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COLUMN: BODY **SCANNERS AT** AIRPORTS

My husband and I disagree over this subject. He is a pilot for small



planes, and thinks that anything we can

do to make traveling safer is better. I, however, do not think that requires someone to physically pat me down or see images my doctors and husband only get to see.

– RoK

STORY: FENTON **911 DISPATCH**

In a city that can waste thousands on roundabout studies, give property away for \$1, and give up to \$400.000 in matching funds to a private developer, how is this possible? Sorry, my DDA-loving brothers and



care if it's the city or it's appointed DDA members who are wasting it. I sure hope somebody doesn't die due to an antiquated 911 dispatch system while some engineer at a roundabout studying firm eats filet mignon. Troy T.

STORY: **GRANGER LEADS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Awesome player through the years, she definitely deserves this.

– Fan See ONLINE on 22A

HOT LINE

OF THE WEEK

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clinch a deal on a lift chair re-

cliner for her elderly mother.

See SHOP LOCAL on 10A

"There isn't a day that

goes by that someone

doesn't say to me, 'I

came in because I want

to 'shop local' and give

vou the business."

Jeff Stone

Sears Hometown Store co-owner

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Maxine Root, of Fenton

Township, is pleased with

her experience at Steven's

Furniture in Fenton. "They

were so nice, they let me

pick it up in the evening,"

she said.

About a week before

in 2010

By Sally Rummel

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Hittin' the slopes



Josh Naeger gives Theresa Skora (left) her first ski lesson at Mt. Holly Ski Area on Monday. "It's a challenge," she said. Monday was the ski resort's busiest day so far of the year, with about 500 tickets sold before 12 p.m.

Change in liquor law raises \$270,000 for state of Michigan

Three area businesses purchased permits

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 Now that Christmas is over, the effects of the liquor law amendment allowing Sunday sales starting at 8 a.m. and on Christmas Day can be measured locally. Before the amendment to the alcohol control laws, sales ended 9 a.m. Christmas Eve, and started again on Dec. 26. Alcohol could not be sold on Sunday until after 12 p.m. See LIQUOR on 24A

Loud TV ads now illegal CALM Act signed into law

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 If loud TV commercials were going to make you ditch the 'tube" or pull your hair out, hang on. Blaring commercials are now against the law.

The Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation, or CALM, Act was sponsored by Democrats but passed with See LOUD on 22A

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Embezzler gets up to 14 years in prison

By Sharon Stone

conviction. She

was given credit

for 187 days al-

In addition to

prison time, she

was ordered to

pay restitution of

\$610,200. Since

herarraignmenton

June 23, Heavner

has been lodged

in the Genesee

County Jail in lieu

of \$2 million bond.

payroll clerk for

WPM Construc-

tion, a nationwide

company with

See

on 24A

Heavner was a

ready served.

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Pamela Rene Heavner, 54, of Tyrone Township, was sentenced to 23 months to 14 years in state prison for an embezzlement

Summary

► A Tyrone Township woman, Pamela Heavner, accused of embezzling more than \$1 million from her employer, was sentenced on Monday to 23 months to 14 vears in state prison, following her conviction in Genesee County Circuit Court.



EMBEZZLER Pamela Heavner

Fenton DPW director retiring after 41 years

Bland will help new department leader with the transition

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com Fenton — When Les Bland joined the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) as a skilled laborer, backhoe and grader operator, the cost of a first-class stamp was 6 cents. It was 1969, and See DPW on 23A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Les Bland, 63, is retiring after 41 years of working for the Fenton DPW. "I've seen this town almost double in size," he said.



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Dress in layers for comfortable. winter fun

By Anna Troppens

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Michigan is serving up another cold, snowy winter, but that's OK with Rob Basydlo and family. The Holly High School teacher and coach still heads

outdoors in search of recreation with his wife. Jill, and daughters Cassidy, 13, and Brooke, 10. "We never stop," Rob

said. The Basydlos are likely to be found snowmobiling or running during the winter. They even go cross-country skiing once or twice a year, he said. See LAYERS on 23A

Nancy Brown (left) and Lindsey Robert pause for a short break from snowboarding at Mt. Holly.

Stranded on the highway in a snowstorm

What you need to survive

By Sharon Stone

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With heavy snow causing highways and airports to shut down along the East Coast, numerous motorists were most likely wishing they had packed an emergency kit in their vehicle before heading out.

The old scout motto of "be prepared" is what it's all about this time of year.

One local man who knows what it means to be prepared is Jeff Clark. The firefighter for Linden City was recently stranded for 26 hours on a Canadian highway during a snowstorm.

See STRANDED on 14A

Basic emergency kit

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- Cell phone
 - · Bottled water
 - Snacks First-aid kit
 - Blanket and winter hat
 - Chemical hand warmers
 - · Small folding shovel
 - · Bag of cat litter Fire extinguisher
 - Warning light, hazard triangle
 - Tire gauge
 - Jack and lug wrench • Jumper cables
 - Flashlight
 - Gloves, hand cleaner, clean rags
 - Roadside-assistance number
 - Disposable flash camera \$20 in small bills and change
 - Pen and pad of paper
 - · Windshield scraper

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Before heading out, motorist should pack an emergency kit in case they fall victim to a snowstorm.



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Liberals love to give (our money)

By Foster Childs

If I Were

Liberals never tire of demanding that the government steal more and more of

our money to fund worthless vote-buying programs under the politically-correct mantle of "helping the needy."

Therefore, it would stand to reason that their private lives would reflect this same commitment of personal sacrifice to make the world a better place. Let's take a peek behind the charitable giving curtain of these giants of generosity, courtesy of a recent column by Ann Coulter.

These are all facts, not estimates, easily verifiable.

In 2009, the Obamas gave 5.9 percent of their income to charity, about the same as they gave in 2006 and 2007. In the eight years before he became president, Obama gave an average of 3.5 percent of his income to charity, upping that to 6.5 percent in 2008 (the year he



lucky and blessed and thank you to the lady who paid for my lunch at a restaurant on Silver Parkway on Dec. 10 around 12:30. It was truly a blessing and I thank you.

JUST WONDERING WHY the city can't seem to plow out the handicapped spaces behind Fenton House very well. I feel sorry for the people who are handicapped, and have to deal with all the snow in the parking spaces designated for them. I just hope nobody slips and falls, and gets hurt. Could you please monitor this situation a little better throughout the winter season? Thank you.

WHERE IS THE available parking at the library? I had to park a ways down the street and cross it. It's not good for us seniors. Build a larger parking lot, please.

OUR GOVERNMENT IS a serious joke and is run by Wall Street and other Communists, or at least Socialists. And, we cry that Democrats and Republicans do it. How sad.

IT'S TAKEN QUITE a few years, but the government, big business, and mega rich finally have us where they want us — at their mercy. You need

Compiled by Marissa Parks, Intern

campaigned for president — hmmm). George W. Bush gave away more

than 10 percent of his income each year he was president, as he also did each year before becoming president. Thus, in 2005, Obama

gave about the same dollar amount to charity as President George Bush did, but on an income of \$1.7 million more than twice as much as President Bush's \$735,180. In the decade before Joe Biden became vice president,

the Bidens gave a total — all 10 years combined — of \$3,690 to charity. In a 10-year period, the Bidens averaged a miserly \$369 per year — far less than what most Americans in the lowest income brackets give in a year. His charitable giving is also about 1/100th of what he spends on tooth whitening and hair plugs in those same years.

a master's degree to work for McDonald's and 50,000 people have applied at \$7.25 an hour and they want the illegal aliens to take those jobs. We don't have a chance, people.

Across the political aisle, in 2005,

THIS IS TO those who would dissolve the village into Holly Township. I hope you got a good look at the road commission's response to the recent storm. If they can't maintain important roads such as Grange Hall Road, what chance would a residential street have?

Vice President Cheney gave 77 percent of his income to charity. That same year, he also shot a lawyer, providing irrefutable evidence of his commitment to making the world a better place.

In 1995, Sen. John Kerry gave \$0 to charity. Kerry did, however, spend half a million dollars that year on a 17thcentury Dutch seascape painting.

To be fair, 1995 was an off-year for Kerry's charitable giving. The year before, he gave \$2,039 to charity, and the year before that a staggering \$175.

In 1998, Al Gore gave \$353 to charity on an income of \$197,729.

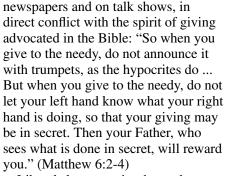
When Sen. Ted Kennedy was forced to release his tax returns in order to run for president in the '70s, they showed that Kennedy gave a little less than 1 percent of his income to charity.

Speaking of failed presidential-aspiring senators, in 2006 and 2007, John McCain gave 27.3 percent and 28.6 percent of his income to charity.

There are Liberals who give away money — Oprah and the Jolie-Pitts come to mind — but they do it with press releases and interviews in

I JUST WANTED to thank Stabenow, Levin and the UAW. I just read that Michigan is the only state in the Union that lost population for the last 10 years. Keep up the good work, guys.

I'M READING ABOUT the Fenton police dispatchers. If we lose our dispatchers, we are going to be 10 steps backwards, and our community, the businesses and the people will not get the rapid response we get now. Our dispatchers know this city. This is their city, and they take pride in getting the police on a call right away. You



Liberals love to paint themselves as advocates of those "less fortunate." Unfortunately their advocacy consists primarily of seeing how much money they can extract from you and me the already overburdened taxpayers

— through government "redistribution of wealth" schemes, not from their own dusty, moth-infested wallets.

Truth be told, the best evidence that Liberals love the poor is that they consistently enact policies that ensure a continuing supply of them.

Based on the Ann Coulter column entitled Liberals give 'til it hurts (You), published Dec. 29, 2010. Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staft. E-mail the King at king@ctimes.com. Some information adapted or reprinted from the Internet.

won't have that with an anonymous dispatcher who is taking care of 20 other cities. The police in this city are here in a minute or two. You are going to save some money but in the end, you are going to lose a lot more. It doesn't make sense to me to do this.

TO THE GROSSLY uninformed person about the sewer funds surplus, why don't you come to the township office after the first year and we will show you how much is left.

THIS IS TO the woman who talked on her phone all through my son's choir concert at Holly Academy. That was very rude. I don't care if it was for your job or not. The concert was only 45 minutes long and what was even worse, you were teaching your granddaughter, who was sitting on your lap, that it's OK to be rude. Next time, think about the people around you.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the people

who stopped to help me get unstuck when my car lost control on Denton Hill, just north of Germany Road on Christmas night. I was very worried about how I was going to get out of there, and thanks to your help, I was only stuck 15 minutes.

HILLS OF TYRONE residents,

beware. My bowling ball, bag and shoes were stolen from my truck in my driveway. I thought this was a very safe neighborhood, but apparently, I was wrong. Whoever did this spoiled my Christmas, and now I will have to spend \$100 to replace them.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

streettalk

What changes would you like to see in our country in 2011?



"I would like to see the economy back and on track and to make everything more stable."

— Mike Wisemen, Linden



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"To get all the spending under control with the government, and no more debt."

— Winelle Swiston, Fenton



"Put a Republican in the House."

Christmas Day fire damages Argentine home

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Twp. — A log cabin home in Argentine Township was damaged by a fire on Christmas Day. Lt. Dean Shafer said the Argentine Township Fire Department received the emergency call from

Summary

► The Argentine Township Fire Department and several other fire departments battled a blaze at a log-cabin style home in the 1100 block of Rolston Road, near Duffield Road on Christmas Day. The home was badly damaged. However, there were no injuries. Genesee County just before 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 25, per Livingston County 911. It was unclear as to how Livingston County received the 911 call first and relayed the information to Genesee County 911, said Shafer. Shafer was first

to arrive at the home in the 11000 block of Rolston Road, near Duffield Road. The 1½-story home is situated about ¼-mile from the road. Shafer observed fire coming out of the roof and heavy smoke when he arrived.

Battling the blaze was made more difficult as there were no fire hydrants in the area and limited water supply. Shafer said about 2,000 feet of hose from three trucks was put together to supply water to the house from tankers on Rolston Road. Another challenge was the tongue and groove cathedral ceiling. With the thick hardwood, Shafer said firefighters were forced to use rooftop tactics to extinguish the fire of the 1,700-square-foot home. About 25 percent of the home was damaged by fire and 50 percent was damaged by smoke and water.

A son of the homeowner was home at the time, as well as a female. Shafer said both individuals exited safely. The preliminary investigation points to a chimney fire based on information provided by the son, however, the cause at this time is undetermined. Shafer said there were no signs of anything suspicious and the homeowners' insurance company will investigate the fire.

The residents declined help from the American Red Cross and opted to stay with family members temporarily.

Assisting Argentine Township with the blaze were fire departments from Gaines and Burns. Crews from Linden City and the townships of Deerfield and Fenton were called to the scene, as well as Venice and Vernon, both from Shiawassee County. Fenton City was on standby for the south end of the county.

Argentine firefighters left the scene more than five hours later.

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Council learns top pick for manager has questionable performance history

Interim manager now back in the running

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — After a lengthy interview process conducted by village council to find a new village manager, the top applicant, Michael Uskiewicz, has fallen from favor with the council. After an online search of his name, Council member Pauline Kenner learned that he had been fired from two previous municipalities, and was involved in ongoing litigation.

These findings led to the calling of a special council meeting on Thursday, Dec. 22, where council President

Jeff Miller made a motion that the top two applicants including Uskiewicz, be cancelled from being contacted for the job. Because there was no general agreement on the last three applicants, the motion ef-

fectively removed all four from the running. "That first piece of business knocked the wind out of our sails," said Miller, who was disappointed with the information about Uskiewicz. Uskiewicz had achieved the best score out of the candidates interviewed, by far.

Miller's motion passed narrowly at 4-3, with council members Don Winglemire, Pauline Kenner, and Jason Hughes dissenting.

Hughes said he believes that Uskiewicz should be given the opportunity to explain what happened with his previous jobs, saying that it is not uncommon for managers to, be fired. "He scored so high in the resume and interview, and it doesn't cost any money to hear his side," said Hughes.

"There's always another explanation behind it," said Kenner.

"I'm a little disappointed we're not look-

ing a little harder at the first candidate, but I'm one voice out of seven," said Hughes. Tossing out the final four applicants for

village manager leaves one last possible candidate — current interim manager Jerry Walker.

Walker had applied for the permanent position and earned a spot among the top four choices, only to remove himself from the race, citing a poor fit for him and his family.

He warmed back up to the idea of running for the permanent position again, because of an outpouring of support from the community, including public comment from resident Larry Lilly following the interviews on Dec. 21. "We've had the right

person all along," Lilly had said. Walker formally agreed

"I'm a little disappointed we're not looking a little harder at the first candidate, but I'm one voice out of seven." Jason Hughes

at the first ut I'm one f seven." ughes to be interviewed for the permanent position after a 50-minute executive closed session, where council members could review Walker's performance so far as interim manager. "I'm will-

what to do from there," he said.

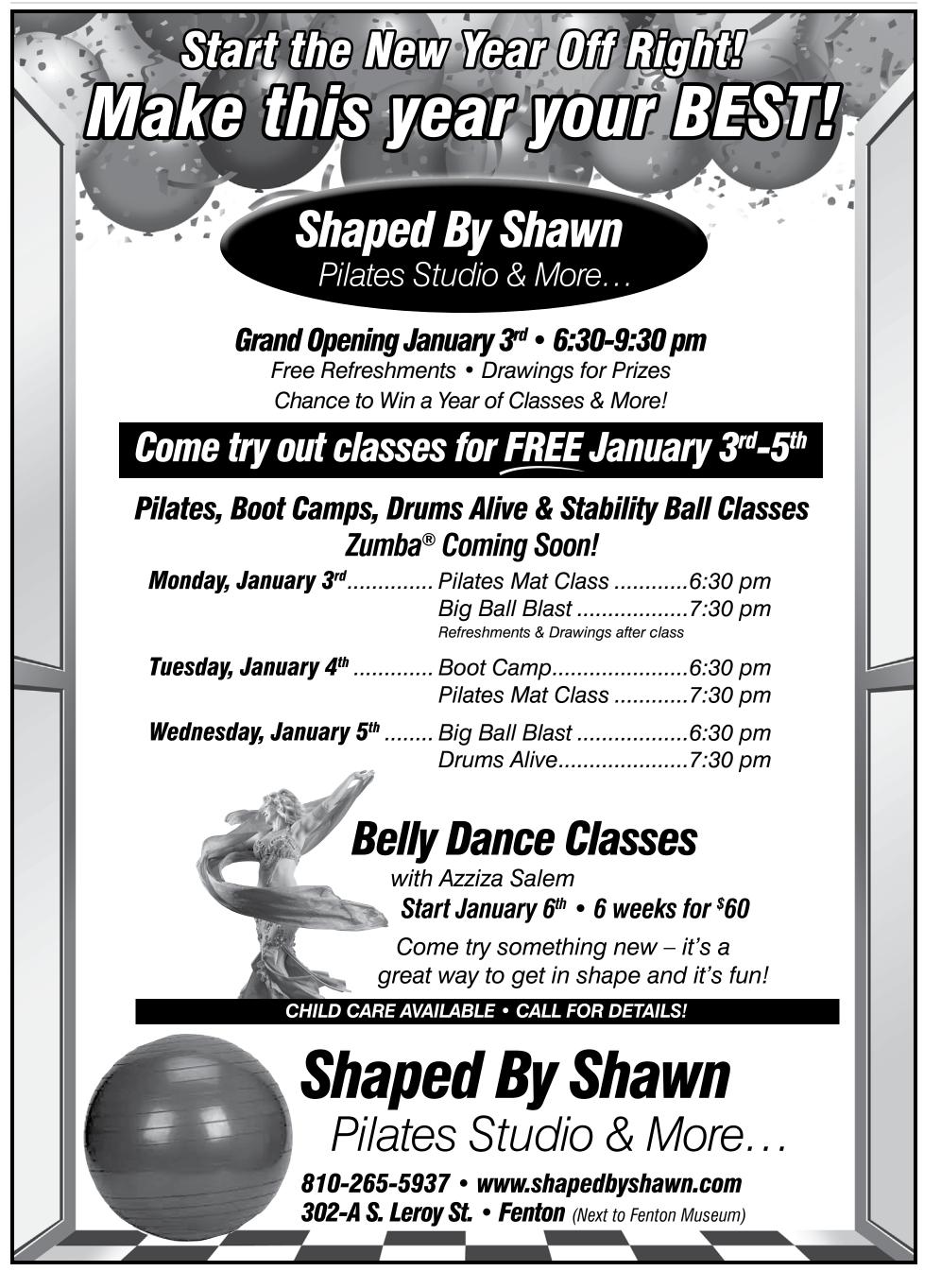
Kenner said she believes that the council was given too few options for the village manager position.

"I do feel that we are backed into a corner," said Kenner. "I felt like we got up there, and we didn't have a choice."

"(We) should start a new procedure, with his (Walker's) name in it."

The council will not be advertising the position again. Miller said he does not believe they would receive any new applicants in a new search. "I guess it is what it is. I think we did the best we could."

No interview date for Walker is set, but it will likely happen in January. Clerk/ Treasurer Susan Nassar has not contacted the final four candidates and has not been given orders to do so.



Police&Fire report

THIEVES HIT UNLOCKED VEHICLES

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department has received numerous larceny from auto complaints in recent weeks in Fenton Township. Det. Sgt. Michael Ignash said vehicles were targeted on Margaret Drive, Haddon Street and Enid Boulevard. Other vehicles, parked near Owen and Linden road area, were also hit. With all of these larcenies, Ignash said every car was unlocked. Items reported stolen included purses, cash, laptops and GPS units. Ignash urges residents to keep vehicles locked at all times and park inside locked garages if at all possible.

TEEN CAUGHT SHOPLIFTING

A 17-year-old male from Fenton was issued a court appearance ticket for retail fraud on Sunday, Dec. 26. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said police were dispatched to a department store in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway at 3 p.m. to investigate a complaint. The loss prevention officer told the responding officer that they observed the teen remove his shoes, select and put on a new pair of Protege shoes, place his old shoes in the new shoebox and then exit the store without paying. Security approached and detained the teen until police arrived. The teen was questioned by police and transported to the police station for processing. He was later released with the court appearance ticket.

ICE FISHING EQUIPMENT STOLEN

At 9 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26, a Fenton police officer was dispatched to a home in the 800 block of North LeRoy Street to investigate a larceny from auto complaint. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said two men reported that someone stole their ice shanty, gas-powered auger, space heater and fishing tackle from the bed of a 1998 GMC pickup truck. The theft occurred while the men were visiting a friend. The value of the stolen property is estimated at \$1,000. If anyone has information on this theft, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT

A Holly man was arrested for domestic violence, felonious assault and assault and battery, stemming from a domestic situation at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26. Village of Holly police officers responded to the man's home in the 3300 block of Herrington Drive to investigate. The man said his wife's brother, cousin and father assaulted him. The couple got into an argument, which turned physical, according to the police report. The woman's relatives intervened so she and the children could leave. The husband was booked at the police station and released on \$5,000 bond. Areport is being forwarded to the Department of Health and Human Services.

RECKLESS DRIVING

A Holly man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and for reckless driving at 6:16 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26. According to Holly police, a police officer spotted the man speeding in his green 2002 Chevy pickup truck and not stopping at intersections. The officer followed and made contact with the driver at his home in the 200 block of Grant Street. The driver told the officer he tried to get away because he knew he was driving with a suspended license and didn't want to go to jail. The man was transported to the police station, where he was booked and lodged. He was released on bond.

ROLLERBLADES FOUND

At 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23, a Holly Township Library employee called Holly police to report that a pair of Rollerblades was discovered in snow at the library. If anyone is missing Rollerblades, they can inquire about them with Holly police by calling (248) 634-8221.

VAN DAMAGES CHURCH LAWN

Holly police are investigating a malicious destruction of property complaint. The pastor at a church on North Holly Road reported that security surveillance tape revealed video footage of a white minivan, with a grey bottom driving onto the lawn of the church and doing doughnuts, causing damage to the property. According to the video, the damage occurred at 10:39 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22. There are no suspects at this time. If anyone has information, they are to call Holly police at (248) 634-8221.

Ice blamed for Christmas Day crashes

►I-75 closed several hours as vehicles towed and road salted

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

Holly Twp. — Icy roads are to blame for several vehicles crashing along Interstate 75 in the Holly area during the evening hours of Saturday, Dec. 25.

According to the Michigan State Police Groveland Post, the highway turned slick around 7:30 p.m., causing nearly a dozen southbound vehicles to slide and crash near Grange Hall Road. Several reports came in involving vehicles in ditches.

Troopers responded, as well as tow and salt trucks. The highway was shut down for a few hours to remove the vehicles and to salt the area. Once everything was taken care of, the lanes were reopened to through traffic.

HUNTERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

At 5:47 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27, troopers with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post were dispatched to a business in the 5100 block of Rose Hill Boulevard in Rose Township to investigate a report of hunters trespassing on the property. The facilities manager reported that hunters, in bright orange gear, were observed across the lake on private property. A responding trooper was unable to locate the hunters. The employee said he spoke with the hunters, one of whom said he had leased the land and was doing a deer drive. The hunters claimed they had not shot anything. The employee told the hunters not to trespass again. No further action was taken.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE

Troopers with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post responded to a domestic dispute involving two sisters in the 15000 block of Rhoades, in Holly Township, at 1:52 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28. The sisters, one 23 and the other 27, were involved in a verbal exchange, which turned physical, after a family disagreement. Neither wanted to press charges.

SNOWBOARD STOLEN

The Michigan State Police Groveland Post received a larceny complaint on Tuesday, Dec. 28. According to the report, someone stole a \$500 Rome Crail snowboard, belonging to a 14-year-old male snowboarding at Mt. Holly, in Groveland Township on Tuesday. The teen, who said it was stolen while he was in the restroom, filed a report with the ski resort, as well.

HIT AND RUN

At 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, an Argentine Township police officer responded to a home in the 16000 block of Whitehead Drive to investigate a hit and run complaint. According to police, a 62-year-old Argentine woman reported that at 5:30 p.m. she heard a noise outside her home. She saw an unknown. dark-colored SUV backing up. The homeowner did not see the SUV hit her garage, however, at 6:30 p.m. she noticed that the west corner of the garage had been knocked in by a vehicle. Photos of the damage were taken. On Dec. 14, police were called back to the house after the homeowner found a broken auto part next to the garage. The auto part was secured as evidence.

COPPER PIPE STOLEN

At 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 17, an Argentine Township police officer was dispatched to a home in the 7400 block of Smith Road to take a burglary report. According to police, the 51-year-old homeowner had been away for two weeks. When he returned, he noticed that someone had kicked in the exterior door on the west side of the house and gained entry. Once inside, the thieves stole about 10 feet of copper pipe from the hot water heater, located next to the door. There are no suspects at this time.

Frozen lakes are enticing, but use caution

With the sudden onset of freezing temperatures in December, many ponds and lakes have developed varying thicknesses of ice.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said a thin layer of ice can be deceiving, and at times, deadly for residents who venture out from shore. Ice conditions change day-to-day, lakeby-lake and location-by-location. The freeze-thaw conditions in Southeast Michigan are predictable for creating unsafe ice conditions throughout the winter.

Although the sheriff's office offers general ice safety guidelines, it also stresses that no ice is 100 percent safe. When in doubt, don't go out. Experts recommend 5 inches of solid clear ice for general foot traffic, such as for skating and fishing. Eight inches of solid clear ice is recommended for travel by snowmobile or outdoor recreational vehicles (ORVs).

Judging safe ice is not an easy task considering the many factors involved. Bouchard said a major concern for first responders is children and young people who venture out onto the ice, driven by a natural curiosity. Parents and care providers should take a moment to point out and warn young people how unpredictable the ice may be and how unforgiving the cold water will be.

Pets that venture out onto the ice are another cause for near drownings and deaths. If a pet owner discovers that their pet has ventured out onto the ice, they should resist the urge to go out after them. Instead, they are urged to stay at a safe location on shore and persuade the animal back to safety.

Safety tips

• **Do not go** out alone on the ice. Always take a partner or someone who can call 911 or go for help in an emergency.

• **Do not make** the first tracks on the ice. Check with someone who has experience with a particular lake or pond before you venture out on the ice.

• Leave a travel plan with someone who can call for help and direct a search party if you do not return.

• **Dress appropriately for** changing weather conditions. Dress in layers to protect all exposed parts of your body. Consider wearing a personal flotation device as part of your overall protective clothing or a flotation jacket or suit. Ice creepers attached to boots will help to keep you stable on the ice and can assist in self-rescue.

• **Bring safety items**, which may include a cell phone, whistle, rope, ice pick or awls, screwdriver, hand flares, flashlight, and throwable PFD.

Check ice thickness with ice spud, auger or cordless drill. If a weak spot is discovered, retrace your route off the ice.
If you hear the ice crack or detect unsafe ice, you and the others should spread out, immediately lie down to distribute your weight and crawl back to safer ice.

• If someone falls through the ice, do not run to the hole. Call 911 first, then use a pole, branch, rope or any other handy object, which can be extended to the victim from a safe position.

• If you fall through the ice, do not panic, because this could hinder your self-rescue actions. Call out for help and kick your feet while getting your hands and then arms up onto safer ice. Try to crawl or roll onto the safer ice.



Met Christopher Iacobelli, M.D.



Credentialed at Genesys Hospital of Grand Blanc and McClaren Hospital of Flint

- 1999 graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine
- 2001-2002 Chief Resident at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc
- 2009 Flint Journal "Favorite" of Genesee County

Practicing medicine in Fenton since 2002, Christopher Iacobelli, M.D., a resident of the Fenton area, is a Board Certified Family Physician and is well studied in all aspects of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. He currently practices at Parkway Family Medicine, located at 17200 Silver Parkway in Fenton, and is *still* accepting new patients. When scheduling an appointment with Dr. Iacobelli, you can take comfort in knowing that *he* will be the one to see you, not another physician.

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He works closely with specialists at all area hospitals, as well as those located at University of Michigan, Beaumont, Detroit Medical Center, Karmanos, Henry Ford Hospital and The Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Iacobelli is in the process of designing the Iacobelli Medical Center, a modern, state- of- the- art medical facility, which will allow him to care for his patients more efficiently with the most current technology available for decades to come. The Iacobelli Medical Center will be located in the Fenton area and is scheduled to open sometime in the Fall of 2011.

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This house at 321 S. West St. has a purchase agreement on it, through the city of Fenton's use of the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The closing has yet to take place.

City selling first two houses through federal program

Proceeds will go to rehabilitate more houses **By Anna Troppens**

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Fenton — Vacant and foreclosed houses — all-too-common indicators of recent economic times - can become neighborhood eyesores. As a way

Summary Federal

Neighborhood Stabilization Program dollars, distributed to area communities through their county government, are helping to remodel vacant houses and getting new families into them. The city of Fenton's use of the program has resulted in two houses sold, with more scheduled to be rehabilitated.

to address vacant homes, the federal government's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is helping communities rehabilitate empty houses and get new families living in them. The city of Fenton is selling the first two NSP houses it's rehabbed.

"We have two completed, but

both have purchase agreements on them and are expected to close early in January," said Assessor Tonya

Molloseau, who is overseeing Fenton's program. "The other three NSP houses we have are not ready to sell. They have not been rehabbed yet.

"The city will not be

purchasing any more NSP houses until the first one is sold," Molloseau said. "We will then use the money from that house to purchase another."

Fenton began with \$330,000 in NSP funding. "Since we haven't closed on any of our houses yet, we chose not to pursue any additional monies for this program at this time," she said.

The purchase prices of the first two homes can't be disclosed until the closings, said Kelli Bowlby, of Legacy Realty in Fenton. A third NSP house on Center Street is next in line for rehabilitation. This will begin in about three weeks.

There are many benefits to purchasing an NSP house, said Bowlby, who is helping the city market the homes. An NSP home is already totally remodeled and move-in ready. "They're pretty much brand new," she said.

Repairs on each house are different, depending on what each one needs. These can include a new roof, flooring and windows on one house, for example, while another home might need plumbing updates and a new deck. "They go through it, and anything that needs fixing, it's fixed," she said.

Fenton acquires contractors for the work through the Genesee County Land Bank, and remodeling is done according to city building and zoning regulations.

Buyers must be income-qualified. Those who are interested can contact Bowlby at (810) 240-8522. In addition,

buyers must complete an eight-hour homebuyers' class, offered through the Genesee County Land Bank, before they can close on a house. Bowlby also has information on the class. Applicants do

not need to be residents of Fenton. Another benefit of the NSP is, some

buyers can obtain a gap loan through the program to help finance their home purchase, she said.

The city has received a good response on the NSP houses, Bowlby said.

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The TEA Party and informed citizens understand that by mere omission, the liberal

politicians who crafted the language for so-

called health care reform made sure they

would continue to buy the Democrats votes

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH Lake Fenton? The teachers get retroactive pay raises. Even the people on Social Security didn't and won't get pay raises for the next few years. They also kept that high-priced insurance instead of going to a more reasonably priced one.

LARRY Y. STANDS corrected. Obamacare does not specifically prohibit unregistered aliens, also known as illegal immigrants, from receiving medical treatment. Therefore, all illegal immigrants will continue to receive medical care, compliments of the

School board wants more discussion on election changes board at once, and usually just two seats

up for election.

district.

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Linden — School elections every other year, in November instead of May,

would save Linden Community Schools money. The change wouldn't be this year, since there are too many unanswered questions, Superintendent Ed Koledo said.

He would like to know if local school districts that made the change, are glad they did. Koledo wonders if the November

election format would have a positive or negative effect on board member elections and school district-related ballots. A question is whether school district ballot issues will get "lost"

on the November ballot, he said.

Another concern is how to go about shifting terms for board members, and solutions other districts had for this. New board members might

come in after school officials have determined the budget and initial planning for the year, Koledo said.

Secretary Steve Murphy asked why Linden schools couldn't have elections every other year, in August, or every year in August or November. Swartz Creek schools have six-year terms for board members, he said. It never has more than three people up for election on its school

Summary Linden Community Schools Board

of Education is considering

a change, to elections every other November.

"I'd like it pursued at the

state level with all public

school elections."

Steve Murphy

Linden Board of Education

secretary

5. Having a representative from Genesee County also would be beneficial, he said

Koledo said the Linden City clerk is excited about the possibility of every

other year elections for Linden

schools, in November. She is

contacting the other six local

governments in the school

nicipalities at Linden schools'

first board meeting in January,

scheduled for Wednesday, Jan.

A goal is to have all seven mu-

Murphy said he believes Linden needs to pursue the issue. He'd like to see all

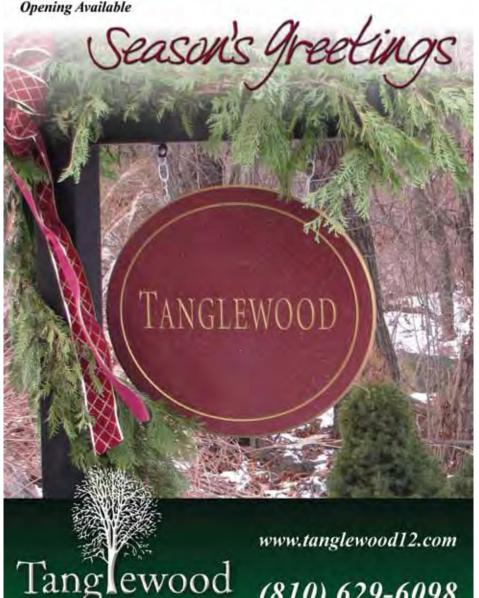
> public school districts in the state consolidate their elections, to save maximum dollars.

> Schools could have special elections in February, May, August and November, said Assistant Superintendent

Mike Engelter, in response to a question from Treasurer Mike Murphy.

How much money do elections cost?

In odd-numbered years, Mott Community College holds its elections in May, sharing half of the costs with area schools. For the last three years, elections have cost Linden Community Schools \$25,474. SOURCE: GENESEE COUNTY



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"It's nice to see people that deserve these homes, get into them." **Kelli Bowlby**

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She had been shopping for a year to buy this special gift, and was afraid she may have to "settle" for a chair that didn't have the exact features she was looking for — that is, until she made a quick decision to stop at Steven's Furniture in Fenton.

"While driving down Silver Lake Road, I decided 'on a whim' to see if I could buy this chair locally," said Root. "I had already been to two furniture stores in Flint and couldn't find exactly what I was looking for. Then, I stopped at Steven's Furniture the week before Christmas and found the perfect chair for my mom, who turned 92 the day after Christmas."

Her local shopping didn't end there. Root went on to Sawyer Jewelers, and bought Christmas gifts there, too. She was so excited about her local purchases that she stopped at city offices to pick up a "Shop Local" shopping bag. "I figure I might as well help advertise this promotion," she said.

Root and her husband, Les, have lived in Fenton for 13 years, and never has she thought more about "keeping her shopping dollars at home" than she has this past year. "I'm kind of 'evolving' on this issue," said Root, who started to get massages locally a couple years ago, and is slowly gravitating toward adding more local shopping. "The 'Shop Local' campaign has definitely brought this issue to my attention."

In addition to knowing that she has helped support local businesses, Root enjoys saving gas and mileage on her car, as well as the "hassle" of out-of-town shopping. "Sometimes, it's just not worth it," admitted Root. "Whatever money you supposedly 'saved' by shopping out of town ends up costing you more money in the long run with gas, lunches out, etc."

The "Shop Local" initiative, sponsored jointly by the Tri-County Times and the Fenton Area Regional Chamber of Commerce, has helped change the way people are now buying many of their goods and services.

"It's had the biggest retail impact in our local communities of any single promotion we have ever sponsored," said Gail Grove, advertising director for the Times. "This local shopping initiative has been embraced by residents and merchants alike."

"There isn't a day that goes by that someone doesn't say to me, 'I came in because I want to 'shop local' and give you the business," said Jeff Stone, co-owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton, along with wife, Sharon, and his brother, Tim Stone.

"The 'Shop Local' theme is definitely out there."

Open since July 2009, Sears Hometown Store experienced its second retail Christmas and is pleased to report that

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE OBAMA lover who feels Michigan will be worse off because Rick Snyder has no political experience. Business people who have been successful understand that money does not grow on trees and that one must manage expenses to revenue. Most politicians seem to think that money grows on the trees in the yards of taxpayers. Obama and Congress have spent more than any Congress in history. Get it yet?

AS FAR AS changing the law on Sunday liquor sales, there shouldn't even be a law

Board accepts donation of rain gear The Linden Community Schools Board of Education has accepted the donation of six rain gear outfits for the girls' golf team. The \$748 donation is from Mick and Renee Guckian.

Free snowmobile safety class

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is holding a no-cost Snowmobile Safety Class on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Training Room, Building 38E, 1200 North Telegraph Rd., Pontiac. Snowmobile safety training is recommended for all snowmobile operators and mandatory for persons 12-16 years of age. This six-hour classroom instruction is open to anyone 12 years of age and older at no cost. Upon completion of the snowmobile class, each student must pass a comprehensive test prior to receiving the Michigan DNRE certificate. These safety classes follow state guidelines and are instructed by sheriff's deputies who patrol on snowmobiles and can answer all enforcement questions. Advance registration is required. To register, call (248) 858-7831.

Fenton has new waste removal contractor

Effective Tuesday Jan. 4, Republic Services will become the new waste removal provider for the city of Fenton. No changes will occur for scheduled pickups, recycling standards and the pay as you throw program, said Assistant City Manager Michael Burns. Republic Services will have blue trucks with the logo for either Republic Services or Allied Waste on the trucks. If residents have any questions, they can contact Fenton City Hall at (810) 629-2261.

sales have gone up since their first Christmas in business. "We're excited about the New Year, too," said Stone. "I see a lot of signs that the economy is improving. We've already noticed that people are buying more 'luxury' items, like exercise equipment."

At Village ACE Hardware in Linden, people definitely came in because of the "Shop Local" initiative, as well as to "check here first before hitting the 'big box' stores," according to Assistant Manager Ileen Holsinger. "People were surprised that they found things here that they couldn't find anywhere else," she added. "They were also surprised to find comparable prices and a bigger selection of items than they expected."

"The 'Shop Local' campaign has definitely brought people in," said Holsinger. "Once they're here, they are pleased to learn that we carry 'off season' items like fans that are impossible to find at national chain stores this time of year. We carry 'off season' items all year."

that restricts liquor sales on any day. If it's legal Monday through Saturday, then why shouldn't it be legal on Sunday? If it is for religious reasons, then Atheists are being discriminated against. What about Adventists? Their Sabbath is on Saturday. American laws should equally reflect all religious beliefs, or none.

OBAMA HAS LITTLE experience in

government or business. Rick Snyder has a lot of business experience. We Republicans believe that Snyder's business experience far outweighs Obama's lack of experience. Besides, politics doesn't really qualify you for anything.





County agrees to release easements in downtown Fenton

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Fenton

By Anna Troppens

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is releasing its rights to use property in downtown Fenton, which could have interfered with future development.

These easements, from decades ago, would conflict with the type of development city officials want downtown, City Manager Lynn Markland said. Dancer's clothing store was torn down, and LeRoy Street was extended through town. The easements should have been released when the LeRoy Street extension project took place, he said.

He and Assistant City

Manager/Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Michael Burns met with the Genesee Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Markland said. The EDC has agreed to release the easements to the city. Ending the easements will free up property for unimpeded redevelopment,

city attorney Stephen Schultz has said. The Fenton DDA is looking to acquire property and redevelop downtown Fenton, in a different way than 1979's Fenton Square plans.

Plans include the former Republic Bank site, 120 E. Silver Lake Rd., which the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) recently bought for \$325,000. Formerly, easements from the 1979 project were all still there, crossing parts of the downtown, including across LeRoy Street.

What is an easement?

It is a property interest that entitles the owner of the easement to a specific and limited use of land belonging to another. SOURCE: WWW.ENOTES.COM

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"I got trail mix in my (Christmas) stocking," Clark said as he recalled how food would have helped with his hunger during his return trip from Canada for a Scrabble tournament. During his time stranded on Highway 402, he wished he had food, but for the most part, he was prepared.

Anticipating he might be staying overnight, he had packed a toothbrush, and toothpaste. Also in his SUV was a blanket, water, Kleenex — which also works as a substitute for toilet paper and his cell phone. Forgetting to pack his cell phone charger, he felt fortunate that the truck driver had one that worked on his phone.

Clark had no interaction with other stranded motorists other than the trucker who was kind enough to share his warm cab.

One thing he wished he had packed was something to read. It would have helped pass the time. To ease the boredom, Clark spent time texting friends and keeping his family updated on his situation. Being in Canada, texting was a better option since he knew there



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could be roaming charges on his phone. While no one plans to have his or her vehicle break down or be stuck in a snowdrift, it can and does happen.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), if a motorist becomes stranded in a blizzard, they are advised to pull off the highway, turn on the hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window.

Motorists and their passengers are advised to remain in the vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find them. Do not set out on foot unless a nearby building is visible so that it can be used as shelter. Clark and the other stranded motorists were rescued by snowmobile clubs and helicopters.

Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm, according to FEMA. When the engine is running, open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe. This will protect the occupants from possible carbon monoxide poisoning.

Exercise to maintain body heat, but avoid overexertion. In extreme cold, use road maps, seat covers, and floor mats for insulation. Huddle with passengers and use your coat for a blanket.

Take turns sleeping. One person should be awake at all times to look for rescue crews.

Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.

Be careful not to waste battery power. Balance electrical energy needs — the use of lights, heat, and radio — with supply. Turn on the inside light at night so work crews or rescuers can see you.

If stranded in a remote area, stomp large block letters in an open area spelling out HELP or SOS and line with rocks or tree limbs to attract the attention of rescue personnel who may be surveying the area by airplane.

Leave the car and proceed on foot — if necessary — once the blizzard passes.

IF YOU ARE OUTDOORS

• Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack — a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.

• **Cover your mouth.** Protect your lungs from extremely cold air by covering your mouth when outdoors. Try not to speak unless absolutely necessary.

• **Keep dry.** Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

• Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.

• Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence,

slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.
If symptoms of hypothermia are de-

tected, get the victim to a warm location remove wet clothing and put them in dry clothing. Wrap their entire body in a blanket. Give warm, non-alcoholic or non-caffeinated beverages if the victim is conscious and get medical help as soon as possible.





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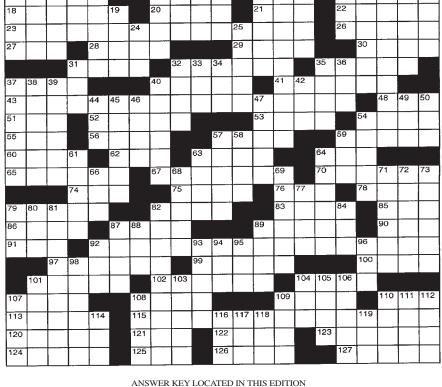


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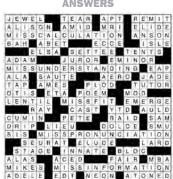
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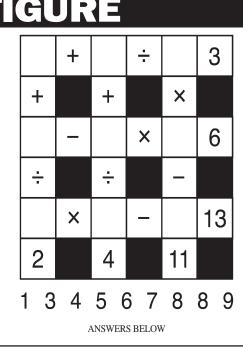
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For protection, there are special metal-lined wallets that block the signals from being read. These wallets are made of fancy leathers and are expensive. Still, many people will purchase one for the security it offers.

On the other hand, to block the signal, there is always aluminum foil.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.



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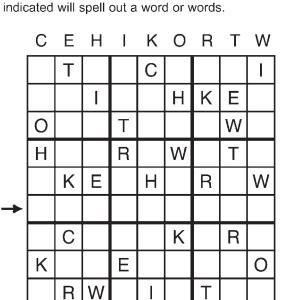
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LOUD

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bipartisan support Dec. 15, and President Barack Obama signed the bill into law the next day. The act basically states that commercials need to be at the same volume as the programs they are aired with.

You may have to wait more than a year to hear the effects, but the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), who regulates international and interstate radio and television, can now control the volume of commercials in the United States.

The burden of actually equalizing the volume of commercials will fall on your local broadcasters, and they have about one year to comply with the new law. The industry, as a whole, will have to spend tens of millions of dollars, according to broadbandlawadvisor.com.

So what took so long? Rebecca Hayes, a communications professor at the Uni-



versity of Michigan-Flint, specializes in advertising and public relations and is a member of the American Association of Advertisers. She said that broadcasters were holding up the process,

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Summary arguing they could regulate the sound themselves. compels local Pete Glass, chief engineer

for WSMH, Fox 66 in Flint, said he couldn't lay blame for loud commercials on just one source. "It evolved into the point in being a problem," he said.

The problem with loud commercials was also based in

technology. TV ads have to be equalized just like songs on the radio, all being about the same volume. Local broadcasters don't have loudness modulators, expensive equipment that would allow them to control the volume from different TV ad producers. "We've been waiting for a while for the manufacturers to come up with a device that works," said Glass.

In other words, most local ad producers weren't being malicious. They just could not guess the volume of the show you would be watching. "Either they didn't have a problem with (the loudness), or they didn't know," said Hayes.

Big, national advertisers don't have that excuse, she added.

Glass said that technically, the commercials aren't louder in volume, but they are produced to be heard in the upper range of the TV show.

For example, if a police show has gunshots, explosions and a few louder moments, the commercial will be of similar

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STORY: PRESIDENT SIGNS **UNEMPLOYMENT EXTENSION**

Us this a form of discrimination of those who have already received 99 weeks of unemployment and are being deprived of a desperately needed lifeline? We, too, are victims of the recession, and obviously have lost our jobs due to this horrific economy, and certainly no fault of our own. If everyone is supposed to be treated equally, then why are we being left out in the cold (literally) to suffer along with our families? This is so not right and unjustified. There is no work. I was just told that I was overqualified for a position at the 7-11. I've had no luck and only two interviews since November 2008, while trying to support a family of six."

volume to those louder moments, and until now, engineers like Glass couldn't control it.

Hayes said the volume was pumped up starting in the '70s, before remote controls

> were widely used. "People would get up at commercial break. (Advertisers) needed the sound to follow them as they walked away."

The question of loud commercials has come up before. In the '80s, the FCC simply told viewers to use their mute button, said Hayes. The FCC's laws were written broadly, at the time.

As an advocate for advertisements, Hayes said the industry will survive, and possibly be better off. "They just have one less little crutch to jolt people into paying attention with the sound." She said the challenge for producers is always engaging the audience with a relevant message. "If the ad is relevant to them, they'll remember it," she said.

"I don't think this will adversely affect advertisers," Hayes said. "People complaining about ads is a bad thing, getting rid of this for advertisers, as a whole, is a good thing."

If you watch programs online, you're still out of luck. The FCC does not regulate online streaming ads that go along with shows on Hulu or Youtube. These ads are also notoriously louder than the TV program or music video you are watching.

"The more annoying online ads get, the more people are going to tune out," said Hayes. "They really have to be fun so people don't click away."

⁴⁴Nice, but where is the payment, as the MARVIN system said would be deposited 'the next business day, Dec. 23.' Yesterday was not a holiday and today is not a holiday, yet no funds have been deposited. This is how Michigan UIA says Merry Christmas." – George K.

STORY: HOLLY HILLS GOES **BACK TO FORMER OWNERS**

44 It has been a long fight and struggle, but we finally did it. We got Hometown America back, and things are being addressed at rapid speed. Our family found success at our first court date and we are praying for a happy outcome for our next one. It was scary for some to withhold the rent, but we stood up and we won. Through all the stress and tears, we have finally received the best Christmas present, ever. Thank you, Hometown, for listening to our residents.'

– Sarah



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Annual Tri-County Times/St. John's Blood Drive set

January is National Blood Donor Month. The annual Tri-County Times/St. John's Blood Drive is scheduled on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at St. John's Church Activity Center from 12 to 5:45 p.m.

When a person resolves to give blood in the New Year, they are committing to something that can help change lives —including their own, according to Colleen O'Callaghan, a representative for the American Red Cross.

"Please make and keep your appointment to donate blood, and encourage others to give at the drive, too," O'Callaghan said.

DPW

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the average U.S. household income was \$8,389. Unemployment was 3.6 percent, and Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were first to walk on the moon.

Bland began working for the city on Sept. 11, a date Americans now remember from the 2001 terrorist attacks. When DPW Foreman Bill Brown left, no one else in the department wanted the job, Bland said. "I took the job."

In 1979, when DPW Director Ken Fletcher left, Bland became the new director. Ken's son Kelly Fletcher is DPW crew leader now, and Roy Baird, son of Harold Baird—a past foreman Bland worked with — is a skilled laborer for the department.

"I've had a couple of these 'kids' that I've known since they were kids," Bland said.

At 63, with 41 years of working in the Fenton DPW, his official retirement date is Jan. 7. However, Bland will probably be at city hall a little longer, depending on when the new DPW director comes in. In addition, he will be helping the new director with the transition.

He has been project manager for the Adelaide Street project, the second half of which will include the portion past the Adelaide Street/Silver Lake Road intersection. The old 12-inch watermain, just north of Silver Lake Road, burst on Christmas Day, Bland said. Cold weather and

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Leslie Bland

director Fenton Department

of Public Works

frost causing movement in the ground caused the old cast iron pipe to break. The rest of the watermain will be replaced in the spring, as part of Phase 2 of the Adelaide project.

During his career with the city, Bland names the new water treatment plant and DPW garage as two of his biggest accomplishments. The third has been

resurfacing streets classified as major streets. When the Adelaide Street project is completed, all major streets in Fenton will have been repaved within the last 10 years.

Bland has seen Fenton grow from 38 miles of streets to about 60 miles. "I've seen the city grow from 6,000 people to 12,000. We've almost doubled in size since I've been here."

With the same amount of personnel as in 1980, it's been "tough to get stuff done," he said. The city has lost three water department and DPW employees due to retirement, attrition and death and not replaced them.

The August 2007 tornado was probably the worst emergency Fenton had, in Bland's experience. He does remember heavy flooding in 1979. In the tornado, the city lost 3,000 trees and power was out in the entire southern end of Fenton, Bland said. According to O'Callaghan, a single whole blood donation may help save the lives of up to three people.

While the need for blood is constant, wintertime presents unique challenges for blood collection. Cold and snowy weather and the demands of the New Year can sometimes make it difficult for people to come to donate.

"Now, as always, your donation is needed and may give someone another day, another week, another life to spend with loved ones and friends," O'Callaghan said. "Make the resolution of a lifetime — give blood."

NEW DPW DIRECTOR TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Director Les Bland assisted City Manager Lynn Markland and Assistant City Manager Michael Burns in interviewing seven of the 40 applicants for his position, on Dec. 15. Markland said administrators are conducting background investigations, and they will announce who the new director is soon.

The salary for the position is \$70,000 annually, as determined by the employee union, he said. Fenton's new DPW director will begin work in January.

Markland has worked with Bland for 2½ years. It will be a lot different without Bland, who has a lot of knowledge and expertise, he said. "He's been great to work with, and he's done a great job. It's going to be a big change for the city, and he's going to be missed."

Cleanup costs of close to \$1 million affected the city and its budget and will for some time to come. "It hurt not only the city, but also our finances," he said. "We didn't get any federal or state aid for that."

Michael Senyko was city manager at the time of the tornado. Bland has seen eight or nine city managers during his career. He's enjoyed working with them, and all of the mayors, council members and DPW and water department employees. "Most generally, I get along with everybody," he said.

"I'm the kind of person who speaks my mind, so they know where I'm coming from right off the bat.

"We've had our differences, but nothing that I would say has been a detriment to me or the city."

Bland isn't going too far after he retires and will be there to help if needed. He plans to stay in Fenton. In addition, he will con-

tinue serving as the House of Delegates member for the Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Bland won their Top 10 Director Award in 2005.

The future of public works will include many new technologies, he said, such as mixing materials with different types of corrosiveness into road salt. Some municipalities mix beet juice with salt, to use less salt. New technologies for safety will be developed, as state and federal governments develop new regulations. The key for public works employees is a lot of training, Bland said. Once a person is trained, "they'll take care of themselves."

In retirement, he hopes to do a lot of golfing. In addition, Bland enjoys visiting his son in Arizona and spending time with his grandson. If he gets too "stir-crazy," he might look for a part-time job, he said.

LAYERS Continued from Page 3A

For both running and cross-country

skiing, it's important not to overdress, to avoid becoming "overcooked," he said. "That's the key."

Usually, the Basydlos wear a Run Like the Dickens Coolmax shirt, from the annual 5K/10K/Tiny Tim Trot fundraiser to benefit Holly High School runners. Other layers include a running coat and running tights or pants. A taller sock than summer's very short ones is a good choice for warmth, Basydlo said.

He prefers mittens to gloves. "The mittens work better," he said.

It has to be less than 10-15 degrees out for Basydlo to don a facemask, although others might want one before the mercury dips that low. He remembers wearing both a facemask and hat during a training nun in Grand Marais Layers allow a

training run in Grand Marais, when it was 35 below.

It's cold the first quarterto half-mile of a run, but then

he warms up from the activity, he said. "I like it outside. I prefer to be outside. I like

winter athlete to

add and remove

items as body

the fresh air.

"It's easier to breathe."

YakTrax, which fit onto a running shoe for traction, help runners tackle snow and ice. This equipment isn't for running on pavement, but it makes exercising on dirt roads safer, he said.

Cross-country skiing, like running, is a very active form of outdoor exercise. So, it's important not to overdress. "Cross country skiing is just like running, except you fall a little more often," Basydlo said.

For cross-country skiing, he recommends running pants and "long johns" to stay warm and to keep from overheating.

A day of snowmobiling, for the

Basydlos, might mean leaving at 10 a.m. and getting back at 6 p.m. "We ride all day," Rob said.

This requires full snowmobile gear — for the Basydlos snow pants, good boots from Cabela's, and, possibly, electric socks. The whole family wears facemasks with face helmets. "Everybody has their own gear," he said.

Layers allow a winter athlete to add and remove items as body temperature rises and falls. For the most warmth, many experts recommend goose down for the filling in an athlete's topcoat or vest. Jackets should extend below the waist for extra protection with one or more layers of fleece underneath. A base layer of polypropylene underwear, top and bottom, is another suggestion.

A thinner pair of gloves can go under a thicker, larger pair, and hats should completely te to cover the head — possibly with earflaps.

Those who are buying boots should check temperature ratings on them.

Boots with a rubber lower boot and leather top section, with removable felt liners, can be a good choice for ice fishing, snowmobiling and other, similar activities.

Manager Matt Coe, of CycleFit Multisport in Fenton, goes snowmobiling and bicycling in the winter. He, too, recommends dressing in layers so the athlete can remove items as he or she becomes warmer from the activity. Layers should be fairly tight to the skin, so air pockets don't form.

SmartWool clothing makes a warm, windproof, breathable base layer. It wicks perspiration away from the skin. In addition, arm and leg warmers are removable as the cyclist warms up, Coe said.





LIQUOR

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Argentine, Fenton, Tyrone, Rose, and Holly townships allowed the sale of alcohol earlier on Sunday and on Christmas Day. Businesses in those areas could buy an early Sunday sales permit for \$160. Any businesses open on Christmas Day in those areas could sell alcohol after 12 p.m. on Dec. 25.

The amended state liquor law allowed municipalities to block extended sales. The cities of Fenton and Linden voted to prohibit the extra hours and sales on

Summary

In Michigan, more than 1,600 permits for early Sunday liquor sales were issued, with 48 in Genesee County, and three in the tricounty area.

Sunday. Dec. 15 was the deadline for municipalities to decide whether to allow the new liquor law amendments to stand in their communities.

Businesses were

required to purchase a permit from the state of Michigan for \$160, to sell on Sunday.

Overall, 48 permits for extended liquor sales were issued in Genesee County, and 1,692 were issued statewide, raising \$270,000 for the state at \$160 per permit.

Two permits were issued in Argentine Township and one in Fenton, to Ruby Tuesdays on Silver Parkway, which was issued in error. The Liquor Control Commission of Michigan will ask the restaurant to relinquish the permit for a refund, as Fenton City Council voted to prohibit early Sunday and Christmas sales.

"As far as I'm concerned with it, why stop retailers from doing what they set out to do?" said Holly Township Supervisor Jesse Lambert on Tuesday.

Holly Village voted to extend the deadline to consider the measure, effectively blocking sales during Christmas and on Sunday until the council decides officially what to do.

Jan Lawrence, manager of the Rite-Aid on North Holly Road, inquired about a permit, but was told by the village it would have to wait about 60 days until the council made a formal decision.

"Right at noon, we get really busy on Sunday," she said, "because sports fans are getting alcohol for the game."

EMBEZZLER

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its headquarters in Grand Blanc Township. She was accused of embezzling more than \$1 million from her employer. Officials at the construction company noticed money missing. Suspecting their payroll clerk, they went to Grand Blanc Township police with their concerns.

Investigators believed Heavner stole the money through an intricate payroll scheme, dating back to 2005, according to Det. Todd Gilbert of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department.

Heavner was initially charged on a 40-count felony warrant, however, during her district court preliminary exam in September, several counts were dismissed and others were amended.

The amended charges include uttering and publishing (writing bad checks), four counts of embezzling more than \$20,000 and two counts of using a computer to commit fraud. She pleaded guilty to the amended counts in October.









ADVICE FROM A CERTIFIED LIFE COACH How to change your life from the inside out

By Sally Rummel

Need is different

at each stage of life

Are you over the age of 35?

If so, your brain has already

started to lose mass. This means

information you are not using

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 While most people make New Year's resolutions to eat less and

exercise more, why not look at this new year as an opportunity to change yourself from the inside out — to improve the quality of your life, not just your appearance.

That's the advice offered by Deb Lekander, 59, a certified personal and professional development "life coach" from Livingston County, who is living her own dream following retirement several years ago as a high school teacher/counselor.

Maybe you are in between jobs right now, or have found yourself stuck in a career that you no longer love. If your marriage or significant relationship is not providing you with the quality of life you have dreamed of, now is the time to see what dreams could be yours in the New Year. Even weight loss and new exercise habits can be created from the inside out — as the action plan for a healthier lifestyle. "You have the power within

yourself to change your life," said Lekander. "First of all, you have to identify your own personal strengths, and form a vision for your life, considering ways to leverage those strengths to put them to work for you."

The next step is to create an action plan into doable steps, building upon the success of each baby step, according to Lekander. See NEW YOU on 5B

tion, according to Flack. The

interactive gaming system

(Above, left) Certified life coach Deb Lekander works all around the country with clients to create positive changes in their lives, using one-on-one meetings or virtual sessions on Skype. (Above, right) Changing from the inside out and improving your quality of life in 2011 might include going back to college to learn about that new career you've been dreaming of.

Keep your brain sharp

By Tim Jagielo • tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

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have to keep (the brain) active

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By the age of 90, the brain

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tices psychology in Fenton.

There are many things people of all ages can do to keep their minds sharp, and these are things you may already own, or have nearby.

Flack said activities that link the mind and body are ideal





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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ANNA TROPPENS

Linden Elementary School fifth-grader Katelyn Rossow offers "Kate's Keepsakes" at her booth.

Linden students learn economics with mini society

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Linden — Linden Elementary School's gymnasium recently became a busy marketplace, with students buying and selling wares. It was the highlight of a month-long unit on economics for fourth graders, said teacher Teresa Wright.

Economics, previously a fifth-grade topic, includes learning about concepts such as supply and demand, scarcity, competition and incentives, Wright said. Students decided on what they would sell, such as food products, crafts, etc. They had to advertise, and make their own money and towns. Towns were Hershey Hot Spot and Money Mountain. Jobs in the towns included treasurers, paymasters and money cutters. "They're all little entrepreneurs," she said.

Katelyn Rossow, a fifth-grader in a fourth/fifth split classroom, had "Kate's Keepsakes," a booth with necklaces and Christmas ornaments. She offered free gifts to purchasers.

"It's actually a really fun experience," Katelyn said. "This is my second year. It teaches about owning a business in the real world, except we're doing it in our cafeteria. It's teaching us what my Dad would do."

Parents helped students with their booths, and received free "money" to shop with. "I think it's fun for the kids," said Dean Davis. His daughter, Paige, sold fleece scarves she made.

"They learn how to experience shopping and spending money," he said. "I notice with my own daughter, she's tighter with her own money than she

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Fourth-grader Griffin Andrews sells candy buttons and sticks, and homemade dog biscuits.

is with mom's or dad's."

Fourth-grade teacher Natalie Foguth said students were very excited, and a little nervous. They wanted to get their pricing right, to make sure they made a profit.

Fourth-grader Max James sold homemade treats he made with his mom. "I think I'm going to sell a lot," he said. Melissa Thompson, also in fourth grade, set up her paper clip bracelets next to Max's station.

Davis' son, Bryce, also participated in mini society when he attended Linden Elementary School. "He still talks about it," Davis said. "It's a nice little thing for the kids."

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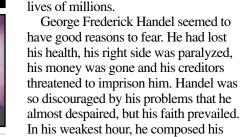
Fear is a monster that stalks us all, bringing depression, stifling abilities, draining energy, diminishing courage and robbing life of adventure and success. Some fears are real and others are

imaginary. Most of us have been troubled by some supposed impending tragedy that never arrived. In those cases, we've been relieved to have escaped unharmed. But, have we? Who can measure the impact on our minds and bodies during fear's trembling times?

Joshua, of wall-falling fame, must have battled fear after being appointed as the leader of his people following the death of Moses. Contemplating the responsibilities of his new position evidently made him feel weak and afraid, so three times during his commissioning for this new position he was told to be strong and courageous.

We can identify with weakness and fear. Trembling times come to all. But, we should remember that God has often tipped the scales in favor of weak ones, making them examples of unexpected success.

Winston Churchill seemed so dull as a youth that his father thought he would be incapable of making a living. Thomas Edison's first teacher described him as 'addled,' but this persistent inventor set out to find some of them, brightening the



In his weakest hour, he composed his greatest work, 'The "Hallelujah Chorus,' which is part of his heralded 'Messiah.' The list is long of those who have over-

come fear and other obstacles to meaningful accomplishments. Fanny Crosby was blind, but composed more than 8,000 published hymns. Helen Keller expressed pity for the real unseeing, for those who have eyes who still often do not see, saying, 'If the blind put their hand in God's, they find their way more surely than those who see but have not faith or purpose.'

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, former president of Wheaton College (Illinois), wrote, 'Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities, knows nothing but success. Faith lifts its hands up through the threatening clouds, lays hold of Him who has all power in heaven and earth. Faith makes the uplook good, the outlook bright, the inlook favorable and the future glorious.'

Life teaches us our limits. There are problems too complicated for us to solve, burdens too heavy for us to bear, tasks too difficult for us to do, but God is able to do all things and He can pour His strength into us.

Walls would fall before Joshua and the power that pushed them down is available to you and me. This is the year to conquer every fear that has imprisoned us in the past. Let's trade our fears for faith and expect the greatest year of our lives.



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Cheryl Luttman helped design this site with the main focus being the gals of the world. "We are the ones multitasking. We are busy, we work, we have kids, grandkids, places to go, things to do, people to see. This is 2010, well almost 2011, and we should be able to do this task online



with very few clicks. Standing in line is wasting time" Luttman said.

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Secretary of State appoints former Fenton city manager as chief of staff

By Tim Jagielo

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With Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, leaving her position as Oakland County clerk/register of deeds, some other opportunities have opened up for some local businesspersons.

Summary

Former Fenton City Manager Michael Senyko has been appointed as chief of staff under Secretary of Stateelect, Ruth Johnson. Bob Hoffman, of the Holly DDA, will likely fill in the term as Óakland County Commissioner.

Oakland County Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds Michael Senyko of Fenton has been appointed as chief of staff under Johnson. Senyko, a resident of Fenton, served as Fenton City manager from 2000 to 2008. "I'm very

pleased in the confidence she (Johnson) has in me," Senyko said, having learned about the opportunity about 10 days ago. As chief of staff, he will be in charge of day-to-day operations at the Secretary of State office, working with budgets, different branches of the SOS, and personnel.

Senyko said the most challenging part of the job would be working with Johnson to improve the integrity of Michigan's election system and decrease any voter fraud. He has also worked in consulting with his own firm, and has managed multi-million dollar budgets, and projects.

Senvko's job will be moving to Lansing, but he does not plan to move from Fenton. "We love the area too much," he said.

Holly businessperson Bob Hoffman, of Highland Township, will likely soon be appointed to a temporary term as Oakland County commissioner, taking over for the current commissioner, Bill Bullard, who is assuming the Oakland County clerk/register of deeds position, left vacant by Johnson.

Hoffman is among two candidates for the term ending in August 2011, but was given support by Republicans on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and is expected to start Jan. 5, following a vote from the entire board. He will also run for the permanent position as county commissioner, with a primary election in May and general election in August.

His job will be to maintain the Oakland County budget, through declining tax revenues. He said he'll inherit a decent situation, because Oakland County's budget is currently balanced. "It's just a dynamic place and there's such opportunity," he said.

Hoffman has several businesses currently, and is a member of the Holly Village Downtown Development Authority. He filled in as Oakland County commissioner in 1998, for Dennis Powers, who was elected to district court. Hoffman has also served as supervisor for Waterford Township.

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"What are the obstacles that get in your way?" she advises people to ask

TOP 10

NEW YEAR'S

RESOLUTIONS

1. Lose weight

2. Stay in touch

3. Quit smoking

4. Save money

5. Cut stress

7. Volunteer

8. Go back to school

10. Get more sleep

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KNOW

9. Cut back on alcohol

Source: health.com

Each January, roughly

one in three Americans

resolve to better

themselves in some way.

About 75 percent will

stick to their goal for at

least one week. About

46 percent are still on

target six months later.

Source: health.com

6. Travel

themselves. "What are the 'bumps in your road' and how can you set those things aside so you can move forward?"

She advises clients to form a physical vision of getting those obstacles, usually one's own "inner critic," out of the way, whether by putting them in a box in an unused closet or 'stuffing them in a drawer,' whatever visual will allow the person to set them aside and move forward.

Lekander calls this plan the three A's — awareness, action and accountability.

'The more we know about ourselves, the better decisions we can make," she said. "I believe that most people want to grow. We are naturally curious about ourselves and what 'makes us tick.'"

As a life coach, Lekander is able to serve as a personal navigator for a client, helping each person find his or her own way and stay on course. "It's a powerful relationship for people making improve-

ments and important changes in their lives," she said.

For Elizabeth Firek, 29, of Fenton, living her dream meant listening to her own inner voice that encouraged her to break out of the mold set by

her parents and do what she wanted to do on her own — study culinary arts at Schoolcraft College, and then earn her bachelor's degree in business from

> Madonna University. "I have loved cooking in the kitchen since I was little," said Firek, who now owns her own catering business, Elizabeth's Catering. "My parents and grandmother all loved to cook, too."

> Firek went back to Schoolcraft for additional training in French pastries and wedding cakes, taking her culinary skills to upscale McCormick & Schmicks at Somerset Mall in Troy, when she and her husband lived in Royal Oak. Now, she operates her catering business and conducts cooking classes, while staying home with her two young sons.

> Kathy Barker, owner of Nutrition Works in Fenton, has her own way of looking at the importance of listening to one's inner self when trying to affect change.

> Her business sign says it all: The "inner" creates the 'outer."

"The quality of everything you allow 'in' will determine what comes 'out,' whether you're talking about food, supplements or your own positive or negative mindset," said Barker. "You do a great disservice to yourself when you allow the negative to come in."



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Look Who's Talking

By Sharon Stone, Tri-County Times Staff Reporter

My name is: Mitch Kirk.

I am: a 17-year-old senior at Lake Fenton High School. My parents are: Phil and Kerri Kirk. I also

have an older brother, Jake. He's 20.

If I have learned one thing in life so far, it has been: about character. Use character in the right way. I learned this from my baseball coach, Huey Judson. He always talked about the ways to use good character. I try.

Outside of school, I enjoy: waterskiing on Lake Fenton. I like to play Five Alive with the Lamps. It's a card game with little plastic figures. It's fun. I also like to play baseball with my travel team, GC Stealth. My coach was a professional pitcher.

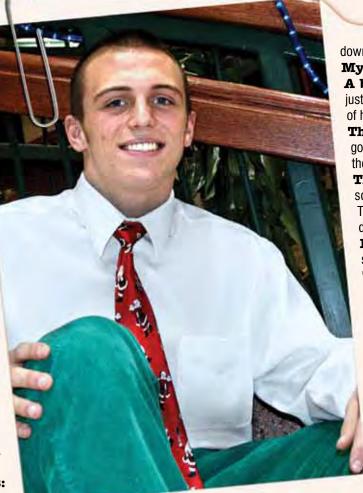
The person who made the biggest impact on my life is: I'd have to say my dad. He's always been there for me. He pushes me. If I'm being lazy, he makes me work. I've been playing football since the third grade. My dad made me do camps. It helped. I like it.

What I like most about my school is: It's small and friendly. We're all one. I could go up and say 'hi' to anyone.

I am involved in school activities such **as:** I play football, baseball and basketball. My favorite is probably baseball. Basketball is going on right now. We're 2-1, but we should be 3-0.

The advice I have for parents of teens is: always check in with them. I forget to call. We text each other. Keep the lines of communication open.

The advice I have for younger students is: to always try hard. If you fall



MITCH KIRK

17-year-old senior at LAKE FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

down, get back up and keep going.

My favorite clothing is: green corduroys.

A book I want to read is: Ty Cobb's biography. I just got it. It's about his life and baseball. He was the best of his time.

The nicest thing anyone ever did for me is: | got a lot of nice compliments on my attire today, at least I thought they were nice compliments.

The one thing I am most proud of is: my high school sports career. I was all state for defensive back. That's a huge one. I got first team awards and all-area defensive back.

I want to be remembered as: being nice, sporty and flashy.

The food I cannot live without is: ice cream. I like any flavor, but my favorite is probably moose tracks.

My favorite television show is: 'Two and a half Men,' I watch it with my dad every day.

If I was given \$1 million, I would: buy a new car and get rid of my Honda. I'd buy a dog, maybe a boxer/American bulldog mix or mini Chinese Shar-Pei. I'd buy an aquarium, I love fish. I'd buy my dad a new boat and upgrade to a Ski Nautique. I'd buy my mom a German Shepherd — she's always wanted one — and I'd buy my brother a haircut.

My postgraduate plans are: I plan on going to Mott and trying out for the baseball team

there. I'd like to study criminal justice and be either a customs officer or work with border patrol. I always wanted to do that. It'd be sweet. I may get to work at airports.



What would

you buy if you were given \$1 million?



"A house on Silver Lake that my mom wants and a new car. I'd take my little brother shopping and buy him whatever toys he wanted." — Kaitlyn Higgins, senior



"I'd donate half to a Cerebral Palsy charity. The other half I'd use to pay for college and buy my parents a really big boat." — Sarah Cox, senior





"I'd buy a black 1972 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona and a boat."

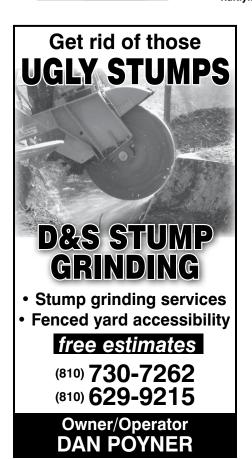
- Jesse Wert, senior

— James Harvey, senior

"I'd buy a new car and pay

for college. I'd also donate

to feed hungry kids."



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challenges the player to call upon handeye coordination, and puzzle-solving skills at the same time.

Seniors can also be prone to depression. Flack said social activities are especially important for seniors who experience the passing of friends and loved ones. She sug-

gests the board game Scrabble, because it not only requires the player to recall and use different words, but is at least a two-person

game.

Flack recommends book clubs, and any other regular social event for seniors to keep the mind active and avoid depression.

Adults of any age need to use what they've learned in order to retain the knowledge. "Any puzzle that uses some sort of manipulation is good for adults," she said. Flack recommends daily calendar puzzles that have different word and number puzzles.

The human brain is not fully developed until around the age of 20, said Flack. Every stage of a child's development requires different challenges to keep the

is really important for kids," she said. is really important

When a child wants to know what a word

scavenger hunts work great for children. "You can have fun scavenger hunts around the house if it's too cold," she said, for children under 10.

Family board games work well for kids over 10, said Flack. "Games are cheap, card games, board games, anything that gets them up and moving."

Children under 5 can be taught simple things like colors and numbers by a busy

parent. Getting kids to help cook can teach them about math, and measurements. Even chores and helping around the house can be made into a fun game for younger children. This obviously doesn't work on teenagers.

For teenagers, Flack, suggests offering them positive choices for learning in their free time. "It's important for teenagers to read," she said. "Even if they're reading a comic book, it's still reading.

"The biggest thing for teenagers, is getting them to feel like they're part of something.

"Their learning process is important, but so is self esteem."



"I'd pay off my mom's debts and pay for college."

— Alyssa Martin, junior

developing brain sharp.

Flack said that children are learning how to learn, and how to discover things, and how to find the information when they

for kids."

Jennifer Flack

psychologist

need it. "Problem solving "Problem solving

means, Flack suggests you let the child look it up themselves. She said

HOT LINE CONTINUED

AS A FENTON merchant, I want to say thank you to the hundreds of new customers who patronized my store this holiday season. Look what happens when we all work together. Thank you.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, I observed the true spirit of Christmas at VG's. A woman who could not pay for all of her groceries started to take items out of the bag, one by one, choosing what to keep and what she may not need. Another woman in line behind her offered to pay for her groceries, nearly \$50. She quietly paid for the woman's groceries and wished her a Merry Christmas. You are awesome.

THE VERY FACT that Rick Snyder is not a political hack like Barack Obama should make everyone in Michigan feel blessed that Rick is willing to lead us out of the political and economic mess the state is in. He has great experience as a businessperson and leader of people. He knows that you can't spend what you do

not have. The major experience Obama had was as a community block organizer.

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Section 18 – 60. Municipal Ordinance (Civil Infraction) Violations Bureau.

- Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to establish a municipal ordinance (civil infraction) (a) violations bureau as authorized under 1994 PA 12 (MCL 600.8396) and provide provisions gov erning its operation and provide regulations for the issuance and administration of municipal civil infraction violation notices:
- (b) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases when used in this section shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Bureau means the Rose Township Ordinance (Civil Infraction) Violations Bureau established in subsection (a) of this section.

Municipal Civil Infraction Violation Notice means a written notice prepared by an authorized local official, directing a person to appear at the Township Ordinance (Civil Infraction) Violations Bureau for the purpose of admitting to and paying a civil fine and/or costs for a violation which is prescribed to be a municipal civil infraction.

Municipal Civil Infraction Citation Notice shall mean a written notice directing a person to appear in Court for the purpose of admitting responsibility, admitting responsibility with explanation, or denying responsibility for the alleged civil infraction. A District Court Judge or Magistrate shall determine responsibility at a Formal or Informal Hearing. The civil infraction citation shall be on a form consistent with State law requirements and shall include, at a minimum, the information listed in subsections (d) (1) a through (d) (1)g of the section.

(c) Establishment.

- The Bureau is hereby established for the purpose of accepting admissions (1) of responsibility for municipal civil infractions in response to municipal civil infraction violation notices
- (2) Payments made to the Bureau shall be retained and accounted for as fines and costs respectively, and shall be deposited in the general fund or as otherwise prescribed by ordinance.
- The Bureau shall be located in the Township Hall, and shall be under the supervision (3) and control of the Township Treasurer. The Township Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Township Board, shall adopt rules and regulations for the operation of the Bureau and may appoint any necessary and qualified Township employees to administer the Bureau.
- (d) Authority. The Bureau is authorized to accept payment of civil fines and costs in response to admissions of responsibility (without explanation) to municipal civil infraction violation notices that have been issued and served. The Bureau shall not be authorized to accept monies or admissions of responsibility in response to municipal civil infraction citations. The Bureau shall not accept payment of fines or costs from any person who denies having committed a municipal civil infraction charged in a municipal civil infraction violation notice, or who admits responsibility only with an explanation. The Bureau shall not have authority or jurisdiction to determine, or attempt to determine, the truth or falsity of any fact or matter relating to an alleged violation.
- Civil Infraction Violation Notice Requirements. Municipal civil infraction violations notices shall (e) be issued and served by authorized local officials as provided by law. A Township civil infraction notice shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:
 - (1) The nature of the violation, including the Code Section Number;
 - The time within which the person must contract the Bureau (or the Court if a citation (2) notice) for the purposes of admitting or denying the responsibility for the violation;
 - The amount of the scheduled fines/costs for the violation; (3)
 - (4) The methods by which the violation may be admitted or denied:
 - The consequences of failing to pay the required fines/costs or contact the Bureau (5) within the required time;
 - The address and telephone number of the Bureau; (6)
 - (7) The days and hours that the Bureau is opened.

Service of Civil Infraction Violation Notice.

- Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an authorized local official shall (1) personally serve a copy of the civil infraction violation notice (as compared to a citation) upon an alleged violator;
- In a municipal civil infraction action involving the use or occupancy of land, building (2) or other structure, a copy of the municipal civil infraction violation notice need not be personally served upon the alleged violator, but may be served upon an owner or occupant of the land, building or structure by posting a copy on the land or attaching the copy to the land, building or structure at the owner or occupant's last known address.

(g) Election of Person Charged with Violation.

Any person receiving a Township civil infraction violation notice shall be permitted to (1) dispose of the charge alleged in the notice by making payment of the fine and/or costs

to the Bureau. However, a person shall have the right to elect not to have the violation processed by the Bureau and to have the alleged violation processed in a Court of competent jurisdiction. The unwillingness of any person to dispose of a violation at the Bureau shall not prejudice the person or in any way diminish the person's rights, privileges and protection accorded by law;

- A person electing to have the alleged violation processed shall appear at the Bureau, (2) and pay the specified fine and/or costs within the time specified for appearance on the municipal civil infraction violation notice. Such appearance may be made by mail, in person, or by representation, provided that if appearance is made by mail, the person charged in the notice shall have the responsibility for timely delivery of fines and/or costs within the time specified in the municipal civil infraction violation notice;
- Nothing in this article shall prevent or restrict the Township, in its sole discretion, from (3) issuing a municipal civil infraction citation and/or from taking such additional or other enforcement action it deems necessary regarding any ordinance violation, or from prosecuting any violation in a Court of competent jurisdiction.
- Procedure for Persons Electing Not to Respond to Municipal Civil Infraction Violations Notices (h) or Who Deny Responsibility. If a person or entity fails to respond, or elects not to admit respon-sibility and pay the specified civil fine and/or costs prescribed for the respective violation, a municipal civil infraction citation may be filed with the District Court. A copy of the citation shall be served by First Class Mail upon the person or entity charged with the municipal civil infraction at such person or entity's last known address. The citation filed with the Court shall consist of sworn complaint containing the allegations stated in the municipal ordinance violation notice and shall fairly inform the defendant how to respond to the citation.

Section 18.61. Schedule of Fines and/or Costs.

- Unless a different schedule of civil fines and/or costs is provided for by an applicable ordi-(a) nance, or unless fines and/or costs are individually established in connection with various other chapters, articles and/or sections of this Ordinance, the civil fines payable to the municipal ordinance (civil infraction) violations bureau upon admissions or responsibility by persons or entities served with Township ordinance violation notices shall be determined upon the following schedule:
 - First violation: the minimum fine shall be\$100.00 (1)
 - (2) Second repeat offense: the minimum fine shall be\$250.00
 - (3) Third or subsequent repeat offense: the minimum fine shall be.....\$500.00
- (b) In addition to the civil fines prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, costs in the amount of \$15.00 shall be assessed by the Bureau if the fine and costs are paid within 10 days of the date of service of the municipal ordinance violation notice. Otherwise, costs of \$30.00 shall be assessed by the Bureau.

Section 18.62. Records and Accounting.

The Bureau Clerk or other designated Township official/employee shall retain a copy of all municipal violation notices, and shall account to the Township Board once a month or at such other intervals as the Township Board may require, concerning the number of admissions and denials of responsibility for ordinance violations within the jurisdiction of the Bureau, and the amount of fines/ costs collected with respect to such violations. The civil fines/costs collected shall be delivered to the Township Treasurer at such intervals as the Treasurer shall required and shall be deposited in the general fund at the Township.

Section 18.63 Exceptions.

Under MCL 4.183, the following may not be established as municipal civil infractions; Article 7 or 1766A of the Public Health Code; Michigan Penal Code; Michigan Vehicle Code; Liquor Control Code; Marine Safety Act; Aeronautics Code; Snowmobiles; Off-Road Vehicles; Operation of Locomotive Under the Influence, and/or any act punishable by more than 93 days in jail.

Seconded by: Scheib-Snider Moved by: Kalcec

Gordon, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Slaughter, Kalcec Aves: None

Nayes: None Absent:

The Supervisor declared the ordinance adopted

CERTIFICATION

I, Debbie Miller, the duly elected clerk of the Township of Rose, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Rose at the regular meeting held on the 8th day of December, 2010 at which time a quorum was present.

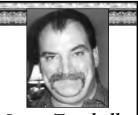
IN WITNESS WHEREOF. I have affixed my official signature this 9th day of December. 2010.

Debbie Miller Signed: Rose Township Clerk Oakland County, Michigan

This has to stop. I plan on running for city council for the 'My Water Bill Is Too Damn High Party.' I hope you homeowners out there will support me.

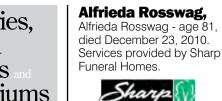
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Larry Trewbella April 13, 1960–January 1, 2010 Sadly taken from us way too soon. Taking comfort, we know where you room, in the glory our God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Until we meet again you are forever in our thoughts with the overabundance of love, joy and tenderness you let in our hearts. Sadly missed, never forgotten.

With love from your family, friends, neighbors, daughter, son and wife.



Robin Camp, Robin Camp - age 55, died December 27, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Thomas Jackson, Thomas Jackson - age 57, died December 24, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



William Withers, William Withers - age 93, died December 25, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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Ernest Segur - age 78,

Faye Mikulenas,

Faye Mikulenas - age 69,

died December 29, 2010.

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Frederick Gilliland - age 72,

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Darwin Hauglie - age 81,

died December 28, 2010.

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Gary R. Shults

Gary R. Shults - age 64, of Grand Blanc, died Friday, December 24, 2010. Funeral services were held at 11 AM

Thursday, December 30, 2010 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Rev. Patrick England officiating. Burial in Hadley Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was from 2-5 and 7-9 PM Wednesday. Mr. Shults was born in Pontiac on January 11, 1946 the son of Leslie and Marjorie (Wagner) Shults. He married Susan Sherman on October 22, 1983. He retired from GM Pontiac Truck and Bus Engineering in 2002. He was a member of the Davisburg Masonic Lodge, the Pontiac Elks, and was a life member of the NRA. He loved the Tigers, Red Wings, fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife Susan; father Leslie Shults of Holly; sister Ruthann (Andy) Ulicne of Holly; sisters-in-law Pat (Denny) Price of Davison and Nancy (Larry) Stearley of AL; niece Kim Steele of CA and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Marjorie. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Chandraray Mehta,

Chandraray Mehta - age 87. died December 23, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Charles Eidson, Charles Eidson - age 53, died December 24, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Kathryn McDougall, Kathryn McDougall - age 78, died December 24, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Richard Burch. Richard Burch - age 84 died December 2 Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Michael Tittl

1937-2010 Michael Tittl - age 73, of Fenton, died Thursday,

Decem-

ber 23,

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dence.

Funeral

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PM Monday, December 27, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was held at the funeral home Sunday from 1-4 and 6-8 PM and Monday from 12 PM until time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society or Avalon Hospice. Mr. Tittl was born November 17, 1937 in Yugoslavia, the son of Anton and Maria (Keller) Tittl. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He married Rita A. Denz November 28, 1959 in Philadelphia, PA Mr. Tittl retired from George Fisher/Disa in Holly after 21 years of service. He was a member of the United German-Hungarian Club of Philadelphia, PA. Surviving are: wife, Rita; son, Michael and wife Julie Tittl of Fenton; granddaughter, Tiffany and husband Brian King of Fenton; sister, Maria and husband Anton Edel of West Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers, John, Anton and Peter Tittl. Online tributes may be posted at the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Gary Mangrum, Gary Mangrum - age 59, died December 24, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Ira Amidon, Ira Amidon - age 89, died December 24, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Kathryn Watt, Kathryn Watt - age 92, died December 25, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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Yvonne J. Ross

1947-2010 Yvonne J. Ross - age 63, of Holly, died Tuesday, December



28, 2010 A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Monday, January 3, 2011 at St. Rita Catholic

Church of Holly, with Father David Blazek, Celebrant. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 5-9 PM Saturday and from 2-9 PM Sunday and a Rosary will be prayed at 7 PM Sunday at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Yvonne was born in Pontiac on October 16, 1947 the daughter of Wilbur and Devota (Drewitt) Taylor. She was retired from Citizens Bank after nearly 40 years of service. She was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church and loved bowling, her card club, and coaching softball. She courageously battled diabetes for many years. Surviving are her husband Charlie; 2 children, Jamie (Brian) Ross of Holly and Tony Ross of Holly; 1 grandson, Leo Perez-Castillo; 7 brothers and sisters, Sharlene (Ron) Peter of FL, John (Chris) Taylor of Holly, Mary Sue Arnold of Holly, Jim Taylor of Holly, Jenice Taylor of IL, Tom Taylor of Holly, and Patty (Russ) Ross of Holly; sister-in-law Jackie Taylor of Fenton; mother-in-law Edith Ross, and sister-in-law Janet (Jim) Ford of Holly, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Brent, brother Bill Taylor, and father-in-law Howard Ross. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donation be made to the American Diabetes Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Arlene Latva,

Arlene Latva - age 91 died December 29, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes



Paul Klepi, Paul Klepi - age 60, died December 30, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Monica Ellis.

Monica Ellis - arrangements to be handled by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Geraldine Miller. Geraldine Miller - arrangements to be handled by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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Richard Demund "Dick" Howe

Steven R. May,

Steven R. May - age 49,

died December 24, 2010.

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William D. Furden - age 56,

died December 23, 2010.

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Kenneth N. Kaczor,

Kenneth N. Kaczor - age 70,

died December 25, 2010.

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1941-2010 Richard Demund "Dick" Howe - age 69, of Grand Blanc, died Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at Avalon Hospice. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, with Pastor Dale Swihart officiating. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Monday from 1-4 and 6-8 PM and Tuesday from 10 AM until time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Genesee County Humane Society. Avalon Hospice or Alzheimer's Association. Dick was born February 18, 1941 in Holly, the son of Delwin Demund and Mae Irene (Richards) Howe. He was a 1959 graduate of Holly High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He retired from GM Fisher Body after 30 years of service. Dick had resided in Grand Blanc and Holly his entire life. He was a member of the U.A.W., Loyal Order of Moose Holly Lodge #1168 and Holly American Legion Post #149. He enjoyed bowling, golf, hunting and fishing. Surviving are: step-mother, Amanda "Grace" Howe of Holly; 2 step-sisters, Shirley Cook of Holly and Marcella (Conrad) Diatchun of White Lake; special friends, Karen and Delno Murphy of Gaines; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-sister, Margaret Bannon. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Strange but TRUE

BY SAMANTHA WEAVER

 It was British novelist and essayist Arthur Koestler who made the following sage observation: "The more original a discovery, the more obvious it seems afterwards.

 One might think that famed model and businesswoman Tyra Banks would rely on a plethora of pricey cosmetics and other aids -- and she doubtless does. But she claims that the most important beauty product she uses is Vaseline

 According to a 2010 study conduc Netherlands, symptoms of asthma can be successfully treated by riding a roller coaster.

• Singles, take note: The dating website Match. com recently conducted a survey of its members regarding their opinions on kissing, and the top turnoff (perhaps unsurprisingly) was bad breath.

• As in America, at Russian wedding receptions it's traditional for a close friend

or relative to toast the new couple. In Russia, however, it's also traditional for all the guests to throw their champagne glasses on the floor after the toast; the more glasses that break, the luckier the couple will be. There's no report of the cleanup protocol afterward.

timesonline

• In 1981, a German collector of World War II memorabilia paid about \$4 million for Hitler's diaries. Unfortunately for him (and his wallet), the diaries turned out to be faked.

• Many might consider it odd that the State Legislature of Oklahoma has declared the watermelon to be the official state vegetable. Yes, the watermelon. As justification for the classification, lawmakers released the following statement: "Most of us would think of it as a fruit, but it can also be considered a vegetable because it's in the same family as cucumbers and dourds "

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miniature Schnauzer named "Yonnie" who has little bumps like acne running up and down her spine. I was told they might be comedones, but was given no advice as to what to do. Another Mini owner I know told me the bumps are caused by improper grooming — trimming from tail to head instead of head to tail. Can you offer any advice? - Kent D., via e-mail

DEAR KENT: Comedones are basically little blackheads (just like the blackheads we humans get on our skin that can become pimples) that are common enough in miniature Schnauzers to sometimes be called "Schnauzer bumps." The cause isn't exactly known, but dogs with sensitive skin or allergies can develop these bumps, most often found on the back.

If the bumps are not infected, direct treatment such as a topical medication is not necessary. But if Yonnie is bothered by them and scratches frequently, you might want to look into ways to reduce discomfort and itching and prevent the bumps from worsening.

Regular grooming is very helpful in preventing bumps. I'm not sure that the direction in which the groomer trims the dog's hair makes a difference. Bathing, not more than every two weeks to prevent dry skin, can help prevent more bumps from occurring. A diet low in allergens (like grain fillers present in many dog foods) and high in skinfriendly vitamins can be effective as well.

If the bumps appear to be infected — larger than before, red, filled with pus - take Yonnie to the veterinarian for treatment.

Unfortunately, bumps that already exist on a dog's skin may never go away. Preventing more from appearing is the best course of action.

Get more pet advice and information at www.pawscorner.com. Send your questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, PO. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

OBAMA'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE issue has never been resolved. There are currently three cases pending in the U.S. Supreme Court, which asks the case to be heard for disclosure, and standing on the Constitutional requirement of being a naturalized citizen to hold the highest elected office of our nation. President Obama's transcripts from Columbia College have also not ever been released. If he has nothing to hide, then release the original documents and let the American people see the proof of authenticity on both these matters. Be careful of websites that tell you what you want to hear instead of the facts. For the record, Snopes is not a reliable, unbiased source.

THANKS GO OUT to many of our churches for their help to the area needy during the holidays. The Freedom Center fed more than 200 families at Thanksgiving and made Christmas baskets for more than 100 families with children last week. It is one thing

to preach the love of Jesus Christ, it is quite another to live it out and display His love through giving. God bless to all who participated.

A BIG THANKS to all of our Fenton Township volunteer firefighters. I see a small pick-up truck go by my house on Torrey Road, heading to the fire hall at all times, day and night, most recently, on Christmas Day, about 3:45 p.m. You are the ones who interrupt your personal lives to protect our township. Thanks for all of your hard work.

OUR SKY-HIGH gas prices are a direct result of the Obama administration devaluing the dollar with their decision to continue printing money. The last time we had high unemployment and inflation at the same time was during Jimmy Carter's failed administration. Obama will surely be a one-term president.



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Linden Advancement Academy finishes first trimester

►New alternative education program helps teens graduate

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Linden — Danny McKuhen, a senior at the new Linden Advancement Academy (LAA), had the best report card

Summary

The new Linden Advancement Academy, at Linden High School, has finished its first trimester. It is an alternative education program, where students complete coursework online to receive enough credit to graduate. They can also use Work Based Learning to earn credits toward graduation, and some attend skill center

eighth grade. He feels better about school and himself, he said, and plans to enter the Marine Corps after graduating.

he's earned since

LAA is doing really well for McKuhen, said his mother, Norma Sisk. "I think it's awesome. I'm really proud of him."

The first trimester for Linden Advancement

"It's helped me a lot. If it

wasn't for this program,

I probably wouldn't have

come back to school."

Samantha Brown

Linden Advancement Academy senior

Academy is over, and two students received enough credits for their high school diploma. This new alternative education program, hosted by Linden High

School, is for students who are credit-deficient to graduate, for different reasons, said teacher Geri Williams.

After the second trimester there will probably be three more graduates, teacher Becky

Stockero said. Linden Advancement Academy students are on different schedules. Some have Work Based Learning jobs they report to earn credit toward graduation, and others attend the GASC Technology Center. They must follow regular graduation requirements, and they do the work online in their LAA classroom.

Students must pass their classes with 70 percent or better, or retake the class all over again. Their work from the previous attempt is all deleted, Stockero said.

LAA students have some freedoms other high school students don't. They can wear a hat, keep their cell phone out, park in front of the school and leave for lunch. They also work at their own pace, Williams said.

Samantha Brown, a senior who transferred to the program from California, said LAA is very good. "A lot of people get a lot of stuff done."

She is in the Work Based Learning

First trimester stats for Linden **Advancement Academy (LAA)**

- Twenty-five students enrolled Three students transferred from
- Grand Blanc, Legacy and California.
- Six students who dropped out of
- Linden High School returned to LAA. Eighteen students had jobs.
- · Nineteen students received attendance credit.
- Twelve students earned credit for
- work experience. • Two students earned enough credits to graduate.
- Two students were dropped for sec-
- ond trimester due to nonattendance.
- · One student went back to the traditional population.

• Students passed 103 classes with 70 percent or more.

part of the program, with a job at Argentine Care Center. "It's fun. I work in the kitchen," Brown said.

Work Based Learning teaches students time management, and how to perform new tasks and deal with the public, Williams said.

As with many new programs, LAA has had some glitches to work out and some things were changed, Stockero said.

However, for students in the program, "they feel this is where they need to be," Williams said.

Senior Nate Hall said the new program is fun. "I love it. All my good buddies are in here."

After graduation, he plans to continue his education by attending college somewhere. Brown

also plans to go to college, to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

How to enroll

There is a maximum number of students who can enroll. Those who are interested can contact Assistant Principal Darin Dreasky at Linden High School, said teacher Geri Williams.

Work Based Learning

Linden Advancement Academy students use Work Based Learning to earn credits toward graduation. Teacher Becky Stockero said students earn .5 credits for 100 documented hours at work, 1 credit for 200 hours and 1.5 credits for 300 hours. This ranges from 8.5 hours of work per week, to 24.

M. Kimberly Fischer, career technical and adult education director for Three District Career Technical Education, arranges for students to work at area businesses.





The list below was compiled by Sports Editor David Troppens.

7. Holly boys soccer wins first ever Metro League title — A year ago, the Holly varsity boys soccer team had a chance to win its first ever Metro League title, but ended up tying Oxford in its final game of the season, dropping them from the championship spot. The Bronchos didn't want that to happen again in 2010, and did something about it. Their only league blemish was a draw against Lapeer East. After that, they beat each of their final seven foes, earning the title outright.

6. Linden cross country program wins two Metro titles, has both teams go to state meet - The Linden girls dominated the Metro League cross country season, winning each of the three jamborees, while the Linden boys had to share the title with Fenton, after winning the final jamboree, which was worth double of the first two

jamborees. The program also had both teams qualify for the state meet at Michigan International Speedway for a second straight season.

5. Lake Fenton baseball and softball teams win district titles at home — The softball title was expected, and the Lady Blue Devils didn't disapoint,

winning their third straight district title with a 10-1 victory against Atherton in the championship game. Meanwhile, the baseball team wasn't quite expected. It was the squad's first district title since 2002, defeating Durand 7-0 in the championship game. Both teams gave good showings in the regional tourney the next weekend. The baseball team lost to a

SPORTS TRIVIA

31-5 Memphis squad 4-3 in the semifinals, while the softball team advanced to the regional title game, losing to Frankenmuth 7-0.

4. Linden football reloads, wins third straight Metro title — The Eagles lost all but maybe two

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TOP SEVEN AREA

PREP STORIES

OF 2010

starters from a year ago, and yet found a way to win a third straight Metro League championship. No one really knew what to

Holly's Jonathan

Beeler

pect out of the squad. And in many ways, the Eagles had one of their best seasons in recent memory.

3. Fenton dominates Midland teams in playoffs — The Tigers had never won a playoff game entering the 2010 season. They got their first two in Midland before the season was over. The Tigers opened the playoffs with a thrilling 42-35 victory against Midland, and followed that up with a 24-0 road win against

> **TOP VISIONS** Three moments frozen in my head. 1. Landon Donovan scores against

2. Calvin Johnson's non-catch

3. Sidney Crosby scores against

Note: Not all images are positive,

as this list proves. However, they are

was minutes away from being elimi-

nated from the World Cup in group

play, but then Donovan scored off a

rebound and slid to the corner flag,

exciting a nation. That was positive.

Johnson's catch captured the elation

seconds better than any moment in

and dejection sports can create within

recent Lions' history. I'm still not sure

what "the process of the catch" means.

Hockey's gold medal game during the

2010 Olympics was a classic. It was a

great game, except for one moment ----

Crosby's goal giving Team Canada the

3-2 victory in overtime.

all etched in my brain. Team USA

Algeria

Team USA

against the Bears

Midland Dow. The playoff run ended the next week, but the Fenton Tigers went far enough to earn their first ever district trophy in football. See SEVEN

on 15B

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Who pitched perfect games during the 2010 Major League Baseball season?

Roy Halladay (Philadelphia) and Dallas Branden (Oakland) did. Halladay also had a no-hitter during the postseason.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2011

2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 There were some moments to remember in the athletic world during 2010.

Who will ever forget the heartbreak of

Detroit Tigers' pitcher Armando Gallaraga supposedly making baseball history by tossing a perfect game, only to see an umpire's blown call on out 27 ruin it. Yet, it was his reaction afterward that was more uplifting.

On the other end of the spectrum, we saw past icons fall into the world of the tabloids, particularly Tiger Woods.

We saw two great Tigers athletic icons - Ernie Harwell and Sparky Anderson - and a great Michigan icon — Ron Kramer — pass away, reminding many of us of days past. There was a new U.S. athlete, Landon Donvan, who became a hero for at least a couple of days.

The year 2010 had a little bit of everything, and we'll look back at some of those moments here. As selected by the sports staff, here were some of 2010's most defining moments in the sports world.

THUMBS UP

A look at three moments that made you feel good to be a sports fan. 1. Armando Galaraga's reaction

to his near-perfect game 2. Ndamukong Suh's \$2.6 mil-

lion donation and endowment to the University of Nebraska after signing with the Detroit Lions

3. NFL takes concussions seriously Note: Galaraga's reaction immediately after and days after he lost his perfect game on a bad umpire's call was priceless. He showed the type of sportsmanship parents want to teach their children. Suh's gift to Nebraska was the largest single charitable contribution by a past player. After years of horror stories about NFL players getting an unreal number of concussions during a career, the NFL has taken action to help the health of its players. Not surprisingly, we see more awareness about concussions at lower levels, even the youth levels, than ever before.



A day after Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galaraga's (right) perfect game was ended with two out in the ninth inning due to a bad umpire call by Jim Joyce, Galaraga brought the Tigers' lineup card to Joyce, showing a great spirit of sportsmanship.

THUMBS DOWN

- A look at three people that made you shake your head.
- 1. LeBron James press conference 2. Brett Favre drama
 - 3. Tiger Woods drama

Note: To all those out there that watched James' press conference, shame on you. Sports are more ego driven than ever before, and supporting a show like that will only make it worse in the near future. After James, Favre knows how to milk the media more than any current player. Yet, Favre found himself surrounded in controversy in 2010. He had a texting probe, involving message to a New York Jets employee. He recently was fined \$50,000. Woods' incident happened Thanksgiving 2009, but as 2010 went on, we saw him more in the tabloids than on the golf course. Woods spent over a decade creating his image. It's too bad the actual person wasn't anything close to that image.



Tiger Woods



Landon

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2010 was the first season since Tiger Woods joined the PGA tour that he didn't win an event.

Georgakopoulos leads our football team

Senior made impact on offense & defense

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 It's always nice to have a way to vent.

For Jake Georgakopoulos, that's what the football field represents to him - a

sort of therapy. "It is a sport that lets me take my frustrations out," Georgakopoulos said. "Through that, I've learned to love the game. Really, I love everything about the sport."

Over the last couple of seasons, Georgakopoulos has had some very effective therapy sessions on the gridiron for the Fenton varsity football team. And this season, he's our 2010 Tri-County Football Player of the Year.

Georgakopoulos may be the first player ever to win the award more for his defensive presence on the field than his offensive presence. But even that's not entirely fair to say. After all, he was an outstanding offensive player for the Tigers as well.

Really, he did it all. Georgakopoulos led the team from his linebacking spot with 204 total tackles, split evenly among assisted and unassisted stops. Twenty-seven of those tackles were for losses, and he forced five fumbles.

On offense, Georgakopoulos added a physical presence as well. He ran for 753 rushing yards, good for a 6.2 yard average. He also had 15 rushing TDs. He also caught seven passes for 78 yards and a TD. And if that wasn't enough, he also was a true leader on special team, blocking five punts.

"Jake is a very good athlete and he's a very good football player, but what separates him from the other athletes is his love for the game and understanding what the game is really about," Fenton coach Jeff Setzke said. "He plays fearless. It doesn't matter what side he's playing defense or offense — he plays the right way. That's the way he practices, too. He practices the same way he plays.'

"I love how the sport is not all on one person," Georgakopoulos said. "It's probably one of the better team sports. The physical aspect of it is definitely a plus, but I love everything about the game. Not one part of it stands out."

What stands out to any one that watched a Fenton varsity football game this season was the high physical level that Georgakopoulos plays at. For the thousands that were in attendance at the Fenton-Linden game this fall, his presence was noticeable. In back-

to-back plays, Linden's Kevin Baker racking was plays. He had a up big yard TD reception 30caught an intercepand tion in the first half alone. However, his day came to an

end on a hit by Georgakopoulos during the second quarter.

The Eagles still ended up winning the classic confrontation 32-26 in overtime, but the hit stood out as one of the plays of the football season.

"On the hit when Kevin Baker's helmet flew off, that was definitely a highlight," Georgakopoulos said. "He was killing us before that play.'

For Setzke, picking one big hit is tough. "There are a lot of them. This year he made a lot of bone-jarring tackles," Setzke said. "They were game changers. It seemed like there was one every single game that changed the game. On the same token, I can find some incredible runs that he had that were game changers as well."

Georgakopoulos led the Tigers to their greatest playoff run in school history. The team entered the season without ever experiencing a playoff win, and looked in danger of not making the playoffs this season after a 1-3 start. The squad was trailing at halftime against Brandon in Game #5 as well, but came back to win that game and the next four they played, earning a playoff bid.

"I remember thinking we were down 14-0, and if we don't win this game our dream of the playoffs is over," Georgakopoulos said. "I think everyone realized that. We pulled that game out in overtime See GEORGAKOPOULOS on 14B

2010 ALL TRI-COUNTY FOOTBALL TEAM Position

Player of the Year Jake Georgakopoulos

School

Linebacker/Running back Fenton Comment: Georgakopoulos could make an impact on offense, defense or special teams. On defense, he had 204 total tackles, including 27 for loss. He also had six forced fumbles and five pass deflections. On offense, he ran for 753 yards and 15 TDs. He caught another TD pass. On special teams he had five blocked punts.

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Rest of first team	Position	School
Kyle Fisher	Offensive line/Defensive line	Linden
Joe Eddy	Offensive line	Fenton
Joe Piwowarski	Offensive line	Holly
Zach Coxen	Offensive line	Holly
Jon Haggerty	Offensive line	Lake Fenton
Trevor Conaway	Offensive line	Linden
Houston Shaw	Quarterback	Fenton
Anderius Gray	Running back	Holly
Branden Marion	Receiver/Defensive back	Fenton
Kevin Baker	Receiver/Defensive back	Linden
Max Powell	Receiver/Linebacker	Linden
Dan Tousley	Receiver	Fenton
Chad Schupbach	Defensive end	Fenton
Tim Starrs	Defensive end	Linden
Ben Armstrong	Defensive line	Linden
Sean Rusaw	Linebacker	Fenton
Jake Schuermann	Linebacker	Holly
Mitch Kirk	Defensive back	Lake Fenton
Austin Hopkin	Defensive back	Lake Fenton
Kenny Allen	Punter/Kicker	Fenton
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Fenton's Jake Georgakopoulos



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Fenton crushes Flint Southwestern, 55-45

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Flint — It was a rusty start.

But when the Fenton varsity boys basketball team got going, the Flint Southwestern Academy Knights had very little chance against the Tigers at Flint Northern High School during the Coca-Cola Classic on Monday.

After a shaky first quarter that saw Fenton outrebounded 8-1, convert on just 2-of-14 shots from the field andhit only 4-of-11 free throws, the Tigers pretty much dominated the rest of the contest, earning a 55-45 victory.

"The first quarter was probably the worst we could've played, and we were right in this ball game," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "If you look where they started out — an 8-1 scoring lead and they outrebounded us 8-1 (to start the) first quarter on the glass. After that, if you look at our rebounding numbers, our defense did a fantastic job of shutting them down. Our help-side ball pressure was good, we just had a little lapse with some of our rebounding techniques."

The Tigers couldn't do much right in the first quarter, turning the ball over six times and missing many shots from within two feet of the bucket. Yet, it took a near halfcourt three-pointer by Southwestern's Framar Davis at the first-quarter buzzer for the Knights to muster just an 11-9 lead entering the second quarter.

The second stanza was all Fenton. Eric Mowery had six points, followed by Charlie Herzog's and Dylan Hickoff's four second-quarter points. They led the squad to a 26-18 halftime edge.

Trailing 13-9 early on, a putback hoop by Hickoff sparked an 8-0 Tigers' run.



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Mowery followed with a putback of his own, and Herzog capped it with backto-back shots inside the paint. Fenton led 17-13 and would never trail again. In fact, the Tigers spent most of the third quarter, threatening to stretch the lead to doubledigits. They eventually did on their final hoop of the third quarter — a putback hoop by Hickoff — taking a 36-25 lead into the fourth period.

In the final eight minutes, a layup by Hickoff and another putback by Herzog raised the lead to 40-27 with 6:47 left in the contest. The Knights spent the rest of the game trying to come back. The Knights (2-4) did make an honorable attempt, cutting the margin to 45-39 on a converted free throw by Marquez Pool with 2:48 remaining, but the Tigers iced the game with good ball possession and converted free throws. After making just 4-of-11 free throws in the first quarter, the Tigers made 13-of-15 in the fourth. Ryan Hickoff made six of those free throws en route to his team-high 17 points, pretty much icing the victory.

Despite Fenton being outrebounded, it still ended up being a big weapon. The Tigers scored 18 second-chance points off of the offensive glass. Herzog had a strong game, with 11 points and a team-high 11 rebounds. He also had two blocks.

"It was more difficult today to box out," Herzog said. "They were more athletic than the teams we've played in the past, but we did our job.

"We wanted to prove we are more than a Metro team. We haven't really had a chance to prove ourselves out of the conference against good teams, and we feel this is a solid game. We wanted to prove we can beat good teams. I'm happy with the win."

The Tigers (5-0) also proved they can beat a zone defense. Playing against a zone for the first time this year, Fenton overcame its early shooting woes by hitting 16-of-39 shots from the field in the final three quarters. The offensive board numbers also started to come as well.

After Ryan Hickoff's 17 points, four steals and four rebounds, Dylan Hickoff had 15 points and five rebounds. Mowery finished with eight points and five boards. Joey Eddy had seven rebounds.

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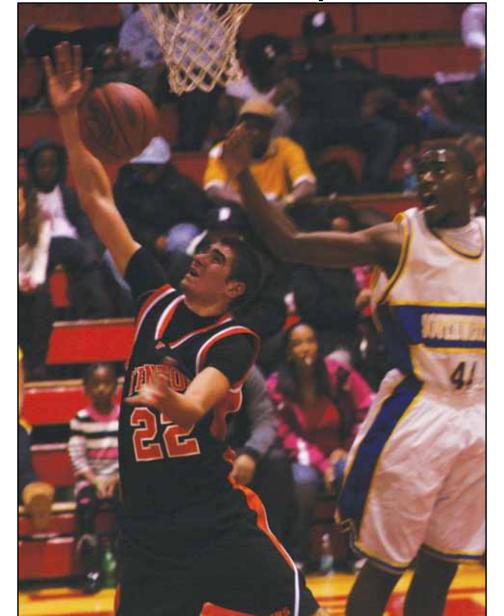
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Fenton's Dylan Hickoff was fouled on this drive to the bucket. Fenton defeated Flint Southwestern 55-45 on Monday.

"We worked pretty diligently on their zone defense, and, to my guys' credit, this was the first time we've had to run it because no one has played a zone defense yet," Olszewski said. "This was the first time seeing it against a very athletic Southwestern team, and our guys executed pretty well."

GEORGAKOPOULOS Continued from Page 13B and just kept going."

In the playoffs, the Tigers were under-



GIRLS BASKETBALL FLINT SOUTHWESTERN 54, LINDEN 23

The Eagles trailed just 21-13 at the half, but were outscored 12-2 in the third quarter, blowing the margin open.

Maija Satkowiak led Linden with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

dogs in back-to-back weeks in road games in Midland. First, the Tigers defeated Midland 42-35 in a contest that Georgakopoulos tied the game at 35-all with a 29-yard TD run. The next weekend, the Tigers dominated Midland Dow, 24-0. Georgakopoulos had over 20 tackles and a forced fumble in that contest, also scoring on a two-yard run. The Chargers' usually potent running game was held to 94 yards. The win marked the Tigers' first district title in school history and earned them another road game against Walled Lake Central in the regional finals. However, Georgakopoulos played the game with a sprained ankle, not helping Fenton's cause. The Tigers lost 39-13.

"It was my last game and I wasn't not going to play," Georgakopoulos said. "I still can't fully run and jog on it."

With the game, an incredible 8-4 season ended as did Georgakopoulos' prep career. However, while still undecided, he does expect to continue his career at the collegiate level.

"Nothing ever comes easy. If you want to be as good as you can be, then you have to put the most work you ever have into it," Georgakopoulos said. "Football teaches you a lot about life, commitment, hard work, rewards and punishments. It's taught me a little about everything."

What's On Television? **Five entering Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame**

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FOX Game to be announced	4:15 p.m.
NBC St. Louis at Seattle	8:15 p.m.
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2. Holly wrestling posts two individual state champions - The Bronchos had two individual state champions for the second straight season. One was earned by Josh Houldsworth, who became the first ever back-to-back state champion in Holly history. The other was freshman Anthony Gonzales. One of the most lasting pictures of 2010 has to be Gonzales leaping into the arms of Holly wrestling coach Don Pluta after winning his title. We get the feeling he'll have a good chance to make it two in a row this season.

1. Holly boys track posts two individual state champions - Jonathan Beeler defended his high jump title by clearing 6-foot-11, a new state meet record. Meanwhile, teammate Justin Gaumer capped his career by winning the state title in the discus, finishing with a throw of 170-5, dominating the field and beating it by 13 inches. The track champions get the nod over the wrestlers due to Beeler's state record.

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The 2011 Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame class has been announced.

Among those on the list are two people with equally impressive coaching and playing credentials - Bob Bruder and Bill Hajec. Another one, Ken Wegner, also spent time doing both. Those three are joined by athletes Julie Roberts Decker and Scott Pushman.

Bruder won 370 basketball games with the boys varsity basketball team, capturing seven league titles, nine district titles, one regional title and one quarterfinal appearance. He also won 137 games as a JV basketball coach. He also coached football (15 years) and track (three seasons).

As a player, he placed 10th at the state meet in cross country and was a third-team all-state player. He was the team's leading scorer and MVP, helping the 1946 team to the state semifinals. In track, he took third in the state meet in the high hurdles and high jump.

Bill Hajec coached the varsity boys golf team for 31 seasons, earning 269 wins and just 96 losses. He led the Tigers to 14 Metro League titles, six district titles and one regional championship. The team had 13 state appearances, earning three top-10 efforts. He was the MHSGA Golf Coach of the Year in 1992 and inducted to the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001.

As an athlete, Hajec holds the school's 200 meter record with a time of 21.9. For the baseball team, he batted .428 his junior season and tossed two no-hitters his senior season. He also was an Honorable Mention All-State football player his senior season.

Wegner played football and basketball at Fenton but made his biggest impact on the sidelines. He was the Michigan Football Coach of the Year by the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press in 1967. He finished his career with a record of 87-45-3. He also served as athletic director from 1969 to 1974.

Decker was a three-sport athlete, earning Honorable Mention All-State honors in basketball her senior season, averaging 15 points and 14 rebounds a game that year. In volleyball, she was the team's MVP in

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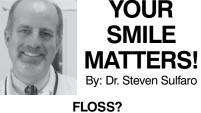


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Bob Bruder is one of three of the five Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame inductees who have an athletic past that includes time as an athlete and as a coach at Fenton.

1976-77. Meanwhile, she placed fourth in the mile and the two-mile at the state meet during her track carer. She used to hold the school record in the mile (5:18) and still holds the two-mile record (11:44).

Scott Pushman was one of Fenton's greatest wrestlers of all time, winning back-to-back state championships in 1998 and 1999, and a state runner-up finish in 2000. He held nine school records when he graduated, including most wins in a season (55) and most consecutive wins (91). He also played football and track.



A very worthy and appropriate New Year's Resolution for most people, in my opinion, would be to floss your teeth every day. It has always been my professional experience that most people do a decent job when it comes to brushing their teeth. However, most people I see can improve on their flossing. Flossing is absolutely the only way to properly clean between your teeth. Flossing cleans where brushing alone simply can' reach. Whenever I see someone who has developed periodontal disease, it has almost always started and is more advanced in the in-between teeth areas. These are areas that haven't been cleaned and maintained properly due to a lack of proper flossing. Also a very common area of tooth decay is between the teeth; again, because these areas aren't getting adequately cleaned due infrequent flossing. A "Top Ten" list came out a couple of years ago. It listed the ten most important things you can do to help ensure a long and healthy life. Included were stop smoking, lose weight, exercise, etc. Number 6 on the list was floss your teeth. Research and studies show that those folks who floss regularly have healthier mouths. This leads to greater overall health and longer, healthier lives. One of my favorite savings is as follows: "You don't have to floss all of your teeth every day; only the ones you want to keep" So floss if ya got'em. Happy New Year.

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