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ONLINE COMMENTS

HOT LINE: OBAMA HEALTH CARE

“This is just to inform everyone that the health care bill that passed does not cover illegal immigrants. Some of the TEA Party candidates gave out this false information. In the long run, the bill will help millions of Americans, and many families that serve our country.”

— Larry Y.

HOT LINE: TAX BREAK

“Another 800-plus billion dollars added to the debt to be paid back by your children and grandchildren so you can pay a little less in taxes. Enjoy it, pig-lets. I don't have any children, so I'm not condemning them to a country left in worse shape than it was when I found it. So, I genuinely don't care. How does it feel to knowingly and uncaringly condemn the next generation to indentured servitude to China? Apparently, it must feel pretty good.”

— John T.

STORY: SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES

“What the heck have all the drinkers done for all these years that they can't keep on doing? And, how will it make a difference to the stores and bars? I just don't understand and see no reason to change the law now.”

— Eva B.

See ONLINE on 30A

HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“TO THE LOW-LIFE scum who stole my neighbor's wood off her porch, while she was gone for a few hours, they don't come any lower than you. That lady uses wood exclusively to heat her home. You took that heat away from her. Shame on you. You are worse than dog poo on the sidewalk.”

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2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

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The year 2010 has been one of change, growth and new beginnings — nationally and at the local level. Noteworthy events at the national level include an earthquake in Haiti in January, and the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20. The world was mesmerized as it watched 33 Chilean miners being rescued after being trapped underground for 66 days. The November midterm election was an indication of change, as the Republican Party gained seats in both the House and the Senate. At the state level, Michigan will have a new governor, Republican Rick Snyder. Here is a look at some notable events in the tri-county area in 2010.

FENTON

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

Sad farewells

► Remembering some who died in 2010

By Anna Troppens
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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

See FAREWELLS on 12A



Andrew G. Schmidt



Marjorie Parker Nierescher



Ron Kramer



Dominick Calhoun

Negotiations continue with Michigan Brewing Company at old fire hall site



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.

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Fenton—Negotiations continue between the city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Michigan Brewing Company, for a restaurant development at the old fire hall.

Possible terms of the agreement have changed from the DDA selling the old fire hall site, at LeRoy and Ellen streets, to a lease-to-own situation, said DDA Director and 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

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

President signs unemployment extension

► The \$858 billion tax deal includes extended unemployment insurance, tax cut 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

See EXTENSION on 9A

Summary

► Michigan residents who have not exhausted their federal emergency unemployment benefits will continue to receive benefits in the 99-week program, following a tax bill signed by President Obama on Friday, Dec. 17.



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Worst of 2010

The year's most talked-about court cases, and criminals

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BRANDON HAYES/CORRINE BAKER

The biggest police story, by far, in 2010 was the tortuous beating death of 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun, of Argentine Township, in April.

Brandon Hayes, 25, the boyfriend of Dominick's mother, Corrine Baker, was arrested. He has been lodged in the Genesee County Jail since police discovered the badly beaten boy on Sunday, April 11.

If a jury finds him guilty as charged by the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office, Hayes faces life in prison for 10 felony counts, including torture, first-degree child abuse, assault with intent to great bodily harm, less than murder, possession of drugs, premeditated murder and murder.



Brandon Hayes



Corrine Baker

Dominick's 26-year-old mother is currently serving time in prison on a probation violation out of Livingston County. She faces up to life in prison for second-degree child abuse and 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.

See **WORST** on 31A



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.

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 shoes with heavily padded heels encourage the runner to land with all force at the heel, which can transfer the shock of the stride into the ankles, knees and hips. 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 its 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 Baileys — 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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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. If 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 chooses to believe TEA Party mem-

bers 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.

WENT TO SEE "A Christmas Carol" over the weekend and what an amazing group of talented actors, singers, and musicians these teachers had to work with. You should all be proud of yourselves. It was wonderful. Thanks to all of you for your dedication in making the performance what it was.

TO THE GRINCHES who broke into our

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.

DID ALL MY shopping this year locally and can't say enough about what a pleasant experience it was. I feel like I made a difference. Let's keep it going in 2011.

AS A SALVATION Army bell ringer, I can tell you that the people in Fenton are the most generous in the county.

I AM UPSET there is no Jubil'Eve this year. This is the one thing Fenton did that brought the town out. It's a darn shame.

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Dear editor:

It was reported that Fenton's mayor, Sue Osborn, in voting to ban liquor sales on Sunday mornings, said, 'But people go to church on Sunday morning, usually, and that's the appropriate thing to do.'

What about those who go to church on Saturdays or to Temple on Saturdays? Should we ban Saturday morning sales? What about those who go to mosques on Friday? Would she be opposed to Sharia law?

Public officials are supposed to pass laws to protect the public and not pass frivolous laws based on their 'religious' feelings. How does it harm the public to buy liquor at 11 a.m. but not at 1 p.m.? Is this Fenton's own variety of Sharia Law?

— Richard Steinhoff, Fenton

Compiled by Marissa Parks, Staff Intern

What is the best thing that happened to you in 2010?

streettalk



"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."

— Regina Greenway, Fenton



"My nephew got married, that was great."

— April Schramke
Holly



"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
Fenton



"My doctor gave me an A-plus on my physical. I have no health problems. And, my wife got her knees replaced, and her surgery was successful."

— Wayne Sacuta, Linden



"My son got his teaching certificate, so now he's a certified teacher. He doesn't have to be in school anymore, well learning-wise, anyway."

— Mary Miettinen, Fenton



"My husband conquered his cancer. He's got it all under control."

— Ruth Schmuck
Fenton

Quick thinking saves dog in house fire

By Anna Troppens

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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.

Summary

►Fenton firefighters, two veterinary clinics and a bystander worked together to save the life of a black Lab caught in a house fire in Fenton on Dec. 7. The dog's owner wasn't home at the time of the fire.

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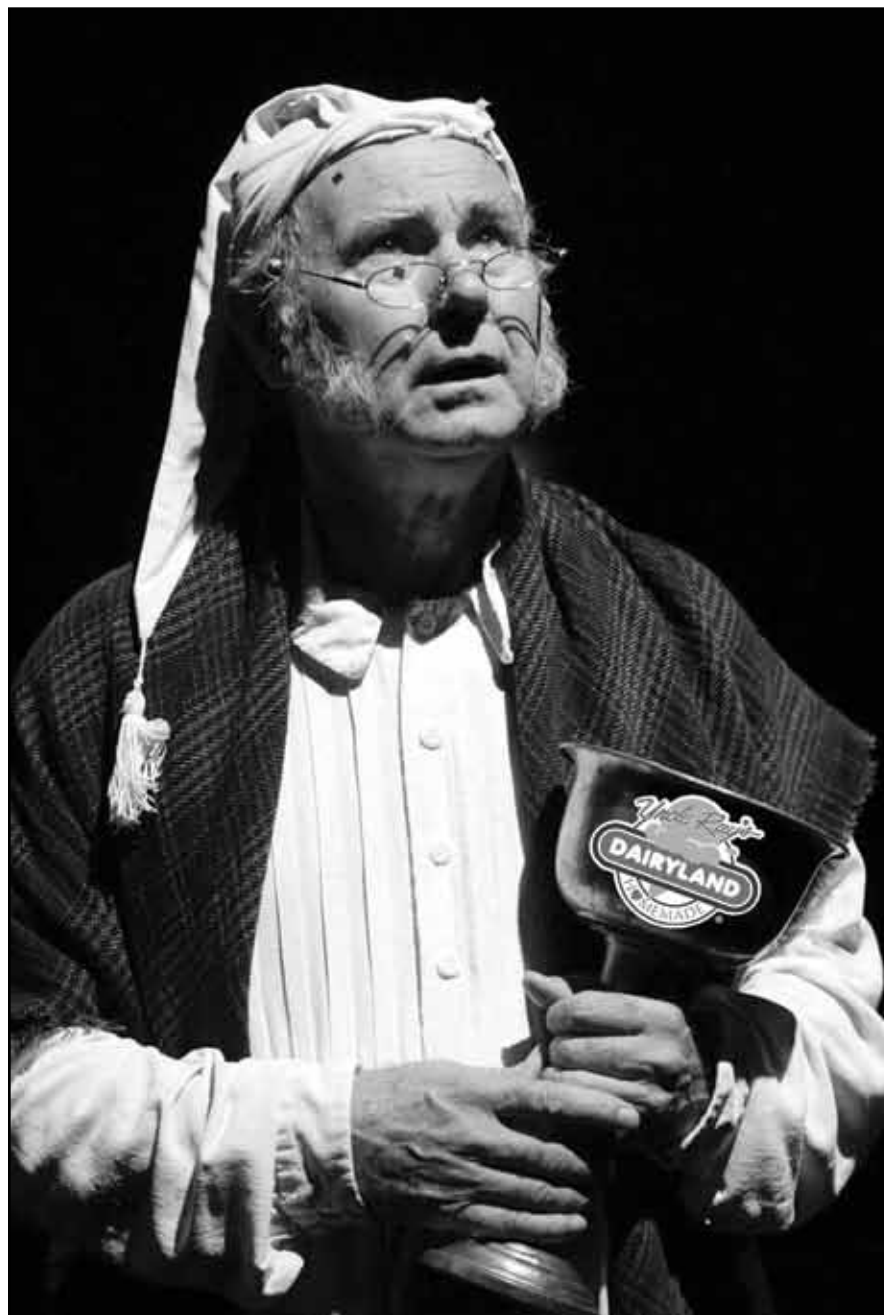
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UNCLE RAY SEES THE LIGHT

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.

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Linden approves appointments to parks board

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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 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 his term end. 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."

Police&Fire report

DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE BREAK-IN

Detectives with the Fenton Police Department are investigating a breaking and entering. Police Chief Rick 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 Rick Aro was happy to report that no drugs were found.

CASH STOLEN FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE

At 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, a resident in the 100 block of Chinkapin Rail filed a larceny from automobile (LFA) complaint with the Fenton Police Department. Police Chief Rick 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. 3, a 24-year-old woman was cited for failing to stop in a safe distance after she rear-ended a vehicle stopped and waiting to make a left turn from North Bridge Street into the Linden 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, 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 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 home in the 300 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 one set of footprints in the yard and on the rear deck. There were no signs of forced entry. The complainant told the officer they have received threats in the past. If anyone has information about this situation they are to call Linden police at (810) 735-5454. 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 Bridge Street filed a larceny complaint with Linden police. Officer Gary Conklin said the woman reported she had friends over the previous night and 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 vehicle and stole her wallet, containing her debit card and identification, and about 20 music CDs. 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 KEG 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 Saginaw Street in Holly. During the traffic stop, the officer spotted an open keg of Heineken beer on the floor. The driver said he had just left a work party and left the keg in the vehicle 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 observed a maroon Chevy Malibu speeding on southbound North Holly Road. The car was dragging an unknown object. The officer followed and realized that the object was the rear bumper. A traffic stop was initiated. Contact was made with the 25-year-old driver, who 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 arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and transported 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 wom-

an'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 Clarkston struck 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 a barn in the 4000 block of Lahring 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 pried 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 MSP at (248) 634-4882. A reward is being offered. See ad on Page 6A for details.

GARAGE BROKEN INTO

On Dec. 5, a resident in the 1300 block of South Holly Road in Rose Township filed a breaking and entering complaint with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post. The homeowner said he went to bed at 11:30 p.m. At 9:30 a.m., the man's wife noticed that the side entry door to the garage was open. Upon checking the garage, the residents noticed items missing. It was apparent that the suspects drove to the back of the garage using a separate drive and exited by driving across the yard and using the neighbor's driveway. Troopers photographed the tire impressions. Neighbors were questioned for leads. The case remains under investigation.

Argentine police finally moving out of basement

By Sharon Stone

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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 Navistarz 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.

Summary

►The 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.

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.

Supervisor 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."

Teresa Ciesielski
Argentine Township trustee

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, 1/2-percent pay increase for this year and 3/4-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 change in MESSA plans takes the group from a managed care program to a PPO program. MESSA is a Michigan company that has served the health care needs of Michigan's public school employees for almost 50 years.

Wright said with contract negotiations, no one comes out completely happy. "It's an agreement we can both live with."

"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."

"It's an agreement we can both live with."
Wayne Wright
Lake Fenton
Community Schools
superintendent

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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nal price. Ten years is quite different from one week, and the original income tax was 3 percent for the average American. I vote to go back to the original rate.

WHY WOULD FENTON Township use the \$1,700,000 surplus to reduce our sewer bill? Where did you think they got the money in the first place? Would be nice if they did.

JOHN ADAMS, OUR second president, stated that a two-party system would be the downfall of this country. Parties have nothing to do with checks and balances. I do believe he may very well be correct. Just read the hate in the Hot lines between Republicans, Democrats and TEA Party folks. Forget the parties and do the right thing for this country.

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EXTENSION

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estimated \$57 billion into extended emergency unemployment insurance for Americans. The extension does not cover residents who have already used the maximum 99 weeks of emergency unemployment insurance.

"I'm happy to have a bit of a reprieve," said Jeff Archambault, of Fenton, an underemployed carpenter. He said he has about 13 weeks left in the federal program, and has picked up a week or so of work at the International Auto Show in Detroit.

For those who have exhausted all the federal programs, Michigan offered an extended benefits program that was set to end in January. "We haven't had people that have actually run out of unemployment benefits," said Norm Isotalo, of the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (MUIA). Archambault was also on the Michigan extended benefits program.

Without the federal extension, residents would have had to turn to community programs or to the Department of Human Services after the Michigan program ended on Jan. 1.

"If Congress would not have acted, people would have seen benefits run out in January," said Isotalo. This is

still true for residents who have run through the entire 99 weeks of emergency unemployment compensation, he said.

Following the signing of the bill, the MUIA will move residents using the Michigan extended benefits program into their next federal emergency unemployment benefit program. "There really shouldn't be any disruption in benefits payments," said Isotalo.

Clients to the MUIA will report to the automated system as they normally would, and benefits should pick up almost immediately, he said.

The application period for the new extension program runs from Nov. 30 to Jan. 4, 2012. The maximum weekly payment available is \$362, as it was before the Nov. 30 deadline. The payment amount is calculated using a formula based on the resident's income while employed.

Also included in the \$858 billion deal between President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans are an extension of the tax cuts enacted by the Bush administration for all Americans. The tax portion of the bill cost about \$207 billion. The bill also gave workers a 2 percent break on their Social Security tax. The Social Security tax will be 4.2 percent in 2011, instead of 6.2 percent.

"There really shouldn't be any disruption in benefits payments."
Norm Isotalo
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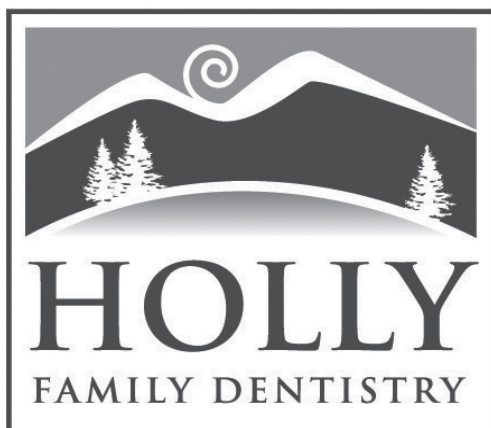
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Extreme Couponing

► Savvy shoppers saving money

Published: Sunday, April 11, 2010

Amanda Bladzick, of Holly, measures the success of each grocery-shopping trip by the length of her receipt. "I get excited if the receipt is at least the length of my arm or longer," said this busy wife, teacher and mother of two.

Her longest receipt, ever, netted her two weeks' worth of groceries totaling \$278 — for which she paid \$140. "I save 50 to 60 percent off my grocery bill every week," said Bladzick, a fourth-grade intervention teacher at Flint Charter School.

So, you want to be on a game show

► LF grad is 'smarter than a fifth grader'

Published: Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010

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 with 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, 2009 after being filmed in June 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 Azziza Salem), away from the stage and spotlight as a world-class belly dancer. She may not look the part when she's dressed in her regular jeans and sandals, but as soon as she dons one of her 15 ornate and jeweled costumes (priced between \$800 and \$3,000 for each custom-made piece), she has transformed herself — and her audience — to a new place.

Calendar of events**Friday, Dec. 31**

Since Dec. 31, 1986 at 12 p.m. Greenwich time, people all around the world have been coming together in one of the most comprehensive prayer activities in history — a planetary affirmation of peace. Many will gather here in Genesee County to celebrate **World Healing Day**. A special New Year's Eve morning service will be held at the **Life Enrichment Center**, 2512 S. Dye Rd., Flint at 6:45 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the service. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (810) 733-1600.

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 agreement 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 asset in case 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 33 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

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.

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. E. Taveirne did not return phone and e-mail messages asking for comments.



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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 Clark Dibble, founder of Fenton's Dibbleville. She was born and raised in Fenton and operated Johnnie's Greenhouse with her late husband, William "Johnnie" Nierescher.

Dawn Brancheau, 40, daughter-in-law 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 animal, Tillikum, made national news. Dawn was married to the Brancheaus' son, Scott.

Rose Sefa, 91, of Fenton, a longtime Fenton businessperson, died on March 19 after a lingering illness. She was married to Larry Hamady, a Fenton grocery store owner who predeceased her. Sefa married her husband Farid Sefa in 1957, changing the Fenton market's name to Sefa's. Rose

also worked in real estate.

Duane Raffin, 76, of Holly, a retired Holly English teacher and track and cross country coach, died on March 29, of cancer. The Coach Raffin Scholarship Fund, for Holly track and cross country runners, was set up in his honor.

Dominick Calhoun, 4, of Argentine Township, died on April 11, after a beating, allegedly by his mother's boyfriend, Brandon Hayes. Dominick's mother, 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, Coach "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.

Glenn 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.

News briefs

Township authorizes attorney to file complaint against restaurant

On Monday, the Argentine Township Board of Trustees authorized township attorney David Lattie to file a complaint against Navistar restaurant. Township officials say that the owners of the restaurant are in violation with an order set by the Genesee County Road Commission, by continuing to allow customers to park along Silver Lake Road and the west side of the building, despite being told of the violation numerous times. Trustee Teresa Ciesielski, who also serves on the Planning Commission, said parking in those areas falls within the right-of-way and line of sight conditions in the site plan. She said parking along Silver Lake Road and on the west side of the building has been an ongoing concern, even before Navistar opened. The condition, however, has never been enforced. If there were ever an accident at this location, Ciesielski fears there could be problems. Keeping the area safe is the township's priority, said Ciesielski. Lattie expects to file the complaint within the next week.

Linden to continue hosting Great Start

The Linden Board of Education has accepted \$102,000 in funding for the Great Start Readiness Program, for 2010-11. The preschool program is held at Argentine Elementary School. Head Start is for the lowest income families, and Great Start is the next level, said Assistant Superintendent Mike Engelter. The Great Start program at Argentine has grown from seven openings for students, with \$3,300 in funding per student, to 30 openings at \$3,400, each. Linden also offers its own, fee-based preschool programs at the school.

Fenton to receive 9-11 artifact soon

In the next few weeks, the city of Fenton will probably receive an artifact from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, said Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff. The piece of metal will arrive via UPS.

Senior center in Linden is growing

Loose Senior Citizen Center gained 32 new members last month. Board member Cheryl King, also a member of Fenton City Council, updated the council at a recent meeting. Loose has 3,534 members, King said. In November, 884 participated in recreation opportunities the center offered. And, 168 paid for trips and traveling, 196 attended educational activities, 257 participated in nutritional activities and 438 signed up for the noon meals. It is located at 707 N. Bridge St. in Linden, (810) 735-9406, www.looseseniorcenter.org.

Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation has new main office, in Fenton

Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation's (SLPR's) new main office will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St. It also can be reached by phone at (810) 714-2011 or by fax at 714-0231. In addition, SLPR still has its Fenton Township office, at 11425 Torrey Rd. There is no walk-in registration at the Torrey Road location, and this location can be reached at 591-0080 (phone) or 591-0092 (fax).

Firefighter of the Year

In an uncommon move, the Argentine Firefighters Association unanimously voted in favor of naming its chief, Jim Reid, as this year's Firefighter of the Year. Association members voted on the topic at their annual dinner held on Saturday, Dec. 11. Supervisor Robert Cole congratulated Reid on this recognition during the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday. Reid took over firefighting duties in July 2009, when the former fire chief, William Harvey, was placed on administrative leave. Since taking over, numerous upgrades have been completed at the fire hall. The purchase of a new fire truck is in the works, and the Explorer program has been reactivated.

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were among his ideas. After discussion and a \$16,000 study, the DDA decided in November that roundabouts were not a good solution at Adelaide Street/Shiawassee Avenue and LeRoy Street/Silver Lake Road. One at LeRoy Street/North Road is possible in 2012.

Fenton family makes national news

In 1975, the economy was bad and Phil Hagerman of Fenton didn't know if there would be a place for him at Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy, headed by his father, Dale Hagerman. Business 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 2028.

Marketing consultant

During the summer, the city hired a marketing consultant, New Moon Visions, of Milford, to handle publicity for \$49,800, for a year. Council members voiced concerns over using tax dollars to subsidize the Fenton Regional Chamber 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 political 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 come to the location, in downtown Fenton near Millpond Park, the DDA needed to offer the incentives it is, DDA Director Michael Burns said. The DDA board selected Michigan Brewing Company, out of three proposals, as the developer. Negotiations are underway.

New signs

In October, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) said it is looking at spending an estimated \$250,000 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 approved 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.

Fenton 911 dispatch

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 dispatching. Chief Rick Aro of the Fenton Police Department said the \$300,000 cost could be reduced to \$180,000, for the actual equipment.

FENTON TOWNSHIP

It's been relatively quiet in Fenton Township in 2010, although residents who use the sanitary sewer system continue to complain about the \$255 per quarter fee. The township upgraded its sanitary sewer system as mandated by the state.

Bonnie Mathis is supervisor, while Robert Krug is clerk, John Tucker is treasurer and Tony Brown, Mark Goupil, Rob Kesler and Ken Hill are trustees.

Road projects

A few road projects were completed this past year in Fenton Township. In April, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved capital improvement bonds not to exceed \$1.5 million to cover the costs.

In September, reconstruction of Jennings Road, between Lahring and Thompson roads began. The project, costing approximately \$800,000, was completed two weeks ahead of schedule. Ripley Road, between Rolston and Lahring roads, was also repaved. This project cost about \$120,000.



While the road projects were underway, the parking lot at the township hall was redesigned and reconstructed. This cost about \$120,000.

Most recently, Crane Road and Lake Shore Drive were upgraded and repaved. Residents fronting the affected roads are being assessed to cover the costs.

Medical marijuana

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees passed an ordinance, which regulates the growing, consumption and distribution of marijuana authorized under Michigan's Medical Marijuana Act. Michigan voters approved the Medical Marijuana Act on Nov. 4, 2008.



Frank's Tavern closes

In May, the owners of Frank's Tavern closed the restaurant. Since the early '30s, when it was established, the small restaurant, on Eastview Drive in Fenton Township, provided diners with a seafood meal and a view of Lake Ponemah.

LINDEN CITY

In January, Linden City Council approved a three-year, non-monetary agreement 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 internationally recognized authority on bicycle and pedestrian facilities and 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 widespread cuts and reductions in order to prevent raising taxes. Office hours were cut, wages were frozen, and early retirement incentive packages were accepted.

Police chief retires

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



Election

In the November election, David Lossing 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 TOWNSHIP

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 police 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

Voters elect 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 previously served on council and as village president. Newcomers Jason Hughes, Jackie Campbell and Tom Clark were elected as council members. The only incumbent re-elected was Council member Pauline Kenner. In addition, on 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. Voters did pass the first amendment, defining 'in default to the village,' in regards to who can run for public office in Holly. If a person is 90 days late past 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 defining "misconduct" in the village charter, adding the language "willful neglect to perform a 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 cityhood 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 Department of Public Works (DPW), Brian Klaasen, of Linden. He replaces Marv Swanson, 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 Rollie Gackstetter retired in December, and the search is on for a new police chief.

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Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille owner Nick Sorise stands in the dining room of his restaurant Tuesday afternoon. Sorise has owned the restaurant since 1997.

Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille serving area diners since 1856

The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, with its distinguished place in local history, is a great place to visit for a fine-dining experience or a casual burger and drink at the bar. The restaurant has been greeting hungry diners since it was first built, when the railroads came to Fenton in 1856.

The popular restaurant, at the corner of North LeRoy and Main streets, is well known for its fresh fish, meats, a full bar and entertainment.

Owner Nick Sorise said he started at the bottom of the restaurant business as a bus boy and worked his way up to manager and eventually, an owner in 1983. He relied on his experience as owner of two restaurants in the Detroit area prior to purchasing The Fenton Hotel in 1997 with his wife.

Sorise has made the restaurant a family affair. "My wife, Peggy, hostesses some weekends. My son, Nicholas, waits tables

and occasionally bartends and manages," said Sorise. "My son, Anthony, and daughter, Emily, work occasionally, when they're in town."

Facing the daily challenges of running the business is one of his favorite parts, said Sorise. "I do enjoy meeting people," he said.

It's no surprise that Sorise has been with this restaurant for more than 13 years. He recalls that at the time, Fenton looked like a nice community and he welcomed a change. In 2006, The Fenton Hotel turned 150 years old. To celebrate, the Sorises undertook a renovation that included a name change to the current Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille.

Sorise lives by the philosophy, "Take responsibility for everything. Don't blame others for any failures."

The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille is located at 302 N. LeRoy, St., Fenton, telephone, (810) 760-9463.

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.

Summary

► The Holly Village Council has selected a top applicant for the village manager position following four, one-hour interviews on Tuesday.

"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.

"I'd like to think that my familiarity with villages and other municipalities in the state of Michigan make me hope-

fully one of your best candidates," said the final applicant. He accumulated a score of 342. The maximum score each could have received is 539.

The applicant who was interviewed first received 500 points.

Miller described that person as the "clear-cut winner," who will be called first. Miller used numbers to identify the individual resumés that each applicant submitted. The other three scored in the mid to high 300-points range.

After the top applicant is contacted, pay and benefits will be negotiated possibly next week, said Miller.

The salary range advertised by the village initially was \$74,250, to \$80,309, depending on the applicant's qualifications. The bottom salary could also be less because of the budget, said Clerk/Treasurer Susan Nassar.

"I think we had a good selection," said Council member Sandra Kleven.

Interim Manager Jerry Walker currently holds the position. He filled in after the former manager, Marsha Powers, was fired in September.

"I think we had a good selection."

Sandra Kleven
Holly Village
Council member

Holly Hills goes back to former owners

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

By Tim Jagielo

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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 clubhouse, ordering salt for the streets, and repairing the community snowplow. "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. "Those people are on the ball."

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 cited 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.

Summary

► The former owners of Holly Hills mobile home community have taken back ownership of the park as of Friday, Dec. 17, bringing several immediate improvements.

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.

Randy Wise donates vehicle to young mother



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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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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 assessment 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 "guesstimates," 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.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP

Special assessment for public safety approved

In August, Tyrone 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 and area fire departments, having no police or fire department of its own.

Andrew G. Schmidt passes away; Mike Cunningham named supervisor

A big change in Tyrone 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 Tyrone. He took office in late August, appointing Miles as his deputy supervisor for special projects.



Andrew G. Schmidt

Budget issues

In April, Tyrone Township officials held a meeting 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 personnel reductions 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 Tyrone's struggling sewer fund. The board approved the sale of the land to Curtis Schupbach.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Police Department

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen researched the idea of moving the police department back to its former building. The police department is located in the lower level of the township hall, however, gained approval from the board to lease its former one-story building directly across from Navistar restaurant.

Roads

In May, residents, after a long wait, saw work being done on the 40-plus miles of gravel roads in the township. Money issues surfaced after the former contractor, Hetchler Excavating, owned by Jack Hetchler, failed to complete the project.

The township has pending legal action against Hetchler and his company to recoup taxpayer money. Vaughn Smith's company, Mid Michigan Crushing and Recycling, was then contracted to finish the project.

Approximately 1,135 parcels in the township are being assessed \$168 annually for the road improvement project, which includes a base coat and top layer of gravel. The project began in 2005.

While students were on summer break, the Genesee County Road Commission repaved a portion of Silver Lake Road, through Argentine Township.

Elections

During the November election, Joe Graves, the former clerk of the township, defeated Argentine Township resident Dan Harrell in the race for county commissioner of the sixth district.

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Keith L. Kremer
Tyrone Township Clerk

**COUNTY AND
SCHOOL TAXES
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Taxes may be paid in person or mailed to the Fenton City Treasurer, 301 S. Leroy St., Fenton, Michigan through February 28, 2011. If you have not received a tax bill in the mail please call City Hall at 629-2261, bills were mailed on December 1, 2010. All taxes become delinquent March 1, 2011 and must be paid at the Genesee County Treasurer's Office, Flint, Michigan with 4% penalty and 1% interest per month. Personal property taxes and IFT taxes are payable only at the local treasurer's office.

Dog licenses sold through February 28, 2011. Spayed or neutered with vets certificate \$10.00; male or female dogs, \$20.00; on March 1, 2011, fee for all dogs will be \$40.00. No license issued without proof of current rabies vaccination.

Cynthia Shane
City Treasurer

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
DECEMBER 20, 2010**

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 20, 2010 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Members of the Lake Fenton Youth Football program led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$642,509.20.
4. Granted a 3-year extension for AT&T's METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit.
5. Granted a 2-year extension for the tentative approval of the Preliminary Plat of Pinnacle Shores.
6. Approved the purchase of a Pierce Quantum Tanker/Pumper truck for the Fenton Township Fire Department as presented.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2010-33, honoring former Zoning Board of Appeals member Les Scott.
8. Re-appointed H. James Hall to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending 12/31/12.
9. Re-appointed Beverly J. McKenna to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending 12/31/12.
10. Re-appointed Beth A. Ryan to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending 12/31/12.
11. Adopted amendments to the 2010 Fenton Township Budget.
12. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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98 Dickens' Pecksniff
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112 Mr. Griffith's gift?
116 Director David
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2 Big name in locks
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4 Tolerate
5 Triumphant
6 "La Boheme" role
7 Maintain
8 Change the decor
9 Vintage
10 Actor Herbert
11 Lead through the wilderness
12 Directionless
13 Singer Davis
14 Blessed sound?
15 Coach Don
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19 Quick change artist?
20 Murcia mister
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30 Poetic preposition
33 Fisherman's need
35 Fail to mention
36 Postman's Creed word
37 Patou or "Plagat"
38 Sound of shock
39 Return address?
40 Astronaut Armstrong
41 Belgrade denizen
46 Took down a peg
48 Levi's
50 Variety show
51 Grenoble's river
52 John of "The Addams Family"
54 Inclined plane
55 —la-la
56 Lofty initials?
58 Vigilant
59 Party hearty
60 — Fine Day!
66 More proficient
67 Biscayne Bay city
69 Haul a heap
70 Buss
72 Takes on
73 "Jane Eyre" character
74 Fasten firmly
76 Criticize
77 Painter Bonheur
78 Actor Dullea
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83 —Cat (winter wheels)
87 Exclude
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94 British gun
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106 "McTeague" author
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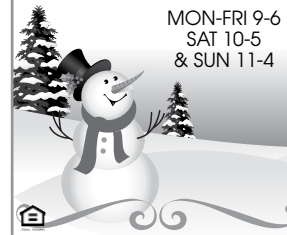
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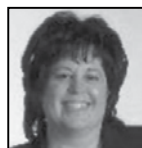
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SYNOPSIS OF ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING 12-20-2010

Supervisor Cole called the meeting to order @ 7:01 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Graves, present, Ciesielski, present, Cole, present, Schmidt, present, Hallman, present. Absent- none.

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

Motion to approve budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

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

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted.

Motion to have attorney Lattie, Chief Allen and Trustee Hallman to produce an iron-clad lease agreement with Fuelgas to lease the facility for the Police Department. Motion passed.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted.

Motion to hire Paige Reeser as a fire fighter pending physical and drug screening passage 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 Lattie to work on a letter to bond counsel and authorize Treasurer Schmidt 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 Navistarz to comply with the site plan. Motion passed. Attorney- Oral report was given.

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

Motion to appoint Dagmar Miller, Raymond Kondel, and Judy Grubb to the Board of Review 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 Sheriff Department. Motion passed.

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

Annual audit - Motion to adopt the 2009/2010 annual audit results from Yeo & Yeo. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2010-13 Honoring John Cross. Roll call: Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Ciesielski, yes, Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes. Motion passed. Resolution adopted.

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

Motion to allow Clerk to enter into a renewal option agreement with our insurance provider. Hallman- yes, Graves, Yes, Cole, no, Ciesielski. 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.

Submitted by Denise Graves, Clerk

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2010-12-19 2010-12-26

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Fenton cemetery board tackles 17 projects

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — Gnarly stumps, 13 woodchucks, a tree full of bees and improvements to Chapel Hill. With a lot of

Summary

► Fenton's Oakwood Cemetery Board, using volunteers, donations and assistance from the Fenton Department of Public Works, has completed 17 out of 19 projects, with \$7,200 remaining in its budget.

volunteer "elbow grease," donations and help from the Fenton Department of Public Works, the Oakwood Cemetery Board has completed 17 of 19 projects with \$7,200 left.

A list of 16 projects for the year expanded to 19, President Doug Tebo recently reported to Fenton City Council. With Department of Public Works Director Les Bland retiring this month, 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, Tebo said. A beekeeper made five trips to remove them, at a cost of \$220.

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 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 \$100.

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 plan on clearing vegetation along a fence line in the spring. They had some trouble coordinating a day when all of the volunteers could work, Tebo said. In addition, a fence will be added around a Dumpster in the spring.

Members of Fenton's boards and commissions, including the cemetery board, serve on a volunteer basis. "You folks have the heart for it," said Councilwoman Cheryl King. "We appreciate it."

Councilman John Rauch, the council's representative to the Oakwood Cemetery Board, said it has been an absolute pleasure for him to work with the cemetery board.

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Linden schools to allow Army recruiter at home sporting events

By Anna Troppens

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Linden — The U.S. Army will be able to have a table and banner at Linden High School home sporting events, in exchange for a \$500 donation to the high school athletic department.

The board voted 5-1 to accept the donation, with Secretary Steve Murphy voting against it. Murphy asked whether businesses would be able to have tables and banners as well, and whether the school

would have "tables set up all over the place" because people paid \$500.

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.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHOEVER SUGGESTED THE old Topps area be a library had a wonderful idea. Perfect location and plenty of parking. Could also generate more walking traffic in the downtown area for local businesses. The library provides so many wonderful services.

THIS IS THE second year that Fenton Township has had well more than \$1 million left in the sewer fund. Last year's excuse was a reasonable answer, but you cannot use the same reason this year, because it won't stand up under the same reasoning. If you spend it throughout the year, then why each year do you have more than a million bucks left over? Do your dance, Fenton Township.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, please remember the guys who pick up your trash. They have a hard job and seldom get the recognition they deserve. Without them, what would our town look like?

THE CHRISTMAS PLAY performed at Fenton High School was fabulous. All of the students did a great job, and the young man who played Scrooge was outstanding. It was a nice way to spend an evening during the holiday season, and it supports our youth and community.

THE PRESIDENT NEEDS to issue an executive order and follow up on it to expel all illegals. Out of 13 million illegals, this should create enough jobs for all of our troops coming home and those out of work. These jobs are not all picking grapes, folks. I worry more about the other nation's importing illegals than I do Mexico.

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 15, 2010
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 Awarded 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-Snyder. 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/Codes requirements and to begin preparing the bid documents for the project at 9080 Mason Street.

Appointments: Resolutions appointing Bruce Proper to the Rose Township Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals and Darlyne Stanczyk, Patricia Oxley and Tom Kemp to the Rose Township Board of Review.

Approved: Resolution to request a waiver of the recapture of the PY2008 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.

Rejected: Eliminate Rose Township's full-time zoning enforcement and building department positions effective December 31, 2010.

Date Set: Budget work session in January 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:55 p.m.

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about them: and they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them, Fear not:
for, behold, I bring you good tidings of
great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall
find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
lying in a manger. And suddenly there was
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Luke 2:8-14

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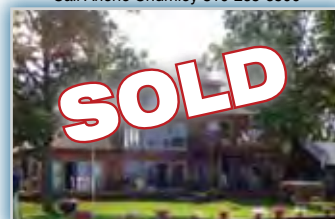
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Sean Bowles, 6 Fenton	Molly James, 7 Linden	Grant Maxheimer, 8 Linden
AGES 9-11		
		
Aaron Thielen, 9 Fenton	Delenay Hundzinski, 10 Fenton	Marissa Nickels, 11 Holly

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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's preliminary exam. The 8-year-old boy told the court that Hayes also hit him. His testimony prompted another felony count of child abuse to Hayes' long list of charges.

Community and family members seeking justice for Dominick have established the Justice For Dominick Calhoun, Inc., a non-profit organization that is working to prevent child abuse. A Facebook page was also created and has nearly 60,000 supporters. Supporters are attempting to raise enough funds to construct a Dominick Calhoun amphitheater in downtown Linden.

A hearing scheduled for Dec. 17 in circuit court was adjourned. Hayes' attorney has argued that his clients' constitutional rights were violated since he had to watch Tyler's testimony from another room. The attorney also requested that the premeditated murder and child abuse charge be dropped. No new court date has been scheduled.

SHANE AUSTIN LLOYD

Shane Austin Lloyd, 21, of Linden is serving time in prison on two separate counts of second-degree home invasion, one from the city of Fenton and one in Fenton Township. He was sentenced from two to 15 years in prison with an earliest release date of Feb. 9, 2012. The Fenton home invasion occurred on Dec. 19, 2009 and the one in Fenton Township occurred on Dec. 30, 2009. Fenton



Shane Austin Lloyd

police caught up with Lloyd at his Fenton residence after he became a suspect in a home invasion in the city of Linden on Jan. 15, 2010.

PAMELA HEAVNER

Pamela Heavner, 54, of Tyrone Township is being held in the Genesee County Jail awaiting sentencing on an embezzlement case.



Pamela Heavner

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, 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.



Duane Thompson



Richard Redman

**DUANE THOMPSON/
RICHARD REDMAN**

Duane Thompson, 43, formerly of Clio, and Richard Redman, 44, are back in state prison after being convicted of home invasion and armed robbery, which they committed in Argentine Township in August. The men were suspects in an unrelated incident in Saginaw and were taken into custody. Both men pleaded no contest to the charges out of Saginaw.

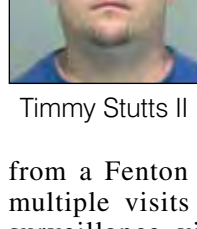
RICHARD FETTERHOFF

Richard Fetterhoff, 58, of Lansing, is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license and having open intoxicants in his vehicle at the time in Fenton in January.

Lansing police picked him up at a traffic stop in Lansing in August and turned him over to Fenton police. Fetterhoff had five prior convictions for OWI and is classified as a habitual offender. He faces a maximum of five years in prison or \$500 to \$5,000 fine, probation or other ordered programs.

TIMMY STUTTS II

Timmy Stutts II, 30, of Burton pleaded not guilty to first-degree retail fraud after his case was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court in November.



Timmy Stutts II

Stutts was arrested and charged with stealing hundreds of dollars' worth of bottled liquor from a Fenton grocery store during multiple visits in September. Store surveillance video revealed Stutts concealing bottles of liquor under his T-shirt and exiting the store without paying for the merchandise. After store security observed the actions on the video, Fenton police investigated.



David John Broecker

DAVID JOHN BROECKER

David John Broecker, 52, of Lake Orion, was sentenced for three to 10 years for defrauding an Argentine Township man out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, after pleading no contest in Genesee County Circuit Court on March 23. He had several previous embezzlement convictions, as well.

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RONNIE EDWARD DUKE

Ronnie Edward Duke, 43, of Tyrone Township, and six other individuals were named in a federal criminal com-

plaint 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.

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Ava Cota

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 performed 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.



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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 surface. Bonding not only seals off the dentin tubules but also can improve the esthetics 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.

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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
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New Year's Eve *night life or family fun*

By Sally Rummel

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This year's "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve" will be starring Fergie and Ryan Seacrest, but unless you're planning to be at Times Square in New York City, you likely have other plans for ushering in New Year 2011.

For people who enjoy a party atmosphere and "night life," there are many opportunities for local fun.

The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton is hosting a New Year's Eve Party, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., according to Grand Knight Mike Verhelle, of Fenton. "This is our second year of hosting a New Year's Eve Party again, after many years of hosting them in the past," said Verhelle, who expects about 150 revelers at the event. "Everyone usually waits until the week of New Year's Eve to make their plans."

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VG's Quick Stop opens in Fenton

►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 easier 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 Areo, Austin Daly, Quantrille 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 disadvantaged children, 18 years 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 is the granddaughter 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.

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Peters-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 Newnan, 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 All 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 awhile, 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 AEB (Automatic External Defibrillator) certified. She also maintains Early Childhood Development credits through her daycare work, which she continues today. "I took a SafeSitter 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. "Usually 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.



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Courtney Blackwell "clowns around" with one of her babysitting charges, making her well worth her rate of \$10 per hour, according to some of the families who use her 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 friends, who have children around the same age, pool your resources and share a sitter. Consider the number of children and ages when deciding on an hourly or flat rate. For multiple families, \$25 to \$30 an hour is a good base rate to figure hourly and flat rate jobs for a shared sitter.

Today, babysitting has even gone "high tech," with babysitting services offered at 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.

"We've been fortunate to be able to use 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 thrilled 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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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 Taubitz, donated their time and supplies to color the hair of several staff members.

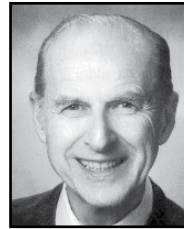
Ferguson said, "Once again, our kids and staff have done a great job supporting our school community. This year, as the need grew, we reached out to our community partners from Flaunt and Headlines and they came through. I can't thank them enough as they donated their time and talents entirely free of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

"Just tell them 'Lake Fenton Middle School sent you,' and you will be greeted with a warm smile."

Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



The most important day of the year

On this 'winding down' day of 2010 — we're still alive — making it, for you and me, the most important day of the year. What shall we do with it?

After the death of their son, the following list of his resolutions for each day was placed by his parents in their local newspaper.

'Our wonderful son, only 20, was buried yesterday. He died of leukemia after a valiant fight that lasted five years. In his wallet, we found the following:

'Just for today, I will live through the next 12 hours and not try to tackle all life's problems at once.

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Just for today, I will be agreeable. I will look my best, speak in a well-modulated voice, and be courteous and considerate.

Just for today, I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two enemies — hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will exercise my character in three ways. I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.

Just for today, I will do two things I don't want to do, just for the exercise.

Just for today, I will be unafraid. Especially will I be unafraid to enjoy what is beautiful and believe that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

Just for today, I will reveal to others the peace Christ has given to me.'

Jonathan Edwards, the prime mover in America's first great spiritual awakening, lived by the following five timely and morally sensitive resolutions:

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3. Resolved: Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.

4. Resolved: Never to do anything out of revenge.

5. Resolved: Never to do anything that I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

After-Christmas fatigue and the prospect of facing a new year may combine to intimidate us, but here's the good news: Whatever 2011 holds of joy or sorrow, strength or weakness, will arrive one day at a time (Matthew 6:33-34).

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, 'One of the illusions of life is that the present hour is not the critical decisive one. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. He only is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with worry, fret, and anxiety.'

We don't know what the future holds, but the One who holds the future has given us this important day to entrust all our tomorrows to Him.

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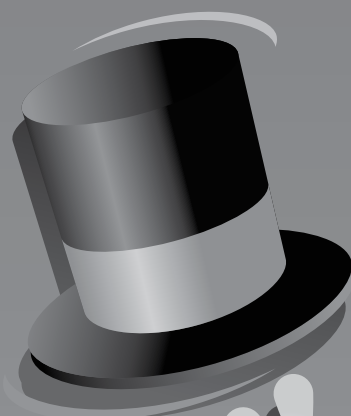
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Look Who's Talking

By Marissa Parks, Tri-County Times Intern

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: 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.



SIRA TEMEROWSKI

16-year-old junior at
LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL

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.

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— Patrick Bitterman, senior



"Going to college, I'm going to study biology. I can't wait to get started."

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"It's our last year before the impending Apocalypse. It'll be awesome to see how people will start reacting."

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NEW YEAR'S**Continued from Page 1B**

The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille expects to feed about 450 diners on New Year's Eve, according to owner Nick Sorise. He offers 12 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 Sherrow.

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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Harold Bacon, Jr. - age
70, died December 18,
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Herbert Holsworth - age
72, died December 18,
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Howard Weth,
Howard Weth - age 88,
died December 20, 2010.
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John Kerr,
John Kerr - age 63, died
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Matthew Ray Corey

1987-2010

Matthew Ray Corey - age
23, of Fenton, died Sat-
urday, Decem-
ber 19,
2010 as
a result
of a
snow-
mobile
accident.



Services were held 6 PM
Thursday, December 23,
2010 at Sharp Funeral
Homes, Fenton Chapel,
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Fenton. Visitation 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
(VanGenderen) 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. Mat-
thew was a true friend to
many always lending a
helping hand. He enjoyed
cooking and grilling. He
was an avid outdoorsman
and enjoyed snowmo-
biles, hunting and skiing.
Surviving are: mother,
Jean Corey; twin sister, Al-
lison Corey; uncles, Gary
VanGenderen and wife,
Susan, John VanGen-
deren; cousins, Kevin and
Kristen VanGenderen.
His father, Richard Corey
on September 25, 2000,
preceded Matthew in
death. Friends may share
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Mark Moran,

Mark Moran - age 47,
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Alice Ann Prodanas

1919-2010

Alice Ann Prodanas - age 91,
of Fenton, went to be with
the Lord
Sunday,
Decem-
ber 19,
2010 at
Tangle-
wood
Assisted
Living.



Funeral services were held
11 AM Thursday, December
23, 2010 at the Rock Church,
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with Pastor Wes Morris of-
ficiating. 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 contri-
butions 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 Farra
of OR, Ilene and husband,
Philip Lasco of Fenton;
seven grandchildren, Marc
Farra, Brad Farra and Beth
(Ted) Cameron, Todd (Molly)
Lasco, Matthew (Jamie)
Lasco, Jay Lasco and
Kelly (Michael) Glynn; eight
great-grandchildren, Emma,
Grace, and Morgan Glynn,
Cole, Laurel and Jade Cam-
eron, Jack and Luke Lasco.
She was preceded in death
by her parents; three sisters,
Mary, Louise and Ann;
brother, William. Friends may
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Stella Bearup,

Stella Bearup - age 90,
died December 19, 2010.
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Herbert Lee DePlanty

1916-2010

Herbert Lee DePlanty - age
94, formerly of Linden/Fen-
ton, died
Monday,
Decem-
ber 20,
2010 at
Genesys
Hospice.
Services
were



held 11 AM Wednesday,
December 22, 2010 at Sharp
Funeral Homes, Fenton Cha-
pel, 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. De-
Planty was born September
18, 1916 in Sault Ste. Marie,
MI, the son of Frederick and
Leeanna (Hosley) DePlanty.
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. DePlanty
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. DePlanty also
volunteered as a driver for
Red Cross in Arizona. Surviv-
ing are: two sons, Laverne
DePlanty of Flint, Herbert
DePlanty and wife, Linda of
Fenton; three grandchildren,
Ciara, Cody and Danelle;
long-term companion, Cath-
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two brothers, two sisters and
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Melesa Tornow,

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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 Stanley 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 Tyrone 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 of Saginaw; 3 granddaughters Kim Knickerbocker (Richard) of Houston, TX, Carrie Wood (Keith) of Denver, CO and Hannah Clark of Denver, CO. She also leaves to cherish her memory, 2 great-grandsons, Matthew and Joseph Knickerbocker of Houston, TX.; brother Donald Coleman of Ramsey, NJ, sister Rose Bezdecny of Tampa, FL. Eileen also leaves 3 special friends, daughter-in-law Betty Clark and her caregivers of eight years Yelanda Theodorff and Charlotte Shelly. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 5-9 Monday and from 10 AM until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc. or American Cancer Society. **www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.**

Marlyne Dickinson,

Marlyne Dickinson - age 67, died December 19, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Thelma Haggadone,**

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



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Joseph Gerald Romeo**1937-2010**

Joseph Gerald Romeo - age 73, of Linden, died December 21, 2010 at Genesys 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 celebrant. Interment 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 Romeo Memorial Fund (for donation to a charitable organization.) Mr. Romeo was born February 5, 1937 in Detroit the son of Joseph and Josephine (Valella) Romeo. He married Brenda Phillips in Linden on October 15, 1988. Joe 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 Group and Prison Ministries. Joe enjoyed gardening and cooking. Surviving are: wife Brenda; children Laura (Amante) Lanzon of Harrison Twp., Lisa (James) Ziskie of Macomb Twp., Philip (Maureen) Romeo of Harrison Twp., Paul Romeo of Harrison Twp., Luanne (Thomas) Beaujean of Clinton Twp; step-children, Stephen (Melanie) Hall of Linden, Lanie (Shawn) Brown of Burton, Kris (Colleen) Hall of Grand Blanc; grandchildren, Lynn, Lauren, Jacob, Madaline, Emma, Evelyn, and Hudson; sister Carol Dohran. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Dominick. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

**Nancy Riley,**

Nancy Riley - age 78, died December 20, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Waleria Buczynski,**

Waleria Buczynski - age 87, died December 20, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Ruth Ellen Alumbaugh****1930-2010**

Ruth Ellen Alumbaugh - age 80, of Holly, formerly of Clarkston and Goodrich, 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 (Hindman) 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 Jolene Wheeler of Milan, Jonathon (Laura) Alumbaugh of Northville, and Maja-lisa (Peter) Pratt of Chugiak, Alaska; grandchildren Timothy (Summer) Wheeler of Chelsea, Jayson (Jaime) Wheeler of Cape Coral, Florida, Jillian Alumbaugh of Northville, Brian Alumbaugh of Northville and Dillon Pratt of Chugiak, Alaska; great-grandchildren Hannah, Tessa, Shelby, Bella and Madison Wheeler. Also survived by brothers Richard (Dorma) Hall of Clio, and Joseph (Shirley) Hall of Peachtree City, Georgia, sister Della Hall of Flint and sister-in-law Nancy (Howard) Reel of Worthington, Indiana, along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Billy Joe Alumbaugh in 1987 and her parents. Memorials may be made to the Bristol Road Church of Christ, the Leukemia Foundation, or the National MS Society. Condolences may be shared online at **www.hillfh.com**.

Ernest Opre,

Ernest Opre - age 89, died December 22, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Gladys Gibson,**

Gladys Gibson - age 95, died December 23, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

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Israel Charles "Red" Zimble**1924-2010**

Israel Charles "Red" Zimble - 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) Zimble. He was a veteran of the US Army. Surviving are: wife, Hilda; son, Larry (Mary) Zimble of Linden; grandchildren, Mitchel, Alyson and Daniel; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Lily; brothers, Irving (Edythe) Zimble, Jack (Susan) Zimble. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Gloria. Special thanks to Dr. King and the staff of Caretel Inns of Linden. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Arnold J. Stucky - age 71, died December 16, 2010. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Bette J. Martin - age 83, died December 18, 2010. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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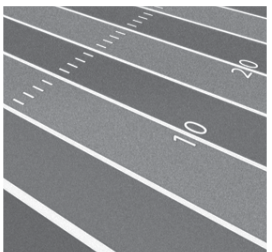
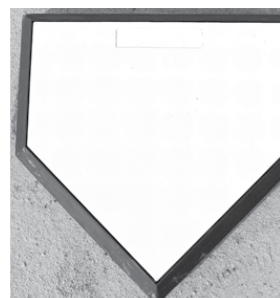
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*Lake Fenton's
Rachel Mundy*

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 offensively, 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 Stafford had 12 points, while McKenzie Gottron had 11 points. Rachel Mundy had nine points and five assists.

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LF wrestlers sweep GAC opener

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — Detroit Catholic Central 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. "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 appearances 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 pinfall of Goodrich's Nick Fisher in 1:31. 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 hung out through the summer every day."

The match with Goodrich was heavily anticipated and created its share of drama.



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Lake Fenton wrestler Jared Corcoran (front) won this critical match against Goodrich in the Blue Devils' 41-27 victory against the Martians on Wednesday.

The Blue Devils opened with major decision wins by Christian O'Guinn (145) and Justin Melick (152) and that was followed by a pinfall win by Connor Brancheau (160) and a decision win by Drew Morris (171). The Blue Devils led 17-0.

However, the Martians 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

By Al Zipsie

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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 Genesee County wrestling meet Saturday.

The Blue Devils had the most champions with four — Zach Corcoran (135), Christian O'Guinn (140), Connor Brancheau (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 difference 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 defeated Goodrich's Jarred 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-

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Linden's Joey Spencer, 10, recently won his boxing division of the Silver Gloves Tournament.

Linden's Spencer wins Silver Gloves event

By David Troppens

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Boxing comes honestly for Joey Spencer.

His Dad, Jason, has been a boxer for most of his life. So when the 10-year-old fifth-grader from Holly Academy began boxing at the age of 3, it was just a natural thing to do.

And now, Joey is showing he has some talent for the sport.

Spencer recently won his 70-pound division of the Silver Gloves Tournament held in Monroe. He did more than that. Spencer took home the "Most Outstanding Fighter" award.

"I thought it was pretty rough at first," Spencer said of his first. "My Dad said I looked better than I thought I did. (My opponent) came forward hard, but at the end I was hitting him with my shots. I won every round, but it felt pretty rough."

Spencer's matches are three rounds

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Fenton's Charlie Herzog (left) attacks the basket in a recent contest. Herzog and the Tigers defeated Davison on Monday.

Tigers cruise past non-league Davison

By David Troppens

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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 teams 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 half-time. The Tigers' defense took over in the second half, allowing just 21 points.

The Tigers are now off until Monday when they travel to Flint 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 steals 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.

"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."

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

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body's goal. I have set a school record in takedowns 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 pinfalls. 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 his sophomore year with an injury.

Davison and Lake Fenton wrestlers met in two straight championship matches. O'Guinn (140) had an early takedown 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.

Brancheau had a 6-3 decision over Clio'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."



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Lake Fenton'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.

GIRLS

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Lakeville's Kayla Spohn 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."

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Lake Fenton's Sean Canning (left) attempts a shot during the Blue Devils' loss to LakeVille, Tuesday night.

LF boys fall to LakeVille, 73-61

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — It was just one of those games.

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team fell behind by 11 points in the first quarter. After that, the Blue Devils always remained in the contest, but never could get the key stops they needed to sneak past LakeVille. The result was a 73-61 loss on Tuesday night.

"To work so hard to create offensively and finish possessions — we had 6-0 runs, 8-2 runs and 8-4 runs — and to come down and get that dagger by getting beat to the basket 40 feet out, bad things happen," Lake Fenton coach Matt Furey said. "That was the key to this game. Our off-ball defenders had to help out in crucial situations because our on-guard defenders were getting beat to the basket."

The first quarter was all

LakeVille's Romel Morgan. He scored 12 of his 19 points in the first quarter, putting LakeVille up 20-9 after one quarter. The Blue Devils (2-2) were forced to try to play catch-up the rest of the game.

Several times, it seemed the Blue Devils were on the verge of completing that comeback, only to see LakeVille stretch the lead again.

The Blue Devils cut the gap to 32-30 after Devin Evans made a free throw with 1:04 left in the second quarter, but LakeVille's Andrew Hayes hit on one of Falcons' nine three-pointers in the contest, extending the lead to 35-30 at the break.

LakeVille began the second half with an 8-0 run, putting the Blue Devils in another hole. The gap remained around 10 points for much of the second half, with those occasional runs. The final one came on a putback hoop by

Sean Canning. He was fouled and converted the three-point play. Lake Fenton trailed just 64-58 with 2:40 left.

However, a baseline drive layup by LakeVille's Kenneth Sanders and then an intentional foul that resulted in three converted LakeVille free throws raised the lead back to 69-58. Lake Fenton never threatened again.

"We can put points on the board in a hurry," Furey said. "But the frustrating part was to work so hard, get that lift and get that momentum shift and then give it right back. At crucial times, we were careless defensively and impatient, and that put momentum right back into their hands."

Canning led Lake Fenton with 19 points and four rebounds. Spencer Quick and Mitch Kirk had 13 points each, with Quick also having 10 rebounds. Evans had 10 points.

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 his 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 bet-

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

WRESTLERS

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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), Brancheau (171), Morris (189) and Jared Corcoran (103).



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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 (119) defeated Oxford's Rocco Borg 8-3 in his title match.

Mason Cleaver (112) and Joe Piwowarski (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 Clarkson, Rochester and Rochester Adams and outwrestled all the Division 2 teams that we may see at team districts and regionals, and that's encouraging."



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

SPENCER

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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. "Some-

times we have a full houseful 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 Ring-side 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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(FSD+) Detroit at Minnesota 7 p.m.

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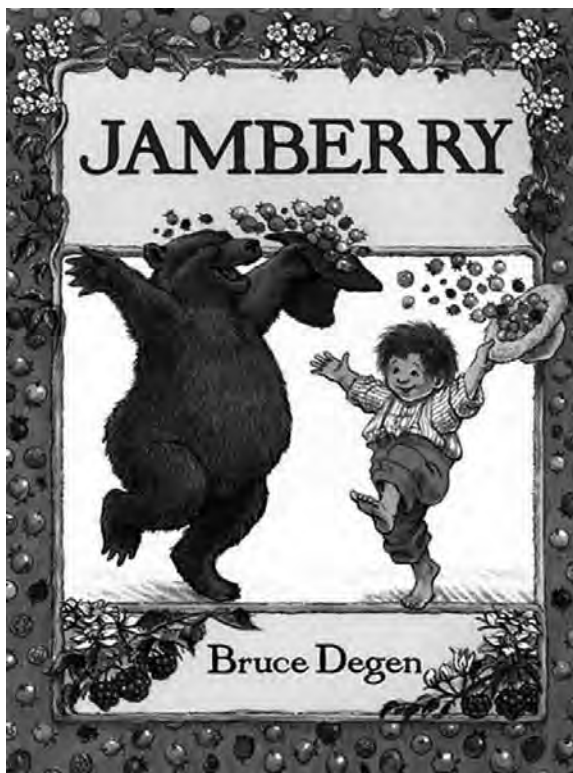
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