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STORY: ALCOHOL **ENERGY DRINKS 11 am happy** to

see this action taking place. Young people have enough to maneuver

without





oping energy drinks that they so often feel they need, with added alcohol. Even worse is the advertising plan these companies developed, packaging these drinks in such a way as to attract the young, by making the packaging appeal to the eye of our youth, enticing them into addiction, all for the sake of money.

– Sherrie F.

ONLINE COMMENT: SIDEWALKS FRENCH LAUNDRY

For 'Richard the Lionhearteds' information, the sidewalks leading up to The French Laundry's front door were replaced due to the fact the new ones put in at the crosswalk corner were 2 inches lower than the rest of the sidewalk. They obviously needed to be replaced,

so one

would not hurt

selves



It had nothing to do with The French Laundry costing the taxpayers money. Get the facts before you blame." – Anonymous



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keep it?

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Dr. Infernal delights Dickens audience

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Get ready for the next generation of 911 calls

Photos, videos and texts could be possible

By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 If you find yourself in an emergency situation and want to send a text for help, you can pretty much text anyone except a 911-call center, according to Julius Genachowski, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This needs to change.

See 911 on 12



more than 237 million 911 calls every year, or about 650,000 per day, 450,000 of which are made from mobile phones.

City outlines strategies for parks and recreation

Some ideas expensive, may not be feasible

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com Fenton — The city has its new Parks and **Recreation Master Plan** for 2011-15, and officials are hoping for grant money to help make ideas reality.

The Fenton Parks and Recreation Board approved the plan at its last meeting, and city council approved it on See STRATEGIES on 13

Summary

Fenton has approved its Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2011-15, which will go to the state for its approval. After that, the city will be able to apply for grants to help carry out proposals in its plan.

The principal in your building is the person who helps your teacher help you learn. "My job is to help principals to help teachers, to help students learn." See GOALS on 11

to help you learn.

will be held every Saturday through Dec. 18, from 1 to 6 p.m.

By Sharon Stone

By Anna Troppens

Summary

Fenton Area

Public Schools' new

superintendent, Dr.

Timothy Jalkanen,

is busy working on

and the school

community.

student achievement

budget, in addition to

becoming part of the

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Lawrence William Frasier was

charged with one count of felonious

assault, stemming from a hunting

incident in Argentine Township on

Tuesday, Nov. 16. Frasier, 68, of Bur-

ton, was to be in Genesee County's

progressing well on goals

Fenton—When an elementary school

teacher introduces Dr. Timothy Jalkanen

to a class, the question often is, "What

does a superintendent do?" Jalkanen

has given the explanation a number of

times, "You know your teacher is here

Board: Superintendent

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67th District Court on Tuesday for his preliminary hearing; however, he did not show up as required.

Doctor Infernal (Tom Ray of Romulus) entertains at the Holly Dickens Festival during his Saturday afternoon

performance. He made the audience laugh using a 6-foot bullwhip and juggling fire. The Dickens Festival

his arrest was authorized.

Dan Allen said he and police officer Theresa Walters responded to a call

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Hunter charged with felonious assault in Argentine Township

As a result, a bench warrant for

Argentine Township Police Chief

in the 14000 block of Bird Road at 11 a.m. on Nov. 16.

Frasier was hunting on the Bird Road property, without the permission of the owner, according to what the owner reported to police. When the owner and his friend asked Frasier to See HUNTER on 13

Countdown to Christmas begins today

DVDs &

Movies

Short write-ups

on DVDs and movies

released this week.

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Advent calendars come in all sizes and shapes — even high tech

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Now that the calendar has officially turned the page from No vember to December, the countdown to Christmas 2010 begins. Today's Advent calendars can be found in many different formats - from religious to secular, all with the idea of counting down the days until Christmas. Traditional wooden Advent calendars popularized in Germany in the 19th century have now been See **ADVENT** on 13



An Advent calendar is a popular way of counting down the days to Christmas. Throughout the movie, "National Lampoon Christmas Vacation" there is an Advent calendar that is opened from time to time, revealing what day of December it is.





SMART HOLIDAY SOLUTIONS



Keep watch in the kitchen

The kitchen is a busy place from Thanksgiving through the holiday season. Never leave anything cooking unattended, not even for a minute. Turn pot handles inward so that little hands can't grab them. And keep your kitchen and your cooking area free of clutter to avoid unnecessary accidents.



Walk around your home and move candles away from anything that can burn. Store matches and lighters away from children and be sure to blow out candles before you leave the room or go to sleep. Never leave a burning candle unattended.

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More than 90 percent of households now use a mobile phone, but only 25 percent have dropped their land-

line.

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

"For me, it's something I've always had. I don't give it a lot of thought because I don't spend a lot of money on it." **Tim Ransberger** *landline user*

Favorite

family photos print-

ed on mugs and purses make great

personalized Christmas gifts. (Top,

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center) Pewter ornaments from Sawyer

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alized message, thanks to laser engraving

Mobile phone service a \$156 billion of mobile phone chatter, year. Does it still make se

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per year business It may surprise you, but 25 percent of U.S. households do not have home telephone service, anymore. This is up from about 8 percent in 2005. These figures are from The Cellular

figures are from The Cellular Telephone Industries Association (CTIA), a non-profit group of wireless telephone companies. According to the CTIA, 93

According to the CTIA, 93 percent of U.S. households use cell phones. Americans used 2.26 trillion minutes as of June 2010, which is up 1 trillion since 2005. This is the equivalent of 54 years of mobile phone chatter, in one year. Does it still make sense to keep a land telephone line? "It's purely up to them," said Tim Bancharter of

Landline

said Tim Ransberger of Charter Communications. Charter is one company still making a profit from landlines. Ransberger said, personally, he still has a landline, and that the use of a landline is generational. His sons, in their early 20s, use cell phones almost exclusively. He uses a mobile phone, but the first thing he checks at home is See LANDLINE on 10

Personalized Christmas Merry Christmas Cheryl

The most thoughtful ones to give and receive

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 A family portrait isn't just for hanging on the wall. Family photos can turn into thoughtful and personalized ornaments, mugs, jewelry, calendars — even purses, blankets and chocolates. Now is the time to do something special with the photos that you have stored away in albums or kept hidden

in your digital library, for a personal

gift this Christmas. See **PERSONALIZED** on 11



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Agonizing choice for any parent

Have you heard that prominent Muslim leadership from Asia, Africa, and Europe, along with the leaders of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Pakistan, Indonesia, Turkey, Afghanistan, and Iraq, denounced violence in the name of Islam and issued a statement, signed by each one of them, declaring that 'murder of innocents at any time, for any reason, is never justified and violates the teachings of Islam and Muhammed.'

No? That's because it never happened, and, likely never will. Because that is not how the leaders feel. But, that doesn't mean that average 'working Moe' Muslim feels that way.

In the latest attack perpetrated by a Muslim, who was convinced that murdering innocent Americans gathered to light a Christmas tree in Portland, Oregon would provide him an unlimited supply of virgins in the afterlife, it's important to note that while Muslim leadership leaves a lot to be desired, it's likely that average American Muslims are the real heroes in this story.

The FBI was alerted to 19-yearold Somali-born Mohamed Osman Mohamud's increasingly violent jihadist outlook on the evils of America by a family member. Sources say that Mohamud had quarreled with his family and felt 'betrayed' that they didn't agree with his radical rantings. It appears that one or both of his parents were the patriots who alerted the FBI to his possible massmurder plans.

And while it may seem like a no-brainer to 'drop a dime' on a possible terrorist, you have to factor in the agony any parent would face when gathering the courage to make a non-cancellable phone call that will likely result in the loss of their son from their life. In the end, the parents made the right choice — the agonizing choice — knowing the result would be the loss of their son forever.

As a parent, I can sympathize with that.

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TIMES MIDWEEK

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JUST A QUESTION to ponder, why is it so wild and crazy that Sarah Palin be a presidential candidate? She has executive decision experience, has run a state, and has a longer resume than Obama, and yet he was elected. I admit she isn't the best choice, but couldn't be any worse than what is going on now.

THE SIDEWALK ALSO

leads to Rockwell Assisted Living, the dentist office, and the house on the corner. What is your issue with The French Laundry? It's a successful, viable business, which draws clientele from many surrounding communities. Would you rather have a vacant storefront? Focus on the positive, you'll feel better.

I DON'T LIKE the tag line. I tried to 'get closer' with my neighbor, and she slapped the crap out of me.

HEY, HOT LINE friend, I like Linden, too. Linden is the place to be.

HERE'S AN IDEA, how about positive Hot lines until after the holidays? Then, you can go back to complaining.

TO THE PERSON who sideswiped my truck at Merchant's on Thanksgiving Day, I know who you are. I have you on the video surveillance camera.

TO THE JOGGER on Sunday, you walked by a car parked in front of a locked gate that had a no trespassing sign. You went under the gate to run at 5:30 in the evening on property that is not yours. On your way out, you set off the car alarm. Remember, trespassing is illegal. Run on public pathways.

SHAME ON THOSE of you who are bashing the 16-plus year teacher. Parents need to raise their own children, and not leave it up to the schools. Parents are their child's first and best teachers. Social skills, morals, values, and the ability to get along should be taught at home, first, and then reinforced in school. Parents, it's time to step up to the plate. Let the schools

educate, not raise your kids,

WHO CARES IF a brewery is built within 500 feet of a church. What type of threat does a business, which will bring in tax revenue, pose to a church? Do you think drunk people will barge in during services or something? Think before you become angry over a business that will be great for downtown.

TO THE PEOPLE who still believe that the price of oil is set by the oil companies, nothing could be further from the truth. I beg you to become better informed. Google New York Merchantile Exchange and learn how crude oil is priced on the open market. Anybody can buy and sell futures contracts for crude oil. This is how the price is set. It's no different from the price of GM stock.

'I HAVE A cold. Clearly, there is no one to blame but Barack Obama' if you believe Foster Childs.

INSTEAD OF ROUNDABOUTS and fancy streetlights, we need to fix some of the sidewalks in Fenton. Where I live, two elderly people have tripped and fallen, and have serious injuries because the sidewalks are sticking up 3 or 4 inches. It's time to start fixing this stuff.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



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Throw your hands up in the air

'I throw my hands up in the air, sometimes, saying AYO, baby let's go.'

That is exactly what I did when my grandsons Brennan, 8, Mack, 6, and Noah, 4, came to visit for the Thanksgiving holiday last week. My daughter borrowed my car while I was working last Wednesday, so the crew picked me up from work that evening. We were all in a happy mood, looking forward to the upcoming family time.

As we were driving home, a song came on, the radio, titled, 'Dynomite,' that included the above lyrics. All three of my grandsons, in the back seat, began singing the lyrics (word for word) and throwing their hands up in the air as they sang, swaying to the music. Before I knew it, I was singing right along with them, throwing my hands up in the air as well. The lyrics were catchy, and pretty soon I was feeling quite happy.

When is the last time you just threw your hands up in the air and sang your heart out, just for the sheer joy of singing? That song set the mood for the entire holiday, and I enjoyed the visit with the quite rambunctious trio. I didn't worry about all the food I had to cook. All I had to do was throw my hands up in the air and sing — and enjoy the moment with the people I love the most.

Christmas Coloring Contest

Speaking about children and having fun, it's time to prepare for the Christmas holiday season. Getting in the spirit, the Times is sponsoring its annual Christmas Coloring Contest. Look for the picture in the Sunday, Dec. 5 edition.

There are three age groups, 3-11, 6-8, and 9-11. Prizes will be awarded for each age in the groups.

The deadline to return the pictures is 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17. Winners will be announced in the Sunday, Dec. 26 edition.

So, kids, get out the crayons, markers and share your artistic talents with the staff here at the Times.

For the adults, just throw your hands up in the air and sing a little. You'll feel really good.

Enjoy your week.

Comments on this column can be made on-line at www.tctimes, or to cdennison@tctimes.com. Hot line comments can be made by calling (810) 629-9221.

streettalk

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

Criminal Defense



"Focus, and follow through with my thoughts."

Marcia Vamossy Fenton



"I would want to be more like Christ."

— Debra Holland Fenton



"More patience and thicker hair."

— Marie Thomas

Fenton



"I'd like to be more confident."

"If I could change one

family oriented."

thing, I'd like to be more

– Taileah Vanetten

Fenton



"More outgoing and try to help others."

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Linden council gives nod to **'Complete Streets' concept**

By Sharon Stone

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Linden — The Linden City Council unanimously approved a resolution last Monday, which would incorporate "Complete Streets" into its policies and practices.

Summary

►Linden City is Complete Streets is a conon board with the cept to incorporate planning, concept "Complete design, construction, recon-Streets," a national struction and maintenance of movement to make the transportation network streets safer for all to improve travel conditions of its users.

Linden City has joined a national movement to make streets safer for all of its users. Safe and Active Genesee for Everyone (SAGE), and its membership worked with the city of Linden to draft

the resolution language and garner grassroots support for the adoption of the resolution. See CONCEPT on 12

Fenton's summer school program a success

Cost of summer school,

for residents of Fenton

• Kindergarten through fifth

grade, funded through Title I

class, or \$60 if student quali-

fies for reduced lunch, or \$25

per class if student qualifies

The program also accepts nonresident students.

if space is available, at a

for free lunch

nonresident rate.

DID YOU

Fenton Area Public

Schools held summer

school from July 12

through Aug. 12.

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Area Public Schools

STATISTICS

By Anna Troppens

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Of 362 Fenton students recommended for summer school, 69 percent, or 251, of them enrolled. Of these who enrolled, 90 percent, or 225, finished.

Students from kindergarten through their senior year in high school received recommendations from their school to attend, said Fenton High School Assistant

Principal Laura Lemke, the summer school administrator. The fact so many took advantage of it says a lot about the academic support the community gives to Fenton schools, and their children.

"That's really high praise," she said. Fenton Area Public Schools wants to continue reaching high standards for students and help them get "caught up."

For elementary children, the criterion was receiving at-risk support in English/Language Arts (ELA) or math. For middle school, it was failing ELA or math. And for high school, it was failing the second semester of a required class needed for graduation.

For those successfully

completing summer school, the result depended on grade level. For high school students, their summer school grades were posted to their transcript. It helps their grade point average and shows they earned credit for the class, Lemke said.



For elementary and middle school students, the results helped determine grade placements for the school year.

There were 25 instructors, who taught at summer school, including current Fenton schools employees and employees of other districts who sought summer supplements. Classes for elementary students were Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, and for secondary students, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch were available.

Information on Fenton's 2011 summer school will be available in April, she said. Any family wanting information on it can check the main page of the school district's website, www.fenton.k12.mi.us, after spring break in mid-April.

Summer school classes for all grade levels, for the convenience of parents with children of different ages, are offered in one location. This is usually Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School, since it is airconditioned.







Police&Fire **report**

LAWN TRACTOR STOLEN

At 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 23, Fenton police responded to a commercial alarm in the 3200 block of Owen Road. Lt. Jason Slater said the responding officer checked the building and everything appeared fine. However, when the key holder arrived, the officer learned that a Cub Cadet lawn tractor, parked outside the building had been stolen. Value of the tractor was placed at \$2,000.

CRASH IN THE DRIVE-THRU LANE

At 4:09 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, Fenton police were sent to a restaurant in the 300 block of Silver Lake Road to investigate an accident in the drive-through lane. Lt. Jason Slater said a 34-year-old Fenton man, driving a 1999 Pontiac Sunfire was placing his order at the screen when an 18-year-old Fenton Township woman, driving a 1998 Ford car, rolled into his car. She told the officer that her foot slipped off the brake. The man exited his car and began yelling at the woman. The responding officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants from the man while being questioned. A pre-liminary breath test revealed a .195 percent blood alcohol content. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was transported to the police station and a chemical breath test revealed a .18 BAC. The man told police he was shocked that six beers could do that.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED

At 1:50 p.m. on Monday Nov. 29, Fenton police learned that a 19-year-old Holly Township Ince learned that a 19-year-old Holly lownship man wanted by Fenton police on a two-count felony warrant was sitting in a pickup truck in a parking lot on North LeRoy Street. The responding officer verified the identity of the man and took him into custody. Police recovered a personal check, reported stolen from a vehicle in Grand Blanc Township. Lt. Jason Slater said police believe be had just Jason Slater said police believe he had just attempted to cash the stolen check for \$250 at a check cashing store. He was transported to the police station on the outstanding warrants relative to the outstanding warrants. The county prosecutor authorized a warrant for uttering and publishing. Slater said this man is suspected of cashing another stolen check for \$175 on Nov. 9. The man remains in custody. This information was shared with the state police and the village of Holly Police Department on unrelated offenses in those iurisdictions

DEER SHOT IN CITY LIMITS

At 9:40 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, a Fenton police officer was sent to the area of Pine Creek Drive and Eddy Lake Road. Lt. Jason Slater said a woman out walking her dog found a dead deer, which had very recently been shot. The officer determined the deer had been shot within city limits, based on the trail of blood. A Department of Natural Resources and Environment officer responded to the scene to investigate. Neighbors were questioned; however, nobody had any information. The deer was taken to a local processor, who in turn donates the processed meat overseas. The DNRE will follow up on the investigation. Slater said discharging a firearm within city limits violates the city's ordinance and the offender faces up to 90 days in jail or up to \$500 in fines.



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Argentine board considers \$394,000 fire truck

Summary

The Argentine

Township Board of

Trustees is looking

into the fire depart-

new vehicle, which

two old and worn

ment's proposal

to purchase one

would replace

out vehicles. If

approved, the

township would then need to find

a way to cover the

\$394,000 price tag

►Would replace two outdated vehicles

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Twp. — The Argentine Township Board of Trustees is considering a request by the fire department to replace two old and worn-out vehicles with a new one, costing \$394,000.

Fire Chief Jim Reid said that the

Vehicle Selection Committee has been researching the idea for about a year, which resulted in a design specific to the needs of Argentine Township.

Lt. Matt Lafferty said Engine 12 is 37 years old and unreliable and Grass 17 is 30 years old. Both have increasing maintenance costs, are old and difficult to drive. He said the fire department determined it would be best to merge the features of both

of those trucks into one truck.

By researching what other departments used and what was possible, the committee came up with a drawing of what would be best for the township. The group attended the Fire Department Inspectors Conference for two days and reviewed other vehicles.

Lafferty said the proposed vehicle would increase drafting capability, establish a water supply faster, fill tanks faster, hold more manpower and be able to handle off-road conditions for rescuing victims.

The body of the vehicle would be stainless steel, which has shown to hold up longer than other materials.

Once the specs were drawn, the committee sent out bid to 14 companies. After 10 weeks, the committee opened and began reviewing those submitted on Nov. 26. Lafferty said of the 14 companies contacted, four submitted bids. Based on the bids submitted, the committee believed the bid submitted by Precision Fire Apparatus met the needs of the township.

John Cross, chief engineer for the fire department, said the new vehicle would be equipped to draft water from any of the numerous lakes and ponds in the township. He said steep inclines to

some bodies of water have caused issues for the older vehicles. The diesel International engine meets the 2010 emission standards and is considered "green." 'I'm impressed with the

truck," he said. The expected lifetime of

the new vehicle is between 25 and 30 years. Years from now, when the chassis wears out, Cross said, the stainless steel module could be put on a new chassis and back in service for another 15 years. "It's more expensive initially, but it will last

longer," said Cross.

Concerned with structure fires near the lakes, Lafferty said, "If we get within 40 feet of the lake or pond, we'll get water."

Trustee Teresa Ciesielski asked what the chances are of the township's other fire department vehicles, which are also aging, breaking down. Reid told her the department is taking care of the maintenance problems and the biggest concern right now is a radiator on Engine 14.

Township attorney David Lattie said he would look into financing options as a way of funding the cost if the board gives its approval.

Township officials will discuss the proposal again at its next meeting on Monday, Dec. 20.

Since retirement, VanDriessche has

at his home and a little deer

hunting. A pitfall of awaking

so early for so many years is

that now he still tends to awake

call from Marguerite Plumb, who

serves on the selection commit-

When he received the phone

before 5 a.m., every day.

was later named chief.

Former Linden police chief to lead holiday parade

By Sharon Stone

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Linden — Recently retired police

chief, Pete VanDriessche, is expected to make a return visit to Linden City. He has been selected as this year's grand marshal of the Linden Holiday Happening parade. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3 with the lighting of the luminaries.

The annual parade begins at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, followed by hot chocolate at the Linden VFW hall.

VanDriessche worked for the city of Linden police department for 40 years. He started out as a reserve in 1970 and advanced to full-time status in 1981. He



Pete VanDriessche

tee, VanDriessche said he was surprised. "It's pretty cool," he said. "It should be a good time." The retired police chief expects to ride in the lead car, accompanied

by his wife of just over a year, Becky. The parade is a tradition in Linden as

Santa Claus makes his first appearance in town.

8,000,000

That's how much money would be pumped into the local economy if every area family spent just \$50 more per year shopping locally!





Linden Follies coming to town

Linden — It's time for the annual Linden Follies, Linden Community Schools employees' annual fundraiser for Christmas Express. There will be entertainment acts from all buildings in the school district, including the administration office and Argentine Elementary School.

The two shows will be at 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in the Linden High School auditorium. Employees of Linden Community Schools hold the event, and all of the proceeds benefit a local charity, Christmas Express.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Linden High School office or at the door the day of the show.



The Jinglefest Committee and the Tri-County Times are excited to announce the 2nd annual Area Shopping Spree that includes gift cards from local businesses totaling over \$500.

To enter in the drawing simply bring in your receipts from any local business with a Fenton or Linden mailing address. The receipts must be dated between **November 1** and **December 6** and it must show a minimum purchase of \$10. Each receipt will earn you an entry in the drawing for the **Area Shopping Spree!**

Receipts can be turned in at the **Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce** and the **Tri-County Times** offices until 4:30pm on Monday, Dec. 6. The winner will be notified on Tuesday, December 7.







What a great way to begin your area holiday shopping!

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Or the Tri-County Times office at 256 N. Fenway	ne Fenton Regional Chamber office at 114 N. LeRoy Street, Fenton; y Drive, Fenton by December 6. (Entry forms available at both locations) ntry. No age limit. Receipts must be from Fenton and Linden businesss only.



An update on airport full body scanners

A few weeks ago, I wrote a column about the efforts of the Federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to heighten security at airports by increasing the number of what are generically called full body scanners. These devices are part of the next generation of air-travel security measures and involve airplane passengers going into the unit and raising their hands above their heads so that an image can be taken to detect possible contraband.

Since then, there have been a number of national reports in the media about some negative reactions to the new scanners and security plans. Some people believe the detail of the imaging is an invasion of their privacy and concerns have been raised because the only option that is given to passengers who do not wish to go through the body scanning procedure is to go through a physical pat down by TSA employees.

Additionally, an Internet campaign was announced for a nationwide boycott of the scanners to be held on the day before Thanksgiving (Nov. 24) which historically is the busiest air travel day of the year. The idea was to slow down the security lines by having everyone opt for the physical body putdown. It was called National Opt-Out Day. When the call for the boycott went out, reaction was swift, and both President Obama and the TSA indicated that these procedures were necessary for security. John Pistole, the head of the TSA, also urged people not to participate in the boycott.

When that Wednesday came, there were two bits of irony working side by side. The first was the fact that some of the boycott organizers indicated they had no plans to travel by air on the boycott day. The second irony was that months ago, I had purchased airline tickets to fly from Detroit to Baltimore, and my flight was on that Wednesday afternoon of Nov. 24.

The news on the boycott is that by most accounts, it did not materialize to any degree and things went smoothly at airports all over the country.

As to my personal travel experiences both in Detroit and Baltimore, things went smoothly and there were no problems or delays at all. Everyone with the TSA couldn't have been nicer to me, and my fellow passengers.

We live in a different world today than just a few years ago. Things change, and we have to adapt to these changes. Although the jury is still out on the final answers regarding airport security, it certainly appears that the law continues its best efforts to keep air travel as safe as possible.

Students explores resources at local businesses on IB field trip

By Tim Jagielo

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As part of Fenton Area Public Schools International Baccalaureate (IB) program, second-grade students from State Road Elementary School took a field trip to downtown Fenton last Tuesday to learn about what resources drive business, hands on.

In class, students learned the difference between natural, human, and capital resources. "Basically it was just, how in Fenton we find resources," said teacher Callie Mullins.

According to Mullins, the IB central idea is that people must find resources in order to survive and thrive. The students were able to see how businesses provide resources for Fenton residents, by asking the owners and workers questions. She said the hands-on activity better cements the learning process.

Every student was designated a business to explore and students had to decide what resource they used. IB coordinator Robin Long said students were able to apply what they learned in the classroom, in the real world. "They looked around and we said, 'What different resources do you see? What would a business need to run?""

At A Joyful Noise, students learned that a music business needs musical instruments, which they were able to label a 'capital' resource.

Sweet Variations Chocolatier Julio Santos, answered questions from the students. "They wanted know how we made the chocolate, and what kind of resources we used," he said.

"Businesses were outstanding in helping to educate our students," Long said. "It's a great community to be a part of."

The students will be putting on a Business Expo Wednesday, Dec. 8 at State Road Elementary School, using what they learned from the local businesses.





Sunday, Dec. 5

Lake Fenton Class of 2011 Project Graduation is hosting an **all-you-can eat buffet dinner at John's Pizzeria** in Fenton as a fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 5. Buffet includes mostaccioli, pizza, breadsticks, salad and coffee or pop. The buffet will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 each (8 years and up), \$6 each (4 to 7 years) and free for kids 3 years and under. Cost does not include gratuity.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Wreaths Across America will place wreaths at **Great Lakes National Cemetery** in Holly on Saturday, Dec. 11. The laying of the wreaths begins at 10:30 a.m. A ceremony will follow at 12 p.m. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Katrina Hawkins, a vocal producer in Genesee County, is hosting a concert "Music and Miracles" at the **Fenton Moose Lodge** on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. Twelve students (ages 6-18) will be performing Christmas and Inspirational music to raise money for the **Children's Miracle Network Hurley** Division. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner. There are a limited number of tickets, so it's a "first come first serve" basis. There will be a silent auction. For more information, call (810) 962-6240.

News briefs

International Gifts Festival this weekend

The Fenton Fair Trade Project is hosting the International Gifts Festival this weekend at the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. For two days, the Fenton Fair Trade Project will be offering the greater Fenton community an opportunity to purchase high-quality gifts while improving the quality of life for more than 130 skilled artisan groups. There will be hundreds of unique gifts, musical instruments, baskets, ornaments, toys and jewelry handcrafted by artisans from nearly 40 countries. All proceeds benefit the artisan partners of the nonprofit fair trade retailer, Ten Thousand Villages. The sale takes place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 and from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5 at the church, 503 South LeRoy St., Fenton.

Notes of thanks

The Fenton First Presbyterian Youth Group would like to thank the Dibbleville residents for assisting them with a challenge to collect goods for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan during their annual 30 Hour Famine, the weekend before Thanksgiving. In 45 minutes, the youth collected 122 canned goods, 25 bottles of water, and three blankets. Thanks to all for your generosity, demonstrating the continued good will of mankind. Peace and blessings abound.

— Fenton First Presbyterian Youth Group



HOT LINE CONTINUED

REGARDING VEGETABLE GARDEN-ERS, please elaborate. I searched for that house bill and found absolutely nothing. I have quite a large vegetable garden and I don't see how anyone is going to stop me from growing my own vegetables. In these trying times, I would think that more people would have their own vegetable gardens. You can save a lot of money by growing your own and preserving what you grow. Your comment made no sense.

I AM THANKFUL the government saved millions of Michigan jobs and pensions. I pray that if you have been able to hold on to most of your dreams that you are helping neighbors, friends and family. I am tired of being angry that many of us had to sacrifice our futures, and hope we will all find a good life, liberty and lasting happiness.

TO THE VERY kind man in the Parkway Family Medicine waiting room, you brought joy to my day and to my daughter's when you pulled that little wooden helicopter out of your pocket and gave it to her. What a very generous and considerate thing to do. May God bless you.

TO THE LADY in line behind me at the grocery store, I really appreciate you paying for my groceries so I did not have to run to the bank. Your kindness is a blessing. It is wonderful to know that people in this town care about each other. May God bless you.

FORGET THE OLD firehouse. Let's turn the Methodist Church into a brewery. We needn't look further than to the town of Clarkston, and their thriving destination restaurant and micro-brew multi-tap bar, the Clarkston Union, which is an old church. Let's be progressive, Fenton. While we are at it, let's also make that intersection a roundabout.

THAT'S THE PROBLEM, friend.

Because you are laid off from GM, it's easier to sit around and collect unemployment than it is to go get another job. The way I see it, if there is not enough work to keep you employed, you shouldn't be entitled to any pay and that includes unemployment. I am tired of working my behind off so you can keep yours on the couch.

FORGET ROUNDABOUTS AND

street signs, what about all the fine folks who have jobs, but decided to kill your property values by walking away from the mortgage because they couldn't control their spending. Live within your means, ever heard of that? This holiday, I hope these folks have learned their lesson, and rein in their obsession for meaningless material things and pay their bills, so I don't have to. Thank you.



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LANDLINE Continued from Page 3

his answering machine for the blinking message light.

Ransberger said one attraction to keeping a landline is the cost. For about \$30, in a bundled package, customers get unlimited talk time. "I can remember phone bills topping \$100 per month pretty easily," he said. Another benefit of a landline is nearly failsafe coverage. The only way to lose a "signal" is if the underground or overhead cables are cut. Features like call forwarding and free long distance calls are included.

Michelle Gilbert of Verizon

Wireless dropped her landline, and had her home number "ported" to her mobile phone line for an extra \$10 per month. Calls to her landline would go to her mobile phone instead. "I would not drop my home phone until I had a pretty good idea of how the coverage was going to be in my home line," she said. Porting a phone number still puts you at the mercy of your mobile phone signal.

Gilbert thinks the trend toward people using cell phones instead of a landline started about 15 years ago with college students living in dorms. "Most students are looking to cut costs," she said. Students with dorm rooms were rarely home, so stationary lines were less useful. After college, they just never got a landline. Gilbert has seen retirees who travel also drop landlines, and use their cell phones for paying bills online.

Verizon provided landline service until last year, when it sold the service to another company for \$8.6 billion. A news release indicated the company would focus on broadband and mobile phone service.

Ransberger could not speculate on the future of landline service in the United States, but said as long as service is cheap; he'll keep the landline, and check the blinking light on his answering machine when he gets home.

Gertrude LaFevre, 83, of Livingston County, uses a mobile phone, and said she considered dropping her landline. "My daughter said it would be foolish," she said. She uses her landline at home, and her mobile for safety and long distance calling.

Ed Galbraith, of Byron, owns a plumbing company. For him, landlines are a necessity. "Don't have much of a choice," he said. Galbraith has two home landlines and four mobile phones, all for his business.



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By law, any mobile phone with a battery can make 911 calls without service.

Only 11 percent of U.S. households had wireless phone service in 1995.

Americans send 173 billion text messages each month. Source: CTIA.org



GOALS

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His main three goals are student achievement, communication and getting out in the community and working with the budget. For student achievement, Jalkanen has been meeting with the district's International Baccalaureate (IB) coordinators, to get a feel for where Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) is at. He's been looking at students' assessment data, and Fenton has very good MEAP results with strong performances in all areas.

The district has a very dedicated staff, and teachers have really embraced the IB program. "They have a real commitment to the kids," he said. Jalkanen recalled seeing a recent conversation between a teacher and student at Fenton High School, about the student's future. "It gave me the chills," he said. "The kid was just eyeball to eyeball, listening to what that teacher said. Those two were so connected with each other."

In addition, the board of education is

PERSONALIZED

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"Believe it or not, we can put your favorite picture on chocolates for a unique and personal Christmas gift," said Carol Shuler, owner of Sweet Variations in Fenton. "A minimum order is 18 chocolates, and it makes a 'sweet' and unusual gift."

Thoughtful, personal gifts like these may take a few more minutes in advanced planning, but

they make the spirit of gift giving a pleasure for the giver as well. While gift cards and cash are usually appreciated, they won't be remembered in years to come when recalling presents that were thoughtful, personal and cherished.

Sometimes the most thoughtful gifts are the ones that celebrate a special relationship you have with a person — as a parent, a son or daughter or as a spouse. "My favorite gift to my 92-year-old father every year is a calendar that contains family photos we've collected over the past year," said Mark Rummel, 60, of Fenton. "This year, we're also making a photo book of pictures taken at my stepmother's 80th birthday party. It's a very special memory for her and will be a perfect Christmas gift."

Local businesses like The UPS Store in Fenton offer personalized calendars such as these, and can be made from individual photos highlighting each month, or a collage of pictures.

Laser etching is another way to personalize a gift for someone special on your list this year — making a "permanent statement" using logos, engraved letters, photo etchings, etc. Maybe it's a medal for your football player son at a local high school, or initials engraved onto the silver side of a sparkly sequined mirror compact. These are just a few of the personalized ideas found at Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton — which offers thoughtful gift ideas from traditional engraved pewter ornaments to an engraved Zippo hand warmer for your favorite cold-weather outdoorsman or soccer-watching mom

'We can place a single etching on just about any flat surface," said Sawyer Jewelers owner Chip Beltinck. "We also work with outside companies who can place color photos directly onto the metal surface of jewelry, ornaments, etc. People love very committed to doing what is right in Fenton. "It's just their passion," Jalkanen said. "They care about the community, and they care about the kids."

He's been superintendent for five months and is very pleased to be there. "I really do feel blessed," he said. "It's really been wonderful."

Another one of Jalkanen's goals is communication, and becoming part of the community. He and his family — wife, Sue, and twins, John and Alex - traveled to Midland twice to watch

the Fenton Tigers in the high school football playoffs. In addition, Jalkanen is on the board for the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, has attended Parent-Teacher Organization meetings and met with community and business leaders at Fenton City Hall.

"I want the community to be aware of good things happening in the schools," he said.

To this end, FAPS has distributed its Tiger Tales newsletter as an insert in the Tri-County Times, so families with children in certain school buildings and those without students in the district — can find out what is happening in the entire district.

Money, and enough of it, is an important issue for Fenton and other school districts in the state. Jalkanen has met with other Genesee County superintendents to discuss education and funding, and talked with State Rep.

Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc). Issues include working with state legislators and staying within the school district's means, Jalkanen said.

Fenton is doing well, but school officials would always like to do better and become more efficient. He believes schools will find out more about funding after new Gov. Rick Snyder takes his seat in Lansing.

> themes, "The First Family," "The Night Before Christmas" and "Frosty the Snowman."

> Making a gift more personal does take just a bit more time, as you take a few moments to think about the gift recipient's personality, their interests and their hobbies. Do they have a favorite color, are they a "gold" or "silver" jewelry wearer, do they have a nickname, or do they have

a collection of some kind? If you know a person well enough to answer these questions, this might be the year to take your gift-giving skills up a notch and "get personal."



President David Walker said the board reviews the superintendent quarterly, based on the goals and objectives it established for him in August. The review is an opportunity for the superintendent to update the board, and for them to ask each other questions.

"As board president, I think he's doing a fine job," Walker said. "Everything is going fine."

Dr. Timothy Jalkanen seems to have balanced his time well, between being in the school buildings and working on issues he handles as a superintendent, Walker said. In addition, he seems to be beginning to fit in well with the community and becoming a "face" in the community.

The board's next review of Jalkanen's goals will be in February. - Anna Troppens

AVAILABLE

SPACE STILL











Hallmark Recordable Storybooks are available at both Hallmark stores in Fenton and Holly.

> the personalization that's available with today's technology."

Brad Hawkes, master photographer/ owner of Hicks Studio in Fenton, takes gift personalization to a new level of sophistication by creating purses and backpacks with photos actually ingrained into the fabric.

"Customers who buy these tell us that people are always stopping them and asking where they got such an unusual purse or bag," said Hawkes, who admits he's gone "all out" this year with personalized gift possibilities. "We can print photos on blankets, pillows, metals, you name it."

Personalized gifts are also loving and thoughtful presents to give to children. Today's technology provides an opportunity to give the gift of yourself if you are a grandparent who lives a distance away and can't always be there for a bedtime story.

New Hallmark Recordable Storybooks allow you to record your voice, so that the child will hear it when he or she turns the page. Both local Hallmark stores in Fenton and Holly carry the books in three

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11AM-2PM

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Kids' Activities

Almond Roasting in front of Fenton Museum

at Fenton United Methodist Church

Family Christmas Crafts

at Fenton United Methodist Church

Santa coming to town at the end of the parade by Equine Sports 6PM-9PM Santa Pictures After the parade at The Fenton Community Center 7PM-8:30PM **Chautauqua Express Concert** at The Fenton Community Center Winter Beer Release at The Fenton Winery and Brewery

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911

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Genachowski recently announced steps to bring the nation's 911 system into the 21st century. By revolutionizing the 911 system, people using cell phones would have the potential to send texts, photos and videos in emergencies.

Summary

The FCC has

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He said, "911 is an indispensable, life-saving tool. But, today's 911 system doesn't support the communication tools of tomorrow. Even though mobile phones are the device of choice for most 911 callers, and we primarily use our phones for text, right now, you can't text 911.

"It's time to bring 911 into the digital age."

The 911 system was established as the national emergency number in 1968. The FCC says it has been a wildly successful lifeline to those in distress. Americans place more than 237 million 911 calls every year, or about 650,000 per day.

Of those calls placed, 70 percent are made from mobile phones. Ever expanding technologies have the potential to revolutionize emergency response by providing public safety officials with critical realtime, on-the-ground information.

With all of this technology available, 911 call centers are not equipped to receive information in this manner.

Genachowski said that during the 2007 Virginia Tech campus shooting, students and witnesses desperately tried to send texts to 911 that local dispatchers never received. He added that if these messages had gone through, first responders might have arrived on the scene faster with firsthand intelligence about the lifethreatening situation that was unfolding.

To bring the 911 system up to where technology is, Genachowski will be launching a proceeding, to get public input on how to transition the current system to broadband-enabled, next generation 911.

"It is a challenge we are meeting head

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The resolution is nonbinding and encourages local transportation planners to consider pedestri-

ans and bicyclists when planning and implementing transportation



(810) 629-5995 • 713 Silver Lake Road • Fenton www.gerychspartyrentals.com/classes.html on," said Genachowski. "I look forward to working with Congress, our federal, state and local partners, the public safety community, and the communications industry to get this right."

Sue Walsh, chief dispatcher for the city of Fenton's 911-dispatch center, located in the police station said if the city does upgrade

the dispatch equipment, it would automatically be compatible with the next generation of systems. "If we get the new equipment, it's made for texts," she said.

Since this matter is in the early stages of discussion, details of how the upgrades are funded have not yet been ironed out. Walsh said computer upgrades, such as this, are expensive.

Walsh sees many benefits of upgrading the systems to where it can accept texts, photos and videos. For consistency, if the change were made, it would have to be made nationwide. Walsh said otherwise, cell phone users

wouldn't know whether the area they are in has it or not.

From her experience, more often than not, young or savvy cell-phone users would automatically whip out their phones to photograph an event or person. She said she could see cell-phone users taking a photo of a license plate of a suspect vehicle, an accident scene, or other emergencies and send it to police.

Walsh said it's difficult to remember the full license plate number under stressful conditions. Sending over a photo of the plate would alleviate any inaccuracies.

"It sounds wonderful," said Walsh. It would be great to have."

If the city does find funds to upgrade the 911-dispatch center and the next generation of 911 is approved by top officials, anyone calling 911 within city limits, regardless of their cell phone's area code, would go directly to Fenton's dispatch center, via the cell phone tower. Calls to 911 made outside city limits would go to the county's 911 central dispatch center.

projects. It also highlights that an investment in Complete Streets can offer long term cost savings and result in many community benefits.

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community more sustainable, livable and economically viable by sparkingeconomic

development, improving public health and reducing air and water pollution. "The Complete Streets resolution

signifies that local decision-makers are thinking innovatively about how to transform the community into a more vibrant and welcoming place," says Lauren Holaly, Active Living Coordinator for the Crim Fitness Foundation.

SAGE has been advocating for Complete Streets to support their vision of creating a healthy Genesee County that provides safe and inviting public spaces where people of all ages and abilities can easily integrate fun, physical activity into their everyday life.

SAGE is funded by the Ruth Mott Foundation and coordinated by the Crim Fitness Foundation, in partnership with the Michigan Fitness Foundation.

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Monday, Nov. 22. The next step is approval at the state level, and then Fenton can begin applying for grant money, according to Leslie Bland, director of Public Works for the city of Fenton. Rowe Professional Services Company, of Flint, was the city's consultant for the plan.

Some of the strategies listed in Fenton's Parks and Recreation Master Plan are so expensive, they aren't feasible, Bland said. He will provide information in January on the best areas to proceed with, to obtain some money for Fenton's parks.

State grants are very competitive, City Manager Lynn Markland said. Those who receive them must provide a minimum of 20 percent of the project cost. But, to really be competitive in getting a state grant, an applicant is probably looking at paying 50 percent of the cost and getting the other half from the state.

Councilman Tim Faricy asked who would be responsible for applying for parks and recreation grants for Fenton, after Bland retires in January.

Hopefully, the new Department of Public Works director will have some expertise in that area, Bland said. Grant applications could be made by the city's parks board, Rowe Professional Services Company, or city administration.

ADVENT

Continued from Front Page replicated for popular display, including one for sale by L.L. Bean, which features a small chest with drawers to open for each day, "toys or chocolates not included." Other heirloom pieces handed down from generation to generation include quilted calendars in the shape of a Christmas tree, designed to be hung on the wall.

Advent calendars have even gone "high tech." One interesting way to observe the season in its most up-todate format is an Advent Calendar — blog form. At www.readventus. weebly.com, each day of Advent will feature a posted thought, a link, a video designed to help a person focus on the joyful, hopeful, peaceful, and loving spirit of Christmas, according to the website. Another high-tech idea is an animated computer Advent calendar, which digitally offers a new animation to light up the computer screen every day throughout the season.

Toy manufacturers have gotten into the Advent calendar business, too. Lego offers a 2010 Advent Calendar play set, with miniature toys that can be built for each day leading up to Christmas. Playmobil also offers its own playful version of an Advent calendar, which can be found locally at the Linden Toy Factory. So, don't be surprised if you find traditional Advent calendars depicting angels and biblical figures next to more whimsical varieties featuring teddy bears, pieces of chocolate, or photos of pop stars.

HUNTER

Continued from Front Page leave the property, Frasier allegedly pointed his rifle at them and made threats.

Police took Frasier into custody and lodged him at the county jail until his arraignment on Nov. 19. Following his arraignment, Frasier has been out on personal bond.

Ideas in Fenton's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2011-15

Short-term strategies

At Silver Lake Park, potential improvements include a rink for ice-skating in winter and roller hockey, basketball or tennis in warmer months. Plans for Mill Pond Park, near Fenton City Hall, include replacing the old play equipment with new.

Plans for Bush Park include land acquisition from the city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The DDA owns part of the area where park improvements could take place.

A proposal is to add off-street parking for Franklin Park, which is off South Long Lake Road. For Conklin Park — at Silver Lake Road and Poplar Street — improvements would focus on creating an enhanced entryway into Fenton with decorative signs and plantings.

The plan recommends that Oak Park, a one-acre site currently used as a community garden, be sold for residential development. It would cost at least \$100,000 to upgrade the park and provide recreation facilities, and there is a playground at North Road Elementary School a block away, according to the plan. The proceeds from selling Oak Park would go to finance improvements at other city parks.

Other strategies include removing the bridge across the Shiawassee River at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, and replacing it

with a more accessible, larger one. In addition, there is a proposal for a feasibility study for a multipurpose facility. Working with countywide groups to connect Fenton's bike and walking pathways with surrounding systems is another strategy, along with locations for outdoor winter activities, and coordinating with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation on programs.

Long-term strategies

These include conducting a feasibility study for a new park in the northeast part of the city, to accommodate new residential growth there and serve recreational needs of seniors and young children. Fenton owns two parcels of land in the area, one of which might be suitable for a park. Proposals for each of the two sites would be developed and reviewed by the public, the Parks and Recreation Board and city council.

Another long-term strategy is to continue exploring land acquisition options for parks and open space.

In addition, improvements are needed at Silver Lake Park, to improve the existing nature trail, add restrooms and place another pavilion in the picnic area.

Lastly, the plan suggests identifying and developing a site for a skate park. Silver Lake and Bush parks are the most active parks and most ideal for consideration, the plan states.



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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For the past eight months, I have had a heart rhythm problem. I am on Coumadin. One day I forgot I had taken it and took another dose. My blood test showed that I had taken far too much. You wrote about ablation



ASK THE MECHANIC Chris Wilkinson,

Q: I recently got an oil change and the technician suggested that I change the air filter on my car. How important is it that I change my air filter? How often should I do it?

The air filter in your car should be checked at every oil change. Most will last at least 30,000 miles, but if you live or travel on dirt roads often, then you will need to replace your air filter at lower mileage intervals. The air filter is very important to fuel mileage and engine life. It is also very important to use a quality air filter in today's vehicles. Cheaper air filters tend to let particles come off and get on the mass air sensor in cars that are equipped with one. This can cause problems, such as a hesitation on acceleration and poor fuel mileage.



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and serious heartbeat disturbance where the heart beats rapidly

and irregularly. One consequence is a drop-off in the amount of blood pumped by the heart. The second, and the more dangerous consequence, is the formation of clots in the upper heart chambers because blood in those chambers isn't moving -- stagnant blood forms clots. Clots in the heart can be swept into the circulation and to the brain, where they block a brain artery. The result is a stroke. Coumadin prevents those clots from forming.

Many times, the goal in treating atrial fibrillation is only to slow the heart so that it pumps out an adequate blood supply. Are there other ways of dealing with this rhythm problem? Yes. Ablation is one. It involves eliminating the heart tissue generating the abnormal rhythm. It's done by inserting a thin tube that's outfitted to deliver radio waves to the specific heart sites from which the abnormal beating arises. Does it sound simple to you? It isn't. It's very intensive work, and requires special training. Generally, ablation is restricted to those younger than you, but not always.

I'm on your side when it comes to taking Coumadin. It's a bothersome drug, requiring frequent blood tests to be sure that enough drug is taken but not too much. Too much poses the danger of bleeding.



having a consultation for ablation. The doctor might side with you, or tell you that you're not a candidate for the procedure. At least you'll have the satisfaction of having tried.

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The booklet on heartbeat abnormalities, including atrial fibrillation, discusses them, their significance and their treatment. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 107W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I think my husband is an alcoholic. He drinks far too much. He's not abusive, but his consumption of alcohol is more than a six-pack of beer a day, and sometimes whiskey. He usually falls asleep in a chair. My sister tells me the cage test can diagnose alcoholism. What is it, and where can he get it done? He won't talk about these things to me. -- C.L.

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with Jacob — knowing that her decision has the potential to reignite the ageless battle between vampire and werewolf. With her graduation quickly approaching, Bella is confronted with the most important decision of her life.

KNIGHT AND DAY

Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz star in this action comedy in which a chance encounter thrusts a woman and a charming but lethal operative into a series of adventures across the globe. As if dodging assassins and uncovering world-changing secrets weren't enough, she must now figure out if he is a good guy, a traitor — or just plain crazy.

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE

Balthazar Blake (Nicolas Cage) is a master sorcerer in modern-day Man-



hattan trying to defend the city from his archnemesis, Maxim Horvath (Alfred Molina). Balthazar can't do it alone, so he recruits Dave Stutler (Jay Baruchel), a seemingly average guy who demonstrates hidden potential, as his re-

luctant protégé. The sorcerer gives his unwilling accomplice a crash course in the art and science of magic, and together, these unlikely partners work to stop the forces of darkness.

GOING THE DISTANCE

Erin and Garrett are good together ---even when they're apart. When aspiring journalist Erin (Drew Barrymore) moves to San Francisco to finish her last year of school, boyfriend Garrett (Justin Long), an assistant music scout, stays in Manhattan to pursue his ambitions and wait on that promotion he's been promised. The two gamely navigate the pitfalls and miscommunications of their bi-coastal romance. But, when it seems their wait is almost over, Erin scores her dream job in California just as Garrett's career heats up in New York. The big breaks they've been hoping for could break them up for good — unless their love can truly go the distance.

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Fenton's **Dylan Hickoff**

Fenton, Holly leading way for area boys hoop teams By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys basketball team has won Metro League titles in each of the last two seasons.

Before that, the Tigers have been one of the best teams in the Metro since 2006

During that five-year stretch, perhaps the biggest challenge the Tigers have had to their dominance has been the Holly Bronchos. Holly has won at least 10 games in each of its last four years and earned a cotitle with Fenton two years ago. Last year, they were 18-5.

This year that could change, or maybe not. The Fenton Tigers appear to be loaded, and possibly poised to take the program to a higher step this winter. The Tigers return six players, including key starters Ryan Hickoff, Dvlan Hickoff and Eric Mowery, from last year's 17-4 program. And coach Tim Olszewski sees tremendous energy already.

'The boys are attacking every drill to its fullest," Olszewski said. "They have exceeded the energy level that we typically have. They are setting a new benchmark. It's been a very positive experience so far."

Meanwhile, it looks like the Holly Bronchos could be rebuilding a bit. Gone are nine seniors from last year's deep squad with the only clear recognizable name returning being Josh Fugate. Yet, one can bet that the Bronchos are more than a one-trick pony. In his five seasons at Holly, Baylis, just as Olszewski has at Fenton, has created a strong program. That program will be tested this season.

"I don't know how many people can recover from losing nine seniors," Baylis said. "We have four league games before the break. We'll know what type of team we have after those four games. I can't tell you right now how we will be, but I will after that."

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In the 708 B.C. Olympics, wrestling was the final event of what competition? It was the final event of the pentathlon. The 1908 pentathlon used Greco Roman wrestling. The pentathlon was replaced with the heptathlon in 1984.

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LF, Holly wrestling poised for big seasons

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

Quick, name the tri-county area's top prep sport in terms of tradition and talent.

The answer should've been an easy one.

While there are years that other sports contend for specific seasons - cross country being one of the notable sports - when it comes to tri-county athletics, no one can compare to the wrestling programs.

And this year is no exception. In fact, this may be the strongest tricounty wrestling has been in the last decade.

Holly wrestling returns a state champion and will be the favorite to win a Metro League title. They have a good chance of making it to Battle Creek for the State Team Wrestling Championships for the first time since 2005. Yet, it's clear that the Bronchos aren't the area's top program.

That honor goes to the Lake Fenton Blue Devils.

Virtually overnight, the Blue Devils have become one of the best programs in the state of Michigan regardless of division. In fact, Lake Fenton is ranked No. 9 in the preseason michigangrappler.com polls regardless of division. The Blue Devils are No. 4 overall.

How did this all happen? Well, Lake Fenton did have some strong wrestlers returning. Actually, they have three state qualifiers returning from last season's team. However, that's only a start of the list. The Blue Devils' list of returning state performers grows to eight when you take into account transfer students from Detroit Catholic Central, Grand Blanc and Fenton.

"These kids have been training a lot with each other ever since they were little kids," Lake Fenton assistant wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "Quite a few of them grew up on the Powerhouse Wrestling Team. They all wanted to come together on the same team and see what they can do."

What they could do, potentially, is pretty exciting. Eight of the wrestlers are rated among the top 10 in Division 3, and six of them are ranked in the top three.

'We can't wait to start," Corcoran said. "We have Davison and Anchor Bay (on Thursday). We can't wait to get started and see what we got.'

Linden looks to be a bit down this year, but it's hard to count out the Eagles when it comes to competing in the Metro. They'll be a good selection to finish in the upper-half. Meanwhile, Fenton is in a rebuilding mode. LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

Wow, are the Blue Devils loaded.

Returning are three state-qualifiers within the school. That list includes third-place state performers Buddy Poyner (130) and Zach Corcoran (135). Bryce Hopkins (119/125) also qualified for state a year ago. However, that's just the start. Detroit Catholic Central transfers Justin Melick and Todd Melick also add some studs. Justin Melick (145) won a state title at 135 last season at Division 1, while Todd Melick (119) finished runner-up at 112. Another strong transfer from DCC includes James Demember (103/112).

There will be two state placers transferring from Grand Blanc as well. Drew Morris (160/171) took sixth in the state at 152. Meanwhile, Christian O'Guinn (145) placed seventh at 130. Fenton transfer Connor Brancheau (160/171) lost just four matches a year ago, while finishing in fourth at the state meet at 160. Finally, Milford transfer Jake Hoskings (140/145/152) will be another strong transfer. He was a regional qualifier a year ago.

"The work ethic is unbelievable," Corcoran said. "They've been training all summer long. They've done a lot of travel teams together. I've never seen kids train this hard. The practice room is like the state meet every single day."



SPORTS TRIVIA



HOLLY BRONCHOS

Always a contender for a Metro League title, the Bronchos are the clear-cut favorites entering the 2010-11 wrestling season, especially considering Oxford is now out of the conference.

The Bronchos have 42 wrestlers on the team, and four of them were state placers a year ago. It's no wonder why the Bronchos are ranked seventh in Division 2 in the preseason poll.

Defending state champion at 112, Anthony Gonzales returns for his sophomore season after posting a 52-3 record. He'll probably wrestle 119 this year. His brother,

Esteban Gonzales, went 58-3 and finished in fifth place at 119 last year. This season, he'll probably move to 125. Junior Shawn Scott (171) took fourth at states at 160 a year ago, while Mason Cleaver (112) placed seventh at 103. All four are strong contributors.

Zach Jones (130) is a strong transfer student, while David Dryer (135), Mike Spencer (140), Joe Spencer (145), Mike Neal (152) and Joe Piwowarski (215/HWT) are strong veterans. Junior Tyler Gibson (119) is another strong, lighter weight wrestler. There's another grappler to watch out for. See WRESTLING on 16

Chiefs fall to West, 3-1 By Al Zipsie

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Lapeer — The Linden/ Lake Fenton/Durand co-op will have to wait to notch their first win.

The program lost their third game of the season, losing to Lapeer West 3-1 Wednesday.

Coach Ryan Hoover wants the day to come when people don't look at players as though they are from specific schools, rather than all on the same team. It was one of the reasons the squad has embraced the nickname Chiefs for the program.

"We are still in growing pains. It is not an excuse. We are mixing teams (and) we just didn't play very well," Hoover said. "We have four lines. We just need time to learn the offense in game situations.

"All the (Lapeer West) goals came skating two men down. The guys got frustrated and the penalties set up 5-on-3 situations, and that killed us. We showed some effort and we were playing a decent team, but that doesn't matter when you skate two men down 5-on-3."

The Panthers struck on power plays with all three goals coming in a four-minute span from late in the opening period to early in the second frame. Sophomore Chiefs goalie Austin Frank was solid, holding West off the scoreboard until late in the first period. A Chiefs' slashing penalty got the Panthers on the scoreboard with 42 seconds left in the first period. Then, with the co-op skating two men down, West cashed in as freshman Braydin Walters scored on an unassisted breakaway.

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The Blue Devils have been a respectable program the last couple years and probably will maintain their status as one of the solid squads in the GAC Red, but probably a step below the big boys. Meanwhile, Linden has been football country at the start of this millennium, not hoops country. The Eagles hope to improve on last year's two-win season.

FENTON TIGERS

The Tigers enter the 2010-11 season as the clear favorites in the Metro for good reason.

Returning is our 2010 Basketball Player of the Year, Dylan Hickoff, along with his twin brother, Ryan Hickoff. The pair are still only juniors but already have two years of winning varsity experience under their belts. And during the offseason they showed their determination to improve by concentrating on basketball instead of other sports like football.

"They are both about 20 pounds heavier than last year," Olszewski said. "They have increased size and strength. They put in a lot of time concentrating on basketball."

Eric Mowery has been a distribute-first point guard the last couple of seasons, but may emerge as more of a scorer this season as well. Charlie Herzog joined the team at the semester break last year and will benefit being able to play from the season's start. Not many teams in the Metro will have a player of Herzog's 6-8 frame. Others that return with varsity experience are Joey Eddy, Conor Muntin and Steven Rachor.

Lansing Sexton transfer Andre Kundert is expected to make an impact in the backcourt, helping lead Sexton's JV team to a 20-0 mark last year. Quinton Mandle,



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Jack Lukas and Tyler Frey are strong post players. Devin Beagle and Damon Thomas are strong parts of the Tigers' roster as well.

The Tigers are looking for more than a Metro title this season.

"We are striving for more. We had wins at the buzzer last year. We can't have that. We need to beat (Metro) teams by 20 when we have the chance. There's no more play-

ing around," Olszewski said. "We want to get over the hump and win districts and take the program to the next level. There's no more playing around."

The Tigers appear to have a team that can do just that.

HOLLY BRONCHOS

Holly has lost a lot of players from last year's strong squad, but it seems Baylis has some solid players still coming up the pipe as well. Josh Fugate should be one of the top players in the league this season. That's a good starting point. Also joining him in the backcourt are seniors Anderius Gray and Brent Stafne; and juniors Austin Hopkin and Jared Plawski.

Nick Stroll is a 6-6 forward who's as comfortable shooting the trey as playing underneath, while 6-5 Nick Vanlandoyt is a more prototypical post player. Matt Beckner is a defensive specialist and Jacob Schuermann and Ryan Houldsworth proved their athletic ability on the playoff football team. Donovan Williams was the leading scorer on the JV team a year ago and Pontiac transfer Nathaniel Shorter is an athletic perimeter player. Michael Alexander is a promising sophomore.

"We have some returning players that are pretty good, but we won't have the depth we had last year," Baylis said. "Right now, we'd like to get 10 wins. That would give us five 10-win seasons in a row."

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

The Blue Devils return five players from last year, including two very strong players. Sean Canning was on the All Tri-County Boys Basketball Team a year ago, leading the Blue Devils in scoring. Meanwhile, Mitch Kirk returns for his fourth straight varsity season. Those two are a good starting point.

Devin Evans is a strong scoring guard, while Spencer Quick brings defense and a

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LINDEN EAGLES

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last year, and Garrett Callard was one of

the first players off the bench a year ago.

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league, but we do have good quickness,"

Linden coach Dennis Hopkins said. "We

have to box out. If we don't, it will be a

long night. We have good shooters, but

our tallest kid is 6-2 and that's stretch-

Others that join the mix this year are

"We'll be the smallest team in the

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"The ultimate team goal is for our team

ing the roster in 2010-11

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Lake Fenton's Mitch Kirk begins his fourth season with the boys basketball program this winter. Kirk's leadership will be vital if the Blue Devils are going to improve upon last year's 11-win season. WRESTLING

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Dominic Russ opens his freshman season as Division 2's top ranked 103-pounder. Other freshmen to watch out for are Andrew Scott (135) and Kyle Pepper (119/125).

"I'm like a kid at the candy store," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "We are so deep that we'll have kids that would normally make our varsity team, struggle to make the varsity lineup. This is the first time we've ever had a varsity 'B' team."

LINDEN EAGLES

The Eagles have 30 wrestlers with about six returning from last year's starting squad. So, there will be some rebuilding to be done at Linden.

However, the Eagles have been on the plus-side of .500 since going 16-16 in 2004-05, and probably will accomplish that task once again this year.

There are some talented wrestlers returning. That list includes returning state qualifiers Kyle Fisher (189) and Dallas Blank (140/145). Fisher won 48 matches a year ago and placed fifth at 171 at the state meet, while Blank (140/145) won 49 and qualified for the state event at 135 pounds.

Regional qualifier Austin Golden (125) also returns. Others that have solid varsity experience are Alex Neal (130), Zack McCreary (145) and Danny Fisher (160). All three are juniors this season.

Freshmen Brendon Davis (135) and Shane Stevens (145/152) should be strong wrestlers, as should be Elijiah Foguth (103/112) and Zach Shaw (112). Karrah Varner (103) also returns to the team after a strong cross country season.

"They are very young, but very excited," Linden coach Todd Skinner said. "A lot of kids are working hard.

"It will be interesting to see where we end up. If we can keep this group together, it will be a nice group with a bright future."

FENTON TIGERS

The Tigers are low in numbers and will be rebuilding this season. There are a few solid wrestlers returning.

Pat Turner (135) and Chase Roney (119) were a match away from being a state qualifier a year ago. Preston Wetzel (152) and Sean Rusaw (160) also had solid seasons. Beyond that though, the team is young.

"I have some talented freshmen coming up and we'll see what they are made of," Fenton coach Bruce Burwitz said. "Generally, it's been a great group of kids that have worked hard and are eager to keep working hard. That's all I can ask for at this point."

CHIEFS

Brown and Garret Bolen.

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Then, with just 1:15 elapsed in the second period, a carryover penalty led to another West goal. Gabe Walters scored on a rebound off a Ross Wansedel shot in heavy traffic for a 2-0 lead. The Panthers made it 3-0 on a power play with 11:52 left in the second period on a Dan Delveehio slap shot. Both teams had 20 shots on goal. Frank shut out West for the last 27 minutes of the game.

The Chiefs scored their only goal with 3:42 left in the game. Brandon Bush scored on an Evan Haller pass. Haller skated behind the goal post and dished to Bush, scoring on the shot. Haller was a scoring machine last year. The pair played together on the same line last year. "It was a wraparound from Evan," Bush said. "I was just waiting for it and put the stick on the ice. I played with him last year, and I knew where he was going with the puck. Haller was a star on last year's team.

"Mixing three schools has been kind of hard with all the talent. Only so many guys can play at once."

It was a physical game. The Chiefs had a couple of good scoring chances early before West scored. Garrett Gormley and Tyler Merritt had strong chances, but were stopped by Panthers keeper Cam Giddings.

The co-op is playing as an independent, but plays plenty of Metro schools this year.

The Chiefs will be looking for their first win when they skate against Brandon at Iceland Arena Friday at 6 p.m.

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To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owners of land within the Crane Road/Lake Shore Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a revised special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Crane Road/Lake Shore Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the road improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the asphalt resurfacing of Crane Road and Lake Shore Drive and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$112,170.80.

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Defendant, In Pro Per 1484 N. LeRoy Street Fenton, MI 48430 ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE

ON HUNG PO EVAN CHUNG BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING At a session of said Court held in the Court House in the City of Flint, County of Genesee and State of Michigan, on the 9th day of November, 2010. PRESENT: HONORABLE ARCHIE L. HAYMAN, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE The receiver appointed by this Court has filed a Motion and Petition seeking authority to sell the property at 1484 N. LeRoy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430, to the current tenant, Gezim Gjoni, for the purchase price of \$360,000.00, with \$15,000.00 having been paid down to date and an additional \$60,00.00 to be paid at the closing with the balance of \$285,000.00 with interest thereon, at 7/1% to be

represented by a mortgage. It appears from the Afridavit filed by the Receiver in support of an Order for Service by Publication and Mailing that such a method of service would comply with the due process requirements with respect to giving the Defendants notice of these proceedings; **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that James C. Dillard, Receiver, cause to be published in the Fenton Press or the Tri-County Times, both newspapers of general circulation in the Fenton, Michigan area. Notice that the premises at 1484 North LeRoy Street, Fenton, Michigan have been sold and that Hung Po Evan Church shall have twenty-eight (28) days from the last publication to submit a bid, in cash for in excess of \$360,000.00 and that unless a bid is received in a timely fashion, that the premises will be sold to Gezim Gjoni, or his designee for \$75,000.00 in cash and the balance of the purchase price to be represented by a mortgage and note, bearing interest at the rate of 7½ percent (7½%)

per annum. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Notice shall be sent by regular and certified mail to the last known address of Hong Po Evan Chung, 2121 West Tenth Street, Brooklyn, New York 11223, with a copy to be sent by regular mail to his last known employer, Top One Trucking Company, 150 George Street, Brooklyn, New York 11237.

<u>Aulte Atter</u> Judge Archie L. Haydan p3707 L Circuit Court Judge Dated: <u>11/9/10</u>

Prepared by: James C. Dillard (P 12775) Attorney at Law 1289 S. Linden Road, Ste. B Flint, MI 48532 (810) 230-9370 NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Notwithstanding, if the debt secured by this property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. You are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below. Attention: The following notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exmpt from tax under section 7cc of the general property atx act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc. Attention Terrence A. Mance and La Cracha L. Mance, regarding the property at 1293 Fliver Forest Dr., Flint, MI 48532. The following notice does not apply if you have previously agreed to modify the mortgage loan under section 3205b. 3205a, 3205b and 3205c do not apply unless the terms of the modified mortgage loan entered into were complied with for one year after the date of the modification. You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Portestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123. You may also contact a meeting with Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-51

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Normagene Bailey 1931-2010

Normagene Bailey - age 79, of Holly, died Friday. November 26, 2010. She was born in Rose Center, MI on April 8, 1931 the daughter of Clyde and Betsy (Sheldon) Ballard. Funeral services were held 11:30 AM, Monday, November 29, 2010 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Norma is survived by her husband Morrell (Butch) of Holly; 2 daughters Marilyn (Gary) Wolverton of Fenton, Linda Bailey of Holly; 3 grandchildren Jarrett (Nicole) Hopper, Logan and Jamie Wolverton. Norma was retired from Dr. James D. Greig, DDS after 22 years of service and she was also an avid golfer, bowler and artist. Norma was a member of the Fenton Artist Guild and volunteered with the March of Dimes, Red Cross, and the State Bank. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. www. dryerfuneralhomeholly .com.

Morgan Brummett,

Morgan Brummett - age 45, of Flint, passed away on September 8, 2010 after an illness. He is survived by his mother, Margot Brummett of Fenton and his brother Travis of Dearborn. A memorial service will be held at St. Judes Episocpal Church in Fenton at 2 PM on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

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Wallace **Eugene Doll** 1925-2010

Wallace Eugene Doll of Lake Fenton, Retired Master Chief, age 84, died November 24, 2010. Services will be held 3 PM Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be 12 PM until the time of service on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions to the Curtis Wolverton, VFW Post 3243 for Korean War Veteran's Recognition. Wallace was born November 29, 1925 in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Ohio Schools and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He served his country in the United States Navy and Coast Guard, retiring after 27 years of service. Wallace served in WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. After retiring from the Coast Guard he became Circulation Manager for the Detroit Free Press. For the past 38 years he has been a resident of Fenton. Wallace was a member of the VFW Fenton Post, The Cooties, The Eagles, The Moose and The Dad's Foreign Service. Surviving are: 6 children, Martin Doll and wife Keli of Ortonville, Russell Doll of Gobles, D'Ette Doll of Kamuela, Hawaii, Julie Ann Doll and husband Kris of Salcha, Alaska, stepson, Gordon Miller and wife Nancy of Cheboygan and stepdaughter, Cynthia Meyer and husband Mark of Milford; 8 grandchildren, Rodrigo, Robert, Spencer, Andria, Jacob, Katie, Chasity and step grandchild Mark Miller and wife Wendy; 4 great-grandchildren, Austin, Samantha, Connor and Sasha; sister, Charlotte Serb of Vermillion, OH, and former wife Jacqueline Doll. He was preceded in death by his parents, two wives, Frances and Jeanne, son Christopher, and brother Richard. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd. Fenton. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton. Visitation was held 7-9 PM Monday and 3-5 and 7-9 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Salvation Army. Mrs. Feetham was born January 20, 1942 in Flint, the daughter of George and Pauline (Sherman) Bjorling and had lived in Fenton all of her life. She was a 1960 graduate of Fenton High School and married Joseph P. Feetham in 1962. Mrs. Feetham was a past employee of the old Hazeltine-Perkins Drug Company. She was a past member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and loved playing card and going to the casino. Surviving are: husband, Joseph "Pat" Feetham; four children, Bryan (Denise) Feetham of Gaines, Paul (Syndra) Feetham of Kansas City, MO, Kelli (Matthew) Clark of Fenton, Mark (Holly) Feetham of Linden; nine grandchildren; two brothers, George (Bonnie) Bjorling of Findley, OH, Edward (Joyce) Bjorling of Fenton; sister, Sandra Lemon of Fenton; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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