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GOVERNMENT**  
“Does it concern me that the government is trying to take control



away from parents on how to raise their kids? From the staggering amount of childhood obesity in this country, it's clear that parents aren't responsible enough to raise their children. Many think schools and teachers should raise their kids. Why complain now when the government tries to add its 2 cents' worth.”

— Waldo

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LIGHTS**

“I really enjoy the Christmas lights, too. Thank you for the beautiful display. Merry Christmas.”

— Stacy

**HOT LINE:  
TEA PARTY**

“To the TEA Party basher/UAW member, You are so used to receiving more value than you produce, you can't understand fiscal responsibility. The Democrats passed all those bills they didn't even read. Why don't you sign a blank check for me? Before you bash the TEA Party, you need to get away from the UAW/Democrat propaganda and educate yourself.”

— D.

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## Council votes 5-1 against liquor sales on Sunday mornings

By Anna Troppens  
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**Fenton** — City council has passed a resolution against the sale of alcohol on Sunday mornings, from 2 a.m. to 12 noon. A new law by the state of Michigan allows businesses to sell alcohol on Sunday mornings, if their local government allows it and they obtain a special permit from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC).

### Summary

►Fenton City Council has approved a resolution prohibiting alcohol sales on Sunday mornings, from 2 a.m. to 12 noon. A new state law allows alcohol sales on Sunday mornings, if the local unit of government approves and businesses obtain special permits from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Council's vote was 5-1, with Councilman Tim Faricy voting against prohibiting it. Councilwoman Dianne North was absent.

Faricy said it is a competitive issue for businesses. If he wanted to

buy alcohol on Sunday morning on the way to a golf course, Faricy would go past Fenton businesses, where the sale would be prohibited, and buy it out of town. He did not want to prohibit Fenton businesses from doing what others in the state can do.

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“I am not advocating for the sale of alcohol. I am advocating for small businesses.”  
**Justin Sprague**

## Area schools see first ‘snow’ days



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Michael Upman, 12, of Fenton, takes a jump on the Clover Beach hill in Linden on Monday. Sledgers braved bitter cold and harsh winds to get outside and sled.

## Major storm packs quite a punch

By Sharon Stone

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Even though winter does not officially arrive until Dec. 21, tri-county residents are coping with the first major snowstorm of the winter season.

As the snow fell and temperatures plummeted, school superintendents were assessing the roads with their transportation departments. As a result, area students had their first set of snow days on Monday and Tuesday.

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### CONSULTANT:

## Could cost city \$50,000-\$70,000 to fix arsenic problems at housing project

By Anna Troppens  
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**Fenton** — City officials could accept Phase II of the unfinished Orchard Hills housing development. But, since seven acres has arsenic in the soil from pesticides used on old orchards, they would like to get an environmental assessment done, first.

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### Special meeting

to consider Fenton's acceptance of property in Phase II of Orchard Hills, from Genesee County, due to unpaid taxes. **6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. LeRoy St.**

### What are the city's plans for the property?

It would be to address the arsenic contamination and eventually have Orchard Hills developed as planned, said planning consultant Carmine Avantini. It would get the property back on the tax rolls for Fenton. If the city owns the property, it can apply for grants to help with the cleanup. If a developer owns the land, they potentially could use a Brownfield Authority and tax increment financing to help with their plans. They might be able to use future taxes they would pay on the site for cleanup, to make their development more feasible, Avantini said.

## Local doctor: Caffeine and kids don't mix

By Sharon Stone

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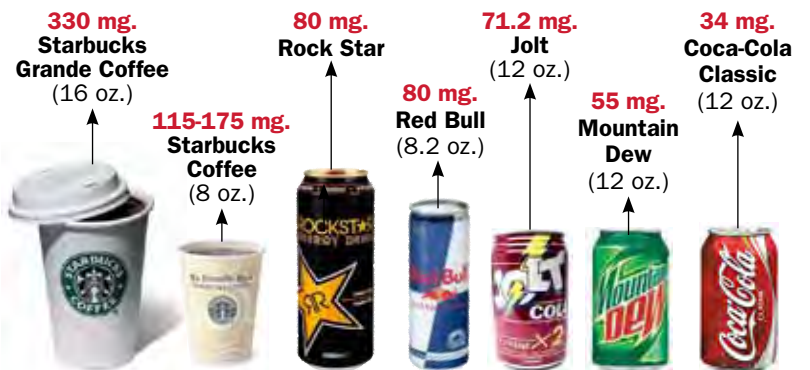
Some people just cannot start their day without a cup of coffee or a favorite soft drink. This is because they both contain caffeine.

As we take that last gulp, do we ever wonder how it affects our bodies? More importantly, do we

wonder how it affects our kids?

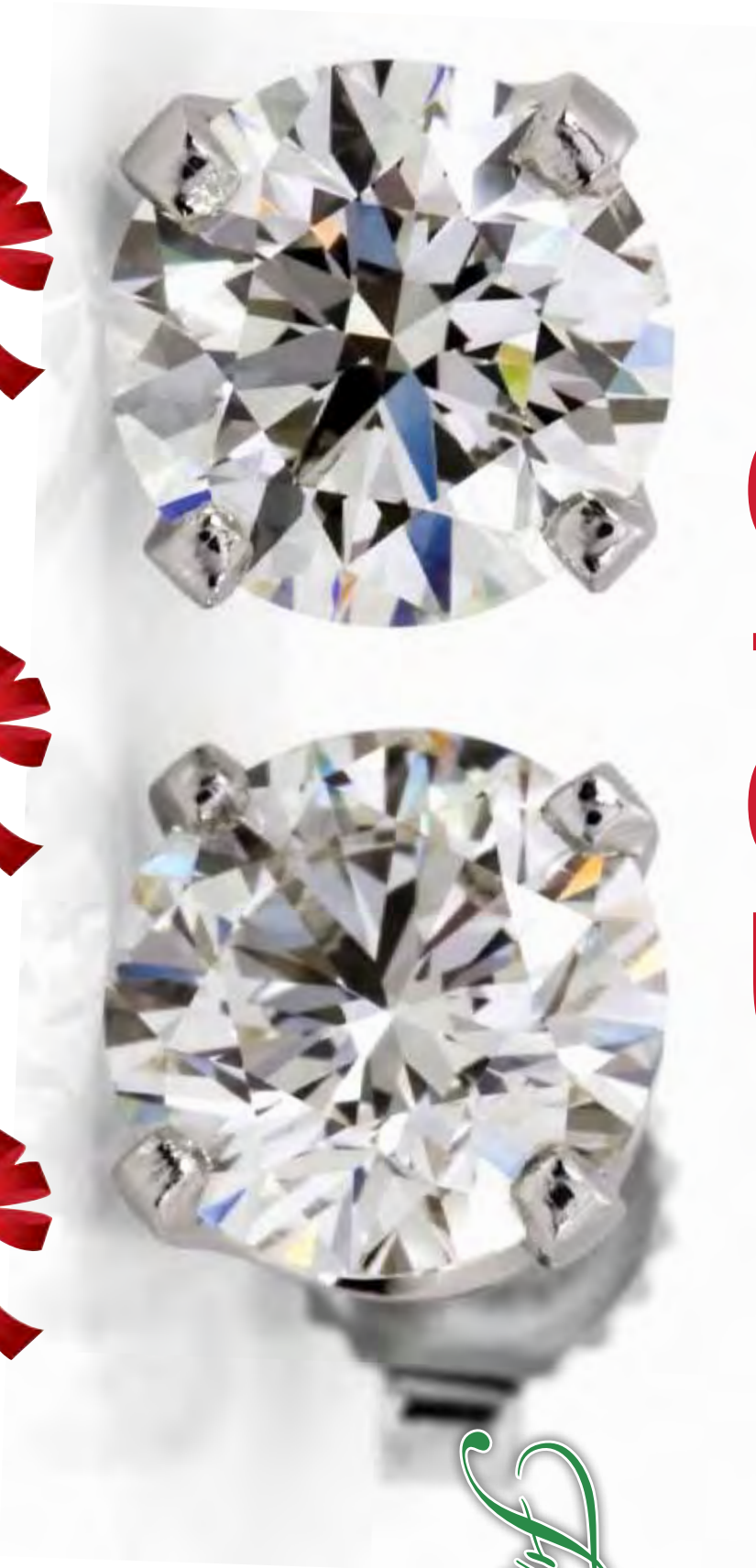
Whether the caffeinated products, commonly referred to as energy drinks and power bars, are used as convenient snacks or a boost before a rigorous athletic practice, kids and their parents should be aware of what they're consuming.

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# What to get your pet for Christmas

By Anna Troppens

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Many dogs enjoy digging into their own, specially wrapped Christmas presents and stockings as much as children do. Cats might like a catnip toy or two, hiding under the Christmas tree and frolicking in the used wrapping paper. Hamsters and other small pets don't participate as much, but they would welcome a little house for their cage and some new treats.

Jeanne Romanowski, manager of Pet Supplies Plus in Fenton, said her dogs get "everything" for Christmas. "They get rawhides. They get a stocking. My 'grand puppies' all get a new toy, too."

In fact, holiday-themed pet presents are much less expensive than everyday toys. "Dogs and cats do not notice if it's a reindeer or a Santa Claus," Romanowski said. "My dogs play with a Santa Claus in the middle of the summer. It's more for the owner, if they don't want their dog to have Santa during Easter."

There are squeaky toys, rawhides, Frisbees, balls, vinyl and plush toys and jingle-bell collars available, plus a large selection of treats and food. For those who are adding a puppy to their household for Christmas, they have crates and training pads, she said.

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Cocoa Chanel, a 14-month-old Dachsund/Chihuahua mix, sports her Christmas dress, held by Lyn Powelson, of Fenton. Cocoa has different dresses for different seasons, and receives gifts from Powelson's co-workers.



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Snow tires have more "sipes," or spots on the tread for gripping. This tread looks like it belongs on all-terrain truck tires, but is actually for a regular-sized car.

## Get a grip on winter safety with snow tires

By Tim Jagielo

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When the first big snowstorm hit Michigan on Sunday, Belinda Armstead, of Armstead Automotive, needed to go out and do a little shopping. The temperature had dropped and the slush had turned to ice.

### Summary

► Snow tires are a softer tire with aggressive treads designed to grip snowy roads, and should only be used in cold winter weather.

She piloted her Pacifica van with snow tires down slippery, North Holly Road in Holly, and

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Richard Rockman

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### Questions remain about JFK's killing

Was John F. Kennedy's murder the work of a single, crazed gunman? We still can't really be sure. The general consensus now is that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in assassinating the president on Nov. 22, 1963 and that all other theories are essentially the work of cranks. But, some respectable historians and former intelligence officials still suspect Oswald — who was silenced permanently by organized crime figure Jack Ruby — was part of a broader plot.

Shortly after the assassination, Lyndon Johnson and Robert F. Kennedy both said privately that they didn't believe the lone-gunman theory.

Four historians, including David Kaiser of the Naval War College, have written books arguing that the evidence indicates that organized crime figures conspired to assassinate JFK.

In responding to a lawsuit, the CIA recently acknowledged it still has 2,000 pages of secret documents on the assassination that won't be released until 2017, at least, on grounds of 'national security.'

I, for one, am certain that JFK was murdered by mobster Sam Giancana for ignoring him after Giancana helped him win the election at the request of JFK's father, Joe Kennedy.

### Don't expect any real budget cuts

TEA partiers should prepare to be disappointed, says Steve Chapman. He thinks Republican leaders will continue a long GOP tradition of 'magical thinking' about frugality.

Ronald Reagan preached fiscal discipline, but he let the federal budget balloon by 22 percent. George W. Bush turned a \$128 billion surplus in 2000 into a \$459 billion deficit by 2008.

Republicans insist they'll be different this time around, but since they're counting on the senior citizens' vote in 2012, they're unwilling to cut entitlement programs. Some things never change.

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**NOWHERE ELSE BUT** in a small town. I mailed an unstamped letter in the curbside box at the Fenton Post Office today. When I told an employee about my predicament, they went outside and retrieved the letter for me to put a stamp on it.

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**REMEMBER, FOLKS,** AS times get harder, Michigan does have castle laws. This allows you to defend yourself using deadly force against home invaders.

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**IT IS MY** responsibility to provide a safe home and teach my children how to deal with the world outside of our house. When I drop them off at school, it is the school's responsibility to provide a safe place where they can learn. How can anyone be a good teacher when they don't care enough or aren't professional enough to keep their students safe? Most teachers are ferocious advocates for their kids.

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**HOW'S THIS FOR** a double standard? When liberals give their opinion, it's freedom of speech. When conservatives voice their viewpoints, it's labeled hate speech.

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**THANK YOU, TYRONE** Township, for the food drive. The Santa, Mrs. Claus and Elf were great. The kids were proud to bring in some nonperishable goods, and a chance to ask Santa for their wish list.

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**IT WASN'T JUST** the politicians who got us into this mess. It was us folks — people who don't vote, apathetic people, business people, Realtors, appraisers, bankers, union people, all of us. We can fix it only if we change our conduct, but I am afraid we won't.

## Hot lines

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**FOR NEARLY EIGHT** years, the liberals, especially here in the Hot lines, were bellyaching incessantly about the Bush tax cuts. Then, last week, we not only had one, but two Democratic presidents (Clinton and Obama) pleading at a press conference that the Bush tax cuts should be extended. G.W. Bush must be smiling. I sure am.

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**I THOUGHT YOU** were not supposed to park on the streets this time of year because of snow removal. There are vehicles parked on West Caroline Street that are there all year and have never gotten a ticket. Maybe it's who you know that is the answer.

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**HOW IS NOT** renewing Bush's tax cuts a raise in taxes? If milk goes on sale for a week, and then returns to its original price, that isn't an increase. That's just returning to the normal cost. Don't have to be a brain surgeon to figure that one out.

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**I AM ALSO** not happy with Obama's giving in to the tax breaks for the rich, but I see that he is more concerned about the livelihood of us, the common people, than the backlash from this hard decision. Unlike the Republicans, he is at least trying to help those of us who are having a hard time.

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**THE ONLY THING** that Sarah Palin is more qualified to do than Barack Obama is to quit her responsibilities when she gets mad or doesn't get her way, and to shoot wolves from a helicopter. She's like Huckabee, forces her lifestyle on you by way of a television show, just like he force-feeds his bass guitar practicing on his viewers.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

From the  
editor

### Looking back and looking forward

This will be my last column for the year. In order for the staff here at the Times to enjoy some time with their families over the Christmas and New Year holidays, a Midweek edition will not be published on Wednesday, Dec. 22 or on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

As I look back at the last year, and if I had to describe it in one word, the word would be — reinvention. It has been a tough year for many folks. There have been job changes, the loss of homes and businesses have closed.

But, the all-American spirit has shone through — as it always does. For every business that has closed, there is a new one opening. I have seen many people go back to school this year, to learn a new skill, which will open the door for a new and probably even better job opportunity. Others have taken risks, and become self employed. The picture was bleak for the auto industry last year, but things are turning around. Cars are selling, as well as real estate.

The one thing I have learned this year is nothing ever stays the same. The world is constantly changing. People come and people go. There are changes in many of the leadership roles in our towns as well as in our state government.

But, as the eternal optimist, I believe things are changing for the better. I see people getting back to the basics, spending within their means, and embracing family values. I see people helping those less fortunate — even more than before.

My cup is always half full, no matter what is going on in my life. I'm blessed with a happy, healthy family, who will be with me to celebrate the holidays. I have a good job that I believe provides a valuable service to the residents in our communities, by informing them about what is going on — the good and the bad.

I believe next year will be even better and I am looking forward to it. To all our readers, the staff at the Times wishes you a very Merry Christmas with your families, and a safe and Happy New Year.

See you next year.

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"I have dinner with my mom and my sisters."

— Carol Collins  
Davison



"We go to my mother-in-law's and exchange presents. We have lots of laughs."

— Brandy Dennis  
Fenton



"We watch a Muppets Christmas, and then drive around and look at holiday lights. We attend religious ceremonies."

— Bernice Riggs, Holly



"I always spend it at my brother and sister-in-law's. We have beef tenderloin and shrimp scampi."

— Amy Mowery, Fenton



"We gather at my house every year with my four kids and eight grandchildren."

— Glenda Dailey  
Fenton



"When I was a girl, I used to go to Midnight Mass with my grandmother."

— Ceil Pitman  
Linden



## Resident expresses concern over Crane Road project workmanship

By Sharon Stone

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**Fenton Twp.** — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a revised special assessment for a completed road improvement project.

The assessment affects property owners within the Crane Road/Lake Shore Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for the township, said the final costs were lower than initially estimated. Because of this, individual property assessments were lowered.

In the spring, the estimated cost for the entire project was \$128,560. Actual costs were \$112,171. Improvements to Crane Road cost \$42,750 and Lake Shore Drive improvement cost \$69,420.

Properties fronting Crane Road are being assessed \$510, down from the initial estimate of \$978. Properties fronting Lake Shore Drive are being assessed \$813, down from an initial estimate as high as \$1,000. Golden Pond Court properties are being assessed \$299, and all other properties are being assessed \$127.

The township notified all affected property owners of the revised assessment.

Although the township board approved the revised roll with the lower assessments, not all of the residents were happy with the workmanship.

William Lennox, who has a home on Crane Road, expressed concern about the amount of material used in front of his property. He's been in the road-paving industry for more than 40 years and based his concerns from his experience.

### Summary

► Fenton Township officials approved a revised, and lowered, assessment roll for property owners on a road improvement project in their neighborhood, which cost less than initially projected.

Lennox said there was not nearly enough packed material used in portions of the road. He believes it is important to speak up now in case problems arise in the future. "They did not do it the way they were supposed to do it," said Lennox. "God help us if it holds up."

Treasurer John Tucker told Lennox he appreciated his comments and was unaware of his concerns. He suggested the township look into Lennox's concerns to ensure the roads hold up. "They (Genesee County Road Commission) have to stand behind the job."

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis assured Lennox his concerns would be addressed.

## LIQUOR

Continued from Front Page

Malvin Walden, an owner of Walden's Lounge in Fenton, said he likes things the way they are, without alcohol sales on Sunday mornings.

Resident Justin Sprague, who owns an urban planning business in Fenton, said he advocates for small businesses. Prohibiting alcohol sales on Sunday mornings is an unnecessary regulation of small businesses, he believes, and they should have the advantage to help them remain profitable and open. Small businesses help the city and provide to it, he said.

"I am not advocating for the sale of alcohol," Sprague said. "I am advocating for small businesses."

Another resident, Sean Orzol, seconded Sprague's comment. Orzol doesn't believe it's right for council to override state law and inject its own law. "I don't find a reason, other than some personal reason," he said. "I don't believe it's right. I don't believe it's why you were elected."

Councilwoman Cheryl King said she believes, when things are working well and have been all these years, "don't rock the boat." There are many people coming to Fenton to look at businesses here, and the community is unique, she said.

Keeping things the way they are is better, Councilman Benjamin Smith said. "The only bar owner here is saying keep

things the way they are."

Councilman John Rauch made the motion council voted on, to keep the law the way it is in Fenton. "Mr. Walden likes it that way, so I support Mr. Walden," he said.

The state law was to allow liquor sales between 7 a.m. on Sunday and 2 a.m. on Monday. The language in the final act was in error, because it inadvertently required communities to prohibit all Sunday sales instead of just Sunday morning.

Markland said Fenton's legal counsel assured him city council could pass a resolution prohibiting alcohol sales on Sundays, from 2 a.m. to 12 p.m., without jeopardizing alcohol sales for the rest of the day.

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### Correction

In a Wednesday, Dec. 8 article, "Fenton 911 dispatch is on the line," it should have said there is currently no federal mandate requiring 911 equipment to track and/or receive texts, e-mail and digital images. This is "next generation 911," and the mandate could happen in the near future. Fenton's current equipment can locate cell phone callers in the city. In addition, the Fenton Police Department was over \$300,000 under budget last year, about 15 percent.



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## Unplugged Club celebrates the holidays

**Fenton** — The Unplugged Club will meet on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Seven Lakes State Park to share a holiday celebration.

The group will prepare special treats to feed the birds and take a short nature hike. The event will begin at the Dickenson Lake Pavilion at 9 a.m. and conclude with refreshments at 10:30 a.m.

The First Presbyterian Church of Fenton and the Fenton elementary schools sponsor the club. The program is for 4 year olds through fifth-graders. The purpose of the Unplugged Club

is to help children better engage with the out-of-doors. The group meets in area parks and nature preserves on the third Saturday of each month during the school year. Participating children must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions about the program may be directed to Dale Swihart at (810) 629-7801, Carole Gutteridge or Jennifer Crawford at North Road Elementary School, Lisa Zmudzinski at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School and Maria Stoddard at State Road Elementary School.

## Academic achievements

**Dr. Kari A. Dilley** has received her doctorate degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. She has accepted a fellowship at the National Cancer Institute in Maryland. She is a 1998 graduate of Lake Fenton High School and is the daughter of Ray and Mary Dilley of Fenton.



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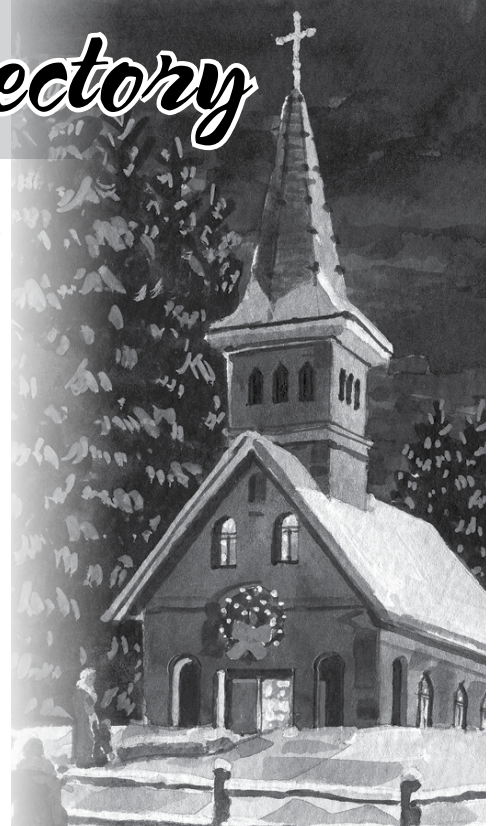
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## Police&Fire report

### VAN 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 on her 1990 Dodge Caravan, which was parked in the 300 block of East Elizabeth Street. Nothing was taken from the van and police have no leads at this time.

### 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 her. The woman's husband is hospitalized and said he never applied for any loan. The woman's bank closed her account. Slater said he has read several on-line complaints about this company.

### TRACTOR-TRAILER FIRE

At 6:06 p.m., the Groveland Township Fire Department requested a fire investigator from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, for a tractor-trailer fire in the 6000 block of Bedford Road in Holly Township. There were no injuries, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office reported.

### WOMAN IS PAROLE ABSCONDER

At 9:34 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, a Fenton police officer observed a suspicious situation and stopped to check on things at a business in the 500 block of Silver Lake Road. The officer made contact with a 39-year-old man and his 46-year-old girlfriend, both of Fenton. The two were talking with a 50-year-old Fenton Township man. Employees reported there was no problem with the three people, however, due to their high level of intoxication, the three decided against driving home. Upon questioning the woman, police could not find any record of her in the computer system. Fingerprints taken at the police station revealed she was wanted by the Michigan Department of Corrections as a parole absconder. She also had an arrest warrant from the Wayne Police Department for first-degree retail fraud. The MDOC was advised of the situation and the woman was transported to the Genesee County Jail until the MDOC could pick her up. Fenton police drove the two intoxicated men home.

### POT FOUND IN TRAFFIC STOP

At 10:40 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, a Fenton police officer near North Road and LeRoy Street observed a silver Grand Prix nearly cause a car crash. A traffic stop was initiated and the officer made contact with the 28-year-old Fenton Township man driving the car. The officer detected the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the car. The driver admitted to having marijuana in the center console. Police recovered almost 9 grams of marijuana. The car was impounded and the driver was arrested. The man was later released with a Jan. 10 court date for possession of marijuana. A passenger in the car was released.

## Fire chief shares safety tips

By Sharon Stone

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Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. It also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

The National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org) offers several tips to stay safe over the holidays.

### Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords are not damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

### Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

"The city of Fenton Fire Department wants to make sure that our residents have a safe and enjoyable holiday season," said Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff. "We encourage everyone to read these safety tips. Taking a few moments to make sure your home is safe is well worth it."

## New garbage contract will save Fenton \$65,000 in three years

### Council hires Republic Services

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — The city has a new garbage contractor, Republic Services, of Flint. A three-year contract will save Fenton \$65,000 during that time, Mayor Sue Osborn said.

Republic Services will replace Waste Management, of Lennon. Waste Management served Fenton for 20 years and had a very good working relationship with city staff, said Assistant City Manager Michael Burns. Republic Services' bid was significantly less than Waste Management's. Administration recommended that council select a service provider.

Republic Services does not charge a

fuel recovery fee for the first year of the contract. This is based on diesel fuel costs. Fenton can renew the contract after one year, and two years, Burns said. The city will keep its bag and tag program, where residents pay for the amount of trash they discard. If Fenton decides to later, it can go to a cart program.

The cart program includes a 95-gallon drum for recycling, yard waste and garbage. A truck with an automatic arm grasps this container and assists in emptying it, returning the cart to its position.

"Thank you very much," Osborn told the representative from Waste Management. "You have been outstanding to us."

Joe Denczek, of Waste Management, said, "Thank you, it's been a privilege."

Gary Hicks, of Republic Services, thanked council for the contract. "We will not let you down."

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**WONDER HOW MANY** businesses know that they are offending me by wishing me Happy Holidays instead of Merry Christmas. Roughly, 90 percent of all people surveyed believe in God, so why are the 10 percent allowed to speak on my behalf? It is Christmas. There are Christmas trees, and Christmas lights and Christmas decorations. What other 'holiday' are you wishing me? Stand tall, so we can put 'Christ' back in Christmas.

**A NEWS ALERTS,** on Jan. 1, watch for the headline 'Rick Snyder becomes a household nerd.'

**ARSENIC**

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Mayor Sue Osborn said she believes the city has an obligation to residents in the area. She doesn't want to put families in jeopardy from children running over the contaminated areas and playing in the dirt, possibly putting something in their mouths.

Councilman John Rauch said several people have called him about the matter. "They take walks there with their pets and kids," he said.

Osborn said she has done so for 35 years. "I've had my kids back there. That's the way they used to walk to school."

It could cost \$50,000 to \$70,000 to cap both areas of Orchard Hills that has arsenic in the soil, said Douglas McDowell, from McDowell & Associates, a consultant for the developers of Orchard Hills.

An option is placing a tough, geotextile fabric over the top of the contamination and covering this with 12 inches of soil. If erosion or something else uncovers it, the fabric will become visible.

"If you see fabric, you know you have to do something," McDowell said.

The environmental assessment would be a legal formality, said city attorney Matthew Drake. By having the study done before Fenton takes ownership of Phase II, the city is protected from any allegations it caused contamination. In addition, Fenton would have documentation to this effect.

At Monday's meeting, city council decided to have Assessor Tonya Molloseau talk to county administrators about the issue. Fenton officials would like to have the environmental study completed before the city accepts the title to the property. If Fenton does not accept the property, it goes to the Genesee County Land Bank. The county has it due to foreclosure on the property, and because it was not sold by the county at the yearly auctions, county Treasurer Deborah Cherry said in a Nov. 30 memo.

If the actual land transfer from the county to the city doesn't take place until later this month, Fenton could have the environmental study done by Dec. 28 or 29. City Manager Lynn Markland said there is an incentive for Genesee County to work with Fenton, since the county will end up with the problem if the city doesn't accept the property.

The deadline for Fenton's decision is Dec. 17, Molloseau said.

City council decided to hold a special meeting today, Wednesday, Dec. 15, on the issue.

Fenton has the option to take the property, or object to it, said Charles Barbieri, an attorney who was involved at the time Orchard Hills was being developed. Several years ago, the developers proposed to address the arsenic in different ways. One of these was moving it under roadways, which city officials objected to because of possible problems with city or utility workers digging into it.

The developers never finished their project, Barbieri said.

Councilman Tim Faricy said Fenton should refer Orchard Hills to its Brownfield Authority. He is in favor of the city accepting the property, instead of it reverting back to Genesee County.

**About the contamination**

Legally, the property owner has the obligation to protect occupants and visitors and innocent third parties who might go onto the contaminated areas, said Douglas McDowell, of McDowell & Associates, a consultant for the developers of Orchard Hills. There are no occupants on the land contaminated by arsenic.

In addition, the owner must not make the situation worse.

There is a cancer-causing material — the arsenic — in soil, at five to 10 times the amount Michigan says is allowable for residential areas, McDowell said. Pesticide applications to orchards at the site caused it, between the late 1800s, 1900s and through 1945-48.

It was metal-based pesticide, and the arsenic binds with the soil and "sticks around," he said.



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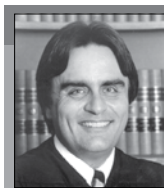
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## Self-Service Storage Facility Act

This past Sunday, when the rain and then the snow were falling and the roads were becoming increasingly clogged and icy, I decided to watch a little television before I made my attempts at shoveling and removal of the aforesaid gifts from the sky.

I came upon a show about self-storage units and immediately thought to myself how interesting could this possibly be? Nevertheless, I gave it a chance and found out that the show wasn't just about self-storage units per se, but rather what happens to them and their contents when the tenant fails to pay the rent.

The idea behind the show is to depict professional buyers at the auctions of the unit's contents, bidding against each other to purchase what's inside (for the most part sight unseen), presumably to go toward the unpaid rent.

The attraction is that the bidders all hope to find some valuable items among the materials and realize a windfall for their rather modest bids.

The interest level of such a show lies in the eyes of the beholder, but it did strike me that there was nothing on the show about the legal steps that have to be taken before an auction of this type can take place.

There are approximately 50,000 self-storage facilities in the United States, with each state having its own laws as to what is to be done in the event of a default in payment of rent by the tenant.

In Michigan, the law is found in the Self-Service Storage Facility Act. The act provides for the rights and remedies of both the owner of a self-service storage facility or a self-contained storage unit and the tenant.

There are provisions of special interest in the act, including the automatic placement of a lien in favor of the owner upon all personal property, whether or not owned by the tenant, located at the unit to ensure payment of all rent and other charges involving storage.

The lien attaches on the date the personal property arrives at the unit or the day the lease is signed whichever is earlier. Additionally, if a tenant fails to pay rent when it becomes due, the owner has the right without notice not less than five days after the due date, to deny the tenant access to the personal property in the unit.

If the tenant still has not paid the rent, the act provides for notice to the tenant and other steps that the owner can take to enforce its lien, which can result in the ultimate sale or other disposition of the property to pay the past due rent and other expenses.

If the owner fails to properly comply with the act, there are remedies provided for a tenant who suffers damages.

This is an area of the law that is not often discussed. The full text of the act is readily available on the Internet.

## CAFFEINE

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Energy drinks, in eye-catching packaging and hyped promotions, have become increasingly popular with teens and the younger crowd. However, nothing beats a real meal for both that well-fed feeling and the nutritional satisfaction the body needs.

Dr. Chandra Puttagunta, a pediatrician at the Children's Health Clinic in Fenton, said she is against any child drinking energy drinks. When a young patient comes to her, she always asks them what they drink. She is concerned because she hears stories that children are skipping breakfast and drinking an energy drink instead, as they walk to the bus stop, just to keep them awake in school.

With downsides, such as heart rate problems, headaches, extra calories, and dental cavities from the high levels of sugar, Puttagunta had nothing good to say about the drinks. "Don't drink any of them," she said. "They should be banned."

For athletes believing they will get an energy boost from consuming an energy drink loaded with caffeine, Puttagunta said instead they can become dehydrated because caffeine is a diuretic. "They think it's helping but it's causing more problems," she said.

Puttagunta said there's nothing better to drink than plain tap water and milk. She said pediatricians are speaking out against even giving natural juice to babies, because of the high sugar content. She encourages parents to give their babies and children only milk and water.

Education is key, said the doctor. "I show them (parents) how much of the drink is sugar," she said.

Not only do energy drinks contain high levels of sugar and caffeine, they may also contain mysterious ingredients, some of which have not had their effectiveness tested by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Some of the products contain guarana as a source of caffeine and taurine, an amino acid believed to enhance caffeine's effect. Some of the products contain herbal supplements that are not regulated by the FDA, such as ginseng, according to kidshealth.org.

Although energy drinks and power bars can be found nearly everywhere, including corner convenience stores and gas stations, they are expensive. Next time someone is tempted to grab one of the drinks or bars, be aware that there are better and less expensive alternatives.

Puttagunta said people complain about the high cost of gas for their car, yet they will walk into a gas station and buy a five-hour energy drink that costs several dollars. "The name is misleading," she said.

Although caffeine is a legal ingredient in food and drinks, it is still a stimulant. It can cause side effects, such as jitteriness, upset stomach, headaches and sleep problems.

Studies suggest that up to 300 mil-

ligrams of caffeine daily is safe for kids. If parents pay close attention, they might notice that their child is sensitive to caffeine. They might notice that their child develops temporary anxiety or is irritable, followed by a "crash" after the caffeine has worn off.

Because caffeine is a stimulant to the central nervous system, regular consumption can cause mild physical dependence, however, not in the same way as with addictive drugs.

Coffee drinkers who abruptly stop drinking the beverage know they could have a few rough days. As their body adjusts, they could exhibit withdrawal symptoms, such as headache, fatigue, anxiety, irritability, depression and difficulty concentrating.

Puttagunta said she is also against flavored vitamin water, which she believes is loaded with unnecessary ingredients. If one feels the need for extra vitamins, she suggests they take a one-a-day vitamin and steer clear of all the flavored waters, which have many hidden calories.

## Teen athletes and diet, free of any energy drinks or bars, for top performance

• Depending on how active they are, teen athletes may need anywhere from 2,000 to 5,000 total calories per day to meet their energy needs. Carbohydrates are an important source of fuel, but they are only one of many foods an athlete needs. It also takes vitamins, minerals, protein, and fats to stay in peak playing shape.

• Calcium helps build the strong bones that athletes depend on, and iron carries oxygen to muscles.

• To get the iron you need, eat lean red meats (meats with not much fat on them); green, leafy vegetables; and iron-fortified cereals. Calcium — a must for protecting against stress fractures — is found in dairy foods, such as low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese.

• Eating a balanced diet, including lots of different fruits and veggies, should provide the vitamins and minerals needed for good health and sports performance.



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### PET

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New for dogs are plush toys without stuffing. "They don't chew them up as quickly," Romanowski said. In addition, there is no stuffing for the dog to scatter around when it makes a hole in the toy.

Rawhides and Nylabones are ideas for dogs and puppies that like to chew, she said. On rawhides, some veterinarians say they are OK for dogs, while others are against them and say they present a choking hazard.

"I've never had a problem with them, and most of our customers don't," she said. "The biggest thing we can suggest is to buy accordingly on rawhides." This means getting a rawhide that is not too small for the dog.

In addition, Kmart and Wal-Mart in Fenton have large selections of pet toys, food, treats, collars and other accessories. Other options are Barking Babes and Canine Kitchen, also in Fenton.

### ONLINE

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STORY: **DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES**

"Fenton should take ownership of these properties. They can turn them over to the DDA, waste thousands studying if roundabouts might work in front of them, when they clearly won't work, set up a committee to decide which private entity will be able to buy them for a dollar — plus \$400,000 in matching funds only to back out of the sale after the fact, due to the public outrage in favor of a lease, which no business in their right mind would agree to."

— Troy

COLUMN: **ROGER CAMPBELL**

"This article spoke to me. Thank you."

— Lesson accepted

## Linden hires part-time police chief

By Sharon Stone

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**Linden** — The city of Linden has a new police chief. At the city council meeting on Monday evening, Clerk Martha Donnelly swore in the newly hired part-time police chief.

The city council voted unanimously in favor of hiring Scott Sutter, at the recommendation of City Manager Christopher Wren. Councilor Matt Chapman was absent.

Sutter replaces Peter



Scott Sutter

VanDriessche, who recently retired as the city's long-time police chief.

### Summary

►Linden City Council hired Scott Sutter, of Fenton Township, as the city's new part-time police chief on Monday. Sutter retired from the Flint Police Department after a 20-year career. He will begin his new duties on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011.

He has given the university notice for his departure and will officially begin his duties for Linden on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011.

According to Wren, the interviewing panel, which was comprised of him-

self, Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro and Mayor David Lossing, believed Sutter stood above the other applicants, through qualifications and personality. The city received 52 applications.

The chief's part-time position requires 25 hours per week. Sutter will be paid an hourly wage of \$26 for the first six months. After a review, the rate would increase to \$27, and after a year of employment and review, his rate may increase to \$28. As chief, he will be eligible for the city's dental plan.

While introducing himself to city council, Sutter said this position is a great opportunity for him and his family. "I want to get involved," he said. "My family is excited, and I'm excited."

Councilor Ray Culbert said he liked Sutter's impressive background and asked the city manager if Sutter's hiring fit the city's budget. Wren confirmed it did.

Lossing expressed his gratitude to Aro for assisting with the interviews.

Following the meeting, Sutter, who was accompanied by his wife, Tonya, son, Seth, and daughter, Tabitha, said, "I'm ready for Linden."

When asked if he has any big changes for the department, Sutter said he'll wait until he takes over and make an evaluation at that time.

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## Christmas tradition

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(Above) Edwin Piercy (right), of Fenton Township, helps Brock Krynak, 7, cut down his first-ever, live Christmas tree, a 7-foot white pine from Haddon Nursery. (Below) Edwin Piercy, of Fenton Township, hauls a 7-foot white pine from Haddon Nursery. He, along with Tracey Krynak and Brock Krynak, 7, chose and cut the tree down Saturday afternoon. This is the families' first live Christmas tree.



## Local woman, blind since birth, gets acquainted with new Leader Dog

By Anna Troppens

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**Tyrone Twp.** — At 18 months old, Sara Bella, a golden retriever, still has some “puppy” in her. But, the Leader Dog and her new handler, Kim Verhelle, who has been blind since birth, are getting acquainted and will be working together for many more years.

Verhelle occasionally corrects Sara, saying, “leave it” or “straight” to get her walking straight ahead again. “Even though she gets distracted, she stops if she sees a car coming out of a driveway,” Verhelle said.

In the past, she used a white cane to navigate her world. Verhelle grew up in Flint and has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan-Flint, in social work. She also attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, for her master’s degree in counseling.

She married Dan Verhelle, a Fenton native, and the couple lived in Linden and Clare. After their children went to college, the Verhelles moved back to the Fenton area. Kim ran the Anchor of Hope Counseling Service, and now she and Dan have both retired.

Verhelle decided to obtain a Leader Dog after joining the Fenton Lions Club in April. “They heavily support the Leader Dog school,” she said.

She went to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester on Oct. 30 and received Sara Bella on Nov. 2. Verhelle learned how to handle the dog, staying in the Polk Residence and Training Center as part of a class of 14 new Leader Dog owners from Chile, Costa Rica, Canada, Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota, Illinois and Michigan.

The small class size was very beneficial, and Verhelle’s instructor worked with her and two other students. “That was really good,” she said. She and Sara Bella have been “out and about” in the Fenton area, with Verhelle often using Your Ride transportation. Verhelle goes to McLaren Physical Therapy & Sport on Owen Road for a wellness exercise program a few times a week and walks to shopping areas afterward. “I wouldn’t have attempted to cross the street before,” she said. “With (Sara), I do.”

Verhelle has Sara guiding her on her left, while she pulls a shopping cart behind her on the right. She uses arm signals to instruct the dog, which also wears a special harness.

It’s important for those who see a Leader Dog not to distract or pet it, Ver-

helle said. The dog needs to be tuned into its owner, for the person’s safety. It can be difficult, since golden retrievers like Sara Bella love people.

“Everyone I’ve met is very well-meaning,” Verhelle said. “I don’t get mad at people, because I’ve done the



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Kim Verhelle, of Tyrone Township, who is legally blind, has a new Leader Dog, Sara Bella, a young golden retriever.

### More about Leader Dogs for the Blind

Leader Dogs usually work with their owner for 10 to 12 years. They are provided to those who need them free of charge, but once someone gets one, the new owner is responsible for providing the dog with food, vet care and other essentials.

The training she received on working with her Leader Dog was excellent, said Kim Verhelle, of Tyrone Township. Their training included taking their dogs on the People Mover in Detroit, to parks with ducks and other distractions, up stairs, into elevators and up escalators. She and the other students in her class left the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility feeling very confident.

“The training was so good,” she said. More information is available at [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org).

same thing.” Verhelle is available for presentations for community groups and classrooms. She can be reached at [kverhelle@charter.net](mailto:kverhelle@charter.net).

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## TIRES

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watched the cars around her fish-tailing in the poor conditions. "My tires were clawing the road," she said. "It even made a difference with my all-wheel drive."

Although her shop sells them, this was her first experience using snow tires, the lesser-known tire designed for cold, slippery roads.

Snow tires are made from a softer rubber compound than that which is used for all-season tires. It grips slushy, snowy roads better than all-terrain tires.

Snow tires also have more

"sipes," or areas that grip the road, said Chris Blower, manager of Kan-Rock Tire in Fenton. Because the rubber is softer, they wear out quickly on warm, dry pavement, and are for winter driving only.

The cost of snow tires compared to regular all-terrains, depends on the size of tire, according to Kevin Hoover, assistant manager of Kan-Rock Tire. He said snow tires might account for 10 percent of the stores sales, which is impressive, consider-

ing sales of the tires drop off in February.

Hoover also said it is becoming more common for people to own two sets of tires, one for the warmer months, and one snow tire set for winter.

Armstead said most people cannot afford two sets of tires, but she was glad to have them. A new set of tires, regular or all-terrain, is far better than driving with balding tires that offer little traction. "Safety is always first," she said.

"My tires were clawing the road; it even made a difference with my all wheel drive."  
**Belinda Armstead**

Armstead educates her customers about all types of tires. She recommends snow tires, but customers who buy them usually come in asking for them.

Her son has snow tires on his front-wheel drive Ford Focus. "It gives him a little extra (traction). He doesn't get stuck either."

Armstead said many people will buy two new tires if they cannot afford a whole set. For safety, she suggests they be put on the back two wheels, even if their car is front-wheel drive.

"It helps prevent over-steer," said Hoover, of Kan-Rock Tire.



### TIPS FOR TIRES

- **Having newer tires** for winter driving is important.
- **When only buying** one or two tires, put new ones on the back wheels.
- **For all-wheel drive** vehicles, replace all four tires at the same time.
- **Only use snow tires** during the winter to prevent rapid wear.

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City of Fenton fire trucks deliver Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Tyrone Township Hall, to take photographs with children and help a food drive.

## Santa and fire trucks deliver 780 meals to Tyrone Township

**Tyrone Twp.**—Tyrone Township children and parents recently greeted Santa and Mrs. Claus and helped provide more than 780 meals for people in need.

Two city of Fenton fire trucks delivered Santa to the township hall on Dec. 4. All of Santa's guests were able to get an up-close look at the fire trucks and even climb onboard.

After Santa's arrival, children of all ages were able to give Santa their wish list and have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. In conjunction with Gleaners Food Bank, the township hosted a food drive during Santa's visit.

Mike Cunningham, Tyrone Township

supervisor, said, "We had more than 60 children attend the event. During the event, we collected food for those in need. The township residents donated sufficient food to provide for over 780 meals.

"In the future, we are looking for additional ways the township can bring its residents together for improving the quality of life in the township. If you have ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact us about them, and we will evaluate how we might carry them out."

For more information, call Cunningham at (810) 629-8631 or visit Tyrone Township's website at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us).

## STORM

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On Sunday, fire departments throughout the area responded to numerous reports of trees and utility poles falling onto roadways, causing hazardous conditions.

Deputies with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office responded to 64 property damage crashes, 10 personal injury crashes and 82 road run-offs during the overnight snowstorm. These numbers are for the 15 municipalities patrolled by the sheriff's office via its police contracts.

Bishop International Airport in Flint recorded a record 6 inches of snow on Sunday, Dec. 12, beating the record from 2000, when the area received 3.2 inches, according to [weatherunderground.com](http://weatherunderground.com). In addition to snow accumulation, anyone heading outside felt the strong winds, ranging from 13 to 30 miles per hour. Gusts as high as 43 miles per hour were also recorded. Temperatures ranged from a low of 15 degrees to 39.

Mary Gust, spokesperson for Consumers Energy said, as of Monday afternoon, the utility company had 530 customers without power, 50 of which were in Fenton City. Power was restored late Monday night.

Adding to the problem was a transformer on Fenway Drive that caught fire in Fenton. Nearby businesses located in the industrial park lost power.

Temperatures plummeted Monday night, down to about 4 degrees. Tem-

peratures on Tuesday and Wednesday topped out in the low 20s and at night, temperatures were expected to drop down to the single digits. Because of the extreme cold, road surfaces remained slippery, as applying road salt is ineffective.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said the winter weather wreaked havoc with motorists.

From Dec. 11 through Tuesday morning, Fenton police responded to 20 automobile crashes. Of that total, 14 occurred on U.S. 23. Twelve of those highway crashes involved property damage and two involved minor injuries.

Four crashes occurred in the city and two occurred in private parking lots.

Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff said his department responded to a few calls involving downed power lines, caused by snow and strong winds.

On Monday morning, the fire department responded to a two-vehicle crash on U.S. 23. They shut the road down until the Department of Public Works (DPW) could apply salt, in response to the icy conditions. He added that several semi trucks got stuck on the freeway due to the conditions.

Due to the transformer catching fire on Fenway Drive, a nearby business lost power and heat, which resulted in one of the building's fire sprinkler lines freezing overnight and bursting early Tuesday morning.



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(Left) Fenton Jinglefest attendees stand in line for some cotton candy Saturday, Dec. 4. Fenton's annual holiday event brought hundreds of visitors to downtown Fenton. (Right) A holiday elf waves at Santa Claus during the Linden Holiday Happening parade, held last Saturday. The parade was one of an all-day series of events in downtown Linden. (Bottom, left) Jaden Harper, 5, of Fenton, inspects the ice sculptures during Jinglefest. (Bottom, center) The Holiday Lighted Parade held last Saturday evening during Jinglefest attracted hundreds of visitors.





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# Clogged heart arteries cause pain of angina

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I am 56, a woman and have angina. I don't understand it too well. I have never smoked, and I am not overweight. I'd get chest pains if I hurried to catch a bus or to get on an open elevator. When it first started, my doctor gave me a medicine to put under my tongue when the pain happened. It worked well. I don't have to use it much anymore. Is that a good sign? Am I destined to have a heart attack? — J.A.

**ANSWER:** Angina (pronounced ANN-juh-nuh or ann-JEYE-nuh) is squeezing chest pain that comes on when a person is active and leaves when that person rests. Being active can mean walking, jogging, cleaning, doing the washing, weeding or digging. It comes about because one or more of the heart arteries is plugged with plaque — a mound of cholesterol and fat on the inside artery wall. At rest, enough blood makes its way to the heart. With activity, the heart can't get enough blood because of the plaque. The heart makes its lack of blood known by chest pain that also might be felt in the neck, the jaw or the arms, or

only in those places. Angina, one of the signs of coronary (heart) artery disease, affects 17 million Americans. Smoking, obesity, inactivity, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and a family history are some of the major factors that cause its development. You don't smoke and never did. How about your cholesterol, blood pressure and weight? If those things need to be addressed, they trump all other treatments.

In spite of controlling the above factors, many still have to take medicines — medicines that dilate arteries or make the heart beat slower, or ones that lower blood pressure or cholesterol. The medicine you put under your tongue was nitroglycerin. Long-acting varieties of that medicine and other long-acting artery dilators might be the reason why you don't need nitroglycerin as much as you did. That is a good sign. Clogged heart arteries can be opened with a balloon-tipped catheter or by bypassing the clog with an artery graft. You might not ever need such procedures.



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**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My grandson recently had scarlet fever. In my day, this was a very frightful disease. My daughter has taken a ho-hum attitude toward it. What are its complications? — W.B.

**ANSWER:** Scarlet fever is a strep throat with one addition — a red skin rash. That's the only difference between the two. Penicillin is its treatment. When treated early, there should be no complications from it. If not treated, then it can have the same complication that strep throat has — rheumatic fever.

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



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### THE OTHER GUYS

NYPD Detectives Christopher Danson (Dwayne Johnson) and P.K. (Samuel L. Jackson) are the baddest and most beloved cops in New York City. They don't get tattoos — other men get tattoos of them. Two desks over and one back, sit Detectives Allen Gamble (Will Ferrell) and Terry Hoitz (Mark Wahlberg). They're not heroes — they're "the Other Guys."

### THE TOWN



There are more than 300 bank robberies in Boston every year. And, most of the professionals live in a one-square-mile neighborhood called Charlestown. One of them is Doug MacRay (Ben Affleck), but he is not cut from the same cloth as his fellow thieves. Unlike them, Doug had a chance at success, a chance to escape following in his father's criminal footsteps. Instead, he became the leader of a crew of ruthless bank robbers who pride themselves on taking what they want and getting out clean. The only family Doug has is his partners in crime, especially Jem, who, despite his dangerous, hair-trigger temper, is the closest thing Doug ever had to a brother. However, everything changed on the gang's last job when Jem briefly took a hostage — bank manager Claire Keesey (Rebecca Hall). "The Town" is a dramatic thriller about robbers and cops, friendship and betrayal, love and hope, and escaping a past that has no future.

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BY LINDA THISTLE

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Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times



With 14 wrestlers entering the season with state meet experience a year ago, it's fair to say the tri-county team is loaded with outstanding talent. Included on that list is two defending state champions, one that has transferred to Lake Fenton and another returning for just his sophomore season at Holly. Many of those wrestlers placed at state meets. We can't place all of the wrestlers on this list, but here are some of them.

**Anthony Gonzales - Holly**  
Gonzales became the Bronchos' first-ever freshman state champion,

winning the title with an 8-4 decision victory against Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern's Tim Lambert in the finals. Gonzales went 52-3 overall during the season. He also won league, district and regional titles. If he wins a state title, he'll become

only the second Holly wrestler to win back-to-back state titles.

**Justin Melick - Lake Fenton**  
Melick is a new face for tri-county wrestling fans, but he isn't for those that follow the sport around the state. Melick (152) won a state title in the Division 1 state meet a year ago, posting a 52-7 record. Two years ago, he placed sixth at 119. He'll be a threat to be Lake Fenton's first individual state champion

since Troy Smith in 2007.  
**Todd Melick - Lake Fenton**  
Melick is Justin Melick's younger brother and is equally talented. All that kept Melick from a state championship during his sophomore season last year, was a 20-7 major decision loss to Holt's Freddie Rodriguez in the state finals. He pinned his other three opponents before that. Melick finished last year with a 37-3 record. Two years ago, he took fourth at 103. He's another threat to win a state title this season.  
**Buddy Poyner - Lake Fenton**  
Poyner placed third at 119 a year ago  
**See WATCH on 19**



# Granger leads our volleyball team for a second straight year

**By Al Zipsie**  
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Samantha Granger never lost a Metro League match in her volleyball career at Fenton.

She was a starter her sophomore through senior seasons, winning three straight Metro titles.

She'll also end her volleyball career as a victor in another way. Granger is our Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year for a second straight season. Granger leaves with a great legacy. And yet, there was a time when it looked like she may not even play.

"It's funny. I have come a long way. In seventh grade, I was afraid to even try out for the volleyball team," said Granger. "It's an exciting honor to say the least. I have worked so hard, and have been playing club volleyball.

"I respect my teammates at Fenton, and the other schools (Holly, Linden and Lake Fenton in

the tri-county coverage area)."

Granger and three other seniors — Lauren Zepeda, Ally Rooker and Alyssa Sander — never lost a Metro League volleyball match, earning 29 straight wins and three unbeaten Metro League championships. The team is closing in on the record of 35 victories in a row, recorded when the Tigers accomplished the task from 1991 to 1994.

Granger had the flashy spikes, but her stats show she is a complete all around player. During her senior year, she had 486 kills, 99 serving aces, 487 digs, 39 blocks and 538 service receives. She serve received at a 96 percent success rate, a school record. Her single-season ace mark was a school record as well.

For her career, Granger played in 190 varsity matches, accumulating a staggering 1,174 kills, 1,300 digs and 197 aces.

Granger still has two senior athletic seasons left — basketball and soccer. The basketball team won the Metro title last season. In soccer, during Granger's sophomore season, Fenton made it to the state semifinals. She remains the true three-sport athlete.

"My parents played sports, and I first started playing soccer at 3 years old,"

Granger said. "Playing three sports keeps me busy. They are all different.

"I love volleyball the most. In soccer, you can go an entire game without a score. In basketball, you can make trips up and down the floor without any scoring. In volleyball, every time is for a point, and you can celebrate with teammates on a point."

"Samantha has re-wrote some records and has been our MVP and the (Tri-County Times) Volleyball Player of the Year for the last two years," said Fenton coach Linda Rusaw. "The last two years, she has also been All Region and All Metro first team.

"She has the physical tools and skills. She also has worked hard and put a lot of time in to get where she is. The more touches she has had, the better and more complete player she has become."

Granger has played with some of the top athletes in the school in various sports. She played volleyball with Emily Idoni her sophomore year and plays basketball with fellow senior Gabrielle Rivette. She also played with Fenton's all-time scoring leader, Christina Rivette. Granger also played with the talented Tori Bailey in soccer. However, Granger can stand among those players as one of the elite as well.

"Even though I am going to play volleyball (at the next level), when my senior year ends, it is going to be sad," Granger said.

After years of domination, you can bet Metro League foes won't be that sad.



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For the second straight season, Fenton's Samantha Granger is the Tri-County's Volleyball Player of the Year. The senior finished the season with 487 digs and 486 kills. She also had a school record 99 aces.



## ALL TRI-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Player of the Year	Grade	School
Samantha Granger	Senior	Fenton
<b>Comment:</b> Granger is a two-time Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year, collecting 486 kills, 487 digs, 99 service aces and 39 blocks this season. The 99 aces is a school record for a single season. The senior finished her career with 1,174 career varsity kills and 1,300 digs.		
Rest of first team	Grade	School
Lauren Zepeda	Senior	Fenton
Jenna Mitchell	Senior	Holly
Ally Rooker	Senior	Fenton
Ellesa Smith	Junior	Lake Fenton
Alivia Howell	Senior	Lake Fenton
Sabrina Kinney	Junior	Linden
Sarah Collier	Junior	Fenton
Paige Morgan	Senior	Linden
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# Fenton swimmers love the high turnout

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — Sean Rositano sees a few things he's never seen before with the Fenton varsity boys swim team.

He looks around and sees, well, a team — or maybe, to be more precise, a large squad. The Tigers have 34 swimmers on the team this season, about double last year's total. And it's a vision he loves seeing.

"It's definitely a lot different than it was last year," Rositano said. "(Last year) with 16. It's great seeing the numbers."

Chances are, the Tigers won't run into too many teams with larger numbers than they have. Now, it's a matter of getting those swimmers to a level in which the Tigers can compete for a Metro League title.

The Tigers won their first dual of the season against Powers, but then lost a tough dual to Owosso on Thursday, dropping a tight 99-84 verdict at Fenton High School.

The Tigers entered the last event of the night — the 400 freestyle — with a slim chance of winning the meet. However, to do so, the Tigers needed to have their top two relays finish in first and second. The team of David Congdon, Joshua Bryant, Ken Carbary and Adam Ransom (3:57.96) were able to take second, but the squad was unable to get any other relay teams in to the top three.

Still, the meet is an encouraging sign for a team that should be seeing its best days ahead.

"Right now before break, we are building," Rositano said. "When we come back after Christmas break, and our three-hour practices, we'll be a lot better team. If you look at the camaraderie now — for being a



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Fenton's Sean Rositano posted a time of 2:50.52 in the 200 individual medley in the Tigers' 99-84 loss to Owosso.

new team and not knowing everyone right off the bat — I think we've meshed really well.

"All the new swimmers are stepping up. Just look at the times right now."

The Tigers posted four firsts against Owosso. Congdon took part in three of them. He won the 100 freestyle (57.41) and the 100 backstroke (1:11.32), while also teaming with Anthony Miceli, Ransom, and Bryant for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:58.56).

The other first was posted by the team's only girl on the squad, diver Sam Moss. She won diving with a score of 149.20. She's able to dive for the Fenton boys swim team because she was a golfer during the fall when the girls were competing.

The Tigers also had three individual sec-

onds. Ransom took second in the 200 individual medley (2:26.66) and the 100 butterfly (1:03.35). Meanwhile, Miceli was second in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.06).

The Tigers have some experienced swimmers on the team, and the team also has some seniors on it. However, Rositano finds himself in an interesting scenario, in that he's the only senior with extensive varsity swimming experience.

"It definitely makes me work harder, and I try to lead by example," Rositano said. "I'm not the fastest kid out there, but I try to work hard at practice. I hope other swimmers and my teammates pick that up and follow that. It's a leadership thing, and I have to prove myself."

Despite their great numbers, the Tigers

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## Fugate's 23 sparks Holly boys basketball to victory vs. Brandon

By Al Zipsie

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**Holly** — The Holly varsity boys basketball team turned back Brandon 56-45 in a Metro League game Friday night.

Josh Fugate led the Bronchos with 23 points, hitting a trio of three-pointers, all in the first half. Matt Beckner chipped in 10 points off the bench.

"Beckner is an outstanding student-athlete," Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "He knows only one way to play, and that is an all-out effort. He may have been the difference in the game."

The Bronchos had back-to-back three-pointers from Fugate and Beckner, giving Holly an 18-16 lead after the opening quarter.

The Bronchos scored the first seven

points and the last eight points of the second quarter. The first run ended as Beckner had one of four steals in the quarter. He hit Anderius Gray in stride for an assist on a layup, giving Holly a 25-16 lead. In the middle of the quarter, Brandon had 10 straight points, which was finished off by a Morris trey that gave Brandon a 26-25 lead.

Fugate answered back with a three-pointer, putting Holly in the lead for good at 28-26. With 52 seconds left, Fugate got a good look for a three, giving Holly a 33-26 halftime lead. Later, Fugate got an old fashioned three-point play on a drive to the hoop and a free throw, giving Holly a 42-31 lead.

In the final quarter, Brent Stafne

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# Holly earns tourney title at Grand Haven

## ►Linden wrestlers take third at own invite

By David Troppens

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It was a busy week for the Holly varsity wrestling team.

The Bronchos had a double dual on Wednesday, and followed that up with another double dual on Thursday. Finally, the team travelled to the Grand Haven Team Tournament, and wrestled a bit there as well.

All through it, though, the Bronchos did pretty well.

They capped the long weekend by earning the Grand Haven Team Tournament title.

"We wrestled the best we have all year," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "We were 7-2 and our only losses (last week) were against Hudson and Dundee. Each day we got better."

At the tourney, the Bronchos defeated Spring Lake 63-15, Niles 49-21, Eaton Rapids 63-15, Forest Hills Northern 64-18 and Grand Haven 45-22.

"It was decent talent there," Pluta said. "None of them were the ranked teams in the state, but all of the programs are pretty good."

The Bronchos had seven wrestlers finish with perfect 5-0 records at the tourney. That list of wrestlers included Mason Cleaver (112), Tyler Gibson (119), Anthony Gonzales (125), Esteban Gonzales (130), Andrew Scott (140), Shawn Scott (171) and Joe Piwowarski (285).

"That's a lot of kids at 5-0," Pluta said. "We rotated a few kids from the 'B' squad that wrestled well, too. The whole key is to give a lot of kids experience so we can build our depth to 20 kids."

Zack Jones (135) also went 4-1 with



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Linden's Brendon Davis (left) wrestles a foe during a recent match this season. Davis went 4-1 at the Linden Invitational Team Tournament and was one of six wrestlers to post that record or finish 5-0 at the meet. The Eagles placed third at the meet.

his only loss coming against a state-ranked wrestler.

"Zack's only loss was to a ranked wrestler against Niles and Andrew Scott is a freshman who had an outstanding day," Pluta said. "And Joe Piwowarski wrestled really well all year."

The Bronchos also earned wins against South Lyon 64-12, and South Lyon East 67-6 on Thursday.

"I wanted to push them this week," Pluta said. "We had nine matches this week. I wanted them to make weight three times and still bounce back. It's one of those things you do as a coach to challenge your kids. The nice thing is, I think we got better as the week went on."

The Bronchos compete at the Oakland County Meet Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

## LINDEN HOSTS THE LINDEN TEAM TOURNAMENT

The Linden varsity wrestling team was supposed to be in a rebuilding mode this season.

But early in the season, the Eagles have done well.

That strong start continued with a third-place performance in the Linden Team Tournament on Saturday.

"We have five freshmen in the lineup, and we're doing well," Linden coach Todd Skinner said. "We probably haven't had that many freshmen in the lineup since 2003, but we are winning with five freshmen, which is big. We wrestled beyond expectations."

The Eagles went 3-1 in pool play. They defeated Walled Lake Northern 66-17, Notre Dame Prep 81-0 and Webberville 66-16. They lost to Birch Run 56-18. The Eagles then faced Chippewa Valley in the third-place match 40-28.

"That was a big win," Skinner said, about the win against Chippewa Valley. "They were a very good team. We had some big matches and a couple of kids stepped up."

The Eagles had three wrestlers finish with undefeated days. Austin Golden (125), Jeffrey Fisher (171) and Kyle Fisher (189) each had 5-0 marks. Meanwhile, Karrah Varner (103), Brendon Davis (140) and Shane Stevens (152) went 4-1.

"All in all, it was a pretty good day," Skinner said.

Linden competes in a school assembly dual meet at Owosso on Friday at 1 p.m. The Eagles also compete in the Genesee County Meet on Saturday.

## Lake Fenton boys basketball splits recent contests

By David Troppens

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Matt Furey is probably thinking a tiny bit about what could be.

But with what has happened already this season, he has to be pretty pleased with his Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team's early season performance.

The Blue Devils have come very close to playing eight strong quarters in two games, but some hot three-point shooting for a small stretch in the fourth quarter by Croswell-Lexington, has kept Lake Fenton from being undefeated.

Lake Fenton's record was evened to 1-1 overall with a tight 58-54 road loss to Croswell-Lexington Saturday night.

The Blue Devils led 40-32 entering the fourth quarter, and looked poised to

improve to 2-0 after defeating Genesee Christian 60-46 on Friday night. However, the hosts got hot from three-point range down the stretch, allowing them to sneak past Lake Fenton and earn the victory.

"We led the entire game," Furey said. "We had a seven-point lead and then they got hot, hitting four threes in the fourth quarter. It was one of those things that happen from time-to-time. You just hope it doesn't happen often."

The Blue Devils outscored Cros-Lex 20-11 in the third quarter, to establish the lead. And the Blue Devils did a lot of good things to establish that lead. They won the rebounding war (28-22), turned the ball over just 10 times and made 15-of-18 free

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at the state meet, finishing with a 60-5 record. He enters this season ranked second in Division 3 in his weight class.

### Zach Corcoran - Lake Fenton

About now people are probably figuring out why expectations are so high at Lake Fenton. Corcoran finished third at the state last year as well, finishing the season with a 62-2 mark. He's ranked second in his weight class entering this year.

### Shawn Scott - Holly

Scott placed fourth at 160 pounds a year ago, after posting

a 55-10 mark. Moving to 171 this year, Scott is ranked second in his weight class entering this year.

### Others to watch

Linden's top wrestler entering this season is probably **Kyle Fisher**. He placed fifth at 171 a year ago at the state meet, and enters the season the preseason third seed at his weight class. Lake Fenton's **Christian O'Guinn** placed seventh at the state meet for Grand Blanc in Division 1 at 130 last year, but enters this season as a preseason third seed. Meanwhile, another Grand Blanc transfer, **Drew Morris**, placed sixth at state but enters this season tops at 160.



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throws.

"If you do those three things every game, you are going to win on a consistent basis," Furey said. "Those are things we didn't do on a consistent basis last year."

Sean Canning led Lake Fenton with 14 points, while Mitch Kirk scored 13 points. Spencer Quick had 13 points and 10 rebounds while Devin Evans had 11 points and eight rebounds. Kirk and Evans had three rebounds each.

On Friday, the Blue Devils, pushed the ball against Genesee Christian, and it resulted in the easy victory.

"It was a different kind of game," Furey

said. "We had our way with them. I was concerned about their 6-foot-5 guard (Justin Denning) that had 37 points the night before, so we had a pretty intense focus on him and we kept him off rhythm. We held him to 13 points.

"We broke them down early with our break. We want every game to be a track meet, up and down, up and down for 32 minutes."

Canning had another big game, scoring 15 points, while Kirk had 14 points and five rebounds. Evans had 12 points and four steals, while Quick chipped in eight points.

The Blue Devils return to action with a road game at Montrose Friday.

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will have to do that themselves — prove they can compete for a Metro title as a team. Last year, the team took second place despite having a small roster.

"I think our goal is to beat Holly, and Brandon is going to be a fierce competitor," Rositano said. "And our goal has always been, if the girls can win seven straight Metro titles, why can't we win one? I think it's always been a goal to finish first in the Metro. It's always been the team goal."

Fenton hosted Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday.



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Lake Fenton's Buddy Poyner (right) is congratulated by, then, Lake Fenton assistant wrestling coach Vance Corcoran after winning his third-place match at the state meet. Corcoran is now the acting varsity head coach. Corcoran was one of five Lake Fenton champions at the Hartland Invitational on Saturday.

## LF wrestling places second at Hartland Invitational

By Al Zipsie

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**Hartland** — For the second straight weekend, Lake Fenton's varsity wrestling team had a solid showing in a tourney.

The Blue Devils finished with a second-place effort in the 13-team field at the Hartland Invitational.

Hartland won the title with 234.5 points, while the Blue Devils had 206 points, 51 points ahead of GAC rival Goodrich, who took third. Fenton finished 12th with 26 points.

Lake Fenton had five champions — Bryce Hopkins (125), Buddy Poyner (130), Zach Corcoran (135), Christian O'Guinn (145) and Connor Brancheau (160). Poyner and Corcoran remain unbeaten on the season. Finishing second were Jacob Carley (103) and Drew Morris (171). Morris lost his first match

of the season to Belleville's Shames DeLahaye in the 171 final.

The Blue Devils moved up to third in the Division III team state rankings behind Dundee and Richmond. The Blue Devils had beaten second-ranked Davison in Division I in a dual on opening night.

The Blue Devils' performance was made all the more impressive based on who wasn't at Hartland. They were missing five key wrestlers. Todd Melick was out with an injury and his brother Justin Melick was knocked out with an injury default in his second match. Lake Fenton also have three other transfers who will join the team in January — Ray Denam, Jake Hosking and James Demember.

Lake Fenton is at Beecher tonight and at the Genesee County Meet at Davison on Saturday.

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found a wide open Gray for a layin and a 51-37 lead. Brandon never could cut the lead from double digits.

"In warm-ups, I felt good and my teammates were finding me open, and I knocked them down," said Fugate. "We are a lot better than people thought we would be, and we will only get better. We are inexperienced, but guys are stepping up and everybody is hustling."

"For the second straight game, we didn't come out with the energy we should have, and we got it going when we needed to," Baylis said. "I was pleased with our effort in the second half tonight. Our defense has been good, allowing only 30 points in the first game and 45 tonight. Brandon is a good team, they have a lot of tall players inside."

The Holly girls basketball team whipped Brandon 54-30 to remain unbeaten at 4-0 on the season. Ashley Xiong led the way with 16 points five assists and four steals, while Allyssa Copley had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Jessica Beeler chipped in seven points and 12 rebounds.

The Bronchos dominated from the start. They led 17-10 after one quarter and 34-20 at the half. The Bronchos iced the game by outscoring Brandon 12-2 in the third quarter.



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Holly's Audrey Koons takes a shot during a recent girls basketball game. The Holly varsity girls basketball team is 4-0 after defeating Brandon 54-30 on Friday.

Holly is in first place in the Metro League standings at 2-0. Holly's road contest at Clio on Tuesday was postponed due to weather.

Both Holly varsity teams return to action Friday during home games against the Linden Eagles.

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Ad #7984: 2010-12-15 ,

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## Susan C. Lucas

1952-2010

Susan C. Lucas - age 58, of Holly, died Tuesday, December 14, 2010. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, December 17, 2010 at the Holly Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 PM at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Susan was born in Wausau, WI on July 29, 1952, the daughter of Keith and Adeline (Schmuhl) Parfitt. Susan is survived by her husband William "Jerry"; her 2 children, Becky (Spencer) Farr of Washington and Billy (Jody) Lucas of Linden; granddaughter Ryleigh Farr; her mother Adeline Parfitt of WI; sister Cindy Raney of WI; brother Ken Parfitt of IL. She was preceded in death by her father Keith Parfitt. Susan loved her Lord and also loved crocheting, nature, gardening, and bird watching. Susan was a very caring person with a generous spirit. She was a member of the Holly Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

## Joseph Gary Amann

1987-2010

Joseph Gary Amann - age 23, died Monday, December 13, 2010 at Genesys Heath Park. Funeral service will be held 2



PM Thursday, December 16, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton. Visitation will be held 1-9 PM Wednesday and 11 AM until time of service Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Joe was born July 25, 1987 in Lapeer, the son of William George and Lolita Lee (Willett) Amann. He enjoyed being around friends and helping others. Surviving are his parents William (Lolita) Amann of Fenton; sister, Lane Amann of Fenton; grandparents, Ed (Joyce) Amann of Sebewaing, MI; uncles, Jim (Pam) Amann of Fenton, Larry (Cheryl) Purdy of Lake Orion, Lloyd (Janice) Purdy of Oxford; aunt, Marcia Hamlett of Ohio and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Richard (Edna) Willett and great-grandparents George (Dorothy) Thompson and Jesse (Adhna) Howes. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).

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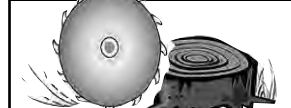
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