lawrence Technological University has named Eric Stallcup (Holly) and Vanessa Woods (Fenton) to the Dean’s Honor Roll for the spring semester.

Jill Stern, of Holly, was named to the Dean’s List at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Flint and Grand Blanc High School.

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**Jobseekers in Livingston County have new options**

**Livingston County — Jobseekers in Livingston County will have better access to One-Stop services thanks to a new initiative called SHARE Network Access Points. In its ongoing commitment to improve and expand services designed to meet the needs of area jobseekers, the Michigan Works! Livingston Service Center has launched this new initiative. SHARE Network Access Points are faith-based and community organizations where job seekers can go in their own neighborhoods or communities to look for jobs, assisted by trained individuals who connect them to the Michigan Works! One Stop System.**

At a SHARE Network Access Point, staff and volunteers will provide one-on-one help to jobseekers.

*By Sharon Stone*

**Where are the Access Points?**

- **Cromaine District Library** located at 3868 N. Hartland Rd. in the village of Hartland, and the **Howell Carnegie District Library** located at 314 W. Grand River in Howell are among the first Access Points to open. The new Access Point at Cromaine District Library will open on Nov. 22 and will be available to serve jobseekers from 1–3 p.m. The following week the library will expand the hours to include 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays. The Howell Carnegie Library Access Point will begin serving job seekers every Thursday from 5–7 p.m. beginning on Dec. 2.
- **Two other Access Points have also been selected and will be open soon. They are the Women’s Resource Center in Howell and St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Brighton. Hours will be posted on the Michigan Works! website www.lcmcw.org.**

**LF school board selects Foerster to fill vacant seat**

After being appointed, Foerster was sworn in at the regular board meeting Monday and stepped right into board duties.

“I’m excited,” said Foerster. “I’m glad to be back.”

Foerster knows there are several issues that will help him be working on, including the teachers’ contract, the contract with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and funding issues at the state level. “We’ve got a lot of new areas to look at,” he said.

**Fenton receives applications**

The city of Fenton has received around 40 resumes for the deputy public works director position. Longtime Director Les Blundard retired in January. City Manager Lynn Markland said he is reviewing the resumes.

**City to interview engineering firms**

Fenton has received proposals from firms for engineering services. It will interview several firms for the job, City Manager Lynn Markland said.

**Adelaide Street work wrapping up**

Construction on Adelaide Street is expected to wrap up for 2020. A portico—landscaping, said Fenton Department of Public Works Director Les Blundard. Work will start in the spring, for the portion of Adelaide Street north of Silver Lake Road. South of Silver Lake Road, the paving is completed, along with water main installation and road striping.

**City makes agreement with owners of Fairfield Inn by Marriott**

Representatives of the city of Fenton made an agreement with owners of the Fairfield Inn by Marriott, which is under construction on Silver Parkways by Home Depot. Fenton was in competition with the city of Battle Creek for the hotel, said City Manager Lynn Markland. The city met several times, working out an agreement where the owners will pay the full amount for water and sewer assessments, sewer bills, fire charges and other fees by credit or debit card. Residents soon will be able to pay taxes, debit card payments

**Tyrone to accept credit, debit card payments**

Residents soon will be able to pay taxes, assessors, sewer bills, fire charges and other fees by credit or debit card. Most credit card companies charge a fee to the business accepting credit card payments, Treasurer David Kurtz said. With Tyrone’s setup, credit card holders will pay a flat $3.95 fee. Paying by debit card will result in a $3.95 flat fee, while those using a credit card will pay 3.95 percent of the total bill, with a minimum charge of $3.95. It will take about six weeks to get the machine order, programmed and shipped to the township hall, according to an e-mail from J. P. Morgan Chase & Co. Co-op Debit, which is responsible for the machine the township needs, Kurtz said. Representatives from Chase will come to the township hall and set it up.

**Tyrone township clerk appointed to park board**

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees appointed Clerk Robert Kug to serve on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Commissioners. The action was taken Monday in response to K. C. Baran’s resignation from the parks board. Supervisor Bonnie Matts said the township needed to appoint someone to fill Baran’s position until 2021 and believed it should be a township officials. The board would then appoint another person to fill the three-year seat that will expire in 2023. Trustee Tony Brown agreed to be the alternate.

**Sheriff receives national award**

Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard was recently recognized by the American Police Hall of Fame, as an Honor Award Recipient for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service. Bouchard runs one of the nation’s largest sheriff’s offices, overseeing 1,100 employees and managing a budget of more than $120 million. For more than 40 years, the American Police Hall of Fame National Award Program has recognized the positive actions of law enforcement officers and citizens who help police. The American Police Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1960 to honor law enforcement officials killed in the line of duty. Their memorials in the entitled with the names of more than 8,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty, nationwide.

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Thank you, Judy from Holly, MI

A: Judy, this could indicate a problem with your fuel level sending unit not reading correctly. The only way to tell this is to drop the tank and compare how much fuel is in the tank to how much the gauge reads. The other problem could be a failing fuel pump. It may draw air in when the level gets too low causing this problem. The sender and pump can be serviced separately but if you end up replacing the pump it comes with the sender automatically.

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Amber Gearhart works with James Fenton to string lights on the trees near the gazebo in Linden.

**Students, volunteers decorate downtown Linden**

*By Sharon Stone*

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Linden — Several Linden High School students helped to make downtown a bit brighter for the upcoming holiday season. Early Saturday morning, while other teens were likely sleeping in, the students arrived at the VFW parking lot and helped string Christmas lights on trees and the gazebo. The students worked under the supervision of Linden City Manager Christopher Wren as well as Marguerite Plumb and her group of adult volunteers.

Students helping out on Saturday, included Amber Gearhart, James Fenton, Tommy Bitterman, Kevin Walicki, Miguel Mereles, Zack Steele, Gareth Elliott and Brad Farthing.

Mitchell Ford, 15, of Hartland, scored this 10-point buck while bow hunting with his father, Aaron.

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**I REALLY FEEL** sorry for those people who bought brand new cars. They have the new radios, stereos and telephones in them, but didn’t have the money to get the option of directional signals. Please use your directional signals.

**WE LIVE IN** a subdivision in Fenton. On Nov. 13, our granddaughter was walking in the woods behind our home and came upon a 4-point buck that had been shot. Deer hunting had not started yet, and there is no hunting in the city. When we find out who you are, we will turn you in.

**SOMEONE IS VANDALIZING** the mailboxes on Carmer Road. They are throwing big rocks at them. I just hired someone to replace my mailbox and post a month ago at more than $100. Last Friday, they did it again and damaged my new one. Does anyone know anything about this?

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN** Cross for being named to the Linden Hall of Fame. You deserve it. There is nothing that you haven’t done for this town. Thank you, John.

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**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.
PATERNITY LAW
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do not recognize Quinn as Maeliegh’s father, since she was conceived while Maeliegh’s mother was legally married to another man. Michigan law says that the husband is the presumed father if his wife becomes pregnant and has a child. Court-ordered DNA testing verified that Quinn is the biological father to Maeliegh.

Quinn, and his attorney Gregory Rohl, believe the paternity law in Michigan is archaic, it aided in the kidnapping of Quinn’s daughter and it placed her in harm’s way. They are reaching out to legislators to amend the law so that the rights of biological fathers can be recognized by the courts.

Quinn said his daughter, Maeliegh, and her mother lived with him until Maeliegh was 2 years old. Maeliegh’s mother was estranged from her husband at the time. She then moved, with Maeliegh and her two other children to Ohio to be with her husband.

Arrested, charged and eventually convicted of drug-trafficking charges in Ohio and Kentucky, the presumed father was sentenced to three years of prison in Ohio and one year in Kentucky. Maeliegh’s mother is on probation. Maeliegh was placed in the care of the presumed father’s parents in Kentucky.

Learning that the court in Michigan would not make an exception to the law for what he believes is a unique case, Quinn is focusing his attention on amending the law so that the courts would recognize him as Maeliegh’s father.

State Rep. Matt Lori (R-Constantine) introduced a bill to amend the paternity act in July. The proposed bill is under committee review. Rep. Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc) has offered his support to Quinn.

Quinn said he has been in contact with Steve Bieda, (D-Warren) state senator elect. To his understanding, Bieda is making it a priority to get a hearing on this act after he takes office. “The law took her dad away, she’s fatherless,” said Quinn.

“I find it disturbing that a state law would tie the hands of our judges from protecting the best interest of a child.”

Bieda said, he met with Quinn and is intrigued by this situation. “It tugs at your heartstrings,” he said.

“I’m looking at avenues to address it so that it won’t happen again.”

As a senator elect, Bieda said he is looking into the law and preparing a bill he hopes to introduce in January or February. He added that he is very aware that amending a law does not only affect one individual, but potentially many individuals.

For now, Bieda is seeking support from fellow legislators and building interest.

“I think we can come up with a solution that is fair to all,” he said.
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Entree Forms available at SLP & R offices, City of Fenton, Cycle Fit, Fenton Regional Chamber www.fentonchamber.com and online at slp.net

BELLY DANCING
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She also dances with giant, sweeping wings, swords and finger cymbals, depending on the music she has selected for her own choreographed dance.

Lobb began belly dancing as a form of exercise through a community education program 15 years ago, while living on the East Coast.

“I finally figured out what I wanted to be ‘when I grew up,’” she said. “I was interested in the exercise benefits, and then fell in love with the art form. Now, I’m passionate about it, it’s my life. It’s also a healthy outlet for stress relief.”

Not only did belly dancing change her life, it also brought her to her husband. She met Stephen Lobb, a Royal Oak native, at one of her shows, while she was living in New York City. Today, he remains her biggest fan.

Lobb’s stage name, Azziza, means “dear” in Arabic. She performs at a variety of venues — sometimes solo, other times with her partner, Maya, as part of “Belly Dolls.” She recently finished a contract dancing at the MGM Casino in Detroit, and has danced on both U.S. coasts — from Los Angeles to New York.

Belly dancing has also taken her to Cairo, Egypt, where she was offered a three-month contract, which she turned down for family and patriotic reasons. She has been most flattered by being asked by Arabic women in West Bloomfield to teach them the art, so that they could belly dance at parties. “I’m hoping that this will open the doors for me to perform at more Arabic weddings,” she said.

Her most unusual venue was a show at Grand Central Station in New York City for commuters catching the trains.

Lobb has a soft spot for senior citizens, who are often her most enthusiastic audience. She recently performed at Lockwood of Fenton, and Abbey Park, near Genesys Regional Medical Center, asks her back “again and again,” she said.

“What’s special about dancing for seniors is that they allow me to practice my art, and become a better dancer.”

She teaches belly dancing in Fenton, Grand Blanc and Berkley and hopes to add classes in Flint. Most of her students are women, but she has had an occasional male. “My teacher in New York was an Egyptian male who danced in a folkloric group,” said Lobb, who holds a teaching certificate from the Egyptian Academy of Oriental Dance in New York City.

While most women in their 30s start worrying about having “muffin tops” spilling out of their jeans, Lobb, with a toned and trim midriff, has no such concerns. “I’m more worried about ‘jean marks’ that show on my belly — I have to be very careful about wearing jeans before I perform,” she said, with a smile.
Tips from the Mayo Clinic to reduce stress

• Acknowledge your feelings. If someone close to you has recently died or you can’t be with loved ones, realize that it’s normal to feel sadness and grief. It’s OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can’t force yourself to be happy just because it’s the holiday season.

• Reach out. If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.

• Be realistic. The holidays don’t have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones. For example, if adult children can’t visit, find new ways to celebrate, such as sharing pictures, e-mails or videotapes.

• Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don’t live up to all your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And, be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes wrong. Chances are, they’re feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too.

• Stick to a budget. Before gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to it. Don’t try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts. Try alternatives such as donating to a charity in someone’s name, giving homemade gifts or starting a family gift exchange.

• Plan ahead. Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan menus and then make your shopping list. That’ll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And, make sure to line up help for party prep and cleanup.

• Learn to say no. Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can’t participate in every project or activity. If it’s not possible to say no when your boss asks you to work overtime, try to remove something else from your agenda to make up for the lost time.

• Don’t abandon healthy habits. Don’t let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence adds to stress and guilt. Have a healthy snack before holiday parties so you don’t go overboard on sweets, cheese or drinks. Continue to get plenty of sleep and physical activity.

• Take a breather. Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Take a walk at night and stargaze. Listen to soothing music. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm.

• Seek professional help if needed. Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to a doctor or mental health professional.

Source: www.mayoclinic.com

STRESS

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realistic, planning and seeking support can help.

The bending, balancing and stretching of yoga helps Marjie Andrejciw, of Circle of Life Nutrition in Fenton, reduce holiday stress. When she needs to relax and “let it go,” Andrejciw heads to Ethos Yoga, in Holly.

Just knowing she will be relaxing with a yoga class in the evening “makes the whole day better,” Andrejciw said. “Sometimes, you’re just so tense, it’s hard to let it go.”

The deep, mindful breathing and exercises release tension in the body. It doesn’t matter which type of yoga class it is. It’s beneficial to go to a class, focus on that for an hour and breathe, she said.

Staff at the Mayo Clinic advises people to recognize and disarm common holiday “triggers,” before they can lead to a meltdown. These can include—depending on each individual — relationships or facing holidays without a loved one, finances/added expenses and physical demands/feeling exhausted.

The Mayo Clinic recommends taking steps to prevent stress and depression, before they deflate one’s holidays (see sidebar). Some planning and positive thinking can make the holidays more enjoyable.

In addition, there are some natural remedies to help combat holiday stress. Andrejciw said GABA, a neurotransmitter, is “our body’s own natural Valium.” When someone is stressed, be or she tends to use more GABA than usual. The amino acid is available in a health food store, in capsule form, and helps take the “edge” off stressful situations.

“It has a very calming effect on the body,” she said.

A magnesium supplement is another option. Like GABA, the body uses more of it when someone feels stressed. Magnesium supplements, available in capsule or powder form, have a very calming effect.

Taking a bath with Epsom salts, which contain magnesium, also has a relaxing effect. Epsom salts, which cost around $2.50 for a half-gallon container, are very inexpensive and contain magnesium sulfate, Andrejciw said. For adults, add two to four cups of Epsom salts to a warm bath. People absorb the magnesium through their skin.

“It creates that calmness, and it’s very softening to the skin,” she said. Or, a cup of chamomile tea is very relaxing.

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Black Friday
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Thirteen years ago, Nelson and her three sisters began a tradition by getting together to go out shopping the day after Thanksgiving. Since one of the sisters lives out of town, Nelson and the other two head north so that their sister doesn’t have to drive in the snow by herself.

And Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nelson and two of her sisters pack the car, kiss their families good-bye and begin their next adventure. The women make a weekend of it and treasure their time together.

Nelson and her sisters collect every sale ad they can and plot their plan of action after they settle in at the hotel. The sisters’ strategy sometimes has them together and other times they separate so they can hit more stores in less time.

They have one store they always go to first and expect to wait outside in snow. “It’s always cold,” said Nelson. “But, we meet a lot of interesting people.”

Before she began this tradition, Nelson admits she used to think Black Friday shoppers were nuts. “But now, it’s a lot of fun.”

As the day can become hectic, the unexpected adds to the sisters’ list of funny occurrences. Nelson said they will never forget the time when one of the sisters walked in, used a men’s restroom and never realized it, even after she exited.

Their mother went last year, but because the day is long and exhausting, she chose not to go this year. The sisters do plan on helping their mom this year by picking up some of the items on her shopping list.

With tired feet and another year’s worth of memories, Nelson heads home Sunday night. As for deals, Nelson said they do find some good ones. “I’m a good bargain shopper,” she said.

The sisters keep track, unofficially, of who was the best Black Friday shopper either by getting the biggest percentage off their purchase, were able to use the most coupons or got a great buy. “We know,” Nelson said.

Hope Pollard Stebbins, of Fenton, also loves shopping the day after Thanksgiving. She’s gone to various shopping malls over the years, but this year, she decided to try the outlet mall in Birch Run.

In preparation, she plans to take a nap after the big dinner before she takes the drive. She sets an alarm in case she falls asleep in the car as she waits for the stores to open. “They open at midnight. I’m there,” she said.

“We go until we drop.”

As she heads back home, Pollard Stebbins will visit the local stores with hopes of finishing a successful day. Her advice to others on the busiest shopping day of the year is to, “Just go out and have fun.”

Pollard Stebbins has learned some important lessons over the years about shopping on Black Friday. She said, oftentimes, she’ll have to go back to an item that she is searching for. This can be frustrating, since most stores will have a limited number in stock. She’s found that if she’s not in or near the front of the line, she won’t have the opportunity to buy that planned item.

Still needing items for some family members, Pollard Stebbins will head out looking for deals. One must-have item on her list this year for one of her grandchil-dren is a small handheld game, which includes a camera.

Despite the long lines, sore feet and lack of sleep — these shoppers all agree — Black Friday shopping is just plain fun.
**C-section not done to avoid labor pain**

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am in the eighth month of my first pregnancy. I’ve met a woman who is experiencing a C-section. She said it’s quick and painless. I never considered this and wonder about her wisdom. What would you recommend? Does having a C-section mean all future deliveries have to be done the same way? -- K.M.

ANSWER: Cesarean sections can be life-saving for the infant and for the mother. The reasons for having one don’t include speed of delivery simply for speed’s sake or for avoiding labor pain. You realize that a C-section involves surgical incisions, which, after the anesthesia wears off, are painful. And you realize that you have to recuperate from this operation as you would from any operation. Furthermore, all surgery involves potential dangers and complications. Serious bleeding is always possible. The uterus can become infected. Injuries to other pelvic organs can occur. Natural childbirth is painful, but the pain can be minimized in a number of effective ways. I believe you’ll be surprised at how tolerable childbirth is. As for your second concern, that’s nonsense. True, second deliveries after a C-section can be vaginal deliveries, depending on some important circumstances. One of these is where the incision for the section was made. Have you discussed this with your doctor? Do so. I’ll be surprised if the doctor agrees to a C-section solely to avoid pain and speed delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Our 22-year-old granddaughter has developed an uncontrollable giggling. She giggles before, during and after everything she says. Each time we talk to her, she giggles and her frequency gets worse. It is basically shy and appears to be nervous, and says she is not consciously aware of her giggling. She says her friends have remarked on this, too. Is this a tic disorder? Is there something a doctor can do to help her? Is there medication? -- S.N.

ANSWER: Underlying anxiety, stress, shyness and social phobia set in motion reflex defenses for people who harbor these traits. It’s their way of coping with situations that generate discomfort. It’s not a tic, although both are somewhat similar. Both are managed in different ways. I would first talk to the young lady in a compassionate way and tell her that this behavior is interpreted by people and that she should make a conscious effort to suppress the giggling. Only if the giggling cannot be controlled and only if it’s severe to her would I consider referring her to medical help. For a few, there are treatments that can control anxiety and phobias, but a trial of self-treatment should come first.

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

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**I’M STILL HERE**

Documenting Joaquin Phoenix’s transition from the acting world to a career as an aspiring rapper, this film is a portrayal of a tumultuous year in Phoenix’s life. With remarkable access, the documentary follows the Oscar-nominee as he announces his retirement from a successful film career in the fall of 2008 and sets off to reinvent himself as a hip-hop musician. The film is a portrait of an artist at a crossroads and explores notions of courage and creative reinvention, as well as the recollections of a life spent in the public eye.

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**FLIPPED**

Two eighth graders start to have feelings for each other whenever possible. Readers may write or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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**Theme: Adoption**

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**Times Midweek**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2010**

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TRI-COUNTY FINAL TOP FIVE TEAMS FALL EDITION

This is going to be a really tough final five to do. Why? We had plenty of teams post impressive regular seasons, but there weren’t many great postseason runs. The Fenton varsity football team did the exact opposite, putting together only a reasonably decent regular season, but a great postseason. The Tigers’ postseason run not only helps their cause, but it also helps Linden and Holly football’s causes. Consequently, for the first time in a long time, there are some football teams in the mix.

**No. 5 - Fenton swim - At or near No. 1 all fall, the Tigers finished 20th in the state meet, hurting their chances of taking the top spot in our poll. No one has come close to beating them in the Metro and probably won’t in the near future as well.**

**Others that challenged for this fifth spot were both Linden and Fenton cross country teams and the Holly varsity boys tennis team. Of the four Metro championship teams listed here, Fenton’s swimmers had six swimmers make second-day swims at what was one of the fastest state swim meets in Michigan history, giving them the nod over the other three.**

No. 4 - Fenton volleyball

The Tigers had a third straight undefeated Metro League season. The Tigers weren’t able to get through districts, but no other area non-football team did, either which helps their cause. Until someone proves otherwise, the Metro title runs through Fenton.

No. 3 - Linden football: Football teams have spent hardly any time in the top five all fall long. However, with the so-so state showings by the entire area’s teams except for football, the Eagles’ Metro League championship season elevates them to the No. 3 spot. The Eagles’ top two rivals, however, are both Fenton teams, but Fenton’s postseason playoff would have to go very well for the Metro title to run through Fenton.

See FALL on 20

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**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**Q When was the last time the Red Wings scored at least 10 goals in a regular season game?**

A It’s been awhile. On Dec. 2, 1995 the Wings beat the Montreal Canadiens 11-1. The starting keeper for Montreal was eventual Wings’ rival Patrick Roy.

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**Fenton swimmers place 20th at state**

By David Troppens dtroppens@ctimes.com

Ypsilanti — Haley Shaw wasn’t too happy.

Tied for 16th in the preliminaries with Holland’s Bri Post, the Fenton sophomore was forced to compete in a swim-off during the Division 2 State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships, to earn her spot in Saturday’s consolation finals.

While not happy with having the extra race, she was thrilled with the results.

Shaw became the only Fenton individual swimmer to earn a spot in the second day of the state meet held at Eastern Michigan University, breaking the 1:00 barrier in the process, with a time of 59.58 seconds. She also won the race.

Shaw’s individual effort in the 100 backstroke was one of four that Fenton had competitors in during Saturday’s second day, eventually resulting in the team’s 20th-place team finish.

Shaw’s swim-off performance may have been the highlight for the entire Fenton team.

“It hurt a lot, but it was really awesome,” Shaw said about her victory in the swim-off, the only known state swim-off involving a Fenton participant in school history. “I just really wanted to break that minute really bad. I just pushed myself harder than I have ever before.

“I was angry (having to swim again), though. I was not happy about that.”

Swim-offs are only offered during the preliminaries of the state meet. If there is a tie for eighth or 16th place, then the people involved in the tie must compete for their spots.

In Shaw’s case, if she lost, she wouldn’t have made it to the second day in the backstroke.

**Holly at state**

The Holly swim team also had four competitors in two events during the first day at the Division 2 state meet. For more information on their performances, read Sunday’s edition or go to ctimes.com.

But she led the entire race and won. She eventually placed 14th overall at the meet, with a time of 1:00.34 in the consolation finals on Saturday.

“She likes to race,” Fenton coach Brad Jones said. “I felt pretty good going into (the swim-off), knowing what type of swimmer she is. I knew Haley would be tough to beat.

It was a fun stage to show that off. Not as fun to have to swim twice, but that’s the kind of swimmer Haley is.”

The rest of the Tigers had their share of success All three relays made it to the consolation.

See SWIMMERS on 20

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**Fenton struggles vs. Bobcats**

By Al Zipsie azipsie@ctimes.com

Burton Fenton was a scoring machine last season, spoiling the Tiger hockey faithful with the offense they produced.

In this season’s opener, it was Fenton who was shut out by Grand Blanc. Grand Blanc won the non-league clash 6-0 on Saturday at Ice Mountain.

Last year, the Tigers won the Metro League championship with an unbeaten record before losing to Powers in the districts. Fenton lost much of their scoring power to graduation and are now a work in progress, at least to start the season.

Grand Blanc had only a 21-18 lead on shots on goal. However, the Bobcats capitalized on scoring chances, and held the Tigers from getting on the scoreboard. The Bobcats had two goals in each of the three periods and goalkeepers Jacob Neil and Mitchell Behm combined to post the shutout.

Fenton goalie sophomore Joe Foguth was a victim of the Grand Blanc offensive attack.

“The shots were pretty even. We have to improve on starting early and staying in the game, or we start pressing,” said Fenton coach Matt Kruezak. “We lost a lot of offense from last year. These guys are willing to learn and work hard. It’s just a matter of executing. We are still experimenting with different lines.

The bright spot is we have some young kids that played good.”

Grand Blanc scored early in the game when Trevor Gardner-Brown scored a power-play goal with an assist from Jose Reeder to start the scoring.

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tion finals during the second day. All three had to fight for those spots during the prelims.

The Tigers capped the meet with their best relay of the weekend during the 400 freestyle relay. The team of Gabrielle Haarajo, Deanna Hooper, Haley Shaw and Kendall Mykieluk posted a season-best time of 3:40.87 in the event, taking 12th place. The team qualified by taking 16th in the prelims with a time of 3:44.04.

The squad placed 13th in the 200 medley relay to open up the event’s second day. The team of Shaw, Sara Wujciak, Mykieluk and Haarajo took 13th with a consolation finals time of 1:54.18. The team posted a time of 1:54.65 in the preliminaries.

Finally, the 200 freestyle relay team of Haarajoa, Wujciak, Kelsey Kidd and Hooper snuck into the consolation finals with 16th spot in the preliminaries. They recorded a time of 1:43.50 in the prelims. But in the finals, they improved one spot, taking 15th with a time of 1:43.11.

“We had a much better second day,” Jones said. “We had all our relays swim during the second day in what probably was the most competitive field any state meet has ever seen. We made significant improvements, especially in the 400 (freestyle relay), with a four-second drop.

Only two of the state participants were seniors, meaning the other four Tigers that competed got great experience for the future. Haarajo, who suffered a sprained ankle and torn ligaments during the season, is only a freshman, as is Wujciak.

“It was an incredible experience,” Haarajo said. “It was different. It was a big meet and it was cool to see all the fast swimmers and get a taste of it for next year.

“I had the best time, and everything was so great. I had a lot of pride being able to swim for my school. It was a great experience.”

“We had two freshmen, one sophomore and a junior, so it was a great experience for those girls,” Jones said. “They got that second-day experience. This eliminates all that jittery stuff that comes with the state meet. They already got a chance to stand on the podium.”

Wujciak, Mykieluk and Shaw had other individual events that they didn’t qualify for the second day. Wujciak placed 22nd in the 200 IM (2:15.68), while Shaw placed 27th in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.36) during the prelims. Mykieluk capped a great varsity career, taking 25th in the 500 freestyle (5:19.69) and 32nd in the 200 freestyle (2:01.29). Shaw also competed in the 400 freestyle, taking 23rd (55.49).

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run is what got Linden at No. 3. It created out-of-conference legitimacy for the entire Metro League, including Linden, a team that beat Fenton, by the way.

No. 2 - Holly boys soccer - The Holly boys soccer team won its first ever Metro League title by pretty much cruising the field, finishing unbeaten in league play. The Bronchos didn’t advance in the state tourney series, but did have some strong results during the regular season against good squads. Even just an opening win in districts probably would’ve put them No. 1 on this list.

No. 1 - Fenton football - The Tigers were a so-so 6-3 at the end of the regular season, sporting losses to Linden and Holly. Their chances of making this list were about one percent about a month ago. But being the only area team to establish themselves as one of the top programs in their division in the state playoffs has its perks. Two playoff wins against Midland schools were not only important to Fenton, but the Metro in general. And without the district title, there would be no football teams in this top five.

Fenton’s Houston Shaw

lead to 5-0 on an assist from Hunter Moran. Moran capped the scoring with 6:03 left. Fenton kept working hard but failed to get in its first goal of the new season.

“Grand Blanc got a chance, and we got off to a tough start,” said Fenton captain T.J. Polakowski. “It was a combination of a good Grand Blanc defense and our lack of offense. Coach said we need to dump the puck in deep.

“Last year, the team had so much offense and we won the league unbeaten. I still think we have a good team with a lot of speed, and feel like we can be a team that can score.”

Fenton hopes to get on track against Lapeer East, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. at the Hartland Sports Center.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES  DAVID TROPPENS (Above) Holly’s Courtney Konopelski (left) prepares to dive in the pool at almost the same time as Fenton’s Deanna Hooper dives into it during the Division 2 Girls Swimming and Diving Championships. (Right) Fenton’s Sara Wujciak competes in the 200 individual medley.

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Foguth made a nice chest save and held the Bobcats in check until Wyatt Grahn scored in heavy traffic with 1:11 left in the first period for a 2-0 lead. Raine Petrich found the net for a 3-0 Bobcats’ lead at the 10:49 mark of the second period. Fenton had some power play situations, but couldn’t generate any offense from there. Eventually, Ryan McElroy scored for Grand Blanc with 1:45 left in the second period on a rebound shot after a breakaway. The Bobcats led 4-0 entering the final period.

In the early stages of the last period, Kellen Sequin, who had two assists, built the
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
CREATION OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
DISTRICT FOR THE PRIVATE ROAD,
WILLIAMS DRIVE, IN ROSE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING is to hear objections to a petition submitted to the Rose Township Board of Trustees for the creation of a special assessment district for maintenance of the private road known as Williams Drive. The petition has been determined to be sufficient (contains the signatures of property owners representing greater than 50% of the road frontage on Williams Drive). The proposed special assessment district includes all properties having an ownership interest in Williams Drive. The estimated cost of performing the requested road maintenance is $3,800.00 plus a 3% administration fee and township costs associated for the first year and subsequent years. A copy of the cost estimate is available for inspection at the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan.

Property owners may appeal the assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal if an appearance is made at the hearing at which the special assessment roll is confirmed. Appearance can be made in person or by mail and can be made by an agent for the property owner.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that notices be published in the Flint Press and Right to Know for a period of at least thirty (30) days from the publication to be sent to the last known mailing address of the debtor or their designee, to: Gezim Gjoni, or his designee for the receiver appointed by this Court for Plaintiff.

Prepared by:
I. L. Hayman
Circuit Court Judge

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PRESENT: ARCHIE L. HAYMAN, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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The present notice is to be published in the local paper with the number listed below.

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