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ONLINE COMMENTS

HOT LINE: RICK SNYDER NOT A POLITICAL HACK
“I have voted Democrat now for several years and still lean that way, but I thought Michigan had the best shot with Snyder. But, I remember losing my Gateway stock when the company went bankrupt (yes, Snyder’s Gateway Computers) and the pieces were swept up and sold for pennies on the dollar to the Chinese. Hopeful, but cautious.”
 — Gary A.

HOT LINE: HOLLY
“To Holly police officer who helped to block the streets during the Christmas parade, you are rude and arrogant. This used to be a small town run by officers who greeted you with kindness instead of your brazen, ‘I’m in charge here, lady,’ attitude.”
 — Laura

COLUMN: YOUR YEAR TO OVERCOME FEAR
“This was an excellent article. As I begin a new year, it seems like the ‘wall’ of fear is the only thing standing in my way of what I believe God wants to accomplish in my life. If God is for me, who can be against me? Thank you, Rev. Campbell.”
 — Linda B.

STORY: DPW DIRECTOR
“Congratulations, Les, Fenton will miss the hard work you have given it over the years. Good luck in this next stage of your life.”
 — Larry P.

HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“JUST WHAT WE need, the government telling us we cannot smoke in our homes or cars. What next, what we can read, watch, wear, say, buy, do and everything else? It’s my house and my car.”



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Teacher heading to Afghanistan



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State Road Elementary School teacher Stephanie Roberts hugs a fifth-grade student during an assembly in her honor Thursday afternoon. Roberts is a captain in the Army and has been called back to active duty in Afghanistan. “Memories of today will push me through the hard days I’ll have,” Roberts said to the students. She was given pillows, and the students read poems and sang.

Local ‘car guys’ charged up about new Chevy Volt

By Sharon Stone

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The highly anticipated Chevrolet Volt is starting to make its way into dealership showrooms across the country. Matt Stevens, new car

manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton, is “super excited” about it.

“We’ve had a chance to see one and it’s the most technologically advanced car we have ever seen,”

he said. “It’s the future of all cars.”

He said the dealership would be getting a demo for customers to try out and another one that has already been sold.

See **VOLT** on 14A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

General Motors Company engineer Chris Fulton, of Fenton Township, talks about the front charge port on the brand new Chevy Volt. The Volt can be charged at home, and runs off the battery for around 36 miles, after which it can run off a small gas engine.

My test drive of the 2011 Volt

By Sharon Stone

With GM engineer Chris Fulton in the passenger seat, I had the opportunity to drive a 2011 Chevrolet Volt around Fenton this week.

I was impressed with the sporty exterior design and crystal red metallic color. Accustomed to driving a Chevrolet Tahoe for the past six years, I knew I’d find the ride lower to the pavement than what I was used to.

See **TEST** on 8A



Sharon Stone

Realtor walks in on burglary in progress

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton Twp. — A Realtor showing a foreclosed house in Fenton Township walked in on a burglary in progress Wednesday afternoon.

At 2:20 p.m., the Realtor and his client stopped by a vacant home at the corner of Jennings and Rolston roads. An unknown pickup truck was parked in the driveway and an exterior door had been kicked in. As the Realtor began to walk in, he apparently startled the two white male intruders, who fled on foot.

See **BURGLARY** on 24A

Fenton announces new director of public works

Fenton — The city of Fenton is hiring a new director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to replace Leslie Bland, who has been employed with the city since 1969. Daniel Czarniecki will become the new director of public works.

Czarniecki comes to Fenton after serving as the director of public works for the city of Negaunee since July 2007. He has previous experience as

See **DIRECTOR** on 13A

Beware of fraudulent check scams

By Sally Rummel

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It may look like a check, feel like a check and even have a watermark like a real check. The bank issuing the check is a bank you’ve likely heard about or dealt with, and the company name on a check is often a real company. That is where the reality ends.

See **SCAMS** on 12A



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 Tara Lee, chief security officer for The State Bank, holds a check that was manufactured by a scammer, and sent to an unsuspecting victim.

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How to make a home gym affordable

► It takes little more than a few inexpensive pieces

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Most people agree it takes a little sweat and getting out of breath for a good workout. But, not everyone knows that a successful home gym doesn't have to be expensive, or include heavy workout machines.

Summary

► A home gym can be effective with nothing more than good shoes, a safe space, and a few resistance-training items.

With costs upwards of \$4,000 for a workout machine, people can get sticker shock. "That may deter a lot of people," said

Troy Hanna, of Powerhouse Gym in Fenton. A home workout experience can be simpler than most people realize, and be far less expensive.

See **HOME GYM** on 10A



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Mike Brooks, of Fenton, does repetitions of light arm lifts at Powerhouse Gym in Fenton Wednesday. He goes to the gym about three times per week. Dumbbells like these are an easy addition to any home gym. Brooks also does abdominal workouts at home.

Grieving the loss of a loved one

By Sharon Stone

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There are several levels of grief, such as grief over losing a job, or coping with a serious illness. However, there is little that compares with the grief of losing a loved one, especially a child.

Where can a parent, spouse, friend or child turn when they are experiencing a loss they had no control over? And, how do they know if their feelings are normal or healthy?

A visit to the library or bookstore reveals quickly that there is a real thirst for knowledge on this topic. Authors, many of whom have gone through this painful experience, explain the stages of grief. There are also organizations, such as The Compassionate Friends, that offer an outlet for those who are grieving.



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It can take a long time for those grieving the loss of a loved to find a "new normal." Healing sometimes requires the assistance of a trained counselor.

While meaningful friends and family members may attempt to lend a caring ear or shoulder to cry on, sometimes the grieving person is better off

seeking out professional help. A professional grief counselor is trained to listen and offer coping tips, while casting no judgment.

See **GRIEVING** on 11A

TIPS TO HELP THOSE GRIEVING

- **Give a heartfelt hug.**
- **Squeeze their hand** and tell them they are in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Send a card** or note, just to let them know you care about their pain.
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Hollywood just doesn't get it

I have to laugh when politicians in Washington pay big bucks to have polls conducted in order to gauge the mood of Americans.

Polls are always skewed by factors such as sample size, flawed wording, and just plain chance. If you really want to know what's going on in America's heart, just look west to Hollywood.

Every ticket sold is an indicator of the mood of America and Americans — with a zero plus or minus margin of error. Because most Americans choose to watch movies that mirror the same attributes and values that are important to them in

their own lives. And, they are tired of the chronic attempted normalization of the abnormal, transparently disguised as entertainment.

That's why so many of Hollywood's tired, repetitive assaults on patriotism, masculinity, the evils of war, and capitalism have crashed and burned so miserably the last few years. That's why liberal sludge like the inane *Furry Vengeance*, a juvenile pro-environmentalist attack on evil real estate development, and ridiculous artsy-fartsy garbage like *Black Swan* are still being made, despite the clear message being sent that America has had enough of

'propaganda' packaged as amusement.

It's amusing to watch Hollywood's consternation when patriotic films like *The Hurt Locker* — that celebrate courage and selflessness — win big while amateurish drivel such as Michael Moore's moronic *Capitalism: A Love Story*, fails utterly.

So, in 2010, what do you think were the two movies that Americans voted for at the ticket window that most shocked Hollywood?

To no one's surprise (except Hollywood's), animated family-friendly movies *Toy Story 3*, the tale of friendship and sacrifice for the betterment of all, and the surprisingly heartwarming *Despicable Me*, the saga of a cold-hearted villain who learns to love — and ultimately adopts — three little orphan girls, swept away our hearts and our dollars last summer.

What did both these movies center around and celebrate that so resonated with America?

Family — the epicenter of our society.

Comically, Hollywood still refuses to recognize what America wants — because it doesn't mesh with what *they* want. They simply don't see the hypocrisy of making movies that vilify the idea of capitalism, while generating millions of dollars of capitalistic profit for themselves.

The best way to change Hollywood's history of force-feeding us their twisted agendas is to simply stay home — along with our dollars.

Then maybe — just maybe — Hollywood will finally get it.

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TO THE REPUBLICAN who made the comment about Rick Snyder, we realists, I mean Democrats, learned our lesson about putting businessmen in political power after George Bush nearly destroyed the country by running the United States like a company, instead of a country.

TO THE PERSON who thinks Hills of Tyrone is safe just because they pay lots of money to live there. Crime has no boundaries. Wake up.

WILL THERE BE lightbulb police simply because I choose to use my old lightbulbs until we are mandated to use the new ones? Just asking.

TO THE PERSON in the black Jeep with the gold-colored dog hanging out the window on Dec. 30, do you not understand what flashing emergency lights coming at you mean? Everyone else pulled off the road, and you just kept driving. What if it was your family member? You shouldn't be driving if you don't know the laws.

HATS OFF TO Fenton. They had a great year, and to Linden, as well, for being co-champions. As a Holly graduate from the late '80s, it seems that year to year, Holly doesn't get any publicity for their athletics. It's a shame.

CAN WE AGREE that if you spend more money than you earn or can earn that this is bad for your future? Can we agree that if a business spends more

money then they earn in sales they will close or fail? Were we not all 'blown away' by Granholm's spending? Snyder will not make liberals happy.

MICHIGAN IS THE only state to lose population in the last decade because relying on one industry for so long was a mistake. Not everybody is into cars, past, present and future. Diversify and give people with other interests and abilities a chance to shine.

TO THE PERSON who complained about being fed up with people who smoke in their cars and homes, you need to get a life. Getting the state involved even further into private property is disgusting. Mind your own business.

IN RESPONSE TO the person who thinks I am grossly uniformed, as to the sewer fund expenditures and income, I just restated the figures in the Hot lines that the Fenton Township provided to the Times.

I USED TO smoke, and there is nothing wrong with a person if he wants to smoke in his or her car or home. That is his or her business, not yours. With the new law, we all have had to give up something. Also, the high price of gas is not because someone is collecting unemployment. I found out that gas is \$1.56 a gallon in China, so what does that tell you.

I REALLY LIKE the suggestion that the city might offer the old fire hall to the church for \$1, especially if the \$400,000 kicker is

included. Their campus and architecture are certainly doing their part to maintain the character of the old town area.

PEOPLE ON UNEMPLOYMENT benefits have nothing to do with the price of gasoline. Our excessive use of it and the lack of developing other resources, i.e. nuclear power, are the reason. France is 80-percent independent of outside energy sources. If our elected officials did their job, we would also be independent and paying less for our gasoline.

IF YOU THINK that running a business is just an 'anything for money mentality,' then you have no idea of what it takes or the personal rewards of running a good business. I, personally, ran a good business (multi-million) for more than 20 years and after retirement, I remember many of the fine employees I had and they clearly remember me through e-mails, etc. People are what it is about.

THANK YOU CAM, Stan, Sue, Kathy, Bob and Kurt for your kind, generous and very American answers in 'Street Talk' regarding the Mega Millions jackpot. I am proud that you are my neighbors.

TO ALL TYRONE Township residents, you do understand that passing the vote on fire and police means that you will no longer get a bill in the mail when you call 911, right? I'll bet everyone trying to challenge charges now wish it passed earlier. The funds will not go into the general fund and will not be used for any other purpose, including raises.

WOULD IT NOT be rational to assume that there might be some validity to the global warming theory, if it was warm in my backwater berg when it should be cold? However, just because it is warmer at an unusual time does not prove global warming.

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Compiled by Sharon Stone, Staff Reporter

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— Emil Schatz
Fenton



"I'm not really in favor, but it's tax money. Get whatever we can get. I don't go to casinos."

— Martin Dennis
Fenton



"I'm against it. Gambling is just as bad as drinking. It ruins your work ethic and teaches them poor values."

— Jim Kritzer, Fenton



"If it doesn't belong to the Indians, it would be good. I'd say yes if it was owned by the state and the state gets the revenue."

— Homer Feamster, Fenton



"I'm in favor. It could provide jobs, and as long as people going there are responsible gamblers, it could be good."

— Kathy Williams, Fenton



"It's a great idea. It would promote jobs into the area."

— Max Lutz
Fenton Township

Fenton may hire new engineering firm

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — The city is hoping to save some cash by contracting with a different engineering firm. Council discussed contracting with OHM.

The city's current engineering firm is Hubbell, Roth & Clark. Fenton's contract with HRC expires at the end of this month, City Manager Lynn Markland said.

Mayor Sue Osborn said OHM's references were very complimentary. "Everyone I talked to ranted and raved about them."

She likes OHM because they only do municipal work, and Fenton is trying to cut costs. "I believe these are the people to help us do that," Osborn said.

OHM bases its fees on an hourly rate, not on a percentage of a project's cost.

Moreover, it has people on staff who looks for grants and ways to get money for clients' projects. OHM also does not charge for mileage, postage and faxing, Osborn said. These expenses start to add up when a firm charges for them.

A few years ago, the city had different engineering firms for its Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) and the city in general, Markland said. Now, only the LDFA has a different engineering firm. With council's approval of OHM, all three groups would be using the same engineering firm.

Council had a goal, two years ago, to try to cut costs by combining services Fenton uses, Osborn said.

Councilman Tim Faricy said Fenton has contracted with HRC for some time, and he thought the city was happy with the firm. Administration hasn't brought issues with the firm to council.

There are several issues, Osborn said.

As mayor, she has received telephone calls about them. HRC is a great engineering firm, but "their communication is an issue, I believe," she said. "The public has to be made aware of what is going on."

Cost is another factor, she said.

Faricy asked whether the DDA or LDFA helped evaluate engineering firms' proposals.

Osborn said she, Councilman John Rauch, Markland, Assistant City Manager/

DDA Director Michael Burns and Department of Public Works Director Les Bland served on the committee. Two years ago, at the city's annual budget worksession in April, Faricy agreed Fenton needs to consolidate services, Osborn said.

He isn't sure he'd vote for the way the city approached it, Faricy said.

Fourteen firms applied, and the committee interviewed five of them, Bland said. The contract with OHM would be for one year, with options for the city to renew it for second and third years.

In response to a question from Councilman Benjamin Smith, Markland said HRC would remain the engineering firm for the Adelaide Street and Walnut Street projects, since these are already in the works. Fenton's new engineering firm, if council approves one, would handle the North LeRoy Street project (in 2012), Osborn said.

Bill Costick, of OHM, said his firm has 150 employees and its corporate office is in Livonia. Their primary focus in Michigan is municipal engineering.

If Fenton hires OHM, Kent Early of OHM would be the city's primary contact person with the firm, Early said.

Markland said city council could approve a contract with OHM at Monday's meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at Fenton City Hall.

Summary

►At Monday's meeting, the city of Fenton will consider a contract with a new engineering firm, OHM, based in Livonia. Reasons for hiring a new firm include cutting costs, consolidating services and improving communication.

Fundraiser for terminal classmate

►AGS students vs. faculty basketball game will help with funeral expenses

Fenton — Students of Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School in Fenton are hosting an emergency fundraiser from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 at the school for a fellow student who has been battling cancer. Doctors have said the girl, 14, has just weeks to live.

Students are hoping to raise funds to help Katie Wyatt's family with funeral expenses, so they are hosting a basketball

game. Katie's Game will pit students vs. teachers at AGS Middle School in Fenton, at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14.

Giveaways from local businesses and individuals are needed for raffle prizes. The Belincks of Sawyer's Jewelers in Fenton are collecting donations. Another individual is donating a brand new Wii for the raffles, and there is a Garmin GPS Navigation system that will be raffled, as well.

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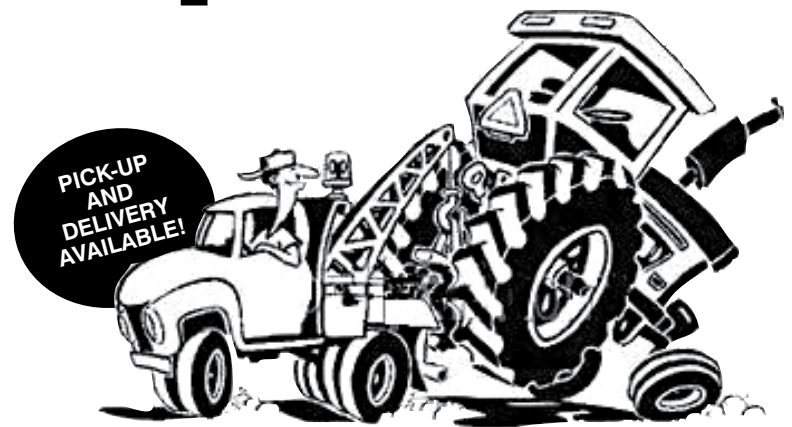
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Firm helps Fenton unravel water plant discharge questions

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Fenton—Mark Sweatman, vice president, Midwest Region, for BCI Engineers & Scientists said his job can involve some detective work. State employees had concerns about Fenton's water plant, which he did not believe sounded correct when he considered what the city is doing at the treatment plant site. Investigation showed Fenton's situation is very unique, and its water plant discharge is actually improving ground-water, he said.

Fenton's water treatment plant is near a freeway and other large, paved areas where ice-melting salt is used. Comparing the water coming onto the site and water leaving it, the water going out has better quality, he said.

"We are actually improving water quality in the aquifer," City Manager Lynn Markland said.

BCI is helping the city reduce the type of water testing it must perform, and the frequency of testing, Sweatman said. This year, Fenton is paying \$3,945 less

for testing, and next year, the savings will be even more. In addition, the city was bumping its limits on the amount of water its water plant was discharging, Markland said. The amount of discharge needed was estimated too low in the beginning. The state is willing to adjust the amount it will allow. With assistance from Sweatman and BCI, state officials are increasing discharge limits for the city.

Sweatman said, also, Fenton's plant is not affecting the flow of water on the site in the way the state described.

The city of Fenton is considering two contracts with BCI, of Brighton, for services for the water treatment plant. The services are needed for the plant's state of Michigan

discharge permit, which allows Fenton to discharge water from the plant into the groundwater, Markland said. The city must have discharge from the plant, and groundwater, sampled and analyzed. It is not allowed to negatively affect groundwater.

City council will hold its regular meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Interim manager to be permanent manager?

►Personnel committee to initiate background check

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Holly — Holly Village Interim Manager Jerry Walker is one step closer to becoming the new village manager, replacing the former manager, Marsha Powers, who was fired in September.

In a 4-3 vote, the village council agreed to continue with the process of hiring Walker for the position. Village President Jeff Miller made the motion to move forward with the process of hiring Walker, which was supported by Council member Jackie Campbell.

Council members Pauline Kenner, Sandra Kleven, and Don Winglemire voted against it, as they had done in December, when Walker's contract was in question.

Walker was interviewed Tuesday night during a special council meeting, in the same manner as the last four applicants who had applied for the position. He answered 11 questions fielded by Village President Jeff Miller including a scenario question, as well as follow-up questions from council members. Each member could give a maximum of seven points per question, with a top score, per member of 77.

Miller asked how Walker views his role in working with elected officials, such as the council.

"I view my role as an advisor to the council," said Walker. "I work directly for the seven of you."

It was uncovered, that although Walker was not fired from his position

as city manager in White Lake, it was a mutual decision between Walker and the White Lake City Council, that he left his post.

Winglemire asked Walker why he withdrew from the application process, only to rejoin a week later. "I didn't think that council and I were an exact fit at the time," said Walker.

The process of answering questions lasted about 40 minutes, after which Walker left, and the personnel committee tabulated all of the scores.

Walker received a score of 388, with Campbell giving him the highest score of 76.

Kenner gave Walker the lowest score of 28 out of 77, or an average of 2.75 per answer.

"That's how I felt. Some of the answers that he gave weren't answered in the way that I had expected him to answer," she said. Kenner said she based her responses on both his answers and other outside factors.

"I would like to see him become our permanent manager," said Miller. "It is an imperfect world, and this is as good as it's going to get."

After the vote, Miller made a motion that the personnel subcommittee, consisting of Kenner, Campbell and Miller, initiate a background check on Walker, which passed unanimously.

Following the background check, the Finance Committee will likely begin negotiating a salary range with Walker.

Walker re-joined the interview process for a permanent position after it was discovered the top applicant for had a questionable work history.

Summary

►Holly Village Council voted to continue the process of hiring Interim Manager Jerry Walker as the permanent manager for Holly, following a background check, and contract negotiations.

"It is an imperfect world, and this is as good as it's going to get."

Jeff Miller

Holly Village president

Police&Fire report

LINDEN MAN TICKETED

A Linden man out on parole was issued court appearance tickets for resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer in Linden. He was later lodged at the county jail for violating parole conditions, stemming from an incident on Friday, Dec. 31. According to Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter, a Linden police officer observed the disorderly man inside a business in downtown Linden. The manager of the business reported that the disorderly man might have been intoxicated and was using foul language. The disorderly man was observed getting into a vehicle as a passenger. He did not put on his seat belt. The Linden police officer initiated a traffic stop for the seat-belt violation. The chief said the man was uncooperative and would not follow the police officer's orders, which resulted in a forced arrest.

SHOPLIFTER SPENDS NIGHT IN JAIL

At 3:55 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3, a Fenton police officer was sent to a department store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said a loss prevention officer had a 56-year-old Holly woman in custody. The woman was observed selecting and concealing store items in her purse. She went through the checkout, paid for the items in her cart and exited the store, where she was confronted by the loss prevention officer. She admitted to stealing from the store four or five times. She was taken back to the police station for processing and was lodged overnight. She was later released with a court appearance ticket for retail fraud and is to appear in court on Feb. 7. The cost of stolen items found in her purse was \$152.55.

THREE-VEHICLE CRASH

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to a three-vehicle crash Thursday morning in Fenton Township. Dep. Max Mims said a 17-year-old Fenton male, driving a 2002 Chevy Cavalier, was traveling southbound on Jennings Road, just south of Thompson Road. The teen attempted to pass a southbound 2000 Jeep Cherokee, driven by a 50-year-old man from Gaines, who was driving his 13-year-old son to school. As the Cavalier passed the Jeep, the driver lost control on the snow-covered and slick road, causing the driver of the Jeep to take evasive actions. While trying to avoid the Cavalier, the Jeep struck a northbound Buick LeSabre, driven by a 48-year-old Fenton Township man who was driving his son to school. The father and son in the Jeep were transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc for treatment of minor injuries. The 17-year-old driver was ticketed for reckless driving.

CHARGES PENDING

A 21-year-old Argentine Township man was arrested for driving while under the influence of drugs on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 3:07 a.m. According to Argentine Township police, an officer spotted the man's red 1998 Honda Civic westbound on Lobdell Road with a defective headlight and initiated a traffic stop. While speaking with the driver, the officer detected the odor of marijuana and the driver admitted to smoking a bowl less than an hour earlier. During an inventory search of the car, police found a rolled-up wad of cash. The vehicle was impounded, and the man had blood drawn at a hospital to determine drug use. Charges are pending the blood test results.

VACANT HOME BROKEN INTO

At 12:45 p.m. on Dec. 30, troopers with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post were dispatched to a home in the 12000 block of Grundyke Road in Holly Township to investigate a breaking and entering complaint. The complainant said he works for a company that manages the bank-owned property. The home had been broken into around Dec. 19. Unknown suspects kicked in the garage door and stole the 220 amp service wires from the washer and dryer area. Copper piping was stolen from the basement. Estimate of stolen property is \$3,000.

Holly students report suspicious man

By Sharon Stone

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Holly — Rose Pioneer Elementary School Principal Michael Beattie sent a letter home to the parents of students at the school to alert them to a suspicious incident.

According to Beattie, a white male with long grey hair, driving a white extended cab pick-up truck with running lights on top, approached two Rose Pioneer students at their bus stop on Shaffer Road in Davisburg.

According to the students, this indi-

vidual asked them to get into the truck. The students responded appropriately by refusing and going immediately to the nearest house to tell an adult.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office was contacted and a report was filed. The sheriff's office will place additional patrols in the area. School staff will continue to remind students of the appropriate actions to take when approached by a stranger.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are to call the sheriff's office at (248) 625-8531.

TOSSED CIGARETTE LEADS TO TICKET

At 11:20 p.m. on Dec. 22, an Argentine Township police officer observed the driver of a Chevy Cavalier toss a cigarette out the window. The officer initiated a traffic stop for littering. The 24-year-old woman from Argentine Township admitted to tossing out the cigarette. A computer check revealed the woman's license had been suspended by Fenton police. Fenton police advised the Argentine officer to release the driver. She was ticketed for driving with a suspended license. Her car was impounded.

POSSESSION OF POT

At 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, an Argentine Township police officer went to the Lahring Road home of a 28-year-old woman to conduct a follow up interview about a felonious assault that had occurred at the house in November. While speaking with the woman, the officer detected the odor of marijuana. The woman turned over a plastic bag containing .3 grams of suspected marijuana and a glass pipe. She was issued a court appearance ticket for possession of marijuana.

PURSE STOLEN FROM CAR

On Dec. 4, 2010, an Argentine Township police officer responded to a senior care center in the 9000 block of Silver Lake Road to investigate a larceny complaint. Police Chief Daniel Allen said a 55-year-old Flint woman, who works at the care center reported that her purse had been stolen, from her vehicle while she was working her shift. The multi-colored purse with black strap had been placed on the passenger side floorboard inside the car. The woman said that she had left the car unlocked while she was at work. There are no suspects at this time and the case remains under investigation.

DOG OWNER TICKETED

At 10:50 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 19, an Argentine Township police officer on patrol spotted a large, black Rottweiler running loose at the intersection of Harper and Pleasant streets. As the officer approached the dog, the dog barked and growled as it ran toward the police vehicle. The officer recognized the dog and went to its owner's home on Harper Street to speak with the owner. The officer reminded the owner that this was the second time the dog had been seen running loose. The owner had previously been issued a citation due to an incident involving his dogs attacking a citizen last September. The dog owner was issued a misdemeanor appearance ticket for violation of the dog law.

STORAGE UNITS BROKEN INTO

On Monday, Jan. 3, the village of Holly police responded to an industrial business in the 4100 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a breaking and entering complaint. Suspects broke into three storage units located to the rear of the business by cutting the heavy-duty locks. The suspects stole various items, which are commonly stolen and sold as scrap. If anyone has information, they are to call Det. Julie Bemus at (248) 634-8221.

DRIVER TOSSES BEER CAN

Just after 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5, Argentine Township police officer Ryan Wilburn spotted a 2003 Chevy speeding as it traveled eastbound on Silver Lake Road, near Knottingham Drive. Police Chief Daniel Allen said Wilburn initiated a traffic stop.

He observed the driver, later identified as a 28-year-old Fenton man, throw a 24-ounce beer can and a clear plastic bag, containing marijuana, out the passenger side window. As Wilburn approached the vehicle, he detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana, having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and cited for the speeding infraction. The case is pending.

SNOWBOARD STOLEN

On Dec. 29, a 15-year-old North Branch resident filed a larceny of a snowboard complaint with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post. The teen said he had been snowboarding at Mt. Holly in Groveland Township and placed his snowboard down near the bar deck so he could go inside for a minute. When he returned, his snowboard was gone. The teen said he was unaware of the free security check-in, which prevents thefts from occurring. The \$400 Lamar snowboard has one silver/grey binding and one silver/black binding. The bottom has a brick pattern with Lamar written in orange graffiti.

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ITEMS STOLEN FROM HOME

At 4 p.m. on Dec. 30, troopers with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post were sent to a home in the 100 block of East Rattalee Lake Road in Rose Township to investigate a forced burglary. The 53-year-old complainant said he is a carpenter. Over the summer, he noticed several tools missing from his home and assumed his brother had borrowed them. In late December, he observed his missing belongings at the home of his ex-wife, who lives in the village of Holly. He suspects his former stepson, 21, of stealing his property so that it could be sold. Some of the missing items include tools, fishing equipment, a camera and phone. The case remains under investigation.

DOG ABUSE INVESTIGATED

At 7 p.m. on Dec. 30, a trooper with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post was dispatched to a home in the 9500 block of Milford Road in Rose Township to investigate a dog abuse complaint. A caller reported seeing a puppy tied up to a tree all day long in the front yard. The caller said the puppy had no food or water. Upon arrival, the trooper saw the Labrador puppy, which was tied to a small tree. The trooper reported that the dog seemed happy and well fed. There were no signs of abuse. The owner said they recently got the dog and it was only outside for a couple hours each day.

FUNDS MISSING FROM ACCOUNT

On Monday, Jan. 3, the Michigan State Police Groveland Post received an unauthorized money transfer complaint from a 35-year-old Rose Township woman. The woman said her bank advised her to file a complaint. The woman said she and her husband had about \$5,000 in a savings account and when she went to withdraw it, it was gone. The bank is looking into the matter.

City considers assessment district for Eagle at the Waters Edge development

►Residents would pay to have unfinished streets paved

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — City officials are considering lending a helping hand to town home owners in Eagle at the Waters Edge. The development is unfinished, due, in part, to the economy, said City Manager Lynn Markland.

The developer planned 120 town home units, building out 82 of them, said resident Sean Orzol. In addition, their streets have a base coat of asphalt but not the final paving.

Town home owners signed a petition to have the city create a special assessment district for them, to use to pay for street paving. Streets would remain private, said Department of Public Works Director Les Bland.

There are three developments in Eagle at the Waters Edge. With the special assessment district for town home owners, some of the streets will still not be fixed, Bland said. Streets that are not included are Loon Court and Waters Edge Lane. Shoreline Drive and Shoreline Court were fixed already.

The difference is, some roads were planned to be deeded to the city, and some were not, City Manager Lynn Markland said. He does not see creating the special assessment district as the

city loaning money. Instead, Fenton is acting as a conduit to make the improvements happen. Fenton will charge the costs, including the bank's interest rate, back to the homeowners' association.

Final costs for the homeowners aren't known yet, Markland said.

Town home owners would like the cost split evenly among them, instead of paying based on road frontage, Orzol said. Three years to pay it off would be ideal for them, or four, if it were more expensive.

Until the process is finalized, the homeowners have the option of backing out, Bland said. Public hearings must take place, said Councilman John Rauch. It is a

five-step process to create a special assessment district.

Town home owners came to the city for help, because Fenton could probably get a better loan than the town home owners' association could, Orzol said. In addition, the homeowners need the city's expertise to obtain bids for the street work. They had three companies come out to give them an idea of the cost, \$50,000 to \$75,000.

However, the homeowners don't have experience to know what the construction companies are selling them. "I can't talk their language," he said. In addition, the city can make sure the roads are finished so they won't fall apart in five years, Orzol said.

"I have driven through there and would rather not do it again."

Benjamin Smith
Fenton City councilman

TEST

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Chris explained some of the features and controls on the center console and had me start the car. As a creature of habit, I wanted to insert the key into the ignition. However, the Volt is different. Just by having the remote key tossed into the cup holder, I did no more than push a button to get things going.

As dashboard controls displayed, I quickly learned the Volt had 11 miles left of battery life. The onboard graphics were impressive and I would prob-

ably want to stay parked in the driveway for a while just to read all the displays and data.

Driving the Volt felt just like driving a traditional, gas-powered car. It had spunk, despite making no more noise than a golf cart. I would not have guessed I was driving a car powered by a battery.

Chris told me that I probably wouldn't notice when power switched over to gas, and he was right. As I paid attention to traffic and my driving, the car switched effortlessly over to gasoline, without even a hint, except for the colorful graphics displayed on the center console.

Staff reporter and photographer Tim Jagielo sat in the backseat while I drove. Despite having long legs, he found enough room for comfort.

With speeds capable of up to 100 miles per hour, Chris asked me if I'd like to take it out on the highway. I hopped on U.S. 23 and before I knew it, I blended in with traffic. I was tempted to floor it on the highway. I refrained, though, since I didn't want to ruin my record of no traffic tickets.

If I were to travel only my 10-minute commute to work each day, I would never have to buy anymore gas. Using a standard electrical outlet in my garage, I could recharge the battery each night and have plenty of battery power for the next day. But, for those days that included driving my son to hockey practice, visiting my daughter at college or running errands, the Volt could simply switch over to gas. How cool is that?

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A day at the museum

(Far right) Kyle Martin (right) and Charles Curtis, third-grade students at North Road Elementary School in Fenton, check out the Grossology exhibit at the Alfred P. Sloan Museum in Flint Tuesday afternoon. The students also learned about early Michigan settlers during the field trip at the museum.



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Businessman urges city to 'shop local' for services

By Anna Toppens

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Fenton — Local businessman Brian Shaltz, of Field to Finish, Inc., is urging Fenton City Council to shop local when it awards contracts. His firm, which offers land surveying and civil engineering services, is not interested in large projects. But, for smaller ones, it is familiar with the area and would save Fenton money, Shaltz said. They have a very rich history in their files, and all of the Field to Finish employees live in Fenton Township or Fenton.

On a recent downtown parking lot project, Shaltz points out that he already had all of the topographic data on file. Field to Finish could have skipped gathering this information again and gone right into engineering design, he said. Obtaining this data was a redundant portion of the project, which, unfortunately, the city and its Downtown Development Authority had to pay for from another contractor.

In addition, some engineering firms begin work at 8 a.m., and their employees come to Fenton from out of town. The city is often charged for this driving

time, Shaltz said.

Mayor Sue Osborn said city officials have considered this with the new engineering firm they could hire on Monday. OHM does not charge for travel time.

Bill Costick, of OHM, said if his firm is lucky enough to be Fenton's new engineering consultant, there are certain small jobs OHM can't compete on. This might include parking lots, for example. Representatives from OHM could discuss an alternate firm for these smaller jobs with city administrators, he said.

Shaltz gives Fenton credit for consolidating its engineering firms, he said. It was an idea he had a number of years ago.

Field to Finish, formerly in Dibbleville, is now in Fenton Township. Fenton Township firms also pay taxes to the schools, he said. Shopping local is very important, Shaltz believes.

He's had people say they chose Field to Finish because it is a local business. The firm could save Fenton money, and its employees enjoy getting work because of the good quality work they do, he said.

Osborn said she would contact Shaltz.



HOME GYM

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For the basics in home equipment, Hanna suggests dumbbells, resistance bands, and tubing. These items can be purchased at a local sports outfitter, or even at local retail stores.

"If you're trying to get leaner, and just lose weight, you can do it with your body weight," he said. "You can do full-body workouts with all that stuff."

All of the home equipment Hanna recommends is for resistance training. This means the body works against resistance to strengthen muscles. The dumbbells are for weight resistance, and both the tubing and rubber bands are for stretch resistance. The more resistance there is and the more intensity — the harder the workout.

"It's so much cheaper to go that route, than to go buy an expensive piece of equipment that does the same thing," Hanna said.

According to Hanna, the cost of collecting a few resistance pieces, are a fraction of the cost of a \$4,000 workout machine. He also recommends step-up platforms, and kettle weights.

Before purchasing resistance equipment, Hanna suggests buying a good pair of exercise shoes. "If you do a bunch of leg exercises and you don't have supportive shoes, you might end up with shin splints, and you might end up with leg pain, back pain," he said.

"It's going to probably make you feel a lot better during your workout."

Space for the workout is important, too. There should always be enough room in your home gym, free of debris. Hanna recommends a 10-foot-by-10-foot area, with rubber or carpeting on the floor. "It's always better to work out on a softer surface," he said.

For those who are interested in purchasing a workout machine, Aaron Ford, owner of Anytime Fitness, recommends the Concept 2 Rower. It literally has the user rowing on the machine. He said the machine works the upper and lower body all at once, while working the heart and lungs, and costs \$800. "All of the infomercial stuff is garbage," he said. This machine can be bought online, through the company.

To maximize the effectiveness of a workout, Hanna suggests up to an hour of workout time, and taking less breaks. Being slightly out of breath and sweating, is good, and so is stretching gently afterwards.

Regarding exercising, Hanna said every little bit helps. Push-ups in the morning and a half-mile walk make a difference.

Another important aspect of good health is diet. "Ultimately, to get the most out of what you're doing, is to eat the right food," advised

Hanna, adding that getting healthy is 95 percent diet.

"Being healthy costs money, it's a life choice," he said.

Tips for a home workout

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GRIEVING

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Cheryl Marshall, an after-care specialist with Sharp Funeral Homes, uses her experience as a grieving mother to help families she works with. Her teenage son Ricky died unexpectedly, 14 years ago.

"No one prepared me," said Marshall. She and her husband have been living through the "ups and downs" since their son's death. With Ricky being one of four children, Marshall said he will always be a part of their family and when people ask her how many children she has, she tells them she has four.

To avoid a possible awkward moment, experts suggest a parent acknowledge their child who has passed, but list them in the middle of their other children.

Over the years of working with grieving families, Marshall said oftentimes well-meaning family members and close friends, who have not lost a loved one, might say they know what they are going through. "You can never say you know what they're going through." Some even try to make things better by saying that they just need some time to heal. "That's a cruel lie," she said, adding that healing takes a long time and those grieving must find a "new normal."

Relying on her faith in God and positive outlook on life, Marshall said, "Time can make things better. Life can be good after grief, but it takes time."

Although she understands what it's like to lose a son, Marshall would never tell a grieving widow that she knows

how they are feeling after losing their spouse after 40 or 50 years of marriage. She can tell them, however, that she understands grief.

There have been those occasions when Marshall has referred a family to a professional grief counselor, but it's important to find the perfect match. She knows that for a person to share their deepest and painful emotions, they have to feel that they are in a safe place.

Sharing these most private emotions with a family member might not be the best approach for some who are grieving. Sometimes, friends won't know what to do other than pat them on their back and say things will be all right. "You need to hear that it's going to be

really hard for a while," she said. "Not everyone has the strength to say things. It takes a lot of courage and love to be firm with those grieving."

Speaking with Marshall or others trained in grief counseling, those who have lost a loved one will learn about the different stages of grief so that they can be prepared.

Not everyone wants help. "You can't help if they don't want help," said Marshall, adding that similar to the needs of an alcoholic or drug addict, they need to recognize they need help. She said a firm, but loving nudge, could help a grieving person realize they need to seek outside assistance.

The first few days after laying a loved

one to rest are chaotic, and families generally run on automatic mode just to get through. Eating nutritious food during this emotional time will help mentally and physically, said Marshall. Fresh vegetable, fruit and deli platters will be much easier to snack on than full meals, especially when one does not feel like eating.

Although it's been 14 years since her son's death, a day does not go by that she doesn't miss Ricky. "My life is good," she said. "My life is not over. Life can be good."

Funeral directors, spiritual leaders, and primary care physicians may also be a source when seeking a trained grief counselor.

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SCAMS

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Unless there's an actual account to back it up, a check you receive in the mail promising you "riches" that you weren't expecting is likely to be a scam — and there are plenty of these scams going around in the New Year.

"The first question you should ask yourself if you receive a check like this, usually accompanied by a letter with a different financial logo than the bank supposedly 'issuing' the check, is, 'Was I expecting this?'" said Brooke Tanner, branch manager of The State Bank in Fenton. "You can't win a lottery that you didn't enter."

There are literally thousands of scams going around right now, especially preying upon vulnerable people experiencing tough economic situations. "Some people who get a bogus check like this looks at it as an 'answer to prayer,'" said Tanner, who sees this situation often, as The State Bank's VG's branch is open seven days a week to the public.

It can be very difficult to explain to someone who needs this money that it will cost them money they can't afford to lose, if they deposit this check, which later bounces after they have written checks to cover their own bills, explained Tanner.

"These are the people who can't afford to send in the taxes and fees that these scam letters ask them to send, before they will send them 'all of their winnings,'" added Tanner. "It's really sad to see people lose their own money in a scam like this, and we do everything we can to protect them."

Often, this includes putting a "hold" on a suspicious check, so that the bank can see if the check clears before depositing it into a client's account. "Sometimes, all it takes is for us to make a few phone calls to find out that a check isn't good," said Tanner. "Usually,

It's likely a scam if...

- **You receive** a check in the mail that you weren't expecting.
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- **It sounds** too good to be true.

a customer is a little embarrassed, but grateful that they didn't become the scam's latest victim."

"Our goal is not to make people look foolish," said Dennis Leyder, senior vice president of The State Bank. "We just want to protect them from these predators. In the last five years, ever since the economic downturn, peo-

ple have been more likely to believe a scam's claims because they really need the money."

Attorney Sharon Miner, of Fenton, recently dealt with an elderly client who brought in an official-looking check issued by Huntington Bank. "You'd have no idea this wasn't a check you could cash," said Miner, who then contacted Leyder for information on this particular scam. "He told me had several of these same scam letters attempt to go through their Linden office," she said.

Scams are also prevalent on Internet sites

like Craigslist, when dealing with checks, money orders, etc. upon the pick-up of items being sold. "People will peruse the site and see what has been sold, telling the seller that they accidentally wrote the check for a larger amount of money and asking for them to refund the difference with a check," said Tanner.

When selling items on sites like these, sellers should insist upon cash up front. "The Internet has changed our lives, and some of it can be evil," admitted Leyder.

The State Bank Chief Security Officer Tara Lee said that she hears about at least one of these scams every week throughout the network of State Bank branches.

"Most of them have been stopped before they can harm our customers," said Lee. "We have trained our bank tellers to know what to look for and what questions to ask," she said. "People have also gotten wiser, as they've heard more about these scams or experienced some themselves. People are now asking us if a particular letter and check seem to be legitimate or not."




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Enjoy every good day?

We were standing in line at the post office on an almost balmy day, when I opened a conversation with the man in front of me, commenting on how fast the line was moving, somewhat of a minor miracle. 'Yes,' he agreed. 'There are three working at the counter today, and that makes a difference.'

Now that we were off to a positive start, I added a comment about the nice weather, hoping it might lead to talking about the goodness of God to us.

'It's a beautiful day,' he replied. 'But, I dread what's ahead.'

'What do you mean?' I asked, just as he reached the front of the line.

'We're going to pay for this,' he exclaimed, turning to answer my question as he headed to the counter to do his mailing.

'I don't believe that,' I called, probably causing everyone in line behind me and all the postal workers to wonder what had prompted my loud declaration of unbelief.

What about my postal partner's pessimistic view that sunshine must always be followed by clouds and storms? Does God have us on a weather tether that demands our being jerked back to cold reality after every pleasant day?

Not at all.

Certainly, clouds, and even storms come along from time to time, but their presence shouldn't be interpreted as pay-backs for blessings we've received.

God is good and He loves us, but this doesn't mean we'll be kept from all storms.

On the contrary, our Lord warned His disciples that trouble is a part of life (John 16:33), but tough times are not to be seen as periods of punishment for blessings received.

Consider the experience of the disciples of Jesus during a fierce storm on the Sea of Galilee. Strong winds piled waves high, and it appeared they were in danger of going down (Matt. 8). J.C. Ryle, a noted 19th century writer, described this panic point in the lives of these men as follows. 'Here are the chosen disciples of the Lord Jesus in great anxiety. Perhaps they had expected Christ's service would lift them above the reach of earthly trials. Perhaps they had supposed He would always grant them smooth journeys, fine weather, an easy course and freedom from trouble and care. If the disciples thought so, they were much mistaken.'

There was, however a purpose in this time of peril for those enduring it. The storm and its miraculous end increased the faith of the disciples, enabling them to build the faith of others. And, there is no evidence that the storm came because they had enjoyed smooth seas, quiet breezes and sunshine the day before it arrived.

When John Haggai was 24 and the pastor of his first church, he suffered a nervous breakdown. In his book, 'How to Win Over Worry,' he writes that one of his keys to recovery was in learning to seize each day and enjoy it, but it's tough to appreciate good things while thinking God may require payment for them later.

Reject such negative thinking.

The blessings God sends today won't require the sky to fall tomorrow.

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

One school board seat up for election in Linden

Linden — One four-year seat on the Linden Board of Education will be up for election on May 3. Trustee Rick Kursik's term expires June 30. Kursik is undecided at this time on whether he will be seeking reelection.

For those interested in running for election, nominating petitions and Affidavits of Identity are available at the Genesee County Clerk's office, Genesee County Courthouse, 900 S. Saginaw St., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the May 3 election.

Interested candidates must be qualified and registered voters of the Linden School District. Per Michigan Election Law, individuals can avoid filing peti-

tions by paying a non-refundable filing fee of \$100 to the Genesee County Clerk. The fee must be paid on or before the filing deadline for petitions.

The forms must be filed with the Genesee County Clerk's office no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

All school board candidates come under the Campaign Financing Act PA 388 of 1976. Information regarding this act may also be obtained from the Genesee County Clerk's office. The necessary compliance documents must be filed with their office.

For more information, contact the county clerk's office at (810) 257-3283.

DIRECTOR

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the DPW director in Ionia and Grand Haven. In addition, Czarnecki has also held upper level public works positions with the city of Casper, Wyoming, city of Wyoming, and the Muskegon County Road Commission.

Czarnecki is very well rounded in all aspects of public works and has the ability to effectively run the day-to-day activities of Fenton's DPW, said City Manager Lynn Markland. "The city interviewed several candidates for this position, Dan (Czarnecki) clearly stood out as the best

candidate to fulfill the needs of the city of Fenton. His experience will help fill the void left by the retirement of our longtime Director Les Bland.


"I congratulate Les Bland on his retirement and his excellent service to the city of Fenton. Les will be missed as a colleague and friend. I am very pleased to have someone with Dan's experience join our management team," Markland said.

Czarnecki is a 1983 graduate from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering. His first day in his new job will be Monday, Jan. 24.

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VOLT

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The Volt lists at about \$40,000, with federal tax savings of up to \$7,500. The sporty and eye-catching car is like no other on the market. It's powered by electricity, without being tethered to electrical outlets. For most local commutes, the car can run on a charged battery. For extended drives, the gas-powered onboard generator can get the driver and their passengers where they need to go.

With the quietness of a golf cart and the "get up and go" of a sports car, the Volt is turning heads out on the road.

With the driver's foot on the brake, just a simple push of the start button is all it takes to turn on the Volt. The navigation system activates and the onboard diagnostics system alerts the driver as to how much battery power is available.

Chris Fulton, of Fenton Township, an engineer at General Motors Proving Grounds, in Milford has always considered himself a car enthusiast and was very involved with the engineering of this technologically advanced car.

When snow hit out West, Fulton said some motorists initially were hesitant to drive their new Volt, however, he has heard feedback that the front-wheel drive car handled quite well.

As an integration engineer, Fulton takes components and integrates them into systems to produce a viable product. His specialty is noise and vibration. With the Volt, he worked on reducing the engine noise in the passenger compartment and reducing squeaks and rattle nuisances.

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When asked what this car means to the auto industry, Fulton said, "It's a whole new way of looking at personal transportation."

In the past, Fulton said everyone relied on the combustion engine, but now, a viable product that works off electricity has been created. "That's huge."

Nick Richards, of Milford, was involved with the media launch of the Volt and is now working with Buick. He said there is a different type of excitement for this new car. There was an unprecedented level of innovation and technology development, which has resulted in a strong portfolio for General Motors.

Since its introduction at the 2007 North American International Auto Show in Detroit, the Volt has gone from concept to production very quickly, in automotive standards, said Richards. In 2011, GM expects

to sell approximately 10,000 Volts. In 2012, it expects to sell 45,000.

All new technology is going to require a lot of education with everyone involved with the Volt, including technicians, dealers and customers.

When the Volt was first introduced, Richards said there was some flack over the price. He noted, however, that with the \$7,500 tax credit, it lowers the price tag to about \$33,500, which is comparable to the Toyota Prius. Richards also said many believe the \$350 monthly lease payment is reasonable.

During the summer, Richards and a team of GM drivers drove a Volt 1,776 miles from Austin, Texas to New York over three days. He said curious motorists drove by snapping photos of the new car with their cell phones. "In any market, it's been turning heads," said Richards. "It's the first of its kind."

Availability

Only participating Chevrolet Volt dealers will receive Volt vehicles. Chevrolet will launch Volt in seven markets, in limited quantities: California, Texas, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Michigan and Washington D.C. Retail sales will begin in late 2010 in California, the New York metropolitan area, Washington D.C. and Austin, Texas. Michigan and the balance of Texas, New York State, New Jersey and Connecticut, are scheduled to begin receiving Volts in March of 2011.

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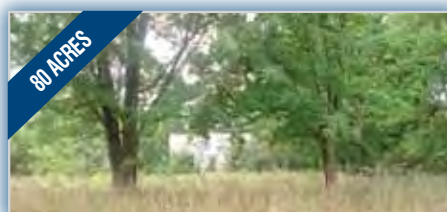
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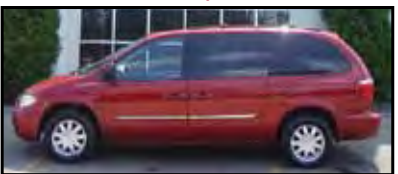
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Auctions 12

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6 Faithful
11 Elated
15 Tighten the tent
18 Nigerian city
19 Actress Verdugo
20 Paddled
22 Multi-purpose vehicle
23 Photography event of 1900
26 "Unforgettable" name
27 Snicker sound
28 Mexican Mrs.
29 Have a mortgage
30 Attack
32 Sniggler's quarry
34 Baseball's Piniella
35 TV's "Green —"
37 Young follower?
41 Literary event of 1900
48 Roberts or Tucker
50 Only just
51 Olympic VIP
52 Med. test
53 Take in, perhaps
54 Big bang letters
55 Distress
56 Terror
57 Exhibition event of 1900
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64 Weldon or Wray
65 And others
66 Utah city
68 Way to go
69 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
70 Queler or Arden
71 Heavenly hunter
73 Meir's successor
75 Knight's wife
77 Clasp
78 Scale notes
81 Ease a situation
82 Musical event of 1900
86 Huck's craft
87 Service div.
89 "— Doll" ('64 hit)
90 Urania's sister
91 Skater Midori
92 Act catty?
94 Anesthetic type
97 Object

DOWN

- 1 TV ET
2 Cafe au —
3 Fairy-tale fiend
4 Snack
5 Cosmopolitan Lauder
6 Papal name
7 Auto pioneer
8 Century
9 "Lonely Boy" singer
10 Research site
11 Become an adult
12 Rob of "Wayne's World"
13 Barley beard
14 "Agnus —"
15 Word in a Dostoyevsky title
16 Coup d'—
17 See
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25 Commodious
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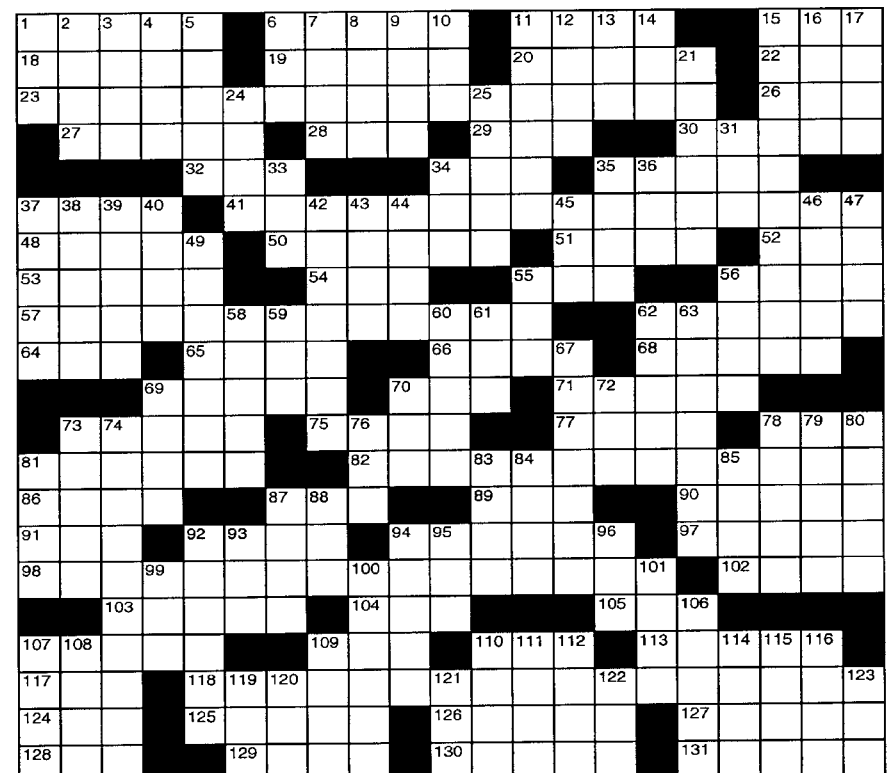
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56 Hawthorne's was marble
58 Make amends
59 Mideastern letters
60 Fly a chopper
61 Trams transport it
62 Barbecue
63 Drew while distracted
67 Connecticut native
69 Border on
70 Aussie walker
72 Hugo's "Le — s'amuse"
73 Lasso
74 Priced right
76 Canine grp.
78 Full of froth
79 Pianist Schnabel
80 A little night music?
81 Wet blanket
83 Junket
84 Fade away
85 Songwriter Jacques
87 English architect
88 — deco
92 '60 Hitchcock classic
93 Actress Thurman
94 Like some

energy

- Petite pooch
96 Thompson or Salonga
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Before you buy, read the
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run on your computer? Will the
included forms cover your tax
situation? For example, if you
have a small part-time business
with Schedule C expenses and
income, a basic program likely
won't include the right forms.

Generally, all tax-software
programs are the same.

• The program will start by ask-
ing a lot of questions. Once you
enter the personal data, such as
your name, address and Social
Security number, you won't have
to do it again. The reason for
many of the questions is that the
program will decide what forms
you need. Have patience with
the ones that don't apply to you.

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information, places where you

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which places on your form are
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Form or any Form 1099 you
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While working in the software
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numbers. Instead, if they don't

look right, backtrack and inves-
tigate numbers you've typed in
and see where the discrepancy
started.

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GO FIGURE

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive
at the figures given at the bot-
tom and right-hand columns of
the diagram by following the
arithmetic signs in the order
they are given (that is, from left
to right and top to bottom). Use
only the numbers below the
diagram to complete its blank
squares and use each of the
nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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ANSWERS BELOW

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword
and Sudoku Puzzles
are located in last
Wednesday's issue.
All other puzzles
are throughout
this section.

KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 21 mins.

O	D	D	B	R	A	M	A	Y	A
M	O	R	T	O	E	R	I	D	E
S	T	A	R	W	A	G	S	O	P
K	E	B	A	B	M	O	H	S	
N	A	B	T	R	I	F	L	E	
M	A	R	S	H	A	L	S	O	L
A	R	A	M	T	A	N	N	E	E
R	I	G	I	D	S	I	L	V	E
V	A	S	S	A	R	L	E	I	
S	M	U	G	D	E	C	O	Y	
K	I	W	I	N	O	D	J	A	V
E	C	H	O	O	R	E	O	M	A
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SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

A	L	O	N	E	L	O	Y	A	L	G	L	A	D	P	E	G
L	A	G	O	S	E	L	E	N	A	R	O	W	E	D	U	T
F	I	R	S	T	K	O	D	A	K	B	R	O	W	N	I	E
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D	E	F	U	S	E		K	U	R	T		W	E	I	L	B
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I	T	O		P	U	R	R		S	P	I	N	A	L		D
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A	L	L		O	C	E	A	N		A	R	O	M	A		S
D	U	E		T	A	T	S		B	U	S	E	Y		S	O

SUDOKU ANSWERS

5	6	4	7	8	2	3	1	9
7	3	8	1	9	6	5	4	2
2	1	9	5	4	3	7	8	6
4	7	5	8	6	1	2	9	3
6	8	2	3	7	9	4	5	1
1	9	3	4	2	5	8	6	7
3	2	6	9	5	4	1	7	8
9	4	7	2	1	8	6	3	5
8	5	1	6	3	7	9	2	4

LETTER BOX ANSWERS

H	A	R	L	E	Q	U	I	N
L	N	E	U	I	A	R	H	Q
U	Q	I	H	N	R	E	A	L
R	H	N	E	A	L	Q	U	I
E	L	Q	I	U	H	A	N	R
A	I	U	Q	R	N	H	L	E
I	E	H	N	Q	U	L	R	A
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GO FIGURE ANSWERS

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NOMINATING PETITIONS AVAILABLE FOR LAKE FENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nominating petitions and Affidavits of Identity for individuals interested in running for the Lake Fenton Board of Education are due at the Genesee County Clerk's Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Interested candidates must be a registered voter, reside in the school district and comply with the Campaign Finance Reform Act, as amended. Information regarding this act may be obtained from the Genesee County Clerk's Office.

There are one (1) three-year and two (2) four-year terms available. The appointed term of David Foerster will expire on June 30, 2011. The terms of Tammy Harbin and John Lamb will expire on June 30, 2011.

Petitions may be secured from the Genesee County Clerk's Office at 900 South Saginaw Street, Flint. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (810-257-3282). **The forms must be filed at the Genesee County Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.** A non-refundable \$100.00 filing fee may be submitted by the candidate in lieu of petitions. The fee must be paid on or before the filing deadline for petitions.

ELECTION DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

VILLAGE OF HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Article 17, Section 1701 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, that the Village of Holly Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on an ordinance amendment to add language to Section 201 of Article 2 to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries on January 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 315 S. Broad St., Holly, Michigan.

The public hearing is to receive comments and to review the proposed ordinance amendment to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries within the Village of Holly.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, 202 S. Saginaw St., Holly MI 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the Village Offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

Susan Nassar
Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Holly

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 25, 2011 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

ZBA11-001 Chad Bugg 12441 Sharp Rd. requesting variance to total number of detached accessory buildings to allow additional shed under construction to remain as well as height variance and variance to maximum square footage of all accessory buildings to construct addition to existing detached accessory building. Parcel 06-07-400-003

COPIES OF THE ABOVE LISTED APPLICATIONS AND THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR YOUR REVIEW. YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE APPEALS.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537.

Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT KRUG,
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Ad #8426: 2010-12-26 2011-01-02, 2011-01-09 2011-01-16

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael J. DeMasi and Holly L. DeMasi, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants **to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2006 and recorded May 24, 2006 in Instrument # 200605240051686 Genesee County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Fannie Mae ("Federal National Mortgage Association"), by assignment dated December 29, 2010 and subsequently recorded in Genesee County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$183,919.36) including interest 7.25% per annum.** Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on February 9, 2011 Said premises are situated in **Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan**, and are described as: Unit 6, Stony Brook Condominium, according to the Master Deed re-corded in Instrument No. 200405170054541, Genesee County Records, and designated as Genesee County Condominium Sub. Plan No. 344, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 229 of the Public Acts of 1963, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. **Commonly known as 13035 Stony Brook Pass, Linden MI 48451** The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 1/09/2011 Fannie Mae ("Federal National Mortgage Association"), Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-32945

Ad #8808: 2011-01-09 2011-01-16, 2011-01-23 2011-01-30

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jeffrey W Sizemore and Vermonica L Sizemore, Husband and Wife **to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2006 and recorded May 5, 2006 in Instrument # 200605050043883 Genesee County Records, Michigan, and assigned through mesne assignments to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT5 by assignment of mortgage dated December 15, 2010 and subsequently recorded in Genesee County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$130,704.95) including interest 5.2% per annum.** Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 26, 2011 Said premises are situated in **Township of Genesee, Genesee County, Michigan**, and are described as: A parcel of land beginning North 2167 feet and North 89 degrees 52 minutes West, 356.88 feet from the Southeast corner of Section; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes West 79.97 feet; thence North 20 degrees 10 minutes West, 408 feet to the centerline of Richfield Road; thence North 69 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds East 75 feet; thence South 20 degrees 10 minutes East, 435.71 feet to place of beginning, Section 35, Town 8 North, Range 7 East, Township of Genesee, Genesee County, Michigan. Rights of the public and any governmental unit in any part of the land taken, deeded or used for road, street or highway purposes. **Commonly known as 5494 Richfield Rd, Flint MI 48506** The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 12/26/2010 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT5 Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-33426

Ad #8424: 2010-12-26 2011-01-02, 2011-01-09 2011-01-16

NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Notwithstanding, if the debt secured by this property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. You are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below. Attention: The following notice shall apply **only if** the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc. Attention Timothy L. Miller and Amy Miller, regarding the property at 12431 Willard Rd., Burt, MI 48417. The following notice does **not apply** if you have previously agreed to modify the mortgage loan under section 3205b, 3205a, 3205b and 3205c do not apply unless the terms of the modified mortgage loan entered into were complied with for one year after the date of the modification. You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123. You may also contact a housing counselor. For more information, contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432. If you request a meeting with Potestivo & Associates, P.C. within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed. You have the right to contact an attorney and can obtain contact information through the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738. Dated: January 9, 2011. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 information may be faxed to (248) 267-3004, Attention: Loss Mitigation Our File No: 11-34572

Ad #8784: 2011-01-09

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Terrence A Mance and Lacracha L Mance, Husband and Wife **to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Home Mortgage, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 10, 2005 and recorded June 1, 2005 in Instrument # 200506010056832 Genesee County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc., by assignment dated October 12, 2010 and recorded October 26, 2010 in Instrument # 201010260073601 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$140,966.29) including interest 6.375% per annum.** Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 26, 2011 Said premises are situated in **Township of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan**, and are described as: Lot(s) 28, Riverforest, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 43 of Plats, Page 44. **Commonly known as 1293 River-forest Dr, Flint MI 48532** The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 12/26/2010 American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-33342

Ad #8425: 2010-12-26 2011-01-02, 2011-01-09 2011-01-16

NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Notwithstanding, if the debt secured by this property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. You are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below. Attention: The following notice shall apply **only if** the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc. Attention William W. Traxler & Carol L. Traxler, regarding the property at 5418 Westchester Dr. Flint, MI 48532. The following notice does not apply if you have previously agreed to modify the mortgage loan under section 3205b, 3205a, 3205b and 3205c do **not apply** unless the terms of the modified mortgage loan entered into were complied with for one year after the date of the modification. You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123. You may also contact a housing counselor. For more information, contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432. If you request a meeting with Potestivo & Associates, P.C. within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed. You have the right to contact an attorney and can obtain contact information through the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738. Dated: January 9, 2011. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 information may be faxed to (248) 267-3004, Attention: Loss Mitigation Our File No: 11-34699 Ad #8818: 2011-01-09

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 Lake Fenton Community Schools
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**TYRONE TOWNSHIP
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
 HELD JANUARY 4, 2011**

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Treasurer Dave Kurtz, Trustees Steve Hasbrouck, Colleen Ameel, Jim Kolhoff and Don Peitz.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2 as presented.
4. Approved the Supervisor's appointment of Eugene Rodgers, John Wiese, and Tom Lantzy to the Board of Review for a term of two years.
5. Discussed hosting a pet adoption event.
6. Approved the two-year Election Consolidation Opt-In Agreement for the Genesee and Livingston County School Districts.
7. Approved the tax collection for Hartland, Fenton, and Linden schools.
8. Approved the initiation of a Premium Conversion Plan, allowing employees who contribute to their spouse's medical coverage to deduct the premiums pre-tax.
9. Adopted Resolution #110101 To Proceed with the Jayne Hill Farms Waste Collection Project and to Prepare the Plans and Cost Estimates.
10. Adopted Resolution #110102 To Approve the Jayne Hill Farms Waste Collection Project, Schedule the First Hearing and Direct the Issuance of Statutory Notices.
11. Discussed the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget.
12. Approved Tetra Tech's proposal for the Tyrone Woods sewer closure.
13. Approved to extend the traffic court attorney contract with Johnson Rosati for a period of one year.
14. Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Look Who's Talking

By Anna Troppens, Associate Editor

My name is: Shenali Gunaratne.

I am: 17 and a senior at Holly High School.

My parents are: Janaka and Champika Gunaratne. I don't have any siblings.

If I have learned one thing in life so far, it has been: I would have to say, just follow your heart and just try to reach your goal.

Outside of school, I enjoy: I'm actually working right now, and I love my job. I work at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets. Other than that, I play tennis whenever I get a chance. I like to keep up with my friends and family. Family is a big part of my life, too. I moved here from a different country in 2005.

Where did you move from?: Sri Lanka. It's the little island under India. It was summer all year long, and that was so nice. I miss it so much. And, of course, the culture was different. It was a huge shock when I moved here, but you get used to it. My closest friends, we keep in touch. Facebook and Skype help a lot. When I went back in 2007, it was just like old times. We just hung out, and it was great. I am actually planning on going back this summer. That's the point of me having a job. I'm very excited.

Who has made the biggest impact on your life?: Probably my dad. He's so laid back, and whatever decision I make, he would support it. He has had a lot of experiences, so when I go to do something, I actually learn from him since I already know what he's done. I pretty much do everything I do because of him.

What I like most about my school: I actually love school, and I love everything about it. The teachers, the people I've met and so many opportunities. I'm dual enrolled at Oakland Community College, and if I hadn't met (counselor Mark) Mattingly, I would have probably never done that. I just finished my first class, and I'm going to take microeconomics next. I had one of my first business classes with Mrs. (Jennifer) Fettig-Doorlag. She just made it so interesting.

What are your plans after high school?: I'm going into business management and marketing, and I recently got accepted to Central, Western and Oakland. I just actually made the decision to go to Central (Michigan University) because of their business school. I would get a chance to experience the college life, and my education would be good.



SHENALI GUNARATNE

17-year-old senior at
HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL

I am involved in school activities such as: tennis. I've been playing ever since I was a sophomore. I'm the president of Spanish Club. We do all these fun things, and I get to plan everything with all my fellow officers. I am in Spanish National Honor Society as well, and I'm doing a lot of community service. And, I'm in the Interact Club because of that. Last year, they did a shoe drive where they sent shoes to all the different countries. I just got another certificate for Honor Roll.

The advice I have for parents of teens: Just support their goal. They don't have to just give them total independence, but just let them go little by little. At some point, they're going to have to live their life by themselves. Let them just experience the real world and see it for themselves.

The advice I have for younger students: When parents give them a little independence, don't take advantage of it. You have to do things your own way; I understand that. If you really sit down and have a heart-to-heart with your parents, they'll understand and they'll see you're mature enough to handle what's out there.

The one thing I am most proud of is: I'm definitely proud of where I am today. I came here without knowing what to do, without knowing anyone and barely speaking English.

What languages do you speak, besides English and Spanish?: I

speak Sinhalese. I spent a month in Italy, and since it's similar to Spanish, I picked up on a couple words. I'm planning on going back for at least three months. One of my cousins lives there, and she speaks Italian. I'd have to talk in Italian.

I want to be remembered as: I'm kind of a person where I do stuff my way, and I'm not quite sure that I care about how others see me. I'm going to do what's in my heart. What they think of that is what it is.

My favorite television show is: I have many, but I would have to go with 'Gilmore Girls.'

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?: I'm probably still going to be here in the United States, and I might be still studying. If not, hopefully, doing a job and studying.

student body

HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL

What is
your pet
peeve?



"I don't like dirty feet on my bed."
— Melissa Kring, senior



"Cracking knuckles. It's annoying."
— Tyler Rule, junior



"When people chew like they're a cow."
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"I don't like gas prices."
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News briefs

Three area school boards to meet

The Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton school boards will have a Three-District Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Fenton schools administration building, 3100 Owen Rd. The main topic will be special education programs the three school districts share, said Superintendent Tim Jalkanen, of Fenton Area Public Schools.

Fenton schools plan World Fair

The Fourth Annual World Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School, 600 Fourth St., Fenton. Different countries will be featured, and participants can learn about them, see artifacts and taste food from various countries. The World Fair fits in with Fenton Area Public Schools' International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, Superintendent Tim Jalkanen said.

School board members honored

Fenton Board of Education members received certificates of appreciation at Monday's meeting, for National School Board Recognition Month. Board members are not paid, and the district thanked them for their commitment, hard work and dedication to the community, schools, students, staff and everyone involved in the schools, Superintendent Tim Jalkanen said.

Tyrone supervisor proposes pet adoption event

The Tyrone Township board is discussing his request to host a pet adoption event, Supervisor Mike Cunningham said. Township officials are looking into ways to reach out to the community, at no cost to the township, with events that might benefit the community. It allows residents to get to know township officials, and vice versa. The township's Santa Claus food drive was an example, and it went well, he said.

Tyrone Township to continue holding school elections

The Tyrone Township board has renewed its agreement to hold elections for Genesee and Livingston county school districts. Every two years, the agreement comes to the board for renewal, Supervisor Mike Cunningham said.

Tyrone proceeding with waste collection project for Jayne Hill Farms

The township board is moving forward with waste collection arrangements for Jayne Hill Farms 1, 2 and 4. These subdivision residents use one solid waste carrier, which they pay for through a special assessment district. Periodically, the township board re-adopts a resolution for their waste collection. Township officials obtain cost estimates and hold public hearings to make sure Jayne Hill Farms residents still agree on their waste collection, Supervisor Mike Cunningham said.

Board approves proposal for Tyrone Woods sewer closure

The Tyrone Township board has approved Tetra Tech's proposal for the Tyrone Woods sewer closure, Supervisor Mike Cunningham said. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) had recommendations regarding the first proposal. Tetra Tech performed additional work, at a cost of \$1,900 to the township. The proposal will be resubmitted to the DNRE.

BURGLARY

Continued from Front Page

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to the 911 call and set up a perimeter in the area as the K-9 unit attempted to track the suspects' path through the snow. Investigators towed the truck away as evidence.

Dep. Max Mims said that around 6 p.m. that same evening, a 24-year-old man from Swartz Creek, who was the registered owner of the red S-10 pickup truck left in the driveway, turned himself in to authorities. His accomplice has not yet been taken into custody.

The deputy said investigators learned that the two men allegedly broke into the vacant home to steal copper piping, which could then be sold for scrap.



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By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

John Lamb, 59, of Fenton, won't let winter get in the way of his exercise program. Whether it's 85 degrees or 25 degrees outside, you'll find him out running early in the morning before work, trying to get his workout in before traffic and his

own daily responsibilities get in the way.

"I try to run four days a week, all year 'round," said Lamb, who runs to maintain his weight and his health. "If it's below 20 degrees or there's a whole lot of snow, I'll stay home, but otherwise, I run. Every day that I run, I feel so

much better."

While Lamb is a seasoned runner, Karen Monetta of Fenton Township is a beginner ice skater, just trying out this winter sport for the first time since her childhood. "I've had a bit of an ice phobia all these years," admitted Monetta,

See OUTDOOR on 5B

(First photo by Tim Jagielo) Max Taylor, 14, of Plymouth, takes a jump on Mt. Holly Ski Area. (Second photo by Tim Jagielo) Skiers line up to check equipment at Mt. Holly Ski Area last Monday. (Third photo by Sally Rummel) A winter bonfire can be a relaxing, cozy ending to a vigorous cold weather outdoor activity. (Fourth photo by Sally Rummel) To steady herself on the ice, Karen Monetta holds onto a hockey stick with fellow skater Bob Davidson.

WINTER TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

Europe tops early 2011 list of hot spots

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

If you're planning to visit the top three "hot spots" of Europe in 2011, you aren't alone. Trips to Paris, London and Rome are up substantially this year, according to local travel expert John Schmitt, of Superior Travel.

"The U.S. dollar is stronger and more people than ever have passports, making Europe a big destination this year," said Schmitt.

While most people traditionally plan European travel for the months of June, July and August,

some savvy travelers have booked flights for late March and April for bigger bargains, according to Schmitt. "The time frame for these trips has definitely expanded into spring and fall," he said.

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**Hot U.S.
destinations
in 2011**

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business profiles

Justice named president of The State Bank

The board of directors of The State Bank recently announced that West Michigan Community Bank President and CEO Ronal Justice will be returning to Fenton as president and COO of The State Bank. Current Bank President Donald Grill will remain CEO of the bank and continue to serve as president and CEO of Fentura Financial, Inc., the parent company of The State Bank. Other senior officers of the bank include Dennis Leyder, Dan Wollschlager, Doug Kelley, Holly Pingatore, Kristy Premo and Tom Janego.

Justice began his career with The State Bank in 1985 after obtaining a bachelor's degree in business administration/accounting from the University of Michigan-Flint. He served the bank in various capacities, including chief auditor, chief financial officer and head of retail bank-

ing. In 2005, he was promoted to the position of president and CEO of Davison State Bank, and in 2008 was appointed president and CEO of Fentura's West Michigan subsidiary — West Michigan Community Bank.

During the early years of his career at The State Bank, Justice was heavily involved in community activities. He served previously as chairman of the board of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, president of South Lakes Community Arts Council, chairman of the Fenton Cultural Center Steering Committee, vice chairman of Loose Senior Citizen Center, and treasurer of the Linden Community Schools Education Foundation. He currently serves as a board regent for the Baker College Center for Graduate Studies. Justice lives in the Fenton area with his family.

Business briefs

EDWARD JONES HIRES NEW FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Ted Ward is the newest Edward Jones financial advisor in Fenton. He will take over the Silver Parkway branch of Edward Jones and continue the firm's tradition of providing unparalleled client service to local investors.

Ward grew up in Rochester Hills. He is married to his wife of 10 years, Janice. They have one child. Ward works on a variety of customized



Ted Ward

solutions for helping clients prepare for retirement, live in retirement, save for major purchases, fund a child or grandchild's education and transfer assets. Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. It is ranked No. 2 on Fortune Magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2010, and is headquartered in St. Louis.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, Jan. 12

The **Fenton Community & Cultural Center** will feature a free movie, the romantic comedy "Buddy," on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 125 S. LeRoy St. at 7 p.m. Described as "intelligent and charming," this recent film from Norway is another "undiscovered gem" from the Fenton Film Series. Food and beverages will be provided by film series sponsors, including sandwiches from Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, homemade sodas from the Fenton Winery & Brewery, and pastries and coffee from The French Laundry. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

The **Fenton VFW Post #3243**, 1148 N. LeRoy St., is hosting a Fish Fry, every Friday night, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Web Poll

Do you predict a brighter financial outlook for the tri-county area in 2011?

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Two Linden area students performed in a recital at the Flint Institute of Music in December. Maggie Kelley, 8, a third grader at Central Elementary School, and Lauren Maten, 9, a fourth grader at Hyatt Elementary School, auditioned before two judges in November at the Flint Music Teacher’s Association Junior Recital Auditions. In order to qualify for the recital, the students had to achieve a combined score of 190 or above. Pictured (from left) are Maggie Kelley and Lauren Maten, with their teacher, Ann Taft.

Tyrone Township
Livingston County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE
TYRONE TOWNSHIP JAYNE HILL FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, 2 AND 4
WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2011)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to review the following proposed special assessment district:

TYRONE TOWNSHIP JAYNE HILL FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, 2 AND 4
WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2011)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

and to hear any objections thereto and the proposed project.

(2) The project (the “Project”) will consist of establishing a single waste hauler for the following roads in the Jayne Hill Farms Subdivision No. 1, 2 and 4 in Tyrone Township: Farmhill Drive, Orchardview Drive, Carl Drive, Amesbury Court, Greenview Drive, Woodstock Drive, Hillsbury Drive, and Manchester Drive. The Project is designed to serve the properties in the Special Assessment District (the “District”), which District consists of the properties located within the area designated on the map attached at Appendix I and includes the specific properties that are identified by the permanent lot and parcel numbers described in Appendix II.

(3) The Township plans to impose special assessments on the properties located in the Special Assessment District to pay for the costs of the Project.

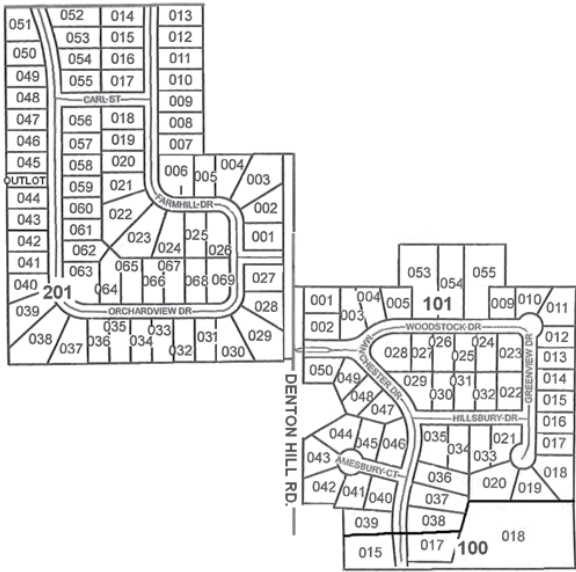
(4) The plans and cost estimates for the proposed Project and the description of the District are now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Project may be made, and subsequent hearings shall not be required if such cost redeterminations do not increase the estimated cost of the Project by more than 10%. Any person objecting to the proposed Project or the proposed District must file his or her objections in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the January 18, 2011 public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

This notice is given by order of the Tyrone Township Board.

Dated: January 4, 2011

Keith L. Kremer
Tyrone Township Clerk

APPENDIX I • Map of Special Assessment District



APPENDIX II • Special Assessment District Permanent Parcel Numbers

47-04-01-100-015	47-04-01-101-032	47-04-02-201-010	47-04-02-201-041
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OUTDOOR

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who plans to skate in her own backyard on Squaw Lake. "I'm trying to overcome my fear this winter. I'll be the one holding onto a chair on the ice."

Embracing winter with all of its recreational opportunities is a great way to manage the winter blues that are so prevalent this time of year.

Even if you have never schussed down a ski hill before, there can always be a "first time" at Mt. Holly ski and snowboard resort in Groveland Township.

Thanks to the Discover Michigan Program, which takes place at dozens of Michigan ski resorts, including Mt. Holly, in cooperation with McDonald's restaurants, beginners of all ages can learn to ski or snowboard for a fraction of the cost of regular lessons, equipment rental and lift tickets. The lesson includes basic maneuvering on skis or snowboards, including stopping, turning, riding the lifts and getting up from a fall.

The program is held throughout the month of January at Mt. Holly. Interested participants are asked to pick up a Discover Michigan Skiing Value voucher at participating Michigan McDonald's restaurants. Call ahead to reserve a spot at Mt. Holly by calling (248) 634-8269. A printable voucher is also available by clicking on Discover Michigan Skiing & Snowboarding Value Voucher (www.

goskimichigan.com).

In this special promotion, an adult ski lesson is designed for beginners 15 and over, children's ski lessons for beginners 7 to 14, and snowboard lessons for those 10 and older.

For cross-country skiing enthusiasts and snowshoe lovers, the natural beauty of area lakes and woods makes a dramatic winter scene, with nearby trails at Holly Recreation Area and Seven Lakes State Park in Holly for enthusiastic gliders. Other nearby options are at For-Mar Nature Preserve, Arboretum in Burton and Kensington Metro Park in Oakland County.

Hiking Michigan, a non-profit group that supports hiking, area recreation areas and the environment, conducts year-round events, including winter hikes, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and snowman building. For more information about the winter schedule set to resume this month, visit www.hiking-michigan.com.

Those who want to learn how to ice skate so they can enjoy the winter beauty of the area's 50-plus inland lakes, can take lessons at nearby Hartland Ice House or Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton, with winter sessions slated to begin this month. Otherwise, "practice makes per-

"I'm trying to overcome my fear this winter. I'll be the one holding onto a chair on the ice."

Karen Monetta
Fenton Township resident

fect" with experienced skaters, who are often willing to teach a novice.

Opportunities abound for the less adventurous among us, including those who want to exercise this winter without braving the elements. There are dozens of inexpensive programs offered through Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR), or through Linden Community Education — from Jazzercise to Pilates and Zumba to yoga. In addition, local gyms, studios and dance centers offer many specials this time of year to get "couch potatoes" off the couch and moving.

Walkers who just want a more "sure footing" this time of year can find refuge in area schools, many of which open their hallways for winter-walking enthusiasts. "We've got well over 100 people already signed up to walk," said Vince Paris, executive director of SLPR. "It's free. All you have to do is pick up a badge that will allow you in the building."

Fenton High School and Lake Fenton Middle School are both open for walking Monday through Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. Linden High School is open Monday through Thursday for walkers who have signed up through Community Education, in the morning from 6 to 7 a.m. and in the evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact SLPR at (810) 629-2512, Linden Community Education at (810) 591-0415 or Holly Area Schools at (248) 328-3100.

TRAVEL

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What effect will Prince William and Kate Middleton's upcoming nuptials on April 29 have on travel to London?

"Some people will avoid that time, while others will see it as another reason to visit. It all depends on your perspective," said Schmitt.

With 11,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day, the business of travel continues to grow with this age group. "They've traveled many places close to home and now want to go somewhere else to experience something new," said Schmitt, in explanation of Europe's popularity this year.

Other "new" destinations for savvy travelers in 2011 include Albania, Brazil, Cape Verde, Panama, Bulgaria, Vanuatu, Italy, Tanzania, Syria and

Japan, according to the Lonely Planet, a popular travel website and resource.

For travelers staying closer to home, three-quarters said in a recent survey that they planned to visit Las Vegas, New York City, San Francisco, Washington D.C. or Chicago this year. "Travel to Florida is still big, but it's not even on the Top 5 list of popular travel destinations right now," said Schmitt.

That doesn't mean, however, that people aren't still flocking to warm weather destinations. "People are still traveling to Mexico," he said. "When you're

going to big tourist destinations like Cancun, it's still pretty safe."

Other travel destinations for warm-weather lovers are the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Belize, and the Caribbean.

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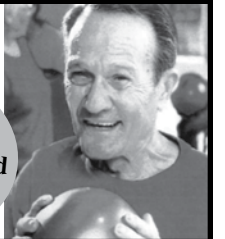
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Patricia Jo (nee Phillips) Martin,

Patricia Jo (nee Phillips) Martin - age 65 of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Fenton, passed away December 8, 2010. Cremation has taken place. She is survived by: husband Russell of 46 years; sons Mike and Randy, daughters Stacy and Shanna; 7 grandchildren and one on the way; brother Charles Phillips, Flint, MI; sisters Judy Strapach, AZ, Mary Jane Rockman, Indian Rocks, FL.

Jimmie Sproule,

Jimmie Sproule - age 79, died January 4, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Margaret Burwell,

Margaret Burwell - age 89, died January 6, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Robert Lutz,

Robert Lutz - age 95, died January 6, 2011. Services will be held 12 noon Monday, January 10, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, Pastor Dale Swihart officiating. Burial at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, 2-5 and 7-9 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church Building Fund. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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JoeAnn Mariage,

JoeAnn Mariage - age 63, died January 4, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Larry Culley,

Larry Culley - age 62, died December 31, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Lois Juengel,

Lois Juengel - age 80, died January 6, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Eugene Autry,

Eugene Autry - age 72, died January 6, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Edward Emerton,

Edward Emerton - age 83, died January 6, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Helen Pinkston,

Helen Pinkston - age 90, died January 7, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Charles Sandford,

Charles Sandford - age 84, died January 7, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Thomas Anthony Rasmovich

1946-2010

Thomas Anthony Rasmovich - age 64, of Atlanta,



Georgia passed away Sunday, December 19, 2010. He was born August

26, 1946, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of the late Mr. Anthony Peter Rasmovich and the late Mrs. Ann Marie Courtney Rasmovich. He earned his BA at Central Michigan University, was commissioned an officer and served as a Captain in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War where he flew AH-1 Cobras. He married his beloved Janet D. Edwards on August 14, 1971 in Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Rasmovich worked for Avon Products for over 17 years, owned and operated a McDonalds Franchise for 10 years, and finished his career as an Account Director for Moroch & Associates. He cherished living in Tokyo Japan, enjoyed fine wines, was an avid sports fan and enjoyed spending time with his four grandchildren whom he loved dearly. He was an ideal son, selfless brother, devoted friend, fearless and honorable leader, accomplished and respected business man, devoted and adoring husband, nurturing and encouraging father, proud and affectionate grandfather and the integral piece to our family. The lives he forever touched are proof that he had a marvelous life plan and he now joins God in heaven. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Rasmovich. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Janet D. Edwards Rasmovich; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Derek Oxford; son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Holly Rasmovich; sister, Mary Ann Sloan; brother, Michael Rasmovich; 4 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Memorial Services will be Sunday May 29, 2011 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Thomas Rasmovich's name may be made to The American Heart Association. Messages of condolence to the family may be sent from www.jones-wynn.com.



Thelma Burton,

Thelma Burton - age 96, died January 4, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Susan Castaneda,
Susan Castaneda - age 64, died December 30, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Terry Lee Revord

1945-2011

Terry Lee Revord - age 65, of Linden, died Tuesday,



January 4, 2011 at his residence. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Sat-

urday, January 8, 2011 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, Fr. David Harvey celebrating. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden Friday from 6-9 PM and also will be held at church Saturday from 10 AM until time of Mass. Terry was born July 27, 1945 in Munising, the son of Samuel and Hazel (Elya) Revord. He married Mary Jo St. Amour October 22, 1966 in Munising. He had resided in Linden for the past 33 years coming from Swartz Creek. Terry retired from General Motors after 35 years of service, having worked at Fisher Body I, Buick City and Great Lakes Tech. Center. Surviving are: wife, Mary Jo; 2 sons, Terry Joe and wife Audra Revord of Middleton, WI and Scott Revord of Tobyhanna, PA; 6 grandchildren, Abby, Nick, Maddie, Sophia, Nate, and Zach; 3 sisters, Dormalee Smith of Houghton, Delores Webber of Warren and Helen Ann Korpela of Des Moines, IA; mother-in-law, Eileen St. Amour of Munising; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters, Geraldine Methot and Cletus Smith; brother, Harold Revord. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Norman Brehmer,

Norman Brehmer - age 65, died January 3, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Chester Phillips,

Chester Phillips - age 75, died January 5, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Deborah Sopko,

Deborah Sopko - age 50, died January 4, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Eric Ward,

Eric Ward - age 39, died December 30, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Anna Mae Morey

1922-2011

Anna Mae Morey - age 88, of Linden, died Tuesday,



January 4, 2011. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday,

January 8, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Rev. Donald Neuville will officiate. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held 5-8 PM Thursday, 2-4 and 6-8 PM Friday. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Linden Library or Linden Historical Society. Anna was born September 17, 1922 in Detroit, the daughter of Fred and Minnie (Schweitzer) Thompson. She married Alton Morey on July 26, 1946 in Byron; he preceded her in death on November 6, 1992. Mrs. Morey had been a resident of Linden since 1947. She worked at Murphy's, retiring in 1988. Mrs. Morey was active in the Linden community. She was a charter member of the Linden Historical Society and Linden Library Board, served on the Planning Commission for many years, volunteered at the Linden Museum and was a member of the Loose Senior Center. She enjoyed golf and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving are: children, Michael (Shirley) Morey of Fenton, Susan Morey of Flint Twp., Lynn (David) Smith of Linden; grandchildren, Andrea Morey, Brian Morey, Jeff (Amy) Matney, Eric (Crystal) Matney; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Katherine Gallagher and Helen (Clark) Sill; many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Ann and sister, Jean. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ronald Allen,

Ronald Allen - age 50, died January 4, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Alversa Pancheck,

Alversa Pancheck - age 86, died January 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Craig Jarrell,

Craig Jarrell - age 49, died January 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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BY JOANN DERSON

Now here's a TIP

• **"During the winter,** I keep a spray bottle around that's filled with a dilution of fabric softener. Not only do a few spritzes on the furniture and carpet make the house smell nice, it also gives some much-needed humidity to the air." -- D.K. in Wyoming

• **"This is a big hit** at our house for dinner: Make meatloaf in a muffin tin and then use whipped potatoes to 'frost' the 'cupcakes.' We also decorate the tops with peas or corn kernels for a fun dinner that we then eat up!" -- B.B. in California

• **Restrict your salt** at the saltshaker. Seal up a few

holes with clear nail polish.

• **When placing dough** in a bowl to rise, try spraying it with cooking spray. It's less messy than spreading oil around with your fingers.

• **Slip a knee-high stocking** over the mouth of your vacuum-cleaner hose and use it to dust your bookshelves or around knickknacks. Nothing will get sucked up but dust.

• **"Three uses for a hair dryer** (besides drying your hair): 1. Defrost frozen sections of pipe. 2. Thaw ice on a window. 3. Dry the inside of your rubber dish gloves." -- V.S. in Kansas

BY SAMANTHA WEAVER

Strange but TRUE

• **It was American radio** and TV writer and commentator Andy Rooney who made the following sage observation: "Computers make it easier to do a lot of things, but most of the things they make it easier to do don't need to be done."

• **The iconic 1980s** video games Pac-Man and Ms. Pac-Man had 256 levels, though it's been reported that on both of them, the 256th level has bugs that make it unplayable.

• **The earliest known** examples of drinking straws were created out of gold and lapis lazuli by the ancient Sumerians. It seems they were used by royalty to drink beer, thereby avoiding the yeast residue left over from the fermentation process.

• **It takes 450 skilled workers** to create a Steinway grand piano -- and the piano is made up of about 12,000 individual parts.

• **If you are like 83 percent** of adult Americans, you received a gift

you didn't want during the recent holiday season.

• **If you're a heavy coffee** drinker, you might want to consider the following: A study conducted in the United Kingdom found that those who reported the highest consumption of caffeine also were more likely to report hallucinations and other extrasensory experiences.

• **The Campbell's Soup** portraits created by Andy Warhol have become icons of the Pop Art movement, and today they sell at auction for upward of \$10 million. They weren't always so well-regarded, however; in 1962, actor Dennis Hopper (a visionary art collector, it seems) purchased one of the first examples for a mere \$75.

Thought for the Day: "I have known a vast quantity of non-sense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don't trust that conventional idea. Dishonesty will stare honesty out of countenance, any day in the week, if there is anything to be got by it." -- Charles Dickens

BY SAM MAZZOTA

paw's corner

Putting the kibosh on nuisance barking



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: What is the best way to get my 6-month-old dog, "Kit," to quit nuisance barking, and does Bark Off really work? — Phillip M., via email

DEAR PHILLIP: The best way to address nuisance barking is through daily, attentive training methods. Whether you spring for an ultrasonic "anti-barking" device or something else, the key to reducing or stopping Kit's barking is spending time with him, teaching him not to bark incessantly.

The most common training method to stop unwanted barking is to distract the dog with a noise, a hiss or a sharp "no!" Or, in the case of the device mentioned, an "ultrasonic" noise that does the same thing. No matter how much money you spend or don't spend, that's really the key technique.

But there's more to it. When I say "distract," that doesn't mean just hissing, shaking a can of pennies or pressing an ultrasonic control button from your cozy spot on the couch. I mean, distract immediately, then get up and go to Kit and have him sit and stay for a minute. When he does that, give him lots of praise. Then — and this may sound revolutionary — spend more time with him, training or playing. Just pressing a button and ignoring your dog won't solve the problem. The button you should press when Kit's barking is the pause button on your DVR.

Kit, at 6 months, is going through a bit of a change, heading into puppy puberty. He's energetic and pushing the envelope. So be firm and consistent with his obedience training, play with him to work off that energy, and set a daily schedule for him — feeding, walks, training, play, sleep — and stick to it. It will take a few weeks to reduce his barking this way, but it's worth it.

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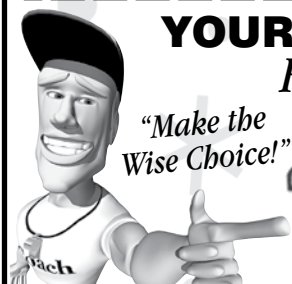
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Tri-City's
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Holly-Kearsley co-op wins thriller vs. Tri-City Chiefs, 4-3

By David Troppens
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Flint — It wasn't the debut that Tri-City Chiefs goalie Hannah Fremd hoped for, but she still made a bit of history Thursday night at Perani Arena.

The goalie became the Tri-City Chiefs' first female starting player.

Fremd was pretty solid in net despite losing

a 4-3 verdict to the Kearsley/Holly co-op program in overtime. She made 31 saves before Kearsley's Joel Huber scored on his own put-back shot with 3:04 remaining in overtime.

"I was a little bit nervous, but it was all right," said Fremd, a sophomore at Linden High School. "I know that the pace is a little faster than I have been seeing, so I have to get used to that. Other than that, I think both teams did really good."

"I'd give myself a low-B. I didn't bring my 'A' game."

For most of the game, it was Fremd's 31 saves that kept the Chiefs in the contest. But in

the OT, Tri-City took a penalty and spent much of the extra session on the defensive. Finally, Huber scored.

"Kyle (McRill) got it back to me behind the net and I stuffed it in," Huber said. "It was two shots. It was a garbage goal, but it counts."

The Hornets (7-2-1) led most of the night, breaking a 1-1 tie with a goal by Darren Donnelly with 10:38 left in the second period. A few minutes later, Brandon Csutoras scored his second goal of the game on a wrist shot, making it a 3-1 lead.

Tri-City's Jake Stone scored on the power

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Fenton Tigers remain perfect

By Al Zipsie

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Lapeer — Fenton's boys basketball team (5-0, 7-0) continued its winning ways with a 72-57 victory at Lapeer West Friday.

Fenton is off to their best start since 1999 when the Tigers finished 23-1. Their only loss that season came in the regional final. The Tigers closest game has been a 10-point win vs. Flint Southwestern.

Ryan Hickoff remains on a roll, scoring a game-high 22 points at West. His twin, Dylan Hickoff, added 14 points. Charlie Herzog turned in a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"That is his fourth double-double of the year. Charlie is a physical presence in the middle and is tough to stop," said Fenton coach Tim Olszewski. "He has worked on foot work and in the weight room, and the more touches he gets, the better he is."

"I missed some shots I could

have made," Herzog said. "I always think I can keep improving. I have been lucky enough to get some points, but my job is get rebounds and play defense."

"We have scorers in the Hickoffs, and Eric Mowery is our school's all-time assist leader and he keeps adding to that. I love playing with Eric. If you are open, he will find you and get you the ball."

Herzog scored his first points to open the game with a left-handed hook shot, and finished scoring on a nice dish from Mowery.

With Fenton trailing 5-3 early, Olszewski called a timeout. After the time out, the Tigers slapped on a full-court press, and scored 13 unanswered points with it. Dylan Hickoff and Mowery had four steals each, as the Tigers built a 16-5 lead.

The Panthers cut the lead to five points as Cullen Turczyn, who led West with 16 points, banked in a long three-point shot. Still, Fenton led 33-22 at the half.

The Tigers came out strong in the third quarter, as Mowery had a steal, and then hung in there and converted in a behind-the-head shot. He also was fouled, and he completed the three-point play. Fenton led 42-28.

Fenton erupted for 24 points in the quarter building a 57-38 cushion going into the final period.

LINDEN 55, LAPEER EAST 36

Dylan Nash scored a team-high 14 points, leading the Eagles to their second straight victory.

Jack Plasters had 12 points, while Kevin Baker and Brad Farthing had 10 points each.

BEECHER 72, LAKE FENTON 48

Sean Canning scored 13 points, while Mitch Kirk and Devin Evans had 11 points each.

KEARSLEY 72, HOLLY 50

Josh Fugate led Holly with 18 points, while Anderius Gray had 10 points. Holly was outscored 49-27 during the second half.



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Ryan Hickoff (left) attempts a shot during the Tigers' victory at Lapeer West on Friday night.

Fenton's press sparks 50-26 Metro victory vs. West

By David Troppens

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Lapeer — If Hannah Evo goes looking for a job, don't be shocked if she looks under "professional thief" in the want ads.

At least when it comes to playing basketball, the Fenton freshman is pretty good at stealing.

Evo was one of the main girls that helped Fenton's press dominate the first half at Lapeer West on Friday. She collected five steals for the second straight game, four coming on the press in the second quarter, leading the Tigers to a 50-26 Metro League victory.

The Fenton girls basketball team forced 22 first-half Panther turnovers, with many being converted quickly into buckets. In fact, she earned assists after three steals with quick passes and buckets to her teammates.

Fenton's press made an impact in the first quarter, helping the Tigers to an 18-8 lead at the end of the period. However, it was the second quarter that the press really took full effect. Sparked by Evo, West turned the ball over 14 times in the second quarter, helping lead the Tigers to a 38-16 halftime edge.

"We have our 2-2 and our 1-2 (presses) and we work hard on them, really hard," Evo said. "You need to work hard to get the steals. If you work hard, then something can happen."

"She really does," said Fenton coach Brad DeWitt when asked if Evo has good instincts to create steals. "She really excels at it. She's one of those naturals that knows the passing lanes and knows to cut on the right angles and at the right times. She anticipates very well. She does a really nice job of it."

The Tigers (4-1, 6-2) took the lead for good on a fast break jumper by Payton Maxheimer, making it 6-4 early in the first quarter. After that, the press was dominant, forcing West to make six turnovers on its next seven possessions. The mistakes led to the 18-8 lead after one quarter.

In one period of the second quarter, the Tigers had three straight steals off their press leading to three easy buckets — one hoop each from Maxheimer, Gabrielle Rivette and Sam Granger. The first two hoops were set up by steals from Evo that she dished

to Maxheimer and Rivette for easy layins. Fenton led 28-10 after the third of those hoops, and cruised from that point.

In the second half, the Tigers took off the press, but their halfcourt defense still kept the Panthers to just two second-half field goals. It was fortunate, because Fenton hit on only six during the final 16 minutes themselves.

Alyssa Ostrowski led Fenton's offense with 12 points, while grabbing seven rebounds. Rivette had 10 points eight rebounds and three steals. Granger finished with eight points and 11 rebounds.

Fenton hosts Metro League foe Holly Monday for a 7 p.m. contest.

HOLLY 42, KEARSLEY 33

Ashley Xiong scored a team-high 13 points, while Lauren Maher had 10 points, leading the Bronchos (6-2) to the victory.

Audrey Koons chipped in eight points, while Allyssa Copley had seven.

LAPEER EAST 47, LINDEN 24

Kesley Brecht led the Linden Eagles with eight points, while Sabrina Kinney chipped in four points.



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Alyssa Ostrowski (left) scored two of her 12 points in Fenton's 50-26 win on this shot.

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Holly wrestlers earn Metro sweep; Linden splits

By David Troppens

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Flint — Shawn Scott and the rest of his Holly varsity wrestling teammates have high expectations for their squad this winter.

Wednesday was just a small step toward fulfilling some of those goals.

The Bronchos, ranked sixth in Division 2 in the state, captured an all-important victory against area rivals Linden in both teams' Metro League dual opener Wednesday at Kearsley High School.

The Bronchos won the final four matches and earned a 46-24 victory. Meanwhile, Holly followed that win with a 73-6 drubbing of meet hosts Kearsley. The Eagles had to face the other team expected to compete for the Metro title, Lapeer West, and came out of that match the 44-30 victors.

"This whole week was focused on Linden," Scott said. "If we want to be league champions and then keep going to team states, we have to take the steps. And this was the first step — the first step toward leagues."

"This is one of them (the best opponents in the Metro)," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "It's huge now and we won't see West until the end of January. If we got beat by Linden, that would've taken the wind out of our sails. ... Now we feel we are in the driver's seat."

The Bronchos earned that driver's seat by winning five matches via pinfall, but, just as important, losing most of its matches by only decisions. Linden actually won six of the first four matches, but because the Bronchos won three of their four by pinfalls, they only trailed 24-22.

And even with the lead, Linden was in trouble. The Bronchos capped the meet

with pinfall wins by Mason Cleaver (112) and Tyler Gibson (119), followed by forfeit victories by Anthony Gonzales (125) and Esteban Gonzales (125).

The Bronchos opened the match with a major decision win by Andrew Scott (135) and a pinfall win by Zack Jones (135), earning a 10-0 lead.

However, the Eagles responded with decision wins by Dallas Blank (145) and Shane Stevens (152). Linden led 10-6.

The Bronchos responded with pinfall wins by Mike Neal (160) and Scott (171). Holly led 22-6. Linden followed with decision wins by Jeff Fisher (189) and Cliff Coleman (215), and then pinfall victories by Kyle Fisher (285) and Eli Foguth (103), retaking the lead, but Holly capped it with its strong end.

Still, the Eagles had reason to feel good, beating West. Linden got pinfall wins from Stevens (152), Jeff Fisher (171), Chase Gifford (189) and Kyle Fisher (285). Blank (140), Coleman (215) and Neal (130) also won by forfeit, while Dan Fisher (160) won a decision.

"We are a young team and we took six matches against Holly. That's great," Linden coach Todd Skinner said. "We beat a tough Lapeer West team. ... We are still alive in the conference and that's what we wanted to accomplish tonight."

The Bronchos dominated Kearsley. Andrew Scott (140), Shawn Scott (171), Joe Scanlon (189), Cleaver (112), Gibson (119), Anthony Gonzales (125), Esteban Gonzales (130) and Zack Jones (135) each won matches by pinfall. Meanwhile, Lance Millis (285) won a match by decision and Mike Spencer (145) won a major decision. Joey Spencer (152), Joe Piwowarski (215) and Scott Scanlon (103) won matches by forfeit.



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Linden's Shane Stevens (back) holds down Holly's Joey Spencer. Stevens won this individual match, but the Bronchos won the team match against Linden.

"Linden were the underdogs, like we were going into this match last year and we came out on top (last year)," Shawn Scott said. "We didn't want that to happen to us this year. So we wrestled our 'A' game and made sure they didn't pull away."

**FENTON VS.
LAPEER EAST & SWARTZ CREEK**

The Fenton Tigers beat Lapeer East 39-26, but lost to Swartz Creek in a tight battle 41-39.

Pat Turner earned pinfall wins in both of his matches. Chase Roney also won both of his matches. Jacob Wykes, Sean Rusaw and Blake Mireles also earned a pin during the night.

Fenton hoops teams sweep East

By David Troppens

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When it comes to intensity, Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tim Olszewski isn't worried.

He sees the fire in his team's practices, and is reasonably certain that those practices will translate into strong games.

For the sixth time in just as many

games, that equation worked out well on Tuesday night. Fenton (4-0, 6-0) outscored Lapeer East 37-14 in the first half, earning a dominating 69-33 at home.

"The boys did a good job, especially early on with their intensity, playing defense and taking control of the tempo of the game," Olszewski said. "We pressed

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LF boys capture crossover win vs. Byron Eagles, 62-41

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team didn't leave any room for suspense in its road contest at Byron Tuesday.

The Blue Devils outscored Byron 20-2 in the opening quarter and cruised to a 62-41 GAC crossover victory.

The Blue Devils (1-1, 3-2) were paced by Sean Canning in the opening half. He scored all 20 of his game-high points in the first half, including 10 during the 20-2 run in the first period.

Spencer Quick scored Lake Fenton's first two points, but Canning followed that by scoring the Blue Devils' next eight points. Any questions of Byron getting back in the contest in the second quarter were erased, as Lake Fenton took a 36-14 lead into the intermission.

"We needed a game like this," Lake Fenton coach Matt Furey said. "We are playing good basketball and our stats that matter prove it. We are a small team, but we have out-rebounded teams four out of our five games. We control the basketball with under 10 turnovers every game, shoot over 70 percent from the line, play as a team and have guys that get after it."

Statistically, it was easy to see why Lake Fenton won on Tuesday. The Blue Devils hit on 26-of-53 two-point field goal attempts and turned the ball over just 14 times. They also hit an efficient 10-of-12 free throws. And the team showed great balance. Every player had at least two points and had at least one rebound or assist.

After Canning's 20 points, Mitch Kirk

had 12 points, four rebounds and two assists. Quick added 10 points and four rebounds. Devin Evans led the Blue Devils with five rebounds, four steals and three assists.

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 83, HOLLY 57

The Bronchos played a tough Detroit Country Day squad (5-2) and hung with the hosts until the second half.

The Bronchos (4-1) trailed just 20-14 after one quarter and were within 48-34 at the half, but never were able to dent into the lead in the second half.

Brent Staffne led Holly with 21 points, while Josh Fugate had 15 points. Country Day had four double-digit scorers, led by Lee Bailey's 16 points. Amir Wilson had 12 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks.



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Lake Fenton's Spencer Quick (left) prepares to take a shot in a recent contest.



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Lake Fenton's Jake Carley won both matches in the Blue Devils' sweep of Montrose and Mt. Morris on Wednesday.

Lake Fenton wrestlers roll over Montrose, Mt. Morris

By Al Zipsie

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Montrose — Lake Fenton's varsity wrestling team came a step closer to winning its wrestling league championship in 35 years after GAC victories against Montrose 63-18 and Mt. Morris 59-24, Wednesday.

Lake Fenton is now 11-2 overall, and both of those losses were one-point shortcomings against two of the best teams in the state — Oxford and Hudson. More importantly, the squad is 6-0 in GAC action, putting them in first place.

Leading the way on Wednesday night were Christian O'Guinn (152) and Connor Brancheau (160), who each won both of their matches by pinfall. Other double-winners were Jake Carley (103), Robert Zoll (112), Todd Melick (125), Bryce Hopkins (130), Buddy Poyner (135), Zach Corcoran (140), Justin Melick (145) and Drew Morris (171).

"We shuffled the lineup to get some guys some matches," said Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran. "We are getting closer to that league title. New Lothrop (Jan. 19) will give us a good test. They had big wins the other day over Richmond and Lowell."

Against Montrose, O'Guinn, Brancheau and Morris opened with three straight pinfall wins, putting Lake Fenton up 18-0, pretty much icing the match.

In the nightcap, Brancheau started with a pin in 3:12, and Morris followed with a tech fall. After two pins and a void, Mt. Morris took a 18-11 lead. However, Lake Fenton fought back. Carley had a pinfall

win in 5:18, cutting the gap back to 18-17. Zoll recorded a pinfall (112), giving Lake Fenton the lead at 23-18.

"The pin came when I was able to turn the Mt. Morris wrestler on his back and was able to finish it off with a pin," said Zoll, who also had a decision win in the Montrose match. "I am surrounded by a lot of talent. I just try to get as many team points as I can in any way I can."

Mt. Morris took its last lead at 24-23 after the 119 match, before the 'Devils put the match away. Lake Fenton's power showed as the Blue Devils scored the next 36 points. Todd Melick (125) put them ahead to stay with a pin in 1:41, and Hopkins and Poyner won by forfeit. Unbeaten Zach Corcoran (21-0) won with a fall at 140. Justin Melick scored six points before O'Guinn, who is 20-3 and has 99 career varsity wins, had a pin to close out the night.

"Christian's three losses were to some monsters from Davison, St. John's and Hudson," Vance Corcoran said. "He was a little shaky at the start of the season and is now really wrestling well."

Poyner, Brancheau and Morris all rose their individual records to 22-1 on the season. Poyner and Brancheau wrestled at Fenton a couple of years ago.

"It is nice to wrestle with Buddy Poyner again," said Brancheau. "Buddy and all these guys are just good friends and this is a chance to wrestle on the same high school team."

"Going for an individual and a team state championship this year is what it is all about."

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early and that led to turnovers and easy buckets.
“Our practices are very intense and very competitive, and they battle with each other. That’s probably some of the reason why we are doing so well against other teams.”
On Tuesday, the Tigers established Charlie Herzog early on and then went on to establish other facets of their game. It worked. Herzog scored 13 points, most coming early in the game, while Ryan Hickoff (17 points) and Dylan Hickoff (12 points) also had their consistently solid offensive contests.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
FENTON 51, LAPEER EAST 26
It was pretty much a perfect night for the Fenton varsity girls basketball team on Tuesday.


The offense played well, scoring at least 10 points a quarter. The defense was strong, holding Lapeer East to eight or less points each of the first three quarters. And, most importantly, everyone got some playing time.
Fenton busted out to a 20-8 lead after one quarter and never looked back, earning the victory against the Eagles.
“Everybody played pretty well,” Fenton coach Brad DeWitt said. “We talked about picking up where we left off with the Davison game before the break and the girls came out and did it. They worked hard, created a lot of turnovers and capitalized on a lot of them.”
By halftime, the Tigers led 31-12. Gabrielle Rivette led the Tigers (3-1, 4-2) with 18 points, while Sam Granger had 10 points and nine rebounds. Payton Maxheimer had eight points. Hannah Evo had five steals.

Scott scores 34 in LF girls’ 58-35 victory

By David Troppens
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The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team is on a pretty good roll.
The Blue Devils improved to 5-1 overall with an impressive 58-35 road thumping of Byron on Tuesday. Since, this contest, the Blue Devils have fallen to 5-2 with a loss to Beecher.
Sydney Scott led the way. The sophomore post player scored a game-high 23 points and grabbed 21 rebounds.
“She had a great game,” Lake Fenton coach Dennis Lucius said. “She did a nice job around the basket and the girls did a great job getting the ball to her.”
However, she did have some help. Fel-

low sophomore Mackenzie Gottron collected 12 points, while Faith Weier had eight points and 11 rebounds.
Carla Bartlett and Kelsey Philburn each had 15 points for Byron, but the rest of the team only scored five points combined.
“We played a box-and-one on Philburn. She has been averaging 18 points a game,” Lucius said.
The Blue Devils gradually blew the game open. They led 18-11 after one quarter, but from there never allowed more than single-digits again.
Conversely, the Blue Devils continued to score double-digits in each of the final three quarters. The lead grew to 31-19 by halftime.

BEECHER 61, LAKE FENTON 48
Beecher outscored Lake Fenton 39-21 in the middle two quarters, resulting in the loss on Thursday.
Makenzie Gottron led Lake Fenton with 19 points, while Rachel Mundy had 10 points. Paige Stafford collected seven points, while Sidney Scott had six points and 13 rebounds. Faith Weier had 14 rebounds.
HARTLAND 55, HOLLY 29
Hartland outscored Holly 17-8 in the first quarter and never trailed the rest of the game, earning the non-league win.
The Bronchos were led by Ashley Xiong’s eight points, while Allyssa Copley had six points.

What’s On Television?		
SATURDAY		
HOCKEY		
(FSD).....	Detroit at Vancouver.....	10 p.m.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
	West Virginia at Georgetown.....	11 a.m.
(FSD).....	Women: Iowa State at Baylor.....	Noon
(B10).....	Michigan State at Penn State.....	1 p.m.
	Kansas State at Oklahoma State.....	1 p.m.
	Women: Connecticut at Notre Dame.....	2 p.m.
(FSD).....	California at Arizona State.....	2:30 p.m.
	Florida State at Virginia Tech.....	3 p.m.
	Connecticut at Texas.....	3:30 p.m.
(FSD).....	Women: USC at UCLA.....	4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY		
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
	Vanderbilt at South Carolina.....	5 p.m.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
	Compass Bowl.....	Noon
GOLF		
(GOLF).....	PGA: Tournament of Champions.....	5:30 p.m.
NFL FOOTBALL		
	New Orleans at Seattle.....	4 p.m.
	NY Jets at Indianapolis.....	8 p.m.
NBA BASKETBALL		
(FSD).....	Philadelphia at Detroit.....	7:30 p.m.
	Kansas at Michigan.....	1:30 p.m.
(FSD).....	Maryland at Duke.....	8 p.m.
(FSD).....	UCLA at Southern Cal.....	10:30 p.m.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
	Fight Hunger Bowl.....	9 p.m.
HOCKEY		
(FSD).....	Philadelphia at Detroit.....	5 p.m.
NFL FOOTBALL		
	Baltimore at Kansas City.....	1 p.m.
	Green Bay at Philadelphia.....	4:30 p.m.
GOLF		
(GOLF).....	PGA: Tournament of Champions.....	6 p.m.

THRILLER
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play off a nice crossed pass, cutting the margin to 3-2 with 4:49 left in the second period. Then, with 9:11 left in regulation, he scored another goal near the farside post off a cross on another power play chance. The game was tied at 3-all.
It remained tied despite the Chiefs (3-7) having two other power play chances to break the tie.
In the OT, the Chiefs had a good chance to score when Kyle Frank took a shot that was saved by Kearsley keeper Brent Smiles. Earlier in the second period, the Chiefs had a shot from Tyler Merritt hit the post.
Smiles made 21 saves in net to earn the win. Brandon Bush also scored for Tri-City. Both teams felt they could play better.

“We didn’t play with a lot of energy or pep in our step and that team worked very hard,” Kearsley coach Bill O’ Bryan said. “They deserved to be in that game and it could’ve very easily gone the other way.”
“We had our share of chances. For 45 minutes, we have to play better defensively,” Tri-City coach Ryan Hoover said.
“Hannah’s a good goalie. She was a little nervous tonight, which is understandable, but she played well. When she gets comfortable with the high school game, she will be great. She’ll solidify our defense that much more.”
Fremd was playing for an AA team from Farmington.
“They wanted me to go to tryouts but it was near my birthday, so I didn’t go out,” Fremd said. “I went out a couple weeks ago and tried out.”



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