Sad farewells

Remembering some who died in 2010

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As 2010 draws to a close, many area residents are without loved ones who died this year.

Here are some of the deaths reported in the Tri-County Times.

Scott (Scotty) Medor, 23, a 2004 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, died on Jan. 25, in an automobile accident on North Road in Fenton.

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Negotiations continue with Michigan Brewing Company at old fire hall site

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The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is negotiating with Michigan Brewing Company, for a restaurant development at the old fire hall, built in 1937. Negotiations involve a lease-to-own agreement with the firm, said DDA Director/Assistant City Manager Michael Burns.

The DDA originally offered the site for $1, to attract a developer and revitalize the downtown. Due to the economy and developers wanting to own the site and not

See BREWING on 11A

President signs unemployment extension

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People who were worried that their emergency unemployment benefits would end soon can breathe a sigh of relief.

Last Friday, President Obama signed a tax bill into law that will pump an extension on 9A

Summary

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LF teachers’ union and board reach agreement

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton Education Association (LFEA) and the Lake Fenton Board of Education reached an agreement Monday involving the teachers’ union contract.

The LFEA contract expired at the end of June 2009, and the health insurance program the union had dated back to 2006, said Vince Cicalo, president of the LFEA. Contract negotiations have been ongoing since See AGREEMENT on 9A

Water, sewer fee increases

Fenton’s water and sewer funds were struggling, and council approved some fee increases last January. The average water and sewer customers would see a $38.70 increase per quarter on their bills beginning with April’s billing. For a year, the average user’s increase was $156. City Manager Lynn Markland said at the end of the previous fiscal year, the fund had no cash.

Roundabouts

Fenton’s Downtown Development Authority (DDA) paid $3,500 for walkability expert Dan Burden to visit. Roundabouts See 2010 on 15A

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2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

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Merry Christmas

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Brendon Hayes faces life in prison for second-degree murder. Prosecutors in Genesee County say she failed to protect her young son and failed to get help for him when several opportunities arose over the three days of beatings.

Investigators learned that the beatings began after Dominick wet his pants while sitting on the sofa in the living room.

Police observed injuries on Corrine Baker when they arrived at the apartment. As standard procedure, she was taken to the hospital to be checked out by physicians. Shortly thereafter, she, too, was taken into custody for her involvement with Dominick’s condition.

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The lighter side of the Times...

Most-read features of 2010

What’s on your bucket list

Fenton woman travels the world

Published: Sunday, June 20, 2010

She has been zip lining in the Dominican Republic, kissed a dolphin in Cozumel, Mexico and went white-water rafting down the Colorado River. She has even been to the Arctic Circle and hopes, someday, to go to Antarctica. A hot-air balloon ride and dogsledding have also been “checked off” her list of things she has wanted to do during her lifetime.

For Doris Malfese, 74, of Fenton, life is all about taking the opportunities that present themselves, and making things happen. “I never called it my ‘bucket list,' but that’s exactly what it is,” said Malfese.

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Barefoot running

Five-finger shoes help keep runners in stride

Published: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010

Humans were not born with shoes on. And, a newer trend in fitness is running barefoot. The point of running barefoot is to force the runner to run and land their feet properly. The theory is that people not used to regular activity.

Podiatrist James Hirt, of Fenton Foot Care, advises against running barefoot, especially for people not used to regular activity.

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It is A Wonderful Life

I read a column recently that discussed the merits of the movie It’s A Wonderful Life. I’m one of those guys who wouldn’t feel the Christmas season was complete without an annual viewing of the beloved holiday classic.

As most know, it was just another movie when it was first released shortly after the end of World War II. But it has since acquired a certain cult status.

That’s not to say it’s A Wonderful Life doesn’t have its detractors. A few years ago some professor from Harvard spent a whole semester analyzing the movie (glad to hear our tax dollars are being spent wisely). His conclusions? It’s A Wonderful Life is a tragedy that epitomizes how empty and bleak life can be when you end up marrying your high school sweetheart and living in the same town you grew up in — and you never get to visit Europe, South America or the rest of the world. The professor’s study concludes that George Bailey is the most sad and lonely of all characters — a bitter, unfulfilled wreck of a man who deeply regrets the choices he has made, and the empty, tragic life he has lived.

I cry when I see it,” the professor concluded.

To me, the real tragedy is the sad and pitiful analysis by the clearly sad and pitiful professor. His life must be devoid of all the things that make life rich — and wonderful. I suspect that the venerable Harvard professor bears a striking emotional resemblance to the movie’s villain, Mr. Potter. And he likely leads as bleak and empty a life as the financially rich but emotionally bankrupt Mr. Potter.

No wonder he cries when he watches It’s A Wonderful Life.

Speaking as a guy who did marry his high school sweetheart, I would like to inform the professor that my life has been many things — but never has it been a tragedy.

Like most lives, it contains all the elements of a good story. I have a large extended family so there certainly has always been a steady stream of love — and lots of drama. It’s often been a comedy of errors of epic proportions.

My life has had it’s share of villains and heroes — with me playing both roles at different times and different places. There has been jealousy, envy, greed and misplaced values. And yes, it’s had its fair share of tragic events, including failures, financial hiccups, illnesses and deaths.

But never has it been a tragedy.

It’s A Wonderful Life is a celebration of small town values — family, faith and friends.

And at the end of the day we are all George Bailey’s — just so-called ordinary men and women who are trying to make a difference.

I hope you take the time to watch the movie.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

And I hope you have a wonderful life.

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CHECK IT OUT.

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— Regina Greenway

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Merry Christmas!

“IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”

A BIG THANK you to all of my neighbors along Lakeview, Seminole and Clough and to the Village DPW. Many of you helped remove the downed tree on the street in front of my home. It is people like you that make Holly such a wonderful place to live and work.

Happy holidays.

CITIZENS OF TYRONE Township, you got what you deserved when you elected the board. Remember a couple of months ago when they told us there was no money for fire and police crews? Now, after the new millage passed, they want pay raises. What was it that George Washington said about people being dumb and silent, like sheep to the slaughter?

TO THE GOOD neighbor on Cole Road in Argentine Township, thank you so much for plowing my driveway on Monday? I knew who you were. I would thank you in person.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT, isn’t it a bit hypocritical that the Republicans in the Hot lines think that Obama doesn’t have enough experience to be president, yet they bowed down to Rick Snyder. Rick Snyder has no political experience whatsoever. He’s a businessperson.

TO THE PROGRESSIVE who still choose to believe TEA Party members are ‘hateful, racist, fear-mongering,’ that myth has been debunked by CNN.

Check it out. On behalf of the TEA Party, we wish you a Merry Christmas filled with Christ-given peace and love.

TO THE GRINCHES who broke into my home on Dec. 18, my birthday, you can steal our TV, gaming systems, jewelry, guitar and other items, but you cannot and will not steal our love for each other or our Christmas spirit. We will go on, because we have love and respect for others, and ourselves, which is obviously something you lack. For your sake, I hope you one day know what that is like.

I WOULD LIKE to say thanks to the person who turned in my mom’s phone in the VG’s parking lot. You made her day. I just love Fenton.

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My nephew got married, that was great.”

— April Schramke

“My sister came and we had a party at our store, and the customers came and supported us. They touched my heart. We had more than 100 people come out. We were just shocked.”

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“My sister came and stayed with me. It was great to see her. She’s fighting cancer, so any time I see her now is a blessing.”

— Deb Lucas

“My doctor gave me an A-plus on my physical. I have a large extended family so there certainly has always been a steady stream of love — and lots of drama. It’s often been a comedy of errors of epic proportions.

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Quick thinking saves dog in house fire

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Fenton — Thanks to Fenton firefighters, two veterinary clinics and a helpful bystander, a man who lost his belongings in a fire still has his dog.

Fenton Fire Department received a call at 3:52 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, to a house on Kellogg Drive. Firefighters arrived in three minutes, extinguishing the fire. No one was injured, and the resident was not home at the time, Chief Robert Cairnduff said.

Neighbors told firefighters there was a dog. Firefighters found it unconscious near the rear of the house and began giving it oxygen. A bystander volunteered to take the dog to Animal Health Clinic.

Dr. Sandy Smith, a veterinarian with the clinic, said the dog, Chance, is a 1½-year-old, black Labrador retriever. She worked on the animal, and it began breathing and moving again. Smith treated Chance for shock and got his condition stabilized.

Chance was taken to Animal Emergency Hospital in Flint for more care, including some time in an oxygen cage. He had some burns and developed pneumonia.

Fenton Fire Department decided to use $300 from their charity fund toward Chance’s medical care, Cairnduff said. The dog’s owner lost his belongings in the fire and didn’t have money to pay for the animal’s treatment. Firefighters referred the man to the American Red Cross after the fire.

The fire department raises money through a charity golf outing and a 5K/10K run that takes place during Taste in Fenton. They use the proceeds to help families and individuals who find themselves in need after a fire, he said.

Animal Health Clinic and Animal Emergency Hospital split the $300, donating the remainder of their expenses to help Chance, Smith said.

Chance is home and doing OK after his ordeal, she said. The quick action of his rescuers saved the dog’s life.

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MODERN DAY CHRISTMAS CAROL

UNCLE RAY SEES THE LIGHT

Dairyland to stay open seven days a week after the holidays, fans rejoice

Fenton, Michigan - Dave Durant, Uncle Ray’s Dairyland, recently announced that the popular micro-creamery will keep its doors OPEN after the holidays.

For years, like Scrooge, the Dairyland would lock its doors from Christmas Eve until Valentine’s Day. Heartless - shutting the community out from the ice cream treats they have come to know and love. A touching change of heart that is sure to inspire love and joy in young and old this holiday season.

God bless us, everyone!
Linden approves appointments to parks board

By Sharon Stone

Linden — The Linden City Council appointed Mayor David Lossing and Councilor Ray Culbert to serve on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) board of commissioners. The action took place during city council’s organizational meeting earlier this month.

The elected officials of the cities of Linden and Fenton Township appoint two individuals to the SLPR board as representatives of their city or township.

Prior to Jan. 4, public officers or employees were prohibited from serving on authorities or districts, such as SLPR. Because of the new law, the council unanimously approved the appointments of Lossing and Culbert.

In February, Culbert was appointed as commissioner after Suzanne Lossing, the mayor’s wife, resigned. The mayor was appointed to replace Terry Wright, a resident serving on the board.

The two elected officials were to represent Linden City for the remainder of the Suzanne Lossing and Wright’s 2010 term. The council indicated having its own elected officials on the SLPR board would allow for better communication between the two entities.

It was reported previously, the council’s action upset Wright, who did not step down from his role with the SLPR board and continued to represent Linden City. Council members debated whether to take legal action to remove Wright from his position or just let him step down. No legal action was taken.

Wright attended the most recent meeting. Afterward, he said, “Well, Dave finally got his appointment after a long wait.”

With elected officials now serving on the SLPR board, Wright said, “My worry — they don’t turn this into a tug of war over turf. I hope they don’t lose focus of what Southern Lakes is to do.”

For any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the breaking and entering of a pole barn on Lahring and North Holly Road in Holly Township, call the police at 248-634-4882 (or Chris Wilkinson at 248-382-1280). The items taken are as follows:

- Coleman 6800 Watt Generator
- Honda 2000 Watt Generator
- Ranger 10 Meter Ham Mobile Radio
- 2/500W Super Galaxy CB/10 Meter Mobile Radios
- Bass Pro Soft Side Tackle Box with Tackle (Blue)
- Back-up Camera for Car / Truck
- 9000 LB 12 Volt Winch on Reese Hitch Mount
- Woller Fairlead, Snap-On Tool Box, Many Snap-On / Mac and Matco Tools
- Robin Air Vacuum Pump, R-134 A/C Manifold Gauges
- R-12 A/C Manifold Gauges, Esab Miggy 125 Mig Welder
- 2/stihl Chainsaws
- Uniden Home Patrol 1 Portable Scanner
- Yaesu FT-8900R Mobile Ham Radio
- Yaesu FT80 Hand Held Ham Radio
- Garmin 265WT GPS, 27” LCD TV, IPod MP3/Video Player, Antenna for Ham Radio

POLICE&FIRE REPORT

DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE BREAK-IN

Detectives with the Fenton Police Department are investigating a breaking and entering. Police Chief Rich Aro said a homeowner in the 900 block of North LeRoy Street called police at 2:20 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 to report the break-in. The resident said he and his family left at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 and returned at 12 p.m. on Dec. 18. The suspect(s) ransacked the rooms, emptied cabinets and flipped over beds. A laptop computer and an Xbox 360 were missing. Responding officers discovered fresh shoe prints leading from the back door to a nearby commercial parking lot, where police believe they entered a vehicle and drove away. Police believe the suspects entered the house by prying open a bedroom window on the west side of the house. Police have a possible lead on a suspect.

NO DRUGS FOUND AT SCHOOLS

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, the Fenton Police Department conducted a drug sweep at Fenton High School and Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School, with the help of K-9 units from Grand Blanc Township, Flint Township, Genesee County Sheriff’s Department and the Shiawassee County Sheriff’s Department. The dog handlers conducted a successful test run ahead of time by hiding drugs to ensure the dogs located everything. Drug-sniffing dogs searched the lockers and common areas at the schools, as well as the parking lot at the high school. Fenton Police Chief Rich Aro was happy to report that no drugs were found.

CASH STOLEN FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE

At 2:50 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, a resident in the 100 block of Chinkapin Road filed a larceny from automobile (LFA) complaint with the Fenton Police Department. Police Chief Rich Aro said the vehicle owner reported that a large sum of cash was taken from his unlocked vehicle.

ICY ROADS LEAD TO CRASH

At 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22, Fenton police responded to a vehicle crash on South Holly Road, near Swan Lane. Police Chief Rick Aro said slick roads, which resulted in property damage only to one vehicle, most likely caused the crash.

DROPPED CELL PHONE LEADS TO CRASH

On Friday, Dec. 10, a 24-year-old woman was cited for failing to stop in a safe distance. A 24-year-old male was stopped and waiting to make a left turn from North Bridge Street into the Lin- den Free Methodist Church parking lot. Linden police officer Gary Conklin said the woman told the responding officer that she dropped her cell phone and as she reached for it, she struck the rear of a 2011 Chevy Volt, driven by a 44-year-old man. The woman’s 2-year-old son sustained minor injuries, as his head struck the back of the front seat of her 2005 Ford Explorer. Conklin said the boy was in a safety seat, however, the seat was apparently defective. The Volt was towed from the scene. Conklin urges all motorists to avoid distractions while driving. If a driver drops a cell phone, he advises them to not reach for it until they have safely stopped the vehicle. Causing a crash by being distracted could lead to a citation for reckless driving.

DISTRACTED DRIVER

On Sunday, Dec. 5, Linden police responded to a rear-end collision on North Bridge Street. Officer Gary Conklin said an 18-year-old female, driving a 2001 Pontiac passenger car rear-ended a 2009 Ford pickup truck, driven by a 62-year-old male, who was waiting to make a left turn into a private drive. Conklin said the woman driver was distracted and was listed at fault on the accident report.

ICY ROADS TO BLAME FOR CRASH

On Dec. 13, Linden police responded to a rear-end collision on West Broad Street. Officer Gary Conklin said a 41-year-old woman, driving a 2007 Jeep, was traveling westbound on West Broad Street. Due to the icy road conditions, she was unable to stop in time to avoid running into the rear end of a 2001 Mercury car. There were no injuries. Minor damage to the vehicles was reported.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

At 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, Linden police responded to a domestic violence complaint at an apartment in the 800 block of South Bridge Street. Officer Gary Conklin said a 36-year-old man was arguing with his wife and assaulted her. He was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

SUSPICIOUS SITUATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, Linden police were dispatched to a suspicious situation in the 800 block of East Rolston Road. To investigate a suspicious situation, Officer Gary Conklin said the complainant reported hearing footsteps on the roof of the house and called 911. The responding officer checked the area and observed someone set of footsteps in the yard and on the rear deck. There were no signs of forced entry. The complainant told the officer they have received complaints in the past. If anyone has information about this situation they are to call Linden police at (810) 759-4545. The case remains under investigation.

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WALLET AND CAMERA STOLEN
At 8:10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15, a woman living at an apartment in the 800 block of South Brittle Street filed a larceny complaint with Linden police. Officer Gary Conkin said the woman reported she had friends over the previous night. The next morning she realized her wallet and a Kodak camera was missing. A possible suspect has been identified. The case remains under investigation.

WALLET STOLEN FROM VEHICLE
Sometime between 6 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 7 a.m. on Dec. 10, someone entered a Holly woman’s 2014 Ford Focus and state her wallet, containing her debit card and identification, and about $20 in cash. According to Holly police, the theft occurred in the 100 block of John Street. The woman said she usually locks her vehicle, but was unsure if it was locked. There were no signs of forced entry.

DRIVER ARRESTED FOR HAVING KEW IN VEHICLE
A male motorist was arrested for having open intoxicants in his vehicle after he was pulled over for speeding at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17 on Sagnaw Street in Holly. Police said the traffic stop was made after the driver spotted an open keg of Heineken beer on the floor. The driver said he had just left a work party and the keg was a gift, since it couldn’t be taken into the building. Under suspicion of consuming alcohol, the driver consented to a preliminary breath test, which resulted in a .059 percent. He was arrested for open intoxicants, the beer was confiscated and the vehicle was impounded.

SUPER DRUNK DRIVER ARRESTED
At 3:40 a.m. on Dec. 19, a Holly police officer was called to a Manor Club Miyabi on southbound North Holly Road. The car was dragged an unknown object. The officer followed the vehicle, identified that the object was the rear bumper. A traffic stop was initiated. Contact was made with the driver. A 22-year-old male motorist had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. The officer saw an open beer in the car and asked the driver to exit. Upon exiting, the driver said, “What the hell happened to my bumper?” The driver did not know how he ended up in Holly. A preliminary breath test revealed he had a blood alcohol content of .22, which is now considered “Super Drunk.” He was also charged with operating while intoxicated and transporting to the police station for processing. The driver refused to a chemical blood test. A search warrant was authorized and blood was drawn by Groveland EMS. The case is pending.

BOYFRIEND ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT
At 4:51 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19, a Holly police officer was dispatched to an apartment in the 3000 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a domestic assault complaint. According to police, a woman and her boyfriend were arguing. During the argument, she slapped him in the face then attempted to climb out of a bathroom window. Her boyfriend grabbed her and pulled her back inside the apartment. She eventually got out and went to another apartment, at which time that resident called 911. Officers went back to the couple’s apartment and interviewed the boyfriend. He had marks on his face and abrasions on his hand. He said the marks on his hands were from when he punched a door. He was arrested for domestic assault and transported to the police station. The girlfriend was allowed to go back to the apartment.

SUSPICIOUS LIGHTS
On Tuesday, Dec. 14, troopers from the Michigan State Police Groveland Post responded to the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township to investigate a suspicious situation. The caller reported seeing suspicious lights at the cemetery, possibly from a snowmobile. Troopers were unable to locate any vehicles.

WELFARE CHECK
On Saturday, Dec. 18, a trooper with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post was requested to do a welfare check on a woman’s father-in-law. The woman, calling from Alabama, said her father-in-law’s phone had been cut off and she had not heard from him in a while. Upon arrival at the man’s home, troopers saw that the house was not secure, a TV was on and the dog was inside. The man, however, was not found. Troopers advised the woman of their findings and she was advised to contact his daughter who lives in the area.

TEENS SMASH MAILBOXES
At 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, a Holly man observed occupants of a vehicle striking his neighbors’ mailboxes with a baseball bat from within the vehicle. The witness got in his vehicle and followed the suspect vehicle. The responding trooper located the silver 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee at Rose Center and Hickory Ridge roads in Rose Township and initiated a traffic stop. The trooper questioned the three 16-year-old males. The driver, of White Lake, denied having a bat. The front-seat passenger from Holly said he tossed the bat out the window. The teens were asked to exit the Jeep, were handcuffed and searched. The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office assisted. The teen who tossed the bat admitted he and the other passenger from Clinton stuck about 10 mailboxes. All three were cited for malicious destruction of property. BARN BROKEN INTO
Sometime between 9 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 9 a.m. on Dec. 5, someone broke into the 4000 block of Lahrung Road in Holly Township, according to the Michigan State Police Groveland Post. The 46-year-old victim told troopers that he left at 9 p.m. and returned at 2 a.m. At 9 a.m., he was contacted and asked if he had left the barn door open. When he went to the barn, he discovered that someone had prowed open a side entry door with a screwdriver. The suspects stole several items. The case remains under investigation. If anyone observed suspicious activity, they are asked to call 911 or 834-4882. A reward is being offered. See ad on Page 6A for details.

ARGENTINE TWP.
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Argentine Twp. — On Monday, Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen got approval from township officials to pursue a lease agreement with Ferrellgas, to move the police department back to its former location.

The police department has been temporarily housed in the basement of the township hall since September 2007. The move to the basement was to save $1,000 on the monthly lease for the former building, at 8274 Silver Lake Road.

Moving to the basement saved the township money, but provided about half of the space. There were also concerns that dangerous suspects could be brought to the police station while residents were visiting the township office.

Interviewing witnesses became an issue in the cramped quarters.

Because of the struggling economy, property values have declined. Allen has been able to work out a tentative lease agreement that costs half of what it used to cost to be in the building, which is directly across from Navistat restaurant. The township could lease the former building for $500 per month with an option to purchase for $211,000 at any time. It recently was appraised for more than $300,000. It has been vacant since the police department moved out.

Under this agreement, the police department would also have use of a fenced, secure 1.2 acres for the storage of impounded vehicles. The Ferrellgas Corp. has also offered a preferred pricing fixed cost platform for the cost of the propane to fuel the building heating system.

With the fees that are currently being collected against people who are arrested for criminal acts and prospective fees from the storage of seized vehicles and potential liquidation of those assets, this plan would offset the costs of this facility, according to the police chief.

With the recent approval of the “Super Drunk” law, fees collected from those who are arrested under the higher blood alcohol standard should be raised to a fee of $200, from the standard $150. Court ordered preliminary breath tests have a fee of $15 to $20.

Superintendent Robert Cole told Allen to work with Trustee Tom Hallman and township attorney David Lattie to put together an ironclad lease with Ferrellgas. “Excellent work, Dan,” said Cole.

“This is definitely an investment for our township,” Argentine Township Police Department gained approval from the Argentine Township Board of Trustees to move out of the basement at the township hall and back to its former building, under a lease, with option to purchase agreement.

Treasurer Norm Schmidt said, “It’s been a long time coming.” He said he had been committed to getting the police department out of the basement, if possible. He was in favor of the lease with the option to buy. He thanked Allen and said, “You’ve done a lot of legwork.”

Trustee Teresa Ciesielski, who sought reelection to the board with the promise of getting the police out of the basement, is in favor of this move. She has always believed the downstairs was not the appropriate setting for a police department and it became even more evident as the department investigated the beating death of Dominick Calhoun, which included numerous interviews with witnesses. Storage of documents was a concern.

“This is definitely an investment for our township,” Ciesielski said.

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AGREEMENT
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March of 2009 and the school board and union negotiators have been meeting about once a month to finalize a new contract, said Cicalo.

Superintendent Wayne Wright said the main pieces of the ratified contract are financial. This contract dates back to 2009 and runs through 2012.

Wright said union members agreed to a pay freeze for 2009-2010, ½-percent pay increase for this year and ¾-percent pay increase for next year. Union members will also receive their merit pay by working extra hours on curriculum.

Union members took concessions on insurance, said Wright. They will continue using MESSA, but with a higher deductible. The Wright. They will continue using MESSA, but with a higher deductible. The

“We wanted to get this completed.” Cicalo said he believes most of the union members are happy with the agreement, which took nearly 18 months to reach. Members had already given up some insurance benefits and made additional insurance concessions on this contract.

In October, union members voted down a tentative agreement and then worked with a mediator to smooth out a few points. With another tentative agreement on the table, union members took another vote on Monday, prior to the school board’s special meeting.

Cicalo said although it was not unanimous, union members overwhelmingly voted in favor of the contract. Union members will receive some retroactive pay for this year’s pay increase. Union members will also see a small increase in longevity pay next year.

As union president, Cicalo said he budget problems at the state level affect local groups, not just teachers. He hopes those concerns at the state level become clearer so that everyone can move forward.

“Overall, I’m pleased. I’m happy we have an agreement,” he said. “It’s fair.”

EXTENSION
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So, you want to be on a game show

LF grad is ‘smarter’ than a fifth grader

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Have you ever wanted to guess the right price on Let’s Make a Deal, buy a vowel on the Wheel of Fortune or answer a question on Jeopardy? Maybe you’d like to test your “smarts” against a fifth grader on Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader? Michelle Medor, a 1999 graduate of Lake Fenton High School now living in Irvine, Calif., got an opportunity to do just that. And she walked away from Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader? with $25,000 — and a whole lot more “smarts.” “I’d love to do a game show again,” said Medor, whose 15 minutes of fame aired on Sept. 11, 2008. The game show appeared on Fox Network.

Belly Dancing

Local woman shares passion of Middle Eastern art form

Published: Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010

Jennifer Lobb, of Fenton Township, looks like an ordinary preschool mom, living a typical suburban life. She’s happily married, and spends many harried mornings getting her 3-year-old daughter, Gwendolyn, off to school. Lobb may be blonde, green-eyed and American, but that doesn’t keep her, (aka Aziza Salem), away from the stage and spotlight as a world-class belly dancer. She may not be the most glamorous or showiest, but she’s one of the world’s best, according to “American Bellydance.” She has performed in North America, Dubai and more, and her name, Azziza Salem, is a household name in the Belly Dance world.

BREWING

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lease it, the city was unable to attract a developer for a number of years. In a split vote, the DDA selected Michigan Brewing Company’s proposal for the site over two other proposals.

With a lease-to-own arrangement of more than two to three years, Michigan Brewing Company could become the owner of the property, Burns said. The agreement would still offer incentives for the developer, and protect the city’s investment in the business, in a short time, does not succeed.

It would be a low-cost, paid yearly agreement. The Fenton DDA and Michigan Brewing Company have not agreed on numbers yet. Fenton’s DDA is still offering Michigan Brewing Company up to 35 percent funding for the restaurant project, as much as $400,000 from the DDA budget, Burns said. It could take as much as $1.5 million for a developer to bring a restaurant to the site. He sent Michigan Brewing Company a proposal on Dec. 13, and the firm is looking at it. He has not heard back, and hopes to have news from the firm in the next month or two. Michigan Brewing Company is “absolutely” still interested in doing the project, he said.

A possible issue is, Fenton United Methodist Church is within 500 feet of the site, where Michigan Brewing Company would have the new restaurant and serve alcohol. The church could object to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC) granting a liquor license to the business. The state hasn’t legally served notice to the Fenton United Methodist Church yet, Burns said. Church leaders have not formally notified the city whether they have objections.

The Rev. T. Taveirne did not return phone and e-mail messages asking for comments.

ABOUT MICHIGAN BREWING COMPANY’S PROPOSAL

In September, representatives from Michigan Brewing Company presented information to the Fenton Downtown Development Authority. The business would include a standard, full-service restaurant, with microbrewery selections, distilled liquors and wine. It might be called the Fenton Fire Hall Brewery, because of the history of the site.
Farewells
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Township. He was enrolled in the nursing program at Mott Community College and was working as a certified nurse’s aide.

Marjorie Parker Nierescher, 93, died Feb. 2. She was the great-granddaughter of former Fenton Township Supervisor John Brancheau, died Feb. 24 after being attacked by a killer whale she worked with at SeaWorld in Orlando. The fatal attack by the whale was allegedly by his mother’s boyfriend, Brandon Hayes. Dominick’s smother, Corrine Baker, and Hayes are jailed and awaiting trial.

Andrew G. Schmidt, 79, of Tyrone Township, died May 28. The namesake of Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School in Fenton, he was a former Fenton school board president and was current Tyrone Township supervisor. He volunteered his time for the Fenton Freedom Festival and Fenton Jinglefest parades and was treasurer and executive director of Fenton Area Resource & Referral (F.A.R.R.).

Robert Middleton, 69, a “Jake” Buckeye Bob,” died on June 25. He was a teacher at Fenton High School for 25 years, and a coach for 18. He was a college football player at Ohio State University and went on to play briefly for the NFL’s Buffalo Bills.

Ron Kramer, 75, died at home in Fenton on Sept. 11. A member of the College Football Hall of Fame, he played football for the University of Michigan, Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions and was Michigan basketball’s all-time leading scorer from 1957-61. Kramer wrote, “That’s Just Kramer! From Michigan Legend to Lombardi’s 12th Man.” In addition, he supported charities such as Ronald McDonald House, and helped raise many millions of dollars for crippled children.

Mary Suzanne Canever, 55, of Fenton, died on Nov. 8. She operated KC’s Creative Learning Center in Linden since 1979.

Evelyn Baker, 85, of Holly, died Nov. 11. She passed away in what village police said was a tragic accident. Baker was well-liked in her neighborhood and in the village.

Glen Anthony Rockman, 51, a past general manager of the Tri-County Times, for 12 years, died Nov. 15. He and his staff won the Michigan Press Association’s Newspaper of the Year in 2002.
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were among his ideas. After discussion and a $16,000 study, the DDA decided in November that roundabouts would not be a good solution at Adelaide Street/Shaw- wasse Avenue and LeRoy Street/Silver Lake Road. One at LeRoy Street/North Road is possible in 2012. Fenton family makes national news

In 1957, the economy was bad and Phil Hagerman of Fenton didn’t know if there would be a place for him. But his mother, Shari Specialty Pharmacy, headed by his father, Dale Hagerman, is booming these days, and now Phil is president and CEO. Diplomat Pharmacy is moving its headquarters to a 340,000 square foot building at Great Lakes Technology Center in Flint. With an almost 10-fold growth in business in the last three years, Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy is poised for 1,000 new jobs in the next five years, 1,800 jobs in the next 10 years and 4,000 new jobs by the year 2020.

Marketing consultant

During the summer, the city hired a marketing consultant, New Moon Vi- sions, of Milford, to handle publicity for $49,800, for a year. Council members voiced concerns over using tax dollars to subsidize the Fenton Regional Cham- ber of Commerce, which makes public political endorsements of city council candidates. Providing the chamber with event marketing through a consultant will satisfy council’s requests of not subsidizing organizations making politi- cal endorsements. New Moon Visions’ tagline for Fenton, which it announced in the fall, is, “Get closer.”

DDA offers old fire hall for $1

In addition to selling the old fire hall, built in 1937, for $1, the DDA is offering 33 percent funding for the developer it selects — providing as much as $400,000 for the project. It will take around $1.5 million to renovate the old fire hall into a restaurant. In order to attract a developer to consider the location, in downtown Fen- ton near Millpond Road, the DDA needed to offer the incentives it is, DDA Direc- tor Michael Burns said. The DDA board selected Michigan Brewing Company, out of 16 proposals, as the developer. Negotiations are underway.

New signs

In October, the Downtown Develop- ment Authority (DDA) said it is looking at spending an estimated $50,000 to $300,000 — spread out over two or three fiscal years — for welcome and directional signs. The DDA planned to ask for bids in January 2011.

Adelaide Street

Adelaide Street’s cost is estimated at $2.25 million, and Fenton is using Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding from Genesee County to pay for part of the repaving. In addition, city council has ap- proved Super Build America Bonds for the work. Because of the size of the Adelaide Street project, it is taking place in two phases. The first phase was on Adelaide Street, from South Holly Road to Silver Lake Road, in 2010. The second phase will be in 2011, from Silver Lake Road to Oak Park. Along with water main replacement, the entire roadway along Adelaide Street will be repaved.

False positives

At city council’s direction, Fenton administrators will see what they can do about the city’s 911 dispatch for police, fire and ambulance. The city’s dispatch equipment is aging, and replacing it is a budget problem. If Fenton doesn’t replace it, city officials have discussed switching to Genesee Central for dis- patching. Chief Rick Aro of the Fenton Police Department said the $200,000 cost could be reduced to $180,000, for the actual equipment.

LINDEN CITY

In January, Linden City Council ap- proved a three-year, non-monetary agree- ment with STAT EMS for ambulance coverage for the city. This action came at the same time Fenton City Council was approving its own contract with STAT EMS. The two cities have been working together to ensure adequate ambulance coverage for the Linden and Fenton areas.

Walking tour

In February, Dan Burden, an interna- tionally recognized authority on bicycle and pedestrian facilities, programs, livability, sustainability and Smart Growth, toured Linden City with officials and community members.

tightening the budget

In response to the struggling economy and soaring deficit, city officials put together a budget, which included wide- spread cuts and reductions in order to prevent raising taxes. Office hours were cut, wages were frozen, and early retire- ment incentive packages were accepted.

Police chief retires

Pete VanDriessche, the longtime police chief, accepted the early retire- ment package and Linden City Council recently hired a new part-time chief, Scott Sutter, of Fenton Township.

Election

In the November election, David Lessing was reelected as mayor and Ray Culbert was reelected as councilor. In December, Patti O’Dwyer announced her resignation from Linden City Council. Due to the economy, she closed her shop, Briar Rose Gifts. She and her husband are moving out of the area.

Sunday morning liquor sales

In December, Linden City Council voted against allowing businesses within the city to sell liquor, beer and wine from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sundays, which was recently approved by state legislators.

HOLLY VILLAGE

Town Hall meeting

Approximately 50 people — around half of them public officials — joined the discussion at Holly Township’s second annual town hall meeting, held in July at Holly High School. Topics included po- lice services for the township and shared services between governments.

Voters approve millages for library, parks

In August, Holly Township voters approved a millage renewal of 1 mil, for the Holly Township Library. They also approved a millage renewal for township parks, by a 69 percent margin.

HOLLY VILLAGE

Election

Voters select new council president, members

There was a heavy voter turnout in Holly in November, as village residents ousted three of the four incumbents and voted in Jeff Miller as president over incumbent Pete Clemens. Miller previ- ously served on council as a village president. Newcomers Jason Hughes, Jackie Campbell and Tom Clark were elected as council members. The only in- cumbent re-elected was Council member Pauline Keener. In addition, new proposed changes to the village charter, voters denied council members the ability to change and set the following council’s salary and the salary of the president. Vot- ers also approved a budget and the budget proposal for ‘in default to the village,’ in regards to who can run for public office in Holly. If a person is 90 days late pay the due date in debts to the village that are not being appealed, they are not eligible to run for office. Voters also approved further defin- ing “misconduct” in the village charter, adding the language “willful neglect to perform duty imposed by law upon a public officer.”

Cityhood for village

Former Holly Village President Pete Clemens is trying to get the coals heated for a discussion on cityhood for Holly Village. The last campaign toward city- hood ended at the polling station in 2002, with a citizen-led referendum vote. Now, Clemens is making it his mission to explore cityhood again. According to Clemens, increased state revenue sharing is one big reason to pursue cityhood for Holly Village.

Personnel changes

In September, the village council hired a new, full-time director for the Depart- ment of Public Works (DPW), Brian Klaasen, of Linden. He replaces Marv Swan, who retired. The council also hired an interim village manager — Jerry Walker of White Lake Township. Hope Ponsart became the new Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director. Police Chief Rolle Gackstetter retired in December, and the search is on for a new police chief.

See REVIEW on 18A
Village council completes interviews for manager position

► ‘Clear-cut winner’ emerges

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — Following eight hours of interviews with four applicants on Tuesday, the Holly Village Council has narrowed the search for a village manager down to one person.

“We had a well-rounded group,” said Council member Tom Clark. The council thanked the last applicant at 3 p.m., and took a brief recess, after which they tallied the scores from the interviews. Council President Jeff Miller asked each applicant 11 questions, and each council member rated their answers on a 1 to 7 scale. Each applicant received an individual score for each question, from each council member. The final question asked each of the applicants was why they should be chosen.

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Holly Hills goes back to former owners

Mobile home community’s code and contract violations lead to default judgment

By Tim Jagielo

In a dramatic and sweeping change of hands, ownership of the Holly Hills mobile home community has returned to the former owners, Home Town America, on Friday, Dec. 17, following a default court decision out of Chicago on Thursday.

On Friday, Holly Township administration, including code enforcement officer Roger Welsh and Supervisor Jesse Lambert, facilitated personnel support from Home Town America in taking operations from Holly Hills at 1 p.m. last Friday.

The Home Town America personnel immediately began working on issues such as heating the club- house, ordering salt for the streets, and repairing the community snow-plow. “They brought in a whole crew of workers to make us whole again,” said resident Kathy Grey, via e-mail.

“It was just remarkable,” said Welsh.

By 4 p.m., Home Town America had eight workers on site, completing a “seamless” transition, according to Welsh.

The default decision to hand the keys back to Home Town America came after code violations on the part of the previous owners. Welsh sited fallen trees and poor road conditions. These violations, coupled with contract violations, put Holly Hills in jeopardy of losing its license as a mobile home community.

Welsh said, under the previous owners, some workers were not being paid, and necessary repairs were not being made.

“What found I disturbing, is one out-of-state owner could cause so much havoc and grief for these residents,” said Welsh. “Somehow, we need to make sure this never happens again.”

Earlier this year, residents complained about foul-smelling water that contained sand and silt, and general poor upkeep. Welsh mentioned harassment and name-calling by the previous owners. To protest the conditions, 55 residents refused to pay rent, and 21 were evicted as a result. The citizens responded by taking court action against the park. The court granted that they put their rent into an escrow account, instead of paying Holly Hills.

“It turned what had been quite an ugly situation, into what was a pretty good Christmas present for the residents,” said Welsh.

The previous owners could not be reached for comment.

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Holly Wise donates vehicle to young mother

Connie Moran, of Flint, is given the keys to a 1999 Grand Caravan, as a gift from Randy Wise (left). Moran had been using the bus system to get her four young children to school without a vehicle.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE FOLKS WHO tag the TEA Party as hate mongers, etc… should look in the mirror. Seems they want to put tags on people, which are entirely untrue. What are they afraid of? This is, and has been, the mode of operation of the Democratic Party for a long time. They use name-calling and create as much hate as they can. Again, look in the mirror.

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**Review**

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Village manager fired

Holly Village Manager Marsha Powers was terminated in a 5-1 vote by the council at a special public meeting in September. Council president Pete Clemens said Powers’ review earlier this year was above average, but was “a considerable drop from (her) previous years.” In the best interest of the village, I think we should consider moving in a new direction and would necessitate a new style of management,” said Clemens. Council member Tom McKenney mentioned communications regarding a labor relations court case as an issue with the manager.

**Former village manager files lawsuit**

Former village manager Marsha Powers filed a civil lawsuit against the village of Holly and council members, with the exception of council member Donald Winglemire, who voted against her firing. The legal claim was served to the council members in a dramatic fashion, directly before the regular council meeting, one week after a special meeting was held and the council voted to release Powers from her duties. Her attorney said he expects a jury to award Powers $500,000 to $1 million.

**Millage for police services ends**

Beginning in July, Holly village residents’ property taxes were cut by 2 mils, due to the police services special reassessment no longer being collected. Village voters had approved the three-year, 2-mil special assessment in the fall of 2006 to improve police services. Village Manager Marsha Powers reported that all of the intended goals of the special assessment were achieved.

**Village hall could be sold for restaurant**

Holly officials met with the Urban Resource Group to discuss uses for the village office building. They explored how the building could be sold, and possibly used as a restaurant.

**Back water/sewer bills**

In January, due to billing problems, village administrators said 20 water and sewer customers owe money. Some residents protested it at a village council meeting. Jeff Miller (now village president) questioned going back and performing estimates, or “guessimates,” on water and sewer bills and charging people. People are struggling to keep their jobs and homes, and to keep the power, water and sewer on, Miller said. “Maybe they did owe it, but it’s a little late in the day,” he said.

**Tyrene Township**

**Special assessment for public safety approved**

In August, Tyrene voters said yes by a margin of 60 percent to the five-year assessment. Changes will take effect in April, Clerk Keith Kremer said. With the special assessment, property owners will pay an annual fee, regardless of property value. When changes take effect in April 2011, they will no longer be billed on a per-run basis for fire department services. Instead, owners of vacant land will pay $75 per parcel, residential property owners will pay $150, and commercial/business property owners will pay $250. The township contracts with the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department for fire services, having no police or fire department of its own.

Andrew G. Schmidt passes away; Mike Cunningham named supervisor

A big change in Tyrene Township this year took place in the supervisor’s office. Supervisor Andrew G. Schmidt, a longtime resident active in Fenton Area Public Schools and many other facets of the community, passed away May 28. Trustee Brian Miles stepped in as supervisor until the township board could name a permanent replacement. The board selected Mike Cunningham to serve as supervisor. Cunningham moved to the township about two years ago and lives off Lake Tyrene. He took office in late August, appointing Miles as his deputy supervisor for special projects.

**Budget issues**

In April, Tyrene Township officials held a hearing to discuss the “State of the Township” and possible ways to make up for budget shortfalls. The two major issues were public safety costs and sewer bond repayments. Public safety expenses account for almost 50 percent of the general fund budget and are on the rise. After cutting $110,000 from its budget, the township made personal contributions to fill the remaining $28,000 gap.

**Sewer debt payment**

The township board, in March, approved the sale of 36.19 acres near White Lake Road, to get $230,300 for Tyrene’s struggling sewer fund. The board approved the sale of the land to Curtis Schupbach.
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Supervisor Cole led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, Cleisieski, present, Cole, present, Schmidt, present, Hallman, present. Absent: none.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2010 meeting. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the financial statement as presented, Motion passed.

Motion to pay bills in the amount of $295,423.20 Motion passed.

Reports:

Police Department: A written report was submitted.

Attorney: Mr. Cole presented an agreement to have Attorney Tague sign the lease agreement with Fuegas for the facility for the Police Department, Motion passed.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted.

Motion to hire Page Reeser as a fire fighter pending physical and medical screening process and a 1-year probation period. Motion passed.

Motion to proceed with the purchase and have the Treasurer check terms with our bank, and authorize Attorney Lattle to work on a letter to bond counsel and authorize Treasurer Schmid to sign purchase document if the terms are agreeable. Motion passed.

Building Department: A written report was submitted. 5 Permits were issued that totaled $1,695.00.

Motion to file a lawsuit to force Navistar to comply with the site plan. Motion passed.

Motion to allow the Supervisor and Treasurer to form a committee to review Building Inspector resumes. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Bill #160493, Joint Resolution Request for Grant Funds, by Raymond Kondel and Judy Grubbs to the Board for a 2-year term ending 1-1-2013. Motion passed.

Motion to allow Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Subgrant & Transfer of Equipment Agreement with the Genesee County Regional Planning Commission. Motion passed.

Motion to appoint Bob Cole as Board Representative and Jane Leffer as Citizen Representative to the Metropolitan Alliance for a term ending 2011. Motion passed.

Auditor: Motion to adopt the 2009/2010 annual audit results from Yeo & Yeo. Motion passed.


Motion to allow Supervisor Cole to sign the Genesee County Sewage Disposal System Term No. 3 Agreement. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the renewal option agreement with our insurance provider. Hallman-yes, Griswold, yes, Cole, no, Cleisieski, yes, Schmidt, yes. Motion passed.

Motion to have attorney send a letter to employees and bargaining unit detailing changes. Motion passed.

Adjournment @ 8:20 p.m. Signed by Denise Graves, Clerk
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By Anna Troppens
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**Fenton**— Gnarly stumps, 13 wood-chucks, a tree full of bees and improvements to Chapel Hill. With a lot of volunteer “elbow grease,” donations and help from the Fenton Department of Public Works, the Oakwood Cemetery Board has completed 17 out of 19 projects, with $7,200 remaining in its budget.

**Summary**
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**Linden schools to allow Army recruiter at home sporting events**

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**Superintendent Ed Koledo** said if businesses would like to recruit students for jobs that would be fantastic. “I hate saying no because of what may happen.” He’d like to find out if there is a problem first. A recruiter will be at the table during athletic events for students to talk with, if they ask for information. It’s not a “hard sell” by the Army, Koledo said.

**The Fenton DPW** cut the tree to prevent a reoccurrence.

**Matt Butts,** of Covenant Cemetery Services in Davison, donated his firm’s work on a project to fix headstones. Thus, the Oakwood Cemetery Board has 20 headstones already repaired, and $750 remaining in its monument fund, Tebo said.

The Fenton DPW used 45 feet of old, 8-inch diameter sewer pipe to address drainage problems around the shed at the cemetery, he said. Harry Bidelman, of the Friends of the Oakwood Cemetery, and Tebo uncovered six headstones in the area where the drainage problem was. They uncovered the buried headstones, filled the area with new dirt, added new bases and reset them.

In addition, the biggest project of the year, stump removal, cost to clean up after the 2007 tornado, was estimated at $7,600 for 67 stumps. On the Level Inc., of Gaines, bid $4,530 for the job, removing 38 stumps the first day and the rest the second. On the third day, the firm removed the large “bee tree” stump for $180.

Thus, with an estimate of $10,850 for all of the projects, the actual cost has been $6,851, Tebo said. Some projects’ budgets affect other fiscal years, such as a portion of the stump removal billing.

Cemetery board members wanted to get as many items taken care of as possible, Tebo said.

They were able to check some items off the list using materials the city already had, such as marking a newly discovered “Baby Lot.” The Gov. Henry H. Crapo Camp No. 145 Sons of Union Veterans picked up the entire cost of improvements to the Chapel Hill area of the cemetery. It included a wall and flowerbeds. In addition, Barry’s Sign Co., of Flint, donated a sign for the cemetery.

Roger Sharp, of Sharp Funeral Homes, donated advertising he purchased in the Tri-County Times, to publicize the Memory Tree in Oakwood Cemetery. The tree, donated by Haddon Nursery in Fenton, was up during the Christmas season for people to hang ornaments on, honoring loved ones.

An unexpected project arose when a huge oak tree became home to a bunch of bees. A beekeeper made five trips to remove them, at a cost of $220.

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REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Supervisor Lambert, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Leslie and Trustee Ruth.
Approved: Consent Agenda as Amended.
No Action: Shared Services.
Approved: AT&T Metro Act Permit Extension Request.
Denied: McLeod/Paetec Metro Act Permit Application.
No Action: Sunday Liquor Sales.
Approved: Riverside North Sidewalk Proposals Approved to Grandville Construction.
Approved: Consider Closed Session to Discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Communications.
Approved: Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before the Board – Forward Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment to Zoning District Regulations to Planning Commission

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk
Jesse Lambert, Supervisor

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

December 8, 2010
Supervisor Kalcec called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Kalcec, Miller, Slaughter, Gordon, Scheib-Snider, Board Members Absent: None.
Approved: Agenda for the December 8, 2010 regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees as amended.
Approved: Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2010 and November 22, 2010 Meetings as amended.
Presentation: Redstone Architects-Options for ADA/Code Improvements. Public Hearing: Intent to Create Williams Drive Special Assessment District. Adopted: Ordinance to Add Section 18-60 To Chapter 18, Law Enforcement, To Establish a Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau. Approved: Resolution to Create Williams Drive Maintenance Special Assessment District Funds with the first collection beginning in December 2011.
Date Set: Public hearing on the special assessment roll for the Williams Drive Maintenance District for the April 2011 Township Board Meeting.
Approved: Authorization for Redstone Architects to move forward with plans and drawings for creating a meeting room and conference room in the lower level meeting all ADA/Code requirements and to begin preparing the bid documents for the project at 980 Mason Street.
Appointments: Resolutions appointing Bruce Proper to the Rose Township Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals and Darlyne Stanczyk, Patricia Oxye and Tom Kemp to the Rose Township Board of Review.
Approved: Resolution to request a waiver of the recapture of the FY2008 CDBG funds.
Approved: Authorize Clerk to sign the Administrative Services Agreement with Burnham and Flower to move forward with premium only plan.
Approved: Agreement for Oakland County Parks Natural Resources Education Displays.
Date Set: Budget work session in January 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Adjourned: By motion at 8:55 p.m.

Alison Kalcec, Supervisor
Debbie Miller, Clerk
AND THERE WERE IN THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, IN LIBERAL TOWNSHIP, IN THE AREA OF NICE HOMES, A MIRACLE! A GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.

Luke 2:8-14
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“I was upset about the vote against liquor sales on Sundays and the empty shops on Silver Parkway? Kind of sucks, doesn’t it. I’m a waitress in a local bar and I, along with many others, have been complaining about this smoking ban affecting our business. Welcome to our loss of freedom.”

— Tammy

“The state messed this law up when they wrote it. They should have written it with no ability of localities to prevent it for any reason, and it should have been up to individual business owners, not meddling politicians attempting to force their brand of morality onto the rest of us. Blue laws have zero place in our society, which is supposed to have strict separation of church and state.”

— John W.
WORST
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Dominick was removed from life support and died from his injuries the following day. During Hayes’ preliminary exam, the medical examiner said this was the worst beating he had ever seen in his professional career.

Argentine Township police responded to the boy’s Pinehurst apartment on Harper Street at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 11 after being alerted to a serious situation by Rick Calhoun, Dominick’s grandfather. Rick Calhoun learned of the situation from Dominick’s aunt, Christine Baker, who had just stopped by the apartment with her friends so that her friends could buy drugs from Hayes.

When Dominick’s grandfather and Argentine Township police officer Angelo Panos arrived at the apartment, Dominick’s lifeless body was lying on the floor of a bedroom. He was rushed to the hospital, however, due to his injuries, he died the following day.

The community, and beyond, were outraged as news of the boy’s beating death spread. Residents wondered how something so unimaginable could have happened in the mostly quiet rural area. Finger pointing and blame surfaced as neighbors who said they heard noises during that April weekend never called 911 to report what they heard.

Another victim in this story is Dominick’s older half-brother, Tyler Baker, who also lived at the apartment. He was removed from the apartment and was placed in foster care. Corrine Baker’s parents have sought custody of Tyler. However, the matter is pending the outcome of Baker’s criminal case.

With Hayes watching the closed circuit TV from an adjacent room, Tyler testified at Hayes’ preliminary exam. The 8-year-old boy told the court that Hayes also hit him. Tyler’s testimony prompted another victim, Timmy Stutts, to return to the room. The attorney also requested that circuit court was adjourned. Hayes’ attorney, WPM Construction, a nationwide company based in Grand Blanc Township. She remains lodged in the Genesee County Jail. She faces up to 14 years in state prison.

PAMELA HEAVNER

Pamela Heavner, 54, of Tyrone Township is being held in the Genesee County Jail awaiting sentencing on an embezzlement case. Her sentencing was recently adjourned to allow time for a restitution hearing in a related civil complaint. She was criminally charged with embezzling more than $1 million from her employer, WPW Construction, a nationwide company based in Grand Blanc Township. She has several previous embezzlement convictions, as well.

RONNIE EDWARD DUKE

Ronnii Edward Duke, 43, of Tyrone Township, and six other individuals were named in a federal criminal complaint in connection with an extensive multimillion-dollar mortgage fraud scheme, according to an announcement made by U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade. The case is pending.

MARVIN (BO) OLSON

Marvin (Bo) Olson, of Linden, was sentenced to 180 days in the Genesee County Jail in July after pleading guilty to a felony charge of second-degree home invasion in Argentine Township on June 16. An investigation by Argentine Township and Linden police officers led to Olson’s arrest.

The officers went to Olson’s apartment on Ripley Road as information revealed him as a suspect. Following jail time, Olson is to complete a treatment program.
Linden girl crowned ‘Miss American Sweetheart’

Ava Cota, 8, of Linden, was recently crowned “Miss American Sweetheart” Talent Winner 2010 at the national pageant in Orlando, Fla. She competed against 65 other girls from all around the United States. She is a student at Central Elementary School.

Ava perfumed a lyrical dance to “Papa,” in the talent competition. From there, she was chosen as one of the Top 5 finalists. She competed in the preliminary pageant, and was crowned the national title winner, beating out the winner from last year by two levels.

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

COLD HYPERSENSITIVITY

Now that we are in the full grips of winter a condition that I commonly see that affects a lot of people is hypersensitivity of one or more of their teeth to cold. Some people’s teeth are naturally more sensitive to cold than others. This is normal for them. When referring to hypersensitivity, I’m talking about one particular tooth that has become painfully sensitive to any changes in temperature such as drinking cold water, brushing with cold water, or even breathing in cold air. A common cause of cold hypersensitivity is a result of recession of the gum-line which exposes the root of the tooth. The root surface of the tooth has no protective covering of enamel. It is comprised of dentin which is living/vital tissue which means it has feeling. If you look under a microscope at the root surface, especially a hypersensitive root surface, you will see a “honey-comb” type of surface. These microscopic openings are the dentin tubules which comprise the normal architecture of dentin. The dentin tubules run all the way from the surface of the dentin into the pulp of the tooth. When the dentin tubules are wide open at the surface there is much sensitivity due to easy transmission of stimuli, through the dentin tubules, to the pulp. It is usually possible for the dentist to easily treat the exposed root surface with various desensitizing solutions, many containing fluoride, that serve to seal off the dentin tubule openings and thus greatly reduce hypersensitivity. Another option for the dentist is to place restorative bonding material over the exposed root. Bonding not only seals off the dentin tubules but also improve the aesthetics of the exposed root. If you are suffering from hypersensitivity be sure to see your dentist who just may be able to offer an easy solution.

I welcome your questions and comments.

Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net
Busiest babysitting night of the year

By Sally Rummel
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Courtney Blackwell, a 2006 graduate of Holly High School, remembers one year when she booked a New Year’s Eve babysitting job in July — a full six months ahead of schedule.

“I remember thinking when they asked me, ‘Hey, it’s only July?’ But, as it turned out, I wouldn’t have been available if they asked me closer to the date,” admits Blackwell, now 22. “I always had a New Year’s Eve babysitting job throughout my middle school and high school years.”

She has been a regular babysitter since she was 10 years old, earning her own way through her studies at Hope College in Holland, where she is majoring in psychology. “During middle school and high school, I babysat at least two to three nights a week,” said Blackwell. “I’ll still babysit occasionally for some of the families I used to sit for, but a lot of those kids have gotten older, too.”

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“Today, I earn on the average of $10 an hour, but have made as much as $15 an hour and as little as $8 an hour, depending on the family.”

Courtney Blackwell
See Page 5B for average babysitting costs

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» New fuel and convenience center brings more service and value to customers

VG’s Food Center in Fenton is pleased to announce the grand opening of a new VG’s Quick Stop convenience and fuel center at 18001 Silver Parkway. The Quick Stop is located near the VG’s Food and Pharmacy. The president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and other community leaders joined VG’s executives and store team to celebrate the grand opening on Monday.

“VG’s is excited to open our first VG’s convenience and fueling station in Fenton. Gasoline is a natural addition to our one-stop shopping strategy for customer convenience. This service is important to today’s consumers and central to our commitment to being a neighborhood supermarket,” said Brian Haaraaja, senior vice president and general manager for VG’s.

“VG’s is grateful for the support of the community in making it possible for VG’s to expand and grow in our hometown of Fenton. This new fuel and convenience center not only brings a new product and service to our customers, but also represents our commitment to reinvestment in the communities where we have stores. I would like to thank all who were involved in making this project possible.”

The new Quick Stop is part of the variety of products and services VG’s offers to make it easy for time-starved consumers to satisfy their shopping needs in one location. The fuel and convenience center offers lottery tickets, beverages and food items, including deli sandwiches and doughnuts, made in the adjacent supermarket, as well as various promotions and discounts for VG’s shoppers. It is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week and accepts debit and credit cards at the pump.

Since convenience and savings go hand in hand, VG’s will also offer the “Fuel Rewards” program. Fuel Rewards are various promotions and discounts that are offered to customers when they purchase specific items in the supermarket. Customers receive a “Discount Ticket” at the checkout that can be scanned at a VG’s Quick Stop pump for redemption. Weekly fuel reward offers are found in VG’s weekly ads and at the checkout.

Pack 211 holds first Arrow of Light ceremony

**Linden** — Pack 211 of the Cub Scouts of America held their first-ever Arrow of Light ceremony at Hyatt Elementary School in Linden. The Arrow of Light is the highest achievement of Cub Scouting, similar to the Eagle Scout of Boy Scouts.

Pack 211 began 4½ years ago and has grown to 64 Scouts, ages 6-11. The boys were required to be active in the pack and show leadership, and community involvement. Parent Kenneth Thomas has been their den leader for the entire time they have been active. “There is nothing like the achievement these boys have shown in their personal growth,” Thomas said. Cub Scouts who were honored include Skyler Zieske, Alejandro Areco, Austin Daly, Quannirle Brown, Kenneth Thomas II, Jacob Conly and Owen Tophan.

More than 100 attended the Arrow of Light Ceremony.

**Locks of Love**

Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvan-
taged children, ages 13 and younger, in the United States and Canada suffering from any type of medical hair loss. The majority of all hair donated to Locks of Love comes from children who wish to help other children. This local youngster is one of them:

Ava Koester, 5, donated her hair to Locks of Love, as she wanted to help another child who lost her hair due to medical treatment. Her big day was on Nov. 23. She joined the granddaughters of Debbie Rockman, of Linden. Her parents are Mark and Lori Koester, of Swartz Creek.

For more information on Locks of Love, visit their Web site at www.locksoflove.org.

**Social News**

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Peter Fritz**

The engagement of Ashley Peters of Atlanta, Ga., to Jason Fritz of Atlanta, Ga., has been announced by her parents, John and Karen Peters of Newman, Ga. His parents are Dennis and Jane Fritz of Pinconning.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Fenton High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Route One, LLC. Her fiancé is a 1996 Bay City Al Saints graduate and a 2000 graduate of Alma College. He is employed by Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. An August 2011 wedding ceremony is planned in Traverse City.

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Babysitting
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If you haven’t hired a babysitter in a while, or remember the days when your own babysitting services garnered 50 cents or $1 an hour, you may be astounded by the price of a babysitter, today.

Most young families interviewed pay a babysitter between $7 and $10 an hour.

“When I started babysitting at age 10, I earned between $5 to $6 an hour,” said Blackwell, learning the trade from her own mom, who worked in daycare.

“Today, I earn on the average of $10 an hour, but have made as much as $15 an hour and as little as $8 an hour, depending upon the family.”

While that might sound like a tidy sum to pay a babysitter, Blackwell has had her CPR-First Aid certification since she was 12, and is AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) certified. She also maintains Early Childhood Development credits through her day care work, which she continues today, “I took a Safe Sitter class when I was 11,” she said.

Some babysitters aren’t as comfortable about asking for a certain rate of pay, and leave it up to the family they are babysitting for.

Mari Raymond, 20, babysits quite often when she’s home on break from her studies at Grand Valley State University, where she is a junior. “I usually tell people to pay me whatever they want to give me or can afford to pay me,” said Raymond, who has been babysitting since she was 14. “I listed it’s somewhere between $7 and $10 an hour.”

According to babysitting-rates.com, adults with experience should be commanding at least $10 an hour. A search of the Fenton zip code on this website shows an average babysitter wage of $9.75. Experts from this site suggest that several factors should be considered when choosing how much to pay a babysitter. “Location, location, location,” is definitely a consideration — babysitter rates in New York City tend to be between $15 and $20 an hour.

Other factors include whether the babysitter is a teen or an adult, years of experience, number of children, any special requirements such as a special-needs child, a child under age 3 or very late night/early morning hours.

“The first family I ever babysat for when I was 10 had four children,” recalled Blackwell. “I babysat for them until I was 15 years old. I started out making $5 to $6 an hour. But five years later, I was making $8 an hour.”

She never asked for a higher rate on New Year’s Eve, because she always felt that she was very well paid for her babysitting services.

Still looking for a sitter?

New Year’s Eve is just around the corner and you don’t yet have a babysitter. Here are a few suggestions to try, according to sittercity.com.

• Increase the pay: Babysitters like to celebrate New Year’s Eve, too, so the job has to be worth skipping their own plans. A 50-percent increase in pay — or even doubling the usual pay — should be enough incentive.

• Consider overnight: Getting your babysitter to stay overnight might be the best option, so you don’t have to rush home or keep the sitter up until 3 a.m. If hiring for overnight, pay the hourly rate until 10 p.m., then add an overnight flat rate of about $100.

• Babysitter share: If going out with someone, pool your resources and share the babysitting job, making her well worth her rate of $10 per hour, according to some of the families who use her services.

Today, babysitting has even gone “high tech,” with babysitting services offered on on-line sites like sittercity.com and care.com/fenton-babysitters.

While babysitting can be a very lucrative career, parents often have to think twice about using a paid babysitter.

“Such jobs have been very difficult to find, but family members as our babysitters,” said Crissy Taylor of Fenton, mom to Braxton, 3 and Madden, 1½. “Grandma and Grandpa, aunts and uncles — they’re always available to spend quality time with our boys. However, we do usually provide them with dinner and try to have the boys bathed and in their PJs already. It’s one less hassle for our ‘sitters.’

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Courtney Blackwell “clowns around” with one of her babysitting gig, making her well worth her rate of $10 per hour.

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Lake Fenton Middle School seventh-grade teacher Eric Doyle has his beard shaved by local barber Dan Taylor Wednesday afternoon, as a reward for students surpassing their “Giving Tree Initiative” goal. Students raised $3,651 that will aid families in need.

School surpasses goal to help 14 families

By Sharon Stone
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Lake Fenton — Fourteen Lake Fenton families, with 29 kids, will have a brighter Christmas this year, thanks in part to the efforts of Lake Fenton Middle School.

The school makes a point every year to help families within the district. Last year, the school’s goal was to raise $1,225 and they raised $1,800.

Principal Dan Ferguson said, as the need increased, they set the goal at $2,010 this year. The school raised more than double what they did last year, $3,651.

Funds collected will provide enough food and beverages for several meals, as well as some household essentials.

Middle school staff participated in an array of activities to raise money, including a canned food drive, pie in the face, Christmas caroling, dyeing their hair, and shaving their heads.

Ferguson, as promised, allowed some students to shave his head after the school surpassed their fundraising goal. Dan Taylor, owner and barber at Headlines in Fenton, sculpted a “LF” logo onto the back of Ferguson’s head during an all-school assembly Wednesday afternoon.

In addition to Taylor’s contribution, Hope Copeland, owner of Flaunt Salon and stylist Mackenzie Tautz, donated their time and supplies to color the hair of several staff members.

Ferguson said, “Once again, our kids and staff have done a great job supporting our school community. This year, as the need grew, we reached out to our community partners from Flaunt and Headlines and they came through. I can’t thank them enough as they donated their time and talents entirely free of charge.

“I am a firm believer in the ‘Shop Local’ philosophy, and happy to recommend these community partners to all of our Linden, Fenton, and Lake Fenton families.

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My name is: Sira Temerowski
I am: 16 years old.
My parents are: Adele and Robert Temerowski, and I have a sister in the sixth grade named Clare.
In my spare time, I enjoy: just doing stuff with my church, it’s important to me and it’s fun. I’m actually going on a mission trip to the Amazon this summer. We’re going to be going down the Amazon River in boats, stopping at tribes on the way down, ministering. I have to do a lot of fundraising, but it will definitely be worth it.
I am involved in school activities, such as: Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), National Honor Society, and Bible Club. I enjoy them all.
The advice I have for parents of teens is:

1. Don’t let them do everything they want. Sometimes it’s worth it.
2. The advice I have for parents of teens is: don’t let them do everything they want. Sometimes it’s OK, but be in control.
The advice I have for younger students is: I guess just to make high school count. Hang out with the right kids and enjoy yourself.

My favorite book is: I’m going to be safe and say the Harry Potter series. I read about a book a day, though, so it really changes all the time.
I want to be remembered as: the good kid.
My favorite television show: I don’t really watch much TV. I don’t really have a favorite show.
Favorite winter activity: This is my first winter in five years. We moved to Michigan this summer from Florida, but I have to say the snowball fights. They’re so much fun.
What I like about Michigan is: For now, I like the snow. On the first snow, I ran outside and made a snow angel. It’s really fun.
What I miss about Florida: I miss the ocean and the people, and the sunshine and the warmth. It’s warm here in the summer but it’s just not the same as in Florida.
My postgraduate plans are: I’m going to move back to Florida and go to college for teaching and physiology.

Holly Academy, a Public School Academy, will be holding open student enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year beginning January 3, 2011 through March 1, 2011. Applications may be picked up at any time from the office of Holly Academy during regular school hours 8:00am to 4:00pm weekdays. Two New Parent Information Meetings will also be held at the Academy on Monday, January 24, 2011 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm and on Monday, February 28, 2011 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. School visitation and tours are available by appointment only during regular school hours. If there are more applicants to enroll in a specific grade than there are spaces available, pupils shall be selected using random public lottery process. The lottery, if necessary, is scheduled to occur on Friday, April 15, 2011 at 9:00am.

The Academy has immediate openings for 2010-2011 school year.
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The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille expects to feed about 450 diners on New Year’s Eve,” according to owner Nick Sorise. He offers 13 special menu items, from fresh seafood to steaks, prime rib and chicken. “We’ll be accepting reservations for two-hour seatings, between 4 and 10 p.m.” said Sorise. “The bar/lounge area will be open for seating to welcome the New Year.”

Fenton Winery & Brewery invites partygoers to get their party started at a Happy Hour with appetizers and drink specials from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a three-course dinner of prime rib, red skinned mashed potatoes and decadent chocolate cake, served with three drink pairings. Reservations are suggested by Dec. 28, according to owners Matt and Ginny Sherron.

Nearby at Waldenwoods Resort & Conference Center in Hartland, New Year’s Eve festivities begin at 7 p.m. with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, followed by a buffet dinner with a carving station and dessert bar. DJ Kurt Lewis will help partygoers dance the night away, until 1 a.m.

If you’re not interested in the nightlife of New Year’s Eve, there are many other opportunities for family fun. John and Laura Carpenter, of Fenton, have traditionally enjoyed family time with their four kids, ages 4 to 14, by spending the evening with extended family members at a hotel with a swimming pool. “We pretty much hang with family on New Year’s Eve,” admits Laura. “Whatever we do, it’s usually planned at the last minute.”

For Dan and Tessa Stickel, of Fenton, New Year’s Eve will be an evening out to enjoy a Red Wings game, while 15-month-old daughter Norah experiences her first “sleepover” at Tessa’s parents’ home.

Other “family fun” activities can be found at Fenton Lanes and Holly Lanes, both open for New Year’s Eve. Fenton Lanes will hold Family Bowling, from 2 to 9 p.m. on New Year’s Eve, followed by a Monte Carlo Couples Tournament, from 9 p.m. “until it’s done,” said Fenton Lanes owner JoAnn Berg, whose husband Richard, daughter Jennifer and son Jim all operate the bowling alley. Holly Lanes will offer Glow Bowling, beginning at 11 a.m. through 9:30 p.m., with food and beverage specials all day long. The 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. time spot will include party favors. Reservations are recommended, according to Holly Lanes.

Movies with dinner packages or rental movies are another entertaining option for the upcoming holiday. Many of Hollywood’s best movies are released for Christmas, making a movie-going experience even more special this time of year.

Skiing as a family is another family-centered activity for New Year’s Eve, but try not to do what Scott Martin, of Fenton, just did — he broke his arm while skiing this past week, and had to undergo surgery.

“I don’t think we’ll be doing much of anything this New Year’s Eve,” said Scott’s wife, Jill, mother of 3-year-old Julia. “We’ll just be staying home probably watching movies while Scott recovers.”

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Doris Hoffner, Doris Hoffner - age 98, died December 18, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Harold Bacon, Jr., Harold Bacon, Jr. - age 70, died December 18, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Howard Weth, Howard Weth - age 88, died December 20, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Herbert Holsworth, Herbert Holsworth - age 72, died December 18, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Matthew Ray Corey 1987-2010
Matthew Ray Corey - age 23, of Fenton, died on Monday, December 20, 2010. Services were held 6 PM Thursday, December 23, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitaton was held 2 PM until the time of service Thursday at the funeral home. Matthew was born January 12, 1987 in Royal Oak, the son of Richard and Jean (VanGelder) Corey. He attended Linden High School and graduated from Powers Catholic High School where he was active in Lacrosse. He recently graduated from Western Michigan University where he also played Lacrosse. Matthew was a true friend to many always lending a helping hand. He enjoyed cooking and grilling. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting and skiing. Surviving are: mother, Jean Corey, twin sister, Allison Corey, uncles, Gary VanGelder and wife, Sue, John VanGelder, cousins, Kevin and Kristen VanGelder. His father, Robert Corey on September 25, 2000, preceded Matthew in death. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Alice Ann Prodanas 1919-2010
Alice Ann Prodanas - age 91, of Fenton, went to be with the Lord Sunday, December 19, 2010 at Tanglewood Assisted Living. Funeral services were held 11 AM Thursday, December 23, 2010 at the Rock Church, 11400 Linden Rd., Fenton with Pastor Wes Morris officiating. A luncheon followed at Spring Meadows Country Club. Visitation was held 3-8 PM Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Avalon Hospice or the Rock Church. Mrs. Prodanas was born November 12, 1919 in Revere, MA, the daughter of Thomas and Francesca (Caggiano) Nardone. She married Louis J. Prodanas on October 12, 1940 in Revere, MA. Surviving are: husband, Louis; two daughters, Patricia and husband, Richard Fara of Oak, son and husband, Philip Lascio of Fenton; seven grandchildren, Marc Fara, Brad Fara and Beth (Ted) Cameron, Todd (Molly) Lascio, Matthew (Jamie) Lascio, Jay Lasco and Kelli (Michael) Glynn; eight great-grandchildren, Emma, Grace, and Morgan Glynn, Cole, Laurel and Jade Cameron, Jack and Luke Lascio. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Mary, Louise and Ann; brother, William. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Herbert Lee DePlany 1916-2010
Herbert Lee DePlany - age 94, formerly of Linden/Fenton, died Monday, December 20, 2010 at Genesys Hospice. Services were held 11 AM Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment followed at St. John Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held 4-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Genesys Hospice. Mr. DePlany was born September 18, 1916 in St. Joe, MI, the son of Frederick and Leavania (Hosley) DePlany. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Merchant Marines. He retired from GM Fisher Body - Grand Blanc in 1980 after 30 years of service. Mr. DePlany was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was active in all types of dancing while living in Arizona and was a champion ice dancer in his youth. Mr. DePlany also volunteered as a driver for Red Cross in Arizona. Surviving are: two sons, Laverne DePlany of Flint, Herbert DePlany and wife, Linda of Fenton; three grandchildren, Ciara, Cody and Danielle; long-term companion, Catharine Donnuziero; parents, two brothers, two sisters and his son, Frederick, preceded him in death. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Stella Bearup, Stella Bearup - age 90, died December 18, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Melesa Tornow, Melesa Tornow - age 45, died December 19, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

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(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.

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For more information about Oakwood Cemetery, visit oakwoodcemetery.com.
Eileen Coleman Clark
1918-2010
Eileen Coleman Clark - passed away on December 21, 2010 at Yelanda’s Adult Foster Care in Holly. She was born February 22, 1918 in Groveland Twp. to Samuel and Lida (Ross) Coleman. She has resided in the Holly/Fenton area all her life. Mrs. Clark was a nurse at Clinton Valley Hospital, retiring from there in 1978. She also worked for many years at the ASC office in Howell. Eileen had many loves, first and foremost being her family. She was a gardener and seamstress, and she took part in many activities in her community. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Holly for many years, and in later years attended Tyrene Covenant Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth (Happy) in 2000 and her son Emerson Clark in 2002. She is survived by her daughter Carolyn McKellar (Richard) of Houston, TX, her son Matthew (Diana) of Ramsey, NJ, sister of Harrison (Happy) in 2000 and her son Emerson Clark in 2002. She is survived by her daughter Carolyn McKellar (Richard) of Houston, TX, and also leaves 3 granddaughters: Matthew and Joseph Romeo of Harrison Twp., Lisa (James) Ziskie of Macomb Twp., Philip (Maureen) Romeo of Harrison Twp., Paul Romeo of Harris Township and Charlotte Shelly. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Burial will be made in Hollywood Cemetery in Holly. Visitation will be from 5-9PM Monday and from 10 AM until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimers’ Association or American Cancer Society. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.


Thelma Haggadone, Thelma Haggadone - age 95, died December 23, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Joseph Gerald Romeo
1937-2010
Joseph Gerald Romeo - age 73, of Linden, died December 21, 2010 at Genesis Health Park. Funeral Mass was celebrated 10:30 AM Friday, December 24, 2010 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, Rev. Fr. David Harvey officiating. Interment will be made in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation was held 1-4 and 6-9 PM Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a Vigil Service was held at 6:30 PM. Family and friends gathered at the church after 9:30 AM Friday. Those desiring may make contributions to the Joe Alumbagh Memorial Fund (for donation to a charitable organization.) Mr. Romeo was born February 5, 1937 in Detroit the son of Joseph and Josephine (Vera) Romeo. He married Brenda Phillips in Linden on October 15, 1958. He worked as a Marketing and Sales Professional for many years. He was an active member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and was very involved in the Cursillo Movement. Mr. Romeo enjoyed gardening and cooking. Surviving are: wife Brenda; children, Lynn, Lauren, Jacob, Mitchell, Aylon and Daniel; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Tessa, Shelby, Berta and Madison. Fisher also survives by his parents, brother Ronald Romeo of Harrison Twp., Lisa (James) Ziskie of Macomb Twp., Philip (Maureen) Romeo of Harrison Twp., Paul Romeo of Harris Township and Charlotte Shelly. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Burial will be made in Hollywood Cemetery in Holly. Visitation will be from 5-9PM Monday and from 10 AM until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimers’ Association or American Cancer Society. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Ruth Ellen Alumbagh
1930-2010
Ruth Ellen Alumbagh - age 85, of Holly, formerly of Clarkston and Go - oodrich, died Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at her residence. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at the Hill Funeral Home. 11723 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc, Mr. Gary Turner officiating. Interment will follow at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday from 1-8 PM at the funeral home. Ruth was born on March 26, 1930 in Miles City, Montana, the daughter of James Haining and Ruth Eva (Hindmari) Hall, and was raised in Dugger, Indiana. She was a member of the Bristol Road Church of Christ and also enjoyed traveling. Ruth is survived by: her children, Joyce Joane Wheeler of Milan, Jonathon (Laure) Alumbagh of Northville, and Maja-Isha (Peter) Pratt of Chugiak, Alaska; grandchildren Timothy (Summer) Wheeler of Chelsea, Jayson (Jaime) Wheeler of Cape Coral, Florida, Jillian Alumbagh of Northville, Brian Alumbagh of Northville and Dillon Pratt of Chugiak, Alaska; great-grandchildren Hannah, Tessa, Shelby, Berta and Madison. Fisher also survives by his parents, brother Ronald Romeo of Harrison Twp., Lisa (James) Ziskie of Macomb Twp., Philip (Maureen) Romeo of Harrison Twp., Paul Romeo of Harris Township and Charlotte Shelly. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Burial will be made in Hollywood Cemetery in Holly. Visitation will be from 5-9PM Monday and from 10 AM until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimers’ Association or American Cancer Society. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Israel Charles “Red” Zimbler
1924-2010
Israel Charles “Red” Zimbler - age 86, of Linden, died Wednesday, December 22, 2010. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, December 27, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton. Rabbi Yisroel Weingarten will officiate. Burial will follow in Great Lakes National Cemetery. A light lunch will follow the graveside service at the funeral home. Israel was born February 17, 1924 in New York City, the son of Oscar and Rose (Flacks) Zimbler. He was a veteran of the US Army Survival programs. Israel was preceded in death by his wife Brenda; sons, Larry (Mary) Zimbler of Linden; grandchildren, Mitchell, Aylon and Daniel; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Lily; brothers, Irving (Eddy) Zimbler, Jack (Susie) Zimbler. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Gloria. Special thanks to Dr. King and the staff of Caretel Inn of Linden. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


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Lake Fenton girls defeat LakeVille, 58-43
By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — Sydney Scott can see the changes.
The Lady Blue Devils are playing better basketball than teams of the recent past. And
Scott, who is a sophomore, is one of the people that likes what she sees.
The progress was on display Tuesday night in a 58-43 victory against LakeVille at Lake Fenton High School.
“We are really working well as a team
together,” said Scott. “And then we just communicate really well. We practice a lot.”
Tuesday’s game didn’t start out well. The Blue Devils (3-1) trailed 11-6 after one quarter. However, from that point, the Blue Devils could do nothing wrong offensive-
ly, averaging just over 17 points a quarter during the final three stanzas. A 19-6 edge in the second quarter gave Lake Fenton a 25-17 lead. It was a lead they would never lose.
In fact, the Blue Devils spent most of the second half with a double-digit lead.
“I think (the progress) has a lot to do with the girls,” Lake Fenton coach Dennis Lucius said. “We have a lot more plays. They’ve learned them, and they are executing them very well.”
Scott was the Blue Devils’ top star. She had a team-high 16 points, 12 rebounds and five steals. But she was just one of three players to reach double-digits. Paige Staff-
ford had 12 points, while Mckenzie Gorton had 11 points. Rachel Mundy had nine points and five assists.

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at Flint Northwestern, 4:30 p.m.
Note: For more on many of these games, go to ctimes.com.

Lake Fenton’s Rachel Mundy

SPORTS TRIVIA
What team has won the most NCAA Division 1
women’s basketball National Championships?

A Tennessee leads with eight, but Connecticut is closing
the gap. The Lady Huskies have won five national
titles.

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L F wrestlers sweep GAC opener
By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — Detroit Catholic Central

center transfer Todd Melick is enjoying his

school year at Lake Fenton High School.

“It’s definitely a lot different,” said last

year’s Division 1 state runner up at 112

“I first off, there are girls in the school.”

Well, that’s not the only thing Melick

has experienced as a Blue Devil. Another

one has been winning.

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils, ranked No. 3 in Division 3, did a little bit more of that on Wednesday, defeating Durand 53-19 in their opening

match, but then following that match up with a 41-27 victory against the Goodrich

Martians.

Melick (125), making his first appear-

ances since suffering torn cartilage in one

of his shoulders, returned to the starting

lineup in convincing fashion. He went

2-0 with two pinfall wins, including a key


That put the Blue Devils up 29-21. From

there, Lake Fenton’s Buddy Poyner (130)

clinched the night’s sweep with a pinfall

victory.

Another aspect Melick likes about his

new team is the family element.

“I can actually hang with my wrestling

buddies,” Melick said. “At CC, I only had

a couple of good friends. We got along

because we were on the same team, and

that’s about it. Here, we hang with each

other because we are good friends. We

hang out through the summer every day.”

The match with Goodrich was heav-

ily anticipated and created its share of
drama.

Lake Fenton wrestler Jared Corcoran (front) won this critical match against Goodrich

in the Blue Devils’ 41-27 victory against

the Martians.

The Blue Devils opened with major de-
cision wins by Christian O’Guinn (145)

and Justin Melick (152) and that was fol-

lowed by a pinfall win by Connor Branch-

eau (160) and a decision win by Drew

Morrise (171). The Blue Devils led 17-0.

However, theMartians responded with

three straight pinfall wins, earning a 20-18

lead.

No fear, the Blue Devils won five of the

final seven matches. Lake Fenton won

what were the night’s two most exciting

matches. Jake Carley (103) won a decision

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Blue Devils capture second place at county meet
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Davison — Murderer’s row for Lake

Fenton’s varsity wrestling lineup from 125

through 171 came up with seven top-three

place finishes, sparking the Blue Devils
to a second-place team finish in the 25-squad
genus County wrestling meet Saturday.

The Blue Devils had the most champions
with four — Zach Corcoran (135), Chris-

tian O’Guinn (140), Connor Branchreau

(160) and Drew Morris (171). Meanwhile,

Justin Melick (145) was a runner-up, and

Bryce Hopkins (125) and Buddy Poyner

(130) took home third-place finishes.

Host Davison won the championship

with 235 points, edging Lake Fenton

(224.50). The Blue Devils did this despite

still missing some of their stars.

“We are still missing four wrestlers

(three not eligible until January and Todd

Melick, who was injured),” Lake Fenton

coach Vance Corcoran said. “It was tough.

Those points would have made the differ-
ence for first place. At the same time, it

was encouraging to see everybody step

up and do that well-shorthanded.”

Linden was shorthanded and finished

ninth with 85 points. The Eagles were led

by Kyle Fisher (189), who earned the

team’s only individual title. Fisher defeat-

ed Goodrich’s Jared LaBelle 7-5 for his
title. Meanwhile, brother Jeff Fisher (171)

earned runner-up status. He won a tough

semifinal over Montrose’s Jake Freeman,

2-0, before losing in the finals.

“I just threw in the legs and held him off

for the win,” said Fisher, who is 18-2. “I

knew I had a long shot to beat Morris.”

“I am really happy for my brother,”

said Kyle Fisher, who is now 20-0. “We

are state ranked and have had some tough
close losses.

“Of course, winning the state is every-

See DEVILS on 19B
Fenton’s Charlie Herzog (left) attacks the basket in a recent contest. Herzog and the Tigers defeated Davison on Monday.

**DEVILS**

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body’s goal. I have set a school record in take-downs and am hoping for the most career wins record. I have a way to go. I just have to keep wrestling hard.

The most impressive win of the night for Kyle Fisher (189) may have been beating Davison’s state-ranked 285-pounder Ryan Hankins.

“He had 100 pounds on me,” Fisher said. “That win felt great.”

“It was their day,” said Linden coach Todd Skinner. “Kyle won the championship for the second straight year, holding off a talented Davison wrestler (Jared LaBelle), and Jeff had a great effort all day and in the final. We had four starters out that would have placed, we have a young team that is getting better.”

Two Lake Fenton grapplers had tough semifinal losses before bouncing back with impressive wins for third place. Hopkins (130) had four pins, Poyner (130) suffered his first loss of the year, falling 11-7 to Birch Run’s Damian Johnson in the semifinal. Poyner, answered back with a 12-2 decision over Durand’s Phil Telford. Corcoran had a 9-3 decision win against Carman-Ainsworth’s Jake Weisend in the final. Corcoran is a three-time county champion. He missed the tourney this sophomore year with an injury.

Davison and Lake Fenton wrestlers met in two straight championship matches. O’Guinn (140) had an early take-down and held on for a 2-1 win over Tom Garty. Davison’s Jordan Cooks had a 17-6 major decision upset over Justin Melick (145), a defending state champion.

Branchew had a 6-3 decision over Chio’s Cody Kline for his second county crown.

“We are doing great so far, and it will only get better,” Poyner said. “All we can do is just work hard. We have a lot of guys with great records, and everybody else is stepping up. It could be a special year.”

**GIRLS**

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LakeVille’s Kayla Spohr led all scorers with 21 points, and also had 10 blocks.

Scott likes what she sees out of the team entering the holiday break.

“We are definitely more alert this year because we are practicing a lot better,” Scott said. “We’ve been working on our passes during practice too. And we’ve been working on our fast break.”

“I am happy with that. I’d be a little more happy if we were 4-0, but 3-1 is a good start,” Lucius said. “They are building their confidence, and, hopefully, we can continue and keep it rolling.”

**Tigers cruise past non-league Davison**

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In recent games, Ryan Hickoff has taken off for the Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

Entering Monday, he had scored 55 points in the Tigers’ two most recent victories.

He only made that streak more impressive on Monday, scoring a game-high 31 points in the Tigers’ 78-55 non-league road win against Davison.

“The last three games, he’s gone from 26 to 29 and now 31,” Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. “We have so many options on the floor. I know we will focus on Ryan and Dylan, but we have others that are quality basketball players. This isn’t a one-man show but a collective success.”

And the stats proved Olszewski right on that Monday. Dylan Hickoff collected 14 points, seven assists, six rebounds and five assists, while Joe Eddy had 14 points himself. Charlie Herzog had just three points, but he also had seven assists in the post, helping get others involved.

Fenton led just 25-22 after one quarter, but started to tighten the screws in the second half. The Tigers (4-0) led 45-34 at halftime. The Tigers’ defense took over in the second half, allowing just 21 points.

The Tigers are now off until Monday when they travel to Flushing Northern for a 7:30 p.m. game against Flint Southwestern.

“Over the winter break can be a long stretch, monotonous and boring, but if you throw in a game on the Monday after Christmas, you have something to work for,” Olszewski said. “Playing tough competition like Flint Southwestern will challenge us.”

**Girls Basketball**

Fenton 46, Davison 35

The Fenton Tigers (4-2) held Davison to just 13 second-half points, earning a home non-league win against Davison.

Fenton took a 12-3 lead after one quarter, but Davison did cut the gap back to just 24-22 by the half. However, the Tigers continued to score double-digits in each of the final two quarters to earn the win.

“I thought that we started out really strong from the tip and played well. The kids played their best game of the year so far,” Brad DeWitt said. “We played very solid from start to finish. There weren’t a lot of hiccups. We played four quarters of basketball. They just stepped up and did a nice job.”

Sam Granger led Fenton with 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Gabrielle Rivette had 10 points, seven assists, four blocks and four rebounds. Alyssa Ostrowski had nine points.

“We’ve played a pretty tough schedule so far, and that’s good for us,” DeWitt said.

“Last night, we stepped up to the challenge the way we had to.”

The Tigers have played several strong teams during the first third of the season and has come out of it well, at 4-2.

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Fenton returns to action on Jan. 4 for a Metro League contest at Lapeer East.

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LakeFenton’s Christian O’Guinn won the county title at 140 pounds on Saturday.

Fenton did not get a top-six finish and had 20 points. Other local medalists were Linden’s Cliff Coleman (215) in fifth place and Lake Fenton’s Robert Zoll (112) and Mike Connelly (285), and Linden’s Austin Golden (119) in sixth place.

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Holly Bronchos rough up Clio Mustangs, 52-30

By David Troppens
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Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis said he would need until the winter break mark to know what he had with that squad that lost nine seniors last season.

Well, he must like what he sees. The Bronchos (4-0) remain undefeated in league play after defeating the Clio Mustangs 52-30 at home Monday night.

Josh Fugate had a career-high 26-point performance, while the Bronchos’ defense had a dominating performance, not allowing Clio a double-digit scoring quarter all night long.

“The day before, we worked on nothing except defense,” Baylis said. “It was our best game of the year. We had two goals. We wanted to finish 2010 with our best effort — our best defensive effort — and get everyone in the game. We were able to accomplish those goals.”

Nick Stoll added seven points, eight rebounds and five blocks, while Anderius Gray had six points and five steals. Austin Hopkin also had six points.

“It’s exciting,” Baylis said. “One thing I’ve learned about this team is we have a lot of young guys and we are finding out we have to go back to the basics. But their basketball IQ is high. They run sets better than any team I’ve ever had. They’ve learned as fast as any team I’ve had.”

The Bronchos lost nine seniors a year ago and all five starters. About the only player with great varsity experience returning was Fugate. His experience is shining as he continues to produce big games. Along with the 26 points on Monday, he also scored 23 points in each of his previous two contests.

Fugate shot the ball really well,” Baylis said. “And he played the second half with a sprained ankle. He’s averaging 22 points a game for four games. That’s probably more than anyone in the Flint area. It’s the most I’ve ever had anyone average.”

The Holly Bronchos return to action for a non-conference road contest against Detroit Country Day on Jan. 4.

Girls Basketball

Clio 50, Holly 24

In a battle of unbeaten Metro teams, Clio outscored the Bronchos 16-6 in the third quarter, sparking the Mustangs’ home victory.

Holly (4-1, 5-1) trailed just 21-15 at the half, but were held to just nine second-half points.

Ashley Xiong led the Bronchos with 11 points. Samantha Weaver led Clio with 11 points.

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13-9, and Jared Corcoran won a tight 6-4 overtime match with a takedown in the final second of the first OT.

“I was trying to do the best I could and get (the takedown) as fast as I could to end the match,” Corcoran said. “That was my first huge match, and my heart was pounding so fast. My adrenaline was going crazy.”

Zach Corcoran (140) won the night’s final match by void.

Against Durand, Corcoran (130), Carley (112), Bryce Hopkins (119), Melick (125) and Poyner (130) won matches by pinfall. Other winners were O’Guinn (145), Justin Melick (160), Branchseau (171), Morris (189) and Jared Corcoran (103).

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Holly’s Brent Staffne (left) attempts a shot in a recent contest. The Bronchos defeated the Clio Mustangs 52-30 on Monday.

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Lake Fenton’s Sean Canning (left) attempts a shot during the Blue Devils’ loss to LakeVille, Tuesday night.
Holly wrestlers capture third place at Oakland County meet

The Holly varsity wrestling teams placed third at the Oakland County Meet, finishing behind only No. 1 Detroit Catholic Central and No. 3 Oxford.

The Bronchos had three county champions. The most convincing champion was Esteban Gonzales (125), who defeated DCC’s Ken Bade by pinfall in 5:52. Shawn Scott (171) also won a county title with a 10-5 decision win against Clarkston’s Nick Vandermeer, while Anthony Gonzales (199) defeated Oxford’s Rocco Borg 8-3 in his title match.

Mason Cleaver (112) and Joe Pizowarski (215) placed fourth, while Tyler Gibson (130) placed fifth.

“The thing is, the kids wrestled well,” Holly coach Don Pluta said. “Three kids came close to placing right there with those other kids. A break here or there and they would’ve placed. As a team, we wrestled well.”

Holly is ranked sixth in the state in Division 2 according to michigangrappler.com, up one position from the previous state poll.

“The teams we lost to, you’re talking about the No. 1 and No. 3 teams in Division 1,” Pluta said. “We beat Clarkston, Rochester and Rochester Adams and outwrestled all the Division 2 teams that we may see at team districts and regionals, and that’s encouraging.”

Linden’s Joey Spencer (left) was recently named the Most Outstanding Fighter at a recent boxing event.

SPENCER Continued from 18B long, a minute each round. He’s competed in four other fights — one was an exhibition — and he remains undefeated.

“It’s been a lot of hard work,” Spencer said. “I started hard training when I was 7 or 8. I’ve been boxing since I was 3.”

But while it’s a lot of work, Spencer loves the sport. He’s been sparring for years.

“We like to spar, because it’s good practice,” Spencer said. "Sometimes the rounds will be two minutes for conditioning, and we’ll do a pile of rounds. I’ve done like 18 rounds before. I was pretty tired.”

He not only competes, but also follows the sport intensely.

“My Dad shows me the fights. I love classic boxing,” Spencer said. “Sometimes we have a full house of kids watching fights.”

Spencer will be moving to the 75-pound class soon. He’s training right now for the future competitions. He hopes to one day be strong enough to compete for the U.S. Olympic boxing team in 2016. But that’s still a long way to go for Spencer.

“My goal right now is to win the Ringside World Championships and also the Junior Olympics and the Junior Golden Gloves,” Spencer said.

Spencer’s Dad, Jason, also competed at the recent event and has worked with Joey. In fact, he hopes to open a gym some day, maybe within the next year.

“He’s pretty special for his age,” Jason said. “He’s been all over the state of Michigan for sparring. We have high hopes for him.”
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