Get ready for the next generation of 911 calls

Photos, videos and texts could be possible

By Sharon Stone
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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 Gencachowski, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

This needs to change.

See 911 on 12

DID YOU KNOW?

Americans place 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
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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.

Dr. Infernal delights Dickens audience

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

Hunter charged with felonious assault in Argentine Township

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 Burton, was to be in Genesee County’s 67th District Court on Tuesday for his preliminary hearing; however, he did not show up as required.

As a result, a bench warrant for his arrest was authorized. Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said he and police officer Theresa Walters responded to a call 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

Board: Superintendent progressing well on goals

By Anna Troppens
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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 to help you learn. 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

Countdown to Christmas begins today

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

By Sally Rummel
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Now that the calendar has officially turned the page from November 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.
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More than 90 percent of households now use a mobile phone, but only 25 percent have dropped their landline.

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**Ditch it or keep it?**

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  - 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 Telephone Industries Association (CTIA), a non-profit group of wireless telephone companies. 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 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

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  - *By Sally Rummel*
  
  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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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 convicted 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, that’s likely average American Muslims are the real heroes in this story.

The FBI was alerted to 19-year-old 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 mass-murder plans.

And while it may seem like a no-brainer to ‘drop a dime’ on a possible terrorist, lest you lose a 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. In the end, the possible terrorist, you have to factor in the agony any parent would face when making that choice. Knowing the parents made the right choice — the agonizing choice — knowing the result would be the loss of their son. In the end, the possible terrorist, you have to factor that in the agony any parent would face when making that choice.

**Shame on those of you who are bash- ing the 16-plus year old 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.
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.

Complete Streets is a concept to incorporate planning, design, construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the transportation network to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit and freight. By adopting the resolution, Linden 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

By Anna Troppens
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Of 362 Fenton students recommended for summer school, 69 percent, or 251, of them enrolled. Of those 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.

Cost of summer school, for residents of Fenton Area Public Schools
• Kindergarten through fifth grade, funded through Title I
• Grades 6-12, $125 per class, or $60 if student qualifies for reduced lunch, or $25 per class if student qualifies for free lunch

The program also accepts nonresident students, if space is available, at a nonresident rate.

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 air-conditioned.

DID YOU KNOW?
Fenton Area Public Schools held summer school from July 12 through Aug. 12.

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Former Linden police chief to lead holiday parade

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Linden — Recently retired police chief, Pete VanDriesche, 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 luminaria at the Downing Clinic.

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

VanDriesche 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 was later named chief.

Since retirement, VanDriesche has been spending his time on renovations at his home and a little deer hunting. A pitfall of waking so early for so many years is that now he still tends to awake before 5 a.m. every day.

When he received the phone call from Marguerite Plumb, who serves on the selection committee, VanDriesche 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 committee said the new vehicle would be equipped to draft water from any of the numerous lakes and ponds in the township. He said steel 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.

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.

Argentine board considers $394,000 fire truck

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 proposal 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.

In 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 the bids. Based on the bids submitted, the companies contacted, four submitted a way to cover the $394,000 price tag.

The Argentine Township Board of Trustees is looking into the fire department’s proposal to purchase one new vehicle, which would replace two old and worn out vehicles. If approved, the township would then need to find a way to cover the $394,000 price tag.

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Argentine board considers $394,000 fire truck Would replace two outdated vehicles

By Sharon Stone sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786

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 proposal 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.

In 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 the bids. Based on the bids submitted, the companies contacted, four submitted a way to cover the $394,000 price tag.

The Argentine Township Board of Trustees is looking into the fire department’s proposal to purchase one new vehicle, which would replace two old and worn out vehicles. If approved, the township would then need to find a way to cover the $394,000 price tag.

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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.

WIN A $500 SHOPPING SPREE!

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 drawing for the Tri-County Times offices until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6. The winner will be notified on Tuesday, December 7.

What a great way to begin your area holiday shopping!

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 airline 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 pat down. 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 Fadale, 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

As part of the Fenton Area Public Schools International Baccalaurate (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 use those 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 cemented 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 Julius 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.
HOT LINE CONTINUED
REGARDING VEGETABLE GARDENS, 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 micro-brew multi-tap bar, the Clarkston Brewery. We needn’t look further than the town of Clarkston, and their thriving destination restaurant and brewery. We needn’t look further than the Methodist Church to find a firehouse that people in this town care about each other.

FORGET ROUNDABOUTS and consider that people in this town care about each other.

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 in line behind me at the bank? I have quite a large vegetable garden and I don’t see how anyone could control their spending. Live away from the mortgage because they kill your property values by walking in line behind me at the bank.

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I AM THANKFUL.
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 using their landlines, and use their cell phones for making calls and messaging. 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.

Michelle Gilbert of Verizon said one attraction of a landline is nearly failsafe coverage. The only way to lose a landline is nearly failsafe. “I can remember phone bills topping $100 per month pretty easily,” he said. Another topping $100 per month pretty easily, “he said. Students of a landline is nearly failsafe coverage. The only way to lose a landline is nearly failsafe. “I can remember phone bills topping $100 per month pretty easily,” he said. Another topping $100 per month pretty easily, “he said. Students
PERSONALIZED
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“Believe it or not, we can put your favorite picture on choco-
lates for a unique and personal Christmas gift,” said Carol Shul-
er, 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 min-
utes in advanced planning, but they make the spirit of gift giving a pleasure for the giver as well. While gift cards and cash are common and probably won’t be remembered in years to come when recall-
ing presents that were thoughtful, personal and cherished.

Sometimes the most thoughtful gifts are the ones that celebrate a special rela-
tionship 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 col-
lage of pictures.

Laser etching is another way to person-
alize 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 back of a sparkly sequined mirror. Laser etching is another way to person-
ally express your feelings of love and admiration for someone special.

For the true outdoorsman or soccer-watching mom, consider a hand warmer for your favorite cold-weather activities. There are personal ideas from traditional engraved pewter and silver to engraved Zippo hand warmers for your favorite cold-weather/indoorsman or soccer-watching mom.

The FentonSuperintendent’s
GOALS For 2010-11

- Student achievement
  - Communication and
    becoming part of the community
  - Fiscal responsibility

- Parent-Teacher Organization meetings
- meetings 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 is-
sue for Fenton and other school districts in the state. Jalkanen has met with
teachers and parents, and talked with State Rep.
Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc). Issues include working with state legislators and staying within the school district’s means.

Fenton is doing well, but school of-

ficials would always like to do better and become more efficient. He believes schools will find out more about fund-
ings after new Gov. Rick Snyder takes

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
to 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.”
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10AM

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at Bush Park

10AM-4PM

Santa Paws Pictures
Front of the Fenton Community Center (outside)

10AM-12noon

Letters to Santa
at Watsons Mall

10AM-4PM

Santa Claus

4:30PM-7PM

Family Christmas Crafts
at Fenton United Methodist Church

7PM-8:30PM

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For more information go to: SLIPAR offices, City of Fenton, Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce
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The resolution is nonbinding and encourages local transportation planners to consider pedestrians and bicyclists when planning and implementing transportation projects. It also highlights that an investment in Complete Streets can offer long term cost savings and result in many community benefits.

Complete Streets can help make a community more sustainable, livable and economically viable by sparking economic 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 number 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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Wednesday, December 1, 2010

STRATEGIES
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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, and 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.

HUNTER
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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 Pulpur 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 investigating 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.

ADVENT
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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-to-date 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.

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WE ARE BUYING!
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 I had taken it and took another dose. Coumadin is effective but bothersome drug. I'm on your side when it comes to taking it. It pumps out an adequate blood supply.

Q: 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?

A: 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.

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 that a urine 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.

A: It’s a simple but reliable test. It’s not a lab test. It’s four questions. They are: 1. Have you ever felt you needed to cut down on your drinking? 2. Are you annoyed when people criticize your drinking? 3. Do you ever feel guilty about your drinking? 4. Have you ever taken a drink first thing in the morning as an eye-opener?

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GOING THE DISTANCE

Erin (Tina Fey) and Ben (Michael Buble), an upper-middle-class couple living in New York, dream of big breaks they’ve been hoping for could break them up. Ben and Erin’s bi-coastal romance is threatened by Ben’s promising Hollywood ambitions and wait on that promotion. The two will have to navigate the pitfalls and mistakings of the city from his arch-enemy, Maxim (Alfred Molina), to Manhattan trying to defend the city from his arch-enemy, Maxim (Alfred Molina), to Manhattan trying to defend

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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 co-title 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 to take the program to a higher step this winter. The Tigers return six players, including key starters Ryan Hickoff, Dylan Hickoff and Eric Mowery, from last year’s 17-4 program. And coach Tim Oszewski sees tremendous energy already.

“The boys are attacking every drill to its fullest,” Oszewski 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 Oszewski 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 five like us,” 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 but we’ll find out soon.”

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Sports Trivia

In the 708 B.C. Olympics, wrestling was the final event of what competition?

It was the final event of the pentathlon. The 1968 pentathlon used Greco Roman wrestling. The pentathlon was replaced with the heptathlon in 1984.

LF, Holly wrestling poised for big seasons

By David Troppens
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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 tri-county 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 michигangrappler.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.”

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 (155/HWT) are strong veterans. Junior Tyler Gibson (119) is another strong, lightweight wrestler. There’s another grappler to watch out for.

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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 period. A Chiefs’ slashing penalty got the Panthers on the scoreboard with 42 seconds left in the first period. Then, with the game tied at a 2-2, the Lapeer West skaters two men down, West cashed in as freshman Braydin Walters scored on an unassisted breakaway.

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did you know?

Bruno Sammartino held the WWE Heavyweight Belt for over 11 years during two career title runs.
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The Blue Devils have been a respect-
able 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. Mean-
while, Linden has been football country
at the start of this millennium, not hoops
country. The Eagles hoped 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 heavi-
ner than last year,” Olozewski said. “They
have increased size and strength. They put
in a lot of time concentrating on basket-
ball.”

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
by 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 Munton and
Steven Racher.

Lansing Sexton transfer Andre Kundert is
expected to make an impact in the back-
court, helping lead Sexton’s JV team to
a 20-0 mark last year. Quinton Mandell,
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 were
buzzer at
the last
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We need
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Olozewski said. “We want to
go 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 Anderus
Gray and Brent Stafne; and juniors Austin
Hopkin and Jared Pavlowski.

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
Becker is a defensive specialist and Ja-
cob Schuermann and Ryan Houldsworth
proved their athletic ability on the young
football team. Donovan Williams was the
leading scorer on the JV team a year ago
and Pontiac transfer Nathanial Shorter is
an athletic perimeter player. Michael Al-
exander 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. Mean-
while, Mitch Kirk returns for his fourth
straight varsity season. Those two are
good starting point.

Devin Evans is a strong scoring guard,
while Spencer Quick brings defense and a
nice touch near the basket.

Linden Eagles
The Eagles return a few players from
last year, including leading scorer Brad
Farthing. Max Powell played the point
last year, and Garrett Callard was one of
the first players off the bench a year ago.
Jack Gather also brings experience inside
the paint.

Others that join the mix this year are
Kevin Baker, Dylan Nash, Tyler Crous,
Max Belbot, Josh Hoebelung, Shaye Brown and Garret Boley.

“We’ll be the smallest team in the league,
but we do have good quickness,”
Linden coach Dennis Hopkins said. “We
have to box out. If we don’t, it’ll be a long
night. We have good shooters, but our
tallest kid is 6-2 and that’s stretch-
ing it.”

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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 Pan-
thers made it 3-0 on a power play with
11:52 left in the second period in a Dan
Delvecchio 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.

WRESTLING
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Domani Ross opens his freshman season
as Division 2’s top ranked 103-pounder.
Other freshmen to watch 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 nor-
manly make our varsity, 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
quad. So, there will be some rebuilding
to be done at Linden.

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

There are some talented wrestlers
returning. That list includes returning state
qualifiers Kyle Fisher (189) 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 Elijah
Fugate (130) and Zach Shaw (112).
Karrah Varner (103) also returns to the
team after a strong country season.

“They are very young, but very ex-
cited,” said coach Todd Mowery. “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 Wel-
zel (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
golden.

“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.”

“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
gonna go 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 some
chances, but were stopped by Panthers
keeper Cam Giddings.

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

The Chiefs will be looking for their
first win when they skate against Bran-
don at Iceland Arena Friday at 6 p.m.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REVISED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE CRANE ROAD / LAKE SHORE DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owner 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 12056 Manitawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of $112,170.80.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12056 Manitawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday December 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter, and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the conclusion of the special assessment roll.)

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**Wallace Eugene Doll**

Wallace Eugene Doll of Lodi, CA, Retired Master Chief, age 84, died November 24, 2010. Services will be held 3 PM on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Home, 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 Volland, 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 was a Circulation Manager for the Detroit Free Press. For the past 36 years he has been a resident of Fenton. Wallace was a member of the VFW Post 318, The Eagles, The Moose and The Dad’s Foreign Service. Surviving are children, Martin Doll and wife Kelly of Ortonville, Russell Doll of Kamuela, Hawaii, Julie Ann Doll and husband Kris of Port Huron, Michigan, Stephen Dowell, stepson, Gordon Miller and wife Nancy of Cheboygan, Michigan, and Sasha; sister, Charlotte Kane of Milford; 8 grandchildren, Morgan, Benjamin, Samantha, Connor, Logan and Jamie of Milford; 4 great-grandchildren, Mark Miller and wife Wendy; Andria, Jacob, Katie, Chase, and Charles; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Morgan Brummett Sr. and Betty Brummett of Dearborn. Arrangements were made by Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton, MI. Burial is private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Curtis Volland, VFW Post 3243 for Korean War Veteran’s Recognition. Arrangements were made by Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton, MI. Burial is private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Curtis Volland, VFW Post 3243 for Korean War Veteran’s Recognition.

**Normagne Bailey**

Normagne Bailey - age 79, of Holly, died Friday, November 26, 2010. She was born in Rose Center, KY on April 8, 1931 the daughter of Clyde and Betty (Sheldon) Ballard. Funeral services were held 11:30 AM, Monday, November 30, 2010 at the Dryer Funeral Home, 260 E. Main St., Holly, MI. Burial was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Normagne was survived by her husband Butch; of Holly; 2 daughters (Mary Lynn) Vawter of Fenton, Linda Bailey of Holly; 3 grandchildren (Nicolle) Hopper, Logan and Jamie Vawter. Normagne was a graduate 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, Margaret Brummett of Fenton and his brother Travis of Dearborn. A memorial service will be held at St. Judes Episcopal Church in Fenton at 2 PM on Saturday, December 4, 2010.
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