LETTER: ROUNDBABOUTS

“Roundabouts are the best thing since individually wrapped cheese slices.” — Josh

HOT LINE: FENTON SIDEWALKS

“I would like to see some Obama (ARRA) money spent on some new sidewalks.” — Josh

STORY: UNEMPLOYMENT FAILS TO PASS

“Need them to extend emergency unemployment. I have two older parents who need assistance. I am just one person. I cannot afford two households. To those who are against the extension, I pray you do not have to ever experience being laid off.” — Lynette

STORY: ARGENTINE NEW FIRE TRUCK

“Do not think that this is a good use of taxpayers’ money. I know of other departments that get grants for fire trucks. I think that the township board should check into any type of grants, first, and foremost. Then see about getting a less expensive truck. I know that you can buy two trucks for the same price that they are buying one at.” — Tom Y.

See COMMENTS on 10A

HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

641 KNOW WHAT our nation should do to prevent the leaking of government secrets by rogue websites like WikiLeaks, store them where President Obama keeps his college transcripts and birth certificate.

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Year ending on high note for local auto dealerships

Sales and revenues increase locally and nationally

By Tim Jagielo

It’s been a good year for local dealerships. Bret Baker, of Flint Township, pulled into Lasco Ford auto dealership in Fenton on Wednesday to check out a new Mustang, assisted by new car sales consultant Wendy Hosea. After looking over the outside of the car, he took it for a test drive. Overall, Americans test drove, and bought more cars in 2010, than in 2009. Nationally, U.S. automakers are up in sales, with General Motors Corporation (GM) in the lead with 168,670 vehicles sold as of November. Chrysler’s light truck sales are up 24.2 percent over last year.

“Cold at the end of the tunnel is not a train.”

Rick Porritt, general manager for Randy Wise Buick/GMC

Local man adopts mustang from the Wild West

Roamed free in Wyoming until 2009

By Anna Troppens

Mokha, a 5-year-old mustang, comes upon to greet its owner, Ed Whalen, of Byron. She delicately accepts horse treats from his hand, as Whalen’s other horse, Apache, a black paint Tennessee walker, muscles up to grab a snack as well. While watching Mokha in the horses’ pasture, it can be difficult to imagine the gentle, friendly horse, running wild with a herd of other mustangs in part.

See WILD on 22A

Garbage removal could cost $21,000 less in 2011

By Anna Troppens

Fenton — City council is scheduled for action on garbage removal bids on Monday. It received two bids, from Waste Management, which has handled solid waste in Fenton for more than 20 years, and Republic Services. Whichever firm council selects, the city would keep its bag and tag method, where residents purchase a tag for each can of trash they throw out, or a bag for it, said Gary Hicks, municipality manager for Republic Services.

See GARBAGE on 22A

No action means Sunday morning liquor sales allowed

By Anna Troppens

The Tyron Township Board has decided to allow Sunday morning liquor sales, which is made possible by a new state law.

See LIQUOR on 10A

Fenton could take ownership of delinquent tax properties

By Anna Troppens

Fenton City Council is considering the acceptance of property in the city from Genesee County, which owns some Fenton properties due to delinquent taxes. One of these properties is 603 Main St.
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Sometimes it's okay to throw rocks at girls!
Electric power shovel quickly gaining popularity

By Sharon Stone
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As some residents in this area eagerly await the first big snowfall, others are dreading the thought of shoveling the white stuff off their sidewalks and decks.

The Toro 12-inch electric power shovel snow blower has acquired quite a few fans, who rave about how easy it is to clear snow from small areas.

“At 13 pounds, this power shovel provides a lot of snow-throwing power, yet is light and compact enough to hang on a hook in the garage. It’s an ideal choice for sidewalks, steps, decks and small driveways. The powerful blower can move up to 300 pounds of snow per minute and blows it up to 20 feet, according to the manufacturers’ specs.”

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Meanwhile, similar-sized cities in Michigan and across the nation are withering and dying under the strain of the same economic environment that Fenton, Holly and Linden are surviving; and even thriving, in. Other communities are dying because nobody stepped up to the plate to tell them that maybe, just maybe, if we all work together, we could use these difficult circumstances to make lemonade out of lemons.

The Times and your local chamber of commerce have been relentless in consistently communicating the endless benefits of spending our money locally. Why? Because you can’t blame the uninformed for making buying decisions that are detrimental to everything that is dear to them. When we shop online we are enriching faceless billionaires like Jeff Bezos, the owner of Amazon, whose net worth is an astounding $12.6 billion. That means that Jeff Bezos could write 12,000 checks for $1 million each and still have enough money to live like a king forever. Conversely, our local businesses just want to make the house payment (to the local bank) put food on the table (from the local grocery store) and clothe their kids (from local clothing stores).

And for the record, every business located in our communities is a local business. They all hire local people, they all pay local taxes, and nearly all contribute to the endless fundraisers and community events that are integral components of small cities and towns across our nation.

We embrace the idea of distinctive businesses with local character, but often forget their survival depends on our purchasing. Each time we spend a dollar, we would do well to weigh the full value of our choices, not solely to ourselves immediately, but for the future we want in our own hometowns. Let’s make decisions based on the true cost, not just the price — and not just at Christmas, but all year round.

On behalf of the businesses and residents of our communities, I say thank you. Thank you for accomplishing one of those rare feats that many communities talk about, but few actually accomplish.

Thank you for making lemonade out of lemons.

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KUDOS TO THE DPW workers, I see them all around Fenton and they seem to do a great job maintaining our city. Keep up the good work.

THE REAL STATISTICS for Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell is more than 80 percent of the military thinks the policy should be left alone. These statistics are available on the Internet, where our troops are asked pointblank, ‘Are you in favor of eliminating the current policy of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell?’ When it is a simple yes or no question, the answer is just as certain. A resounding 81 percent said, ‘No, leave it alone.’ As usual, the mainstream media is skewing the numbers to support their liberal ideology and promote their own agenda.

TWO MEMBERS OF the Fenton High School football team received all-state honors; Jake Georgakopolous (First Team) and Kenny Allen (Honorable Mention). A great ending to a great season.

THE JINGLEFEST PARADE was great, except for the ‘Parade Nazi.’ Next time, let the parade go at its own pace. We want to see all of the entries. It was really rude and un-Christian like to yell at a bunch of little girls to hurry up, who were just trying to perform.

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Quick 911 response helps save man’s life

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Phil and Donna Mostin are grateful for the Fenton Fire Department and the emergency first responders who recently came to their home, not once, but twice. And, Phil believes the Fenton Fire Department played a big hand in saving his life.

Phil, who is 80, has had heart-related problems for at least 15 years. He sees his cardiologist regularly and maintains a healthy lifestyle, which includes walking and rounds of golf.

“We make sure they’re (family members) taken care of, too.”

Robert Calnduff
Fenton fire chief

On Nov. 6, while sitting down in his home, he began feeling pressure in his chest and a shortness of breath. His medicine was not helping. Donna called 911 and waited anxiously for help. Within five minutes, the fire department and paramedics arrived.

After a quick check, Phil was transported, by ambulance, to the emergency room at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township. “They had gotten me there in good time,” said Phil. Doctors told him if it had taken any longer, his heart could have suffered permanent damage. An enzyme test revealed there was no damage to his heart.

“I praise them, and the Lord,” said Phil. Phil’s cardiologist was notified immediately and he was able to insert a stent to repair a blocked artery. After a few days, Phil was released in order to recuperate at home.

About one week after his first emergency call, Donna was calling 911 again. This time, attending doctors contemplated open-heart surgery, said Phil. This plan was averted after his cardiologist checked him out. He underwent angioplasty to clear a few blocked arteries and he was discharged on Nov. 19.

After losing some weight and strength, Phil is now slowly recovering at home and getting better every day. “I’m recovering.”

See 911 on 12A
Holly Village manager applicants narrowed down to four

**By Tim Jagielo**
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Interviews for Holly Village manager applicants will be held Tuesday, Dec. 21, in an all-day process. The field of applicants has been narrowed down to four.

The former village manager, Martha Powers, was fired in September. Jerry Walker, who has applied and been selected as one of the top four, has been filling in as interim manager.

At Tuesday’s meeting of the village council, the day, time, and format were decided in a motion made by President Jeff Miller and supported by Council member Jason Hughes. Should the top four applicants still be interested in the job, the interviews will be held Dec. 21, with all of council present. “Out of those four, we’ll have a great manager,” said Miller. If one of the four should rescind their application, the next two runners up will be called and interviewed, he added.

One council member will field the majority of the questions during the interview process, and others will have an opportunity to ask follow-up questions. After a selection is made, the Personnel and Finance committees will negotiate salary and benefits with the candidate.

Before the regular meeting, the Personnel Committee made up of council members Jackie Campbell, Pauline Kenner, and Miller, met to verify the choices the seven members of the council had made. “I want to know that we agree on all counts,” said Miller at the meeting.

Some of the applicants wanted anonymity, so they were referenced by number, rather than by name. Miller said, there is one applicant selected in the top four by nearly every council member.

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AUTO THEFT SUSPECT IN COURT

Kenny Jane Walker, 31, of Fenton Township, is facing one felony count of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle in Genesee County District Court. He was in court on Tuesday for his preliminary exam on the charge. Walker is suspected of being involved with the theft of a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu from a residence on Tupper Lake Way in Fenton Township in early November. The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to the complaint and turned the case over to the Genesee Auto Theft Investigative Network (GAIN). A cash bond of $3,000 was ordered. Walker will be back in court on Dec. 21 for another preliminary exam.

COUPLE OUT $1,500

A robbery occurred Sunday night, Dec. 5, after a man scammed out of $1,500 after purchasing a used car they found for sale online at Craigslist. The couple met with the seller at an airport on Dec. 3. They became suspicious and reported their concerns to the Holly Police Department. The car they bought turned out to be reported stolen out of the Detroit area on Nov. 28. The title they had in possession did not match the vehicle identification number (VIN). The car was turned over to the detective and it was later transported to the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office crime lab for processing. Contact is being made with the rightful owners. Fingerprints were recovered from the car as evidence. The investigation is pending.

UNDERAGE DRINKING PARTY

At 10:52 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, Holly police officers were dispatched to a possible underage drinking party in the 700 block of South Broad Street. While outside the house, officers spoke with the 21-year-old male resident. Looking through a window, police observed several males hiding beer cans. When asked where his mother was, the 21-year-old said she was inside with his friends. The mother came out and gave police consent to enter the house. Officers smelled intoxicants and marijuana. The woman’s son said his mother did not know about the party until police arrived. The 21-year old was cited for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Six males, between the ages of 15 and 17, were cited for minor in possession (MIP) of alcohol after taking a breath test and released to their parents. One male also was cited for possession of marijuana and refused to a youth assistance program. Three females, one 14 and two 18, were released.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

At 11:40 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, Holly police officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate an attempted home invasion complaint. The resident reported that an unknown individual had attempted to force his way into his residence by pounding on the door and breaking a window. An officer located a male, based on the description given and made contact with the man. The officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants on the man, as well as scratches and blood on his hand and a gash on his forehead. The man was arrested and taken back to the police station for processing, where he continued to be uncooperative. Because of his wounds, he was checked by medical personnel. He damaged a phone in the holding cell. Attempted breaking and entering charges are pending.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Just after 12 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, a Holly police officer was sent to the 300 block of Thomas Street to investigate an indecent exposure complaint. The responding officer spotted the suspect walking toward the house. According to the police report, the man shares a home with a married couple. He argued with the woman. The responding officer female roommate then called him to complain about his behavior. He walked to the mother’s home on Thomas, pounded on the door and yelled profanities. Angry with the situation, he walked out into the street and dropped his pants. The responding officer just moomed the crowd. There were several witnesses, including juveniles. A warrant for his arrest has been secured for indecent exposure and disorderly conduct.

FIRE

Blaze damages home on Kellogg Drive

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — A small home on Kellogg Drive was damaged by a fire Tuesday afternoon. Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff said they received the call at 3:52 p.m. and were on scene at 3:55 p.m. He believes the fire began in a utility room, located at the front of the older, pine-board home. A faulty furnace might be to blame, but at this time, the cause is undetermined.

A neighbor told responding firefighters that they believed that only the residents’ family dog was inside.

WITNESSES SOUGHT

At 2:25 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, Holly police were dispatched to a business in the 15000 block of North Holly Road to investigate a call from the alarm company. Glass breaking and motion was detected. Upon arrival, the responding officer observed a shattered window to the right of the front door. The front door was locked. Police were unable to locate any suspects inside the store. Merchandise had been knocked off shelves. All of the Newport brand cigarettes behind the counter were missing. The owner of the store is reviewing the video and checking his inventory to determine any possible losses. Anyone has information about this break-in, they are asked to call Det. Julie Bernius at (248) 634-8221.

WAN WINDOW BROKEN

At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, a 71-year-old Fenton woman filed a complaint with Fenton police. Lt. Jason Slater said the woman reported that between 6 and 8 p.m. someone broke a window in her 1990 Dodge Caravan, which was parked and 8 p.m. someone broke a window in her 1990 Dodge Caravan, which was parked on the street on Kellogg Drive. She also noticed that $29.95 was missing from the store. Police were unable to locate any suspects for processing. Contact is being made with the rightful owners. Fingerprints were recovered from inside as well as the rocks used to break the window. If anyone has information about this break-in, they are asked to call Det. Julie Bernius at (248) 634-8221.

FRAUD REPORTED

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, a 70-year-old Fenton woman filed a fraud complaint with Fenton police. Lt. Jason Slater said the woman checked her bank account on Dec. 6 and saw that there was an unknown deposit of $300 from U.S. Fast Cash. She also noticed that $29.95 was withdrawn from her account to cover the interest on the $300 loan. She checked with the company and was told that since her husband’s name was on the account, the company could not reveal any information to the woman. Her husband is hospitalized and said she never applied for any loan. The woman’s bank closed her account. Slater said he has read several stories online about complaints against this company.

Firefighters located the nearly unconscious dog and a neighbor rushed it to an emergency veterinarian clinic in Flint so that it could be placed in an oxygen room. The pine board and insulation caused the fire to smolder. Damage was contained to the front part of the 1,000 square foot house. There was smoke damage throughout the rest of the house. The fire chief estimates damage at $25,000.

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Tyrone faces budget woes in 2011-12

Board discusses how to cut possible $178,000 shortfall

By Anna Troppens
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Tyrone Twp. — Higher expenses and less revenue — a common theme for local governments — could plague Tyrone Township’s 2011-12 budget. The board held an initial budget discussion Tuesday.

Budget projections show a $100,000 shortfall, Clerk Keith Kremer said. Expenses are more, for a projected shortfall of $178,000.

Summary

Tyrone Township is facing less revenue and more expenses for its 2011-12 budget. The township board held its initial budget discussion Tuesday.

With some budget adjustments, Treasurer Dave Kurtz said the current projection is Tyrone could reduce the shortfall to around $16,000-$20,000. Budget adjustments could include pulling $100,000 from reserves, adding $44,000 from increased tax assessment income — and not upgrading computer systems for the permit program at this time, which would save $8,000.

Tyrone could collect $105,000 less in property taxes and state revenue sharing money, Kremer said. Taxes and shared revenue are estimated at 6 percent less than for 2009-10. And there will probably be $60,000 to $70,000 in fire department billings the township won’t collect.

The township contracts with Fenton, Fenton Township and the Hartland-Deerfield Fire Authority, because of a previous legal settlement after the township withdrew from the authority, is $39,000.

Police protection is $148,750 for the year, and fire department expenses are estimated at $372,730, Kremer said.

For the $16 million-plus cost of installing the township’s municipal sewer system, it will owe $1.2 million annually until 2023, Kurtz said. This year, with the township’s sale of property to a private individual, it will be able to make its next payment. Eventually, Tyrone’s sewer fund will be able to reimburse what was taken from the general fund.

On the budget, Trustee Don Peitz said if the township has a revenue shortfall it should cut spending.

In addition, the board discussed possible pay raises for employees. Kurtz said he wouldn’t object to merit pay increases in the upcoming budget.

Tyrone Township’s 2011-12 budget. The board held its initial budget discussion Tuesday.

Tyrone faces budget woes in 2011-12

Money owed for manufactured home community’s debts a big issue

The township doesn’t owe it right now, but there is a $1 million debt Livingston County advanced on its behalf. The debt is for unpaid property taxes and costs of 660 sewer units. Township officials would like to know what is going to happen, so they can plan, said Tyrone Township Mayor Dave Kurtz. If owners of the Cider Mill Crossing manufactured housing community default on their taxes and the property goes up for a tax sale, Tyrone will owe for the debt, Kurtz said. The state attorney general has granted Cider Mill Crossing two years of extensions, and it could be until March 31, 2012 before the township knows what will take place. In addition, the township is increasing by a 12 percent annual interest rate, he said.

Deerfield Fire Authority for fire department, police and ambulance services. It currently bills those who receive fire department and ambulance services. In April 2011, an annual special assessment residents pay will begin covering these costs.

Tyrone will have a separate public safety fund in its 2011-12 budget, for fire, police and emergency medical services. Revenue from the special assessment is projected at $583,275, with expenses at an estimated $560,480. The township’s annual payment to the Hartland-Deerfield Fire Authority, because of a previous legal settlement after the township withdrew from the authority, is $39,000.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST WANT TO say thank you to Captain Matt Conly for his many, many years of dedicated service with the Fenton Township Fire Department. Wishing you and your family the best in your relocation.

I CANNOT BELIEVE what I just read. In this economy, voting members of the Fenton City Council are going to vote to hurt the businesses in their town by trying to stop extended sales of alcohol. The only thing this will do is cause people to start shopping in other communities. Please quit trying to shove your morals down everyone’s throat.

THE RESIDENTS OF Linden are not paying attention to the council and planning commission. Looks like there are laws, just for law’s sake. Only one planning commission member has any common sense. One of the issues will have to come off of ACE, or the owner will have to go to court. Now, Linden has losing and his ego for another two years, because no one ran against him. Wake up, Linden.
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Liquor
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A new state law allows for this, unless a local unit of government takes action to prohibit it. According to a legal opinion the township received from the Michigan Municipal League (MML), if Tyrone prohibits Sunday morning liquor sales, it could prohibit liquor sales all day, Clerk Keith Kremer said.

“While the language in the final act was in error, though, because it inadvertently requires communities to prohibit all Sunday sales instead of just Sunday morning,” read the Dec. 3 memo from Andy Schor, assistant director of State Affairs for the MML. The LCC is going to allow local governments to prohibit Sunday morning sales, though, and the MML expects the state legislature to pass a technical fix to the law in January, Schor said. The township board would need to hold a public hearing and adopt an ordinance to prohibit Sunday morning liquor sales, Treasurer Dave Kurtz said.

If businesses want to sell liquor on Sunday, they need a $160 permit from the LCC, he said.

Four businesses, two golf courses and two party stores, have liquor licenses in Tyrone Township, according to Kremer said. The board voted unanimously not to take action on the LCC letter.

Holly officially begins search for new police chief

By Tim Jagielo

On Monday, the position for Holly police chief will be posted and available for applicants to view. The current chief, Rollie Gackstetter, will retire on Dec. 17, leaving the top-ranking sergeants in charge, along with interim village manager Jerry Walker, who has held both police chief and village manager positions in the past.

Instead of waiting until January for the manager hiring process to end, the council on Tuesday decided to push forward with the police chief search, while the village manager interviewing process is also underway. Walker expects the posting to draw between 30-50 applicants. “We’re all big believers in that, and we’ll have a stack of reading to do,” said President Jeff Miller, who wanted the job posted immediately.

The deadline for applications is 2 p.m., Dec. 29.

The council also requested that Walker add a stipulation to the job posting that an applicant have equivalent police experience if they do not have an applicable degree. At the request of the council, Walker has also sought a member of the clergy to sit on the panel that will interview the police chief applicants. Pastor Ed Pedley of First Baptist Church will serve on the panel.

Retired Holly police officer Buster Winebrenner of Holly will also sit on the panel. He had received a letter from the Officer’s Union Association requesting that he serve on the interview panel. He also requested a presence on the panel, which the council granted. “I think I can be a great asset for hiring a new police chief,” he said.

Summary

The Holly Village Council has agreed to begin the search for a new police chief. The current chief, Rollie Gackstetter is retiring this month.

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10A Sunday, December 12, 2010
Jinglefest lights up the night

Hundreds of visitors flocked to downtown Fenton for the Holiday Lighted Parade Saturday evening, during the annual Jinglefest held throughout the weekend. Here, attendees watch the Fenton Fire Department trucks at the end of the parade.

A puppy for Christmas

Many children dream of a roly-poly, warm, snuggly puppy waiting just for them under the Christmas tree. These lab/shepherd mix puppies romp and lounge at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton, where they are available in time for Christmas adoption.

CITY OF FENTON
Council split on 911 upgrades or options

The Fenton police and fire chiefs have asked city council for direction on the future of Fenton’s 911 dispatch. Replacing the aging dispatch equipment would cost $180,000. If it is not replaced, the city would end up switching to Genesee Central Dispatch for fire, police and ambulance services.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Housing market trend is smaller homes

Local families are downsizing their homes, following a nationwide trend. The trend toward smaller homes seems to be a function of cost more than size. With the average U.S. home measuring approximately 2,422 square feet, this average has lost about 50 square feet between the years of 2008 and 2009, from its height in 2004.

Asthma usually controllable

Dr. Donohue gives his expert opinion.

DVDs & Movies
Short write-ups on DVDs and movies released this week
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said he and his department appreciated Fenton Fire Department.

*Fighting back emotion, she said, “There’s never enough words to thank them. There were so professional. They got him there just in time.”

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**Don’t light your Christmas tree near the fireplace.** It is illegal to place a Christmas tree in a way that makes it difficult for fire fighters to reach it.

**There are many things you can do to help keep your home safe from a fire.**

**State rejects closure plan for sewer facility**

**Tyrone will pay $1,900 more to consultant**

**By Anna Troppens**

As reported in the Tri-County Times, 810-433-6792

**Tyrone Twp. — It’s back to the drawing board for the proposed closure plan on old sewer facilities for Tyrone Woods Manor.**

**Summary**

After the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) rejected its closure plan for old sewer facilities at Tyrone Woods, the township for an additional $1,900 to its consultant for an approved plan.

**The board voted that the cost not exceed $1,900. The plan Tetra Tech produces must be approved by the MDNRE and be acceptable to Tyrone Township.** Previously, the township spent $3,075 on the plan, Treasurer David Kurtz said. Tyrone’s contract with Tetra Tech did not include language that the plan had to be approved by MDNRE.

**The MDNRE rejected the first plan, saying the township needs to fix some parts of it. Tetra Tech representatives told township officials they were out of funding for the plan, so Kurtz asked the firm for a cost on an approved plan. Tetra Tech told him $1,900, he said.**

**Once an approved plan is in place, Tyrone Township must pay Tyrone Woods $20,000, according to its contract, Kurtz said. After there is an approved plan, the township’s involvement is over.**

**Here’s how the process goes: the state approves the plan, the issue could keep going, he said. Tyrone has been in court over it during a stretch of several years. “I’ve been watching it for seven years,” Kurtz said. “It’s not fun.”

**Lights**

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**The Forgies have been decorating for holidays for around 20 years. Robin remembers a Hotline in the Tri-County Times from someone who admired their decorations. “It makes it worth your while when you have a lot of people that enjoy it as much as you do,” she said.

**“I usually try to start a month before, and I had most of it up within two weeks, maybe 2½.”**

**Her husband helps. “She’s the one that drives me to put it all up,” Jerry Forgie said. Robin added, “Without him, I don’t think I could do it.”**

**Their grandchildren, Garrett Langford, 7, a student at Tornak-Eastern Elementary School in Fenton, and Cecilia Langford, 4, who attends the Ellen Street Campus, get in on the fun.**

**“We make it into a game, and they help throw boxes into the upstairs and down the stairs,” Robin said. “And they help me put it all away.”**

**This happens often, since the Forgies also decorate for Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day and Easter present something of a challenge, since they can happen so close together, Robin said. Christmas and Halloween are the two biggest holidays for them. “I do them all, but those are probably my two favorites. I just like to enjoy the holidays.”**

**Another place to see a lot of holiday lighting is in the Hills of Tyrone, behind Fenton High School, said Larry Demicolis. He operates Four Seasons Outdoor Lighting Service, in Fenton, with son Matt Demicolis, who moved from Kansas in 2009 to start the business.**

**They’ve done projects ranging from a mini tree for an elderly woman, to extensive lighting in the Hills of Tyrone.**

**Their work includes lighting at the entrance, and houses in the newer part in the back. There are a couple of “wowers,” Larry said.**

**The Demicolis’ service means customers don’t have to climb ladders and go out in the cold themselves. They offer customized Christmas lighting, cutting from thousand-foot spools of wiring. They then add the color bulbs the customer wants. Besides putting up the lights, they change bulbs when they burn out, take the decorations down after the holiday and store them for the customer for next year. “It’s the ultimate in convenience,” he said. “The clear lights are like the classic.”**
Hills site, it is from 12 inches to 5 feet deep in the soil, with most of it at 24 inches deep. There are 2,700 cubic yards of contaminated soil.

Carmine Avantini, of LSL Planning, said options include leaving the arsenic where it is and developing other areas of the land.

Contaminated soil could be buried at a location onsite and capped.

If Fenton doesn’t obtain the vacant lots, they will be turned over to the Genesee County Land Bank, said Assessor Tonya Molloseau. City officials need to decide by Dec. 30, Osborn said.

An environmental attorney, Avantini and Hissong are scheduled to attend Monday’s council meeting, at 7:30 p.m. at city hall, to provide council with information.

In addition, also through the county, Fenton could obtain three lots in Phase I — a different area — of Orchard Hills that are ready to develop and do not have excessive levels of arsenic, Hissong said.

Anoymous said over the development of the land. Bradley Jacob.
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AUTO
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last year. The top import is Toyota, down to No. 3, below GM and Ford Motor Company.

Ford has experienced the most growth, with 24.3 percent in higher, year-to-date sales, according to motorintelligence.com.

“We’ve seen a little more than that, actually,” said Matt Lasco of Lasco Ford.

Other area dealerships have experienced similar growth, consistent or better than the national trend. Increased consumer confidence and an unfreezing of credit are helping move cars off the lots, said both Rick Porritt of Randy Wise Buick/GMC, and Mark Janowiecki of Vic Canever Chevrolet. “There is also a lot of pent-up consumer demand,” said Porritt.

Lasco said his dealership is up 25 percent in new-car sales, and 35 percent in used-cars sales. Stabilizing gas prices have driven an increase in Ford F-150 pickup truck sales. “The F-150 has really made a big increase year over year,” he said. The dealership has also sold about 25, 2011 Fiestas each month.

To keep up with the increased demand, Lasco Ford has added 25 new employees to all areas of the business. Randy Wise Buick/GMC added 18 new employers. Hall Chrysler Jeep and Dodge, and Vic Canever Chevrolet Inc., kept staff constant in 2010.

Jim Hall, of Hall Chrysler, Jeep & Dodge of Fenton, saw a 25 percent increase over the year, bucking the trend of Chrysler’s 16 percent growth nationally.

“The hardest part was finding ways to generate business to keep the staff employed and not make any cuts,” said Hall of the 2008-09 years. “We’ve gotten through OK,” he said.

Lasco’s goal is a 12-percent increase in sales in 2011, driven by the Fiesta, the redesigned F-150, Explorer, and Edge.

All of the dealerships in the area expect growth in the coming year, powered by new or revamped products.

Automakers, however, are not out of the woods yet.

As for dealerships in Michigan, Randy Wise Buick/GMC had the biggest growth as a GM dealership for the year to date, with only about 5 percent. Most other Chevy and GM dealerships were down in Michigan by at least a small margin, according to a GM internal spreadsheet.

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Random facts about vehicles:

Ryan Valade, sales consultant (left), assists Brett Baker in test driving a new Ford Mustang at Lasco Ford in Fenton.

Ford Motor Company has experienced the most growth over 2010 out of the four main U.S. automakers.

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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

ANNUAL DECEMBER 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its annual December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 14, 2010
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Argentine Township Hall
9048 Silver Lake Road
Linden, MI 48451
(810) 735-6050

Purpose: To correct any of the following errors in assessments and tax rates:

• A clerical error, such as an erroneous posting of an assessment as $250,000 when it should have been $25,000.
• A mutual mistake, such as a building being assessed to the wrong description.
• A mistake in the millage rates, such as levying 32 mills instead of 30.2 mills.
• A mistake in mathematical calculation, such as 40 acres multiplied by $750 equaling $22,800 instead of $30,000.
• To review claims of qualified homestead on properties.
• To review hardship/poverty claims.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

HOLLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF
ANNUAL DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The Holly Township Board of Review will hold its annual December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 14, 2010
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Holly Township Hall
102 Civic Drive
Holly, Michigan 48442
248-634-9331 Ext. 304

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The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 6, 2010 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $228,384.92.
4. Approved Resolution No. 2010-31, confirming the revised special assessment roll for the Crane Road/Lake Shore Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District.
5. Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2011 Fenton Township Budget.
6. Appointed James Cady to the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending 11/30/13.
8. Appointed Trustee Robert Kesler, Clerk Robert Krug and resident Vince Loraine to the Genesee County Storm Water Advisory Committee and Supervisor Bonnie Mathis to the Genesee County Storm Water New Construction Standards Subcommittee.
9. Appointed Trustee Robert Kesler to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance as Fenton Township’s primary representative, alternate representative and citizen representative, respectively.
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15. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and are posted online at www.fentontownship.org.

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GARBAGE
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of Flint. The only thing that would change, if the city changes to Republic Services, would be the color of the trucks.

Republic Services’ proposal would save the city $21,000 in the first year of the contract, he said.

On the other hand, Waste Management would give Fenton around $5,000 for recycling revenue from Waste Management for $15,000. But, Fenton hasn’t seen the $5,000 for recycling would cut the price difference between the two firms

Waste Management, based in Lennon.

Waste Management Services, would be the only thing that would continue from Front Page

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Summary

On Monday, Fenton City Council will consider keeping Waste Management, which has handled garbage pickup in the city for 20 years, or switching to Republic Services.

“I believe we need to look at it.” Whether or not the savings on solid waste removal could help fund police dispatch, it would still go into Fenton’s general fund, Benjamin Smith said.

Denczek said Waste Management has donated money for Fenton’s community center and made donations to the city’s fireworks, Christmas festival and Shiawassee River cleanup.

“We also want to be involved in the community,” Hicks said. “That’s just as important as collecting the trash.”

Wild
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of the White Mountain Range, in Wyoming. Until she was captured in November 2009, Mokha and her herd fended for themselves and roamed free, descendants of horses brought to North America by the Spanish. Mustangs’ ancestors escaped or were lost, labeled “mestenos” (Spanish for ownerless or stray horses). “Mustang” comes from the Spanish “mesteno.”

Native Americans captured some of the mustangs for their own use. Mustangs became part of their heritage, and part of the history of the American West. These horses are so agile,” he said. “They go places the mountain goats don’t even go. “The weak ones out there die off.”

Whalen, a Native American descended from the St. Marie Tribe of Chipewa Indians, decided to adopt a wild horse through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He saw a photograph of Mokha and fell in love. “I just liked how she looked,” he said. “Her eyes were really soft-looking. She was really relaxed.”

He won an online bidding war for the horse, which has an unusual, buckskin paint color. A BLM representative telephoned him right away to let him know he was Mokha’s new owner. Although someone else picked up Mokha, Whalen eventually got the tangle straightened out and went to Midland with a friend to get his horse. He changed the spelling of Mokha’s name from “Mocha,” since there is no “c” in the Chippewas’ language. Despite her wild upbringing, Mokha is fitting in well at Whalen’s home in Fenton Township. At the event, Whalen rode Apache and someone else led Mokha.

He hopes to train her for riding one day. Whalen has been reading books about mustangs, including one first printed in 1827 that is “about as thick as a comic book,” he said. It’s full of good, common sense, like not trying to drag the horse because it lets the animal know it’s stronger than the trainer is. In addition, wild horses greet each other by blowing into each other’s nostrils.

“I tried it,” Whalen said. “She popped her head up and blew right back into mine.” It’s a neat experience having a mustang, he said. “They know what you want them to do, but they may not do it. She’s kind of bossy, in a real subtle way.”
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Shovel
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change the rotor, it converts into a broom, which can be used to clear leaves, dirt and other debris.

In reviews, customers have commented that the power shovel is very easy and convenient to use, as long as the wind is blowing in the right direction.

Locally, The Home Depot carries Toro products and has a few left in stock, as well as online. They can be purchased online at The Sears Hometown Store in Fenton or at Taylor Hardware.

Stewart Grove, of Tyrone Township, bought one of these power shovels prior to last winter and had nearly all favorable things to say about it.

As a self-proclaimed “research freak” Grove spent time researching this product and similar ones, online. He read all the reviews he could find and watched videos as to how it worked. His main reason for wanting one was to clear his sidewalk and wood deck.

“My shovel was tearing up my deck,” Grove said.

Grove went to the store and was compelled to buy one. “It cleans but doesn’t scratch,” he said.

The width of the power shovel, with its small auger, takes snow in and shoots it 20 feet or more, directly out front of the shovel. It’s crucial to take note of which way the wind is blowing so that the user does not end up with a face full of snow.

Since the power shovels are used in cold weather and rely on electricity, Grove recommends that anyone using one, also purchase a high-quality extension cord that remains flexible in freezing temperatures.

For his large driveway, Grove still uses his quad with an attached plow, but he and his wife, Gail are sold on the power shovel for the smaller jobs. They no longer have to bend over and push heavy snow. He said he can quickly throw snow from 1-inch to 6- or 8-inches deep without any problems. “It’s OK on slushy snow, too. The problem is with ice, though.”

The power shovel throws sticks and any leaves still lingering around, along with the snow. Grove said. It’s important to be aware of any animals or people who may be in front of the shovel as they could be struck by flying debris. The weight of the power shovel is not that much more than a good snow shovel, he said.

One thing he is not particularly fond of is the safety switch on the handle. The user must squeeze on the grip to make the shovel throw snow. This can become tiring to the user’s hands.

Instead of waiting until there is a foot of snow, Grove suggests that owners use the power shovel frequently. “It’s fun to use. It’s an easier way to move snow. “It goes through it like butter.”
Favorite Christmas classics and comedies

By Sally Rummel

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If you start this Sunday, Dec. 12, you could catch “12 Days of Christmas Classics” now through Christmas Eve — taking in some of the most popular, widely watched holiday movies ever made.

What holiday classics would be on your Top 12 list? Maybe some of the movies would be the timeless classics, like “Miracle on 34th Street” and “It’s a Wonderful Life,” while others might be generational favorites, such as “Elf,” starring Will Ferrell, or “The Santa Clause,” starring Tim Allen. “Elf” is my favorite Christmas movie,” admits Jamie Kelmer of Holly. “I watch it every year.”

According to a spokesperson at a video store in Fenton, a modern Disney remake of the original classic, “A Christmas Carol,” is the most popular Christmas movie of all time. "Elf" is also a favorite among younger audiences, with its humorous plot and lovable characters.

So, what are your favorite Christmas classics and comedies? Let us know in the comments below!
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Santa’s elves busy wrapping gifts
By Sharon Stone
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Tyrone Twp. — Several volunteers spread Christmas cheer as they wrapped gifts Thursday afternoon during the 60th Community Wrap-in held at the Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The wrap-in continues the tradition begun by the late Nancy Stockham, 60 years ago. Stockham spent her entire life helping others and her friends and supporters were compelled to keep the tradition alive, in Stockham’s honor.

After all the donated gifts were wrapped, gift baskets were made. Volunteers will then give these Christmas gift baskets to needy families in the local community.

Organizer Jan Miller said the turnout was good this year, despite the economy.

Linden Follies delight audience for 15th year
By Marissa Parks
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The Linden Follies once again delighted the audience at Linden High School last Thursday. This marked the 15th year of the event. There were two shows, one at 5 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m.

Teachers and staff of Linden Community Schools put on the show to raise money for the Christmas Express and Angel Tree, two charities designed to help families in Linden and Argentine Township.

The teachers performed acts from ventriloquism to a glow-in-the-dark interpretive dance to the Beatles hit, “Yellow Submarine.”

The event included 11 acts and a few impromptu performances, as well. Participants danced to a variety of songs, including a remake of Beyonce’s hit, “Single Ladies,” remake as “Soap and Water,” a song about getting clean in the bath.

The finale was a performance of old Motown hits, such as Stevie Wonder’s “Signed Sealed Delivered.”

The auditorium was filled to the brim with laughing students, parents and many members of the community. A grand total of $5,100 was raised for the two charities.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD DECEMBER 7, 2010

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Treasurer Dave Kurtz, Trustees Steve Hasbrouck, Colleen Ameel, Jim Kolhoff and Don Peitz.

2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.

3. Received and placed on file Communications #1:2 as presented.

4. Approved Tetra Tech’s proposal to develop an MDNR-approved closure plan for the Tyrone Woods sewer lagoon with a cost not to exceed $1900.00.

5. Held initial budget discussion.

6. Approved the continuation of the township’s current Sunday liquor sales policy.

7. Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us.

The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham

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sought-after movie title this holiday season. While the original one was filmed in 1938, the latest version starring Jim Carrey was released in 2009, and is now available in Blu-Ray and DVD.

If you ask Arve Viik and his wife, Bonnie, of Rose Township, there would be no doubt what movie is at the top of his holiday list every year. It’s “A Christmas Story,” told from the perspective of a young boy in the ’40s, Ralphie Parker, who wanted nothing more for Christmas than a Red Ryder Carbine Action 200 Shot Range Model Air Rifle, and always heard, “You’ll shoot your eye out with that thing!”

In fact, Viik likes that movie so much that his grown sons surprised him two years ago at Christmas with a huge replica of the “Leg Lamp” — complete with fishnet stockings, just like in the movie. “It was on display at a local mall,” Viik said. “We drove the ‘Leg Lamp’ all the way across the country back to Michigan in our motor home,” said Bonnie. “And, we had two flat tires on our way home, just like the Parkers did in the movie. I truly have been the Leg Lamp that brought us all that ‘bad luck!’”

During the year, this conversation-piece gift remains somewhat hidden in the family room, but at Christmas time, it holds its own cherished spot in the living room. “In front of the window so everyone can enjoy it,” said Bonnie, still amused by the entire episode. “You should have seen Arve when he first got it. He went outside and checked to make sure the leg was standing up good and straight through the window, just like ‘Old Man Parker’ did in the movie.”

While not everyone has a cherished memento of their favorite movie, most people still have holiday classics that means a lot to them at Christmastime. “I love the 1998 movie ‘Home Alone’ starring Michael Keaton and Kelly Preston,” said Toni Smith, of Fenton. “But, I also like the classics like Bing Crosby’s ‘White Christmas.’ ‘One of my favorite things to do with my grandchildren is watch ‘Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.’”

One of the most popular holiday classics is only a half-hour long and was made for TV in 1965, not for the silver screen. “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” the first prime-time animated TV special based upon the comic strip “Peanuts,” by Charles M. Schulz, still melts the hearts of most people who watch it — no matter what their age. The same can be said about “Frosty the Snowman” — the story of a magical top hat that, when applied to the head of a snowman, brings him to life. It first aired in 1969.

For many people, Christmas isn’t Christmas unless they’ve waded through a teary stage starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed in “It’s a Wonderful Life,” which debuted in 1946. About a despondent man who contemplates suicide on Christmas Eve until he is visited by his “guardian angel,” this movie was initially considered a box-office flop due to high production costs, stiff competition at the time of its release and its negative theme. Since then, the film has come to be regarded as a classic and a staple of Christmas television around the world. Even though it never won an Oscar, it has earned a prominent spot on the list of Top 100 Films ever made.

Whether you like comedies or classics, there is a Christmas movie to suit your taste. Now you just have to find the time to sit back, relax and pop some popcorn for your own Christmas movie marathon at home.

On Tuesday, December 7 at 11:30am the Jinglefest $500 Shopping Spree ticket was drawn by (left) Shelly Day, Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce president and Kelly Hodges, assistant composition manager, Tri-County Times. The lucky winner is Sharon Tinker of Fenton. The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-County Times were the sponsors and gift cards were donated by Gerych’s, Medward Jewelers, Serendipity Day Spa, Eclecions and the French Laundry.

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Since no one is immune to temptation’s alluring call, we need to stay alert during times when we’re more threatened by its power – to seasons when we’re most likely to yield to its faithless reasoning. Consider the temptations of the holiday season.

Spending too much
We’re all stewards of the money we earn and are responsible for the good we can do with it. People of faith are always under the observation of those we owe and those we know as to whether or not we pay our bills on time, whether we practice what we preach. In addition, we have the privilege of giving part of our income to spread the message of God’s love at home and abroad. When we overspend, something has to give and it’s our giving, robbing us of the joy of sharing what we have with those in need or enlarging the life-changing outreach of our church. God is not enriched by our giving, but we are impoverished by our withholding.

A gravestone in an old English cemetery said it well. ‘What I spent, I had. What I saved, I lost. What I gave, I have.’

Eating too much
One of the most serious health issues of our time is being overweight. And while a number of factors can cause this life-threatening condition, the most likely are simply eating too much and exercising too little.

Interestingly, during the temptation of Jesus, the first test involved food (Matthew 4). Having fasted for 40 days, the challenge of the tempter for Him to turn stones into bread must have been difficult to resist, but every dieter can draw strength from His discipline under those conditions and find faith to overcome.

Complaining too much
Christmas is getting nearer by the moment, and you’re not merry. In your view, Christmas doesn’t measure up to those you remember. You’re tempted to just skip the season this year. But, instead of longing for the return of Christmases past, why not focus on the positive things happening now?

Carols continue their faith building work, thousands of hungry people are fed and efforts are made to provide homes for those whom like the One born in a stable, have no bedroom of their own. Best of all, the Biblical message of Christmas is unchanged and every temptation is limited to what we can overcome (1 Corinthians 15:13).

Roger Campbell is an author, a columnist and broadcaster who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rogercampbell@ameritech.net.

THE STATE BANK PROMOTION
JoKim Zurek has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president of mortgage underwriting at The State Bank in Fenton. A resident of Linden, she has worked for the bank for a total of 18 years in the mortgage department. Zurek obtained a bachel- or’s degree in business management from Baker Col- lege and attends annual training on a variety of mortgage, and lending-related regulatory and compliance topics.

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Look Who’s Talking

By Marissa Parks, Tri-County Times Intern

My name is: Mason Zysk. I am: 15 years old. My parents are: Andy and Gloria Zysk. In my spare time, I enjoy: playing video games. I like cars and racing games, and playing the piano. I take lessons each week, and I play Christmas songs. I also like playing with my dogs, Jenna and Fay. They’re a German short hair and a weimaraner. I am involved in school activities such as: I am not involved in anything for school, but I help my sister Alex. She is in Student Council. I helped her with the pep rally and a blood drive. The advice I have for younger students is: Turn in your homework, and don’t be late. Oh, and don’t be a bully. My favorite book is: I like reading mystery books and the Hardy Boys books. My favorite is ‘The Hidden Staircase.’

“Elf,’ I love Will Ferrell.”
— Marisa Orfield, senior

“Nightmare Before Christmas,’ I love the blending of the two holidays, and you get to see a darker side to Christmas.”
— Kevin George, senior

“Christmas Story,’ it’s really funny and just makes you happy and in the holiday spirit.”
— Kyle Fisher, senior

“What is your favorite Christmas Movie?”

“Elf,’ for sure, I watched it three times yesterday.”
— Angela Vertolini, senior

“A Muppets Christmas Carol,’ it’s just hilarious.”
— Amy Majorana, senior

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Audrey R. Mitts

1916-2010

Audrey R. Mitts - age 94, of Pinetop Park, FL; a member of Fenton, passed away December 3, 2010. She was born in Detroit, MI and moved to Michigan. Florida in 1972 from Fenton, MI, where she and her late husband, Edward, owned and operated Mills Greenhouse. Audrey later worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse including many years at Fenton Convalescent Home, where her mother-in-law was a resident. She was a former long time member of the Fenton United Methodist Church, where she also served as a member of the choir, the Wesley Fellowship, and the Legionnaires. She also served as a Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her smile was ready, sweet, and infectious. She was at all times a Detective, selfless, and supportive wife and mother. She was deeply devoted to her family members and friends, with whom she shared many happy and fulfilling times. Audrey enjoyed religious, classical and jazz music. In later years, her pastimes still tended to be mentally challenging, as in outsourcing contestants on Jeopardy and consistently winning friendly games of Scrabble. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward B. brother, Douglas and Clarence Rhodics, and a sister, Doreen Rhodics. Survivors include one son, Edward D. “Ted” of New York, NY; a daughter, Mary Anne Shub of Lansing, MI; great-grandchildren, Sabrina Wilcox and Andrew Shah, and great-great-grandchildren, Sarah and Peina Wilcox. Funeral Service will be Monday, 2 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St, Fenton. Friends may visit beginning at 12:30 PM at the permanent Oakwood Cemetery. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dora Eby

1918-2010

Dora Eby - age 92, of Fenton, died December 9, 2010. Beloved wife of the late John Eby, dear mother of Michael (Jean) Eby, of Fenton.

Carl D. “Red and Cotton” Newell

1923-2010


Mary L. Parkin

1921-2010

Mary L. Parkin - a long time resident of Dauner Haus in Fenton, died December 6, 2010, at Fenton Decemer Care.

Dorothy MacDonald

Dorothy MacDonald - age 94, died December 6, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

William Wilson

William Wilson - age 54, died December 4, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Arlene Shell

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Carl Froberg

Carl Froberg - age 81, died December 10, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Ernest Cauther

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LeRoy Wilson

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**Tri-County Living**

**Sunday, December 12, 2010**

**Village of Holly**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Holly will be accepting sealed bids for a three-year Towing/Wrecker/Impounded vehicle storage services bid. Bid documents, specifications and information may be obtained by contacting the Village Office at 248-634-9671. Sealed bids opened at 2:00 PM on January 4, 2011. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or accept any bid should it be deemed in the best interest of the village to do so.

Susan C. Nassar, Clerk-Treasurer
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**By Samantha Weaver**

**Strange but True**

- It was French playwright Albert Guirquin who made the following sage observation: “There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves.”

- Most people at all familiar with the name Max Schmelining know him as the Great Nazi Hope. The boxer produced by Adolf Hitler in the 1930s to defeat Joe Louis, supposedly proving Aryan superiority. (He did defeat Louis in a match in 1936, though he lost a rematch in 1938.) What most people don’t realize, though, is that Schmelining did not subscribe to Hitler’s beliefs — he wasn’t even a member of the Nazi party. In fact, during World War II, Schmelining risked his life to save two Jewish children.

- For reasons that are unclear now, the Supreme Court in 1893 declared that a plant eaten during a main course was a vegetable and one eaten afterward was a fruit.

- What do King Henry VIII, science-fiction author H.G. Wells, English naturalist Charles Darwin, American author Edgar Allan Poe and composer Sergey Rachmaninoff have in common? They all married their cousins.

- The 1958 film “Gigi,” starring Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevalier, has the following fun fact: the first draft of the script was a one-page letter. The final script was a 450-page novel.

- “Sew buttons on the top wrist area of gloves or mittens for children (works for adults, too!). They can be buttoned to a coat or pocket. They stay attached, and it’s easier for kids to unbutton gloves than to unravel them. On my children’s jackets that have no buttons, I sewed a small strip of fleece into the pocket with a buttonhole on it.” — G.S. in Canada

- “Hang a bag of clothespins in or laundry closet. When adding an item to the basket, I (or my family members) clip a clothespin to any areas that need extra attention. We do this if there’s a stain, or if it needs to be dry-cleaned or hand-washed, for example.” — P.L., via e-mail

- “When camping, use this important tip: Store toilet paper in a coffee can with a lid. It’s watertight — no dampness will run your TP.”

- “I like pretty buttons, and I use them to keep track of my earrings. I pin a pair of earrings on each button and store them all in a bowl. This way, I get to enjoy both the buttons and the earrings.” — C.L. in Virginia

- To make a bottle of travel nail-polish remover, start with a clean film canister or airtight medicine bottle. Stuff it with a small strip of fleece into the hole in the roller. Move finger up and down in the roller to mix. Store in a clean film canister or airtight medicine bottle, and it’s easier for kids to use this than to unpin their cousins. They can be buttoned in the middle (that’s cut to fit the bottle). Saturate the foam with nail-polish remover. To use, just stick one finger at a time down in the middle to mix. Toss the foam in the roller. Move finger up and down to “scrub” the polish off. This works really well.

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**Hang an Ornament in Memory of a Loved One.**

The Oakwood Cemetery Board is sponsoring a Memory Tree.

Now through December 25, the Oakwood Cemetery is having a Memory Tree for the public to hang an ornament to honor a loved one’s memory who is deceased or living. Or perhaps someone in the military.

**The Memory Tree is located on Chapel Hill** (straight in front of the main gate)

Ornaments may be store-bought or homemade (no glass please). Write a special message or just their name, for a perfect memory. If you are in need of an ornament, Sharp Funeral Home at 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton will have a limited supply available.
In January 2006, I was given a great opportunity to become the chief of police for the village of Holly. From the start, I knew I wanted to serve up to five years, and to be able to say that I left the department better off than I found it.

I take pride that over the course of five years the department closed the books under budget every year and is more engaged in the community than ever before. Every member of the department has contributed to our success.

I often hear people say, ‘Why do we have so many more police now, do we really need them?’ The police department has had the same number of police officers for the past 12 years. There has been no increase.

Someone will ask, ‘Why do we have so many more police cars?’ The police department operates a fleet of eight cars, fewer now, than five years ago. We have also implemented a fleet management system that has reduced maintenance and operating costs while fielding quality equipment.

I like to believe that the Holly police department is a victim of its own success. The department is more visible, more engaged, more service-oriented than in the past and has the same resources, and the same budget as it did in 2005.

The department has been reinvented over the past five years into a capable, well-equipped, highly skilled, fiscally responsible and fully accountable law enforcement agency.

The many accomplishments would not have been possible without the guidance of the Village Council, commitment and support from the community, and the dedication of the men and women who are the Holly police department.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of this transformation, helping to make the department a valuable asset for the future, for building a positive reputation and creating an organization the employees and citizens can be proud of.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and for all your support in getting the hard work done.

I will always take pride in my service with the Holly PD. I am confident the members of the department are committed to building a future of professionalism and service.
WHAT IS YOUR BEST SELLING GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS?
Compiled by Marissa Parks

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“We now carry Lodge cast iron cookware, which is good in the home and over the campfire, and new tool sets, good for new homeowners or just to keep in your vehicle. We also have Toro snow throwers, which always make a great gift.”

KAREN PIACENTINI
OPEN BOOK

“A Creature was Stirring,” Small Medium Large,” Merry Christmas Stinky Face,” and ‘Stranger in the Woods’ are all wonderful books for kids. For adults, ‘Unbroken,’ Decision Points,’ George Bush’s new book; and Oprah’s latest pick, ‘A Tale of Two Cities.’ We also have a multitude of wonderful Christmas stories.”

Board listens to presentation on World Language Program

Fenton Area Public Schools’ (FAPS) Board of Education heard a presentation on the district’s World Language Program, at Monday’s meeting. The program is getting better and better, Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said. Fenton schools’ World Language Program starts out in second grade, with Spanish. Beginning in middle school, students have the opportunity to take French or Spanish, and the program extends through high school.

Fenton school district updates smoking policy

The Fenton school district has updated its policy to reflect state laws regarding smoking. Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said. “nonsmoking” before, so there is no change, its policy, to reflect the Michigan smoking updates smoking policy Fenton school district extends through high school.

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Keith Jones recently moved his State Farm Insurance office to its new location at 2425 Owen Rd., Ste. B, just east of Lasco Ford in Fenton.

Keith Jones moves State Farm office to ‘auto corridor’ in Fenton

By Sally Rummel
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Keith Jones of Fenton has been a State Farm Insurance agent for almost 30 years, and now has a new, more accessible office for his clients.

He moved Nov. 30 to his new office at 2425 Owen Rd., Ste. B, sharing a building with Sonoma Dental, both located immediately east of Lasco Ford in Fenton. “State Farm is the largest insurer of cars in the United States, with more than 40 million vehicles,” said Jones. “It will be very convenient for customers at this new location near many of Fenton’s automotive dealerships.”

While State Farm is well known for its auto and home insurance policies, it’s also very strong in life and health insurance, as well as banking and financial products. In addition to being a licensed State Farms “select” agent, Jones is a registered representative for State Farm VP Management Corp., which offers mutual funds and other financial options.

His office includes the professional practices of four other licensed State Farm agents. Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with evening and Saturday appointments available. For more information, contact Jones at (810) 750-6300.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMME
Fenton cruises past Linden, 85-50

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Ryan Hickoff doesn’t worry about his numbers during a basketball game. He doesn’t need to.

The numbers come naturally.

That was the case in the Fenton varsity boys basketball team’s 85-50 victory at home against the Linden Eagles on Friday night. Hickoff was the Tigers’ primary star, collecting 26 points, 10 rebounds, four steals and three assists in the victory.

“I don’t worry about that. I just play my hardest and then you figure it out at the end of the game (what you did),” Hickoff said. “You just play hard the whole time.”

(Beatig Linden) feels good. We worked hard in practice and it led to our game performance.”

Linden (0-2) stuck with Fenton’s deeply talented team for about a quarter, trailing just 23-18 at the between-quarter break.

However, the second quarter was Linden’s demise, making just one field goal during that eight-minute juncture. Meanwhile, led by Ryan’s twin brother Dylan Hickoff’s nine second-quarter points, Fenton hit on 8-of-18 shots, including two three-pointers. That proficiency allowed the Tigers to take a 42-21 lead into the half.

The Tigers were never seriously challenged again.

The Tigers’ (2-0) deep talent was proudly displayed against their area rivals with five players scoring double-digits. After Ryan Hickoff’s performance, Joseph Eddy provided 12 points, while Dylan Hickoff collected 11 points, eight rebounds, five steals and two assists. Steven Racher came off the bench to score 11 points, while Charles Herzog had 10 points, five rebounds and two blocks.

Linden’s transition game kept them in the game early. A nice Brad Fathring assist on a Jack Plasters layup tied the game at 8-8. Fenton called a time out to address the Linden press, and it paid dividends. Linden turned the ball over on its next three possessions, while Fenton went on to score the game’s next six points with its break. The middle two points came on an Eric Mowery assist to Ryan Hickoff. The final two came on a Hickoff assist on a Heray lay-in.

The closest Linden came after that was four points three times. The final time came at 20-16 on a fast break hoop by Garrett Callard. However, Hickoff responded with a three-pointer just seconds later.

Fenton scored the first seven points of the second quarter, and it wasn’t ever a contest again after that.

“I like our defense,” Hickoff said. “We are playing really good help defense, and that’s what we are focusing on. And we are attacking the basket a lot more.”

Linden’s top scorer was Kevin Batis, who scored 12 points and collected four rebounds. Max Powell and Plasters finished with nine points.

Fenton girls pounce on Linden early, 56-19

By David Troppens
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Fenton — The Fenton varsity girls basketball team isn’t used to losing two games in a row. And the Tigers did something about their two-game losing streak against their biggest rivals on Friday night.

The Lady Tigers took a 6-0 lead before the first minute of the contest was over and never really let up, defeating the Eagles 56-19 at Fenton High School.

The Tigers looked very much like the seasoned defending MetroLeague championship team that they are, particularly on defense. Using their press defense, the Tigers forced the Eagles to commit 35 turnovers while hitting just six field goals all night long. Meanwhile, the Tigers did have 26 turnovers themselves, but did not an efficient 19-of-37 shooting from the field.

“We have been practicing a lot, practicing the way we want to play,” Fenton’s Samantha Granger said. “We wanted to win really had tonight. We have been working a lot on our press and that helped a lot. We worked on offensive rebounding and that helped more.”

The closest the Eagles got after falling behind 6-0 came on a three-point shot by Brodie Thomas, cutting the gap to 6-3. However, Fenton scored the game’s next 10 points, starting with a Julian Hudson layup off a Payton Maxheimer assist. Granger capped the run with a putback hoop off a missed free throw, putting Fenton up 16-3 with 3:20 remaining in the first quarter.

The lead grew to as many as 41 points. The last time was at 56-15 after a putback hoop from Sarah Collier.

The Tigers (1-1, 2-2) had lost each of their last two games, including a Metro League contest with Clio on Monday.

Gabrielle Rivette led Fenton with 13 points, while Granger had 10 points, four steals and four rebounds. Maxheimer and Hudson had nine points each. Maxheimer had four steals. Collier had seven points and a team-high nine rebounds. Linden was paced by Thomas’ six points. Megan Harper finished with four points.

“We are trying to get a bunch of new kids to learn who is going to score for us and who is going to do what,” Linden coach Ben Varner said. “Most of these girls didn’t have to score last year. They had other kids that did it. Now they are in a position where they have to do it, and they are struggling.”
Fenton swimmers defeat Powers in season’s first dual

By David Troppens
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Fenton — The Fenton varsity boys swim team has large numbers. And they already have a victory.

The Tigers defeated Powers 115-66 Tuesday at Fenton High School.

David Congdon and Adam Ransom took part in three victories.

The pair teamed up with Anthony Miceli and Joshua Bryant to win the 200 medley relay (2:00.02), while also teaming up with Zahne Macklin and Bryant in the 400 freestyle relay (4:07.14). Individually, Ransom won the 100 butterfly (1:07.05), while Congdon won the 100 backstroke (1:10.11).

Ken Carbary was the Tigers’ only individual double-winner. He won the 200 freestyle (2:12.67) and the 500 freestyle (5:05.79).

Other individual winners for Fenton were Adam Andreski in the 50 freestyle (27.92), Sam Moss in diving and Miceli in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.60).

“It was a good meet,” Fenton coach Brad Jones said.

“We had a lot of brand new guys that are getting better by the day. We should, hopefully, be very competitive come championship season.”

The Tigers have 34 swimmers, which bodes well for the team. Many of the athletes don’t have a ton of swimming experience, but many have played other sports.

“We are very excited going into the Christmas break,” Jones said.

“With a roster of 34, this is definitely the largest team I have had in the 11 years I’ve been here. They are very strong and competitive athletes, which will help turn them into very good swimmers by the end of the season.”

Fenton competes against Metro foe Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday at Fenton High School at 6 p.m.

FENTON & HOLLY AT FENTON CHRISTMAS RELAYS

The Holly Bronchos had three top-four relays at the Fenton-staged event, but the Tigers edged out Holly in the overall standings.

The Tigers took 10th out of the 13-team event with 146 points, while Holly took 11th with 136 points. Hartland’s Blue team took first with 374 points.

The Bronchos had two relays finish with third-place performances. The 800 freestyle relay team of Jake Quinnan, Carmain Rissi, Garrett Pinagel and Dakota Gordon took third (8:27.11), while the 200 medley relay team of Pinagel, Quinnan, Gordon and Aaron Dehaven placed third as well (1:53.46).

See SWIMMERS on 19B

Linden grapplers compete well vs. state-ranked foes

By David Troppens
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They were two losses, but the Linden varsity wrestling team can feel reasonably good about its performance.

The Eagles took on two state-ranked teams and lost a couple of tough matches. The Eagles opened by losing a 45-33 match to Davison, the second-ranked team in the state in Division 1, and then lost to Swan Valley 42-42 based on the criteria that Swan Valley scored more of the first points in the matches. Swan Valley is ranked fifth in Division 3.

The Eagles gave state-power Davison everything it could handle. The Eagles were tied 33-33 after Kyle Fisher (285) defeated Davison’s Ryan Hankins by pinfall in 3:01. However, the Eagles lost each of the final two matches by pinfall, earning the Cardinals the win.

Against Swan Valley, each match was decided either by forfeit or pinfall. The Eagles led 36-24 after recording four straight wins during the middle of the match, but Swan Valley responded by winning each of the final three matches by pinfall, setup the tie and setting up the process of going through the criteria tiebreaker.

There were four double-winners for Linden. They were Shane Stevens (152/160), Jeff Fisher (171), Cliff Coleman (215/285) and Kyle Fisher (285).

See GRAPPLERS on 19B
Eagles lose heartbreaker in season opener vs. West, 52-50

Linden’s Max Powell (center) finds himself swarmed by Lapeer West’s defense in Tuesday’s 52-50 season-opening loss. Powell scored three points and had two assists in the contest.

By David Troppens
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Linden — The Linden varsity boys basketball team wants so badly to prove that the 2010-11 version of the squad isn’t what people have seen in the recent past.

Those thoughts, certainly, rest in senior Brad Farthing’s mind.

So when the Eagles have a chance to begin that process of changing minds, only to lose a tough game, it’s hard to take.

And that was the case during Monday night’s opener.

The Linden Eagles saw a nine-point lead with 3:42 remaining in the fourth quarter evaporate, resulting in a hard-to-take 52-50 season-opening loss to Metro League foe Lapeer West at Linden High School.

“We played hard until the last minute and then we gave the game up,” said senior Brad Farthing, who was still visibly upset about the loss when discussing it. “We had that game and lost it. I don’t know.

“(I feel) pretty bad because people think it’s the same old Linden team, that it always is. I don’t think it is. We could’ve easily beat that team.”

What was a close game throughout with neither team took a sizeable lead during the first three quarters. However, at the start of the fourth the Eagles became the first team to do just that.

Trailing 35-33 after West’s Dakota Resop scored on a drive, Linden’s Jack Plasters assisted a Farthing three-pointer, giving the Eagles the 36-35 lead. It also started an 11-2 run that put the Eagles in command.

Perhaps the most entertaining points of the rally came after Max Powell stole a ball and threw the ball quickly downcourt to Farthing. He then made the layup while being fouled. He completed the three-point play, putting the Eagles up 43-35 with 5:27 remaining.

The lead grew to 46-37 on a converted free throw by Powell with only 3:42 remaining in regulation.

However, from there West made its charge. It started with Lapeer East transfer Cullen Turczyn. Turczyn made an acrobatic jumper about 30 seconds later, and followed it with a steal and a three-pointer just eight seconds after his first hoop. Suddenly, the Eagles’ lead was down to just 46-42. It was cut to 46-44 with converted free throws by Zeshawn Jones-Parker.

With 2:36 remaining, it looked as though Linden’s Kevin Baker may have ended the run with a fastbreak layup and converted free throw, raising the gap back to five, but West continued to push forward, while the Eagles turned the ball over on four of their next five possessions. West broke a 50-50 tie with 25.1 seconds left on a David Price layup, giving Linden one more shot. However, Powell’s jumper at the buzzer didn’t convert.

“I thought we played pretty good up until the end,” Linden coach Denny Hopkins said. “I knew we were going to play hard, and we did. The desire is there. The kids want to stop the losing, and it was a great effort tonight. We just didn’t convert when we needed to.”

Farthing, who led Linden with 14 points, liked the team.

“I think, this year, we play good together,” Farthing said. “We know what each other is going to do, so we play better with each other and run better. It helps us more this year, because we didn’t get along together as well as we do this year.”

Baker added 11 points and six rebounds, while Plasters had nine points, three rebounds and two blocks.

Lake Fenton scored at least 15 points in every quarter, while allowing no more than six points in any stanza to Genese Christian.

Since Labed score a game-high 15 points to lead Lake Fenton, while Paige Stafford and Makenzie Gottron had nine points each. Katie Handley and Jordan Newman had eight points each.

Lake Fenton has averaged 65 points in its two wins. Its only loss was a competitive game against Class A Holly, who entered Friday night’s action with a perfect 3-0 record.

Lake Fenton is off until Dec. 21 home game against LakeVille at 5:30 p.m.
Rhino Recycling posts strong rec season

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The number is getting too high.

If you ask Harold Krueger how many times his 35 and Over Baseball team has won titles in Clinton, he says 18 times. But, the number is getting so high, it’s hard to keep track.

His team, Rhino Recycling, completed an 11-0 season by earning a 7-0 victory in the championship contest recently.

The squad blew the game open in the first inning. Matt Idoni tripled with the bases loaded, putting the squad up 3-0 quickly.

The squad includes Idoni, Al Thomas, Steve Sarkon, Mark Niec, Joe Schneider, Jim Bailey, Jeff Bailey, Tim Fromwiller, Gordie Hetrick, Gary Igmouski, Mike Mc-Clain, Greg Deeg, Bill Welby, Steve Mi-

chle, Dave Bean, Jeff Britton, Matt Wells and Jimmy Kreklaus.

Krueger coaches the squad.

Krueger also had teams win the Airport Tuesday Night League and the Clarkson 50 and Over League.

“Everybody played in every game, so it was a great year,” Krueger said.

Linden’s Alex Neal (top) holds a recent opponent to the ground. Neal won a match against Swan Valley during the Eagles’ double-dual.

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(215/285). Stevens won his matches both by pinfall, while both Fishers had a pinfall win and a forfeit win. Coleman won both of his matches by forfeit.

Against Davison, Austin Golden (125) earned a 4-2 decision win, while Brendon Davis (140) had a pinfall win in 5:30.

Against Swan Valley, Alex Neal (135) and Chase Gifford (189) had pinfall wins, while Justin McKenzie (125) won by forfeit.

FENTON 36, MONTROSE 24
CARMAN-AINSWORTH 60, FENTON 13

The Tigers won all of their matches against Montrose by pinfall. Mean-
while, against Carman-Ainsworth, Pat Turner (135) led Fenton with a pinfall win. Charlie Jones (130) earned a major decision win, while Sean Rusaw (160) won by decision.

DUNDEE 45, HOLLY 20
HUSBAND 45, HOLLY 27

The Bronchos lost to two teams ranked No. 1 in their division in the state.

Holly’s double-winners were Antho-

ny Gonzales (119), Esteban Gonzales (125) and Shawn Scott (171).

“Our good kids wrestled well,” Holly coach Don Pluta said. “The second level kids need to get better.”

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The 400 medley relay team of Quinnin, Gordon, Dehaven, Pinagel placed fourth (4:21.32).

Fenton had two relay teams take home sixth-place performances. The 200 freestyle relay team of Sam Coffey, Adam Andreski, Joshua Bryant and Bryan Wick (1:52.47) was one of them, while the 200 medley relay team of Dav Con-
don, Anthony Miceli, Adam Ran-

son and Zahnne Macklin placed sixth as well (1:59.89).

Holly competes at home against non-league foe Howell Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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The Hornets open Metro League play on Wednesday with a game against Lapeer West at Perani Arena at 5:30 p.m.

“The top two teams are Swartz Creek and Lapeer West, and they played to a 2-2 tie (Wednesday night), so it should be interesting,” O’Bryan said. “I think it will be a close race with us in the mix.

“In order for us to reach our goal and stay competitive, we have to play as a team. We cannot take lazy and selfish penalties.”

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 6, FENTON 1

The Tigers trailed just 2-0 after two pe-

riods, but saw Northern score four goals in the final period.

Fenton’s only goal was scored by T.J. Polokowski.

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