Teacher heading to Afghanistan

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

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.

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.

Beware of fraudulent check scams

By Sally Rummel

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.

Realtor walks in on burglary in progress

By Sharon Stone

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.

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 1999. Daniel Czarnecki will become the new director of public works.

Czarnecki comes to Fenton after serving as the director of public works for the city of Negamone since July 2007. He has previous experience as a civil engineer.

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.
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**How to make a home gym affordable**

- It takes little more than a few inexpensive pieces

By Tim Jagielo

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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**Grieving the loss of a loved one**

By Sharon Stone

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?

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.

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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-darty 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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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. Diverse and give people with other interests and abilities a chance to shine.

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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 problem. 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, 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 Tyronians, 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. It is not just about saving a million dollars, it is about being a part of a challenge. You have chosen to specialize in being a part of something bigger. You have chosen to make a difference.

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.
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 Hubbard, 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 raved about them.” 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 would have 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,” 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 work session 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 Lemon 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 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.

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 Wyant’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 Beltminks 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.

Tickets to Katie’s Game are $3 at the door, and there will be raffles all during the game.

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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 was performing correctly 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?

By Tim Jagielo

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 members Jackie Campbell, Lynn Kenner, Sandra Kleven, and Don Winglemire, 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 didn’t answer the question 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.
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 glowing lights on top, appeared at two Rose Pioneer students at their bus stop on Shaffer Road in Davison.

According to the students, this individual 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 ARREST

At 3:07 a.m. according to Argentine Township police, 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 completed check revealed the woman’s license was 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.

PURSE STOLEN FROM CAR

On Dec. 29, a 19-year-old North Branch resident filed a larceny of a snowboard complaint with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post. The teen said she had been snowboarding at Mt. Holly in Grove- land Township and placed her snowboard down near the bar deck so she could go inside for a minute. When he returned, his snowboard was gone. The teen said she was unaware of the free security check-in, which prevents thefts from occurring. The $400 snowboard included a helmet, a grey binding and one silver/black binding. The bottom has a brick pattern with Lamar written in orange graffiti.

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A: There are a few things that could cause this. Vacuum loss is the most likely cause. Things that can cause a loss include vacuum hoses or canisters losing or having a valve within them that is not closing properly.

The first thing to listen for is a hissing sound when the engine is running and while switching modes on the heater control. It may have an intake leak or a stuck vacuum valve. These would usually have to be found with a smoke machine at a repair shop.

LINDEN MAN TICKETED

A Linden man out on parole was issued court appearance tickets for resisting arrest and assault on a police officer. He was later lodged at the county jail for violating parole conditions, stemming from an incident on Friday, Dec. 30. According to Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter, a Linden police officer observed the disorderly man and was able to contact him.

The manager of the business reported that the disorderly man may 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. This caused the man to become 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 2300 block of Groveland Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said a loss prevention officer had a 56-year-old woman in custody. The woman was observed selecting and concealing store items in her purse. She went through the security checkpoint and exited the store where she was confronted by the loss prevention officer.

She was found to have stolen $3,000 of stolen property and was given a company that manages the bank. She was also given a company that manages the bank.

THREE-VEHICLE CRASH

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responds to a three-vehicle crash Thursday morning in Fenton Township. Dep. Max Mims said a 17-year-old Fenton male, driving a 2003 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 slush-covered street, 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 weather and the road 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, the officer stopped 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.

The driver, male, was blood drawn at a hospital to determine drug use. Charges are pending the blood test results.

VACANT HOME BROKEN INTO

At 12:29 a.m. in the 3100 block of Kildonan in Linden. According to Linden Police, the deputy responded to a business in the 12000 block of Groveland Road in Holly. The deputy was investigating a breaking and entering complaint. The complainant said he works for a company that manages the bank.

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 also taken from the basement. Estimate of stolen property is $3,000.

Vacant homes are more tempting for thieves. Unoccupied homes are easier for thieves to break into and are often left with valuables such as cash or electronics. The best way to secure a vacant home is to remove all valuables, lock the doors and windows, and notify the police.

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**City considers assessment district for Eagle at the Waters Edge development**

- Residents would pay to have unfinished streets paved

**By Anna Troppens atroppens@tctimes.com, 810-433-6792**

- **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. Senior planner 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. Three companies that are not included are Loon Court and Waters Edge Lane, Shoreline Drive and Shoreline Court were fixed already.

- The developer, who recently bought the property, is simply outside for a couple hours each day.

**Funds Missing from Account**

- On Monday, Jan. 3, the Michigan State Police and Groveland Township Police Department were dispatched to a home in the 1000 block of Milford Road in Rose Township to investigate a dog abuse complaint.

- The 53-year-old complainant said he happens to live in the 100 block, said neighbor, who lives in the 100 block of East Rattalee Lake Road in Rose Township.

- At 7 p.m. on Dec. 30, a trooper with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post was 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 was a carpenter. Over the summer, he noticed several tools missing from his garage, and assumed his brother had borrowed them. In late December, he observed his missing belongings at the home of his ex-wife, who lived in the village of Holly. He suspects his former stepson, 21, of stealing 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 1000 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 puppy and it was simply outside for a couple hours each day.

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The No Problem People
Businessman urges city to ‘shop local’ for services

By Anna Troppens
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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 reduced 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 select. 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 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 Diplleweed, is now in Fenton Township. Fenton Township firms also pay taxes to the schools, he said, whereas 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 of the work they do, he said.

Osborn said she would contact Shaltz.

HOME GYM
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For the basics in home exercise, 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.

“People can burn about 2,000 calories per day.”

“Have a safe workout area with a soft floor.”

“Buy good exercise shirts.”

“Invest in equipment like a dumbbell set and stepping platform.”

“Keep the upper body involved.”

“I’m trying to get leaner, and just lose weight, you can do it with your body weight.”

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GRIEVING
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Cheryl Marshall, an after-care specialist with Sharp Funeral Homes, uses her expertise as a grieve counselor 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 what 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 the child who has passed, but list them in the middle of their other children.

Over the years of working with grieving families, Marshall said she has often seen 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,” she said. 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 put them on their back and say things will be all right. “You need to hear that it’s going to 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 begin to understand.

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 vegetables, 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.

YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Stafaro

CHILDREN’S DENTISTRY—
THE FIRST DENTAL VISIT

Parents of young children often ask me at what age they should bring their son or daughter into the dental office for the first time. When I was in dental school at the University of Michigan we were taught that the best time to see kids for the first time was age 3. By age 3 the child is usually mature enough to “cooperate” with the dental team and he or she could have regular, preventative dental cleaning. The problem has always been that sometimes by age 3 major dental problems have already developed necessitating major dental treatment. With this in mind, The American Pediatric Dental Association recently came out with new recommendations. The new recommended age for a child’s first dental visit is age 1. Age 1 dental visits, what we in our office like to call “well-baby check-ups,” are very important. Realistically, we are not going to be able to do a full dental cleaning with x-rays on a 1 year old. But I am able to determine that all the teeth are developing normally and can catch problems very early before any major trouble. Just as importantly, this gives me and my team an opportunity to educate mom and dad about proper dental care for their child. Dental office fears and phobias in adults are very common and can be so extreme that a person will avoid going to the dentist. This can lead to major dental problems and poor oral and overall health. When I question these people about their dental fears they almost always relate some traumatic childhood experience that has scared them for life. I am committed to ensure that the children I see will not suffer this same fate. By seeing kids early in their life before major dental problems; I am helping them to maintain good dental health and avoid dental fears. Age 1 dental visits, a key to a long and healthy life with good teeth.

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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 got 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.

“Scammers 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, 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, people 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 he had several of these 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.”
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 disbelief.

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 tour 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 paybacks 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 rogercampbell@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. on 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 petitions 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.
VOLT
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The much talked about car of the future is making headlines, including being named the 2011 Motor Trend Car of the Year, Automobile magazine Automobile of the Year and Green Car of the Year by Green Car Journal.

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 quietess 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


Michigan-based GM facilities responsible for the Volt include:

• Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly
• Brownstown Battery Assembly
• GM Global Battery Systems Lab
• Flint Engine South
• Flint Metal Center
• Flint Tool and Die
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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 Tamra Harbin and John Lamb will expire on June 30, 2011.

Petitions may be secured from the Genesse 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 Genesse County Clerk’s Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on the closing date. 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 ORDNANCE 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 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. before the Village Planning Commission at 1600 South Blvd., Suite 100, Rochester, 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 1200 MANTUAWAHA, THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

ZBA-11-01 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 06-470-003

COPY OF THE ABOVE LISTED APPLICATIONS AND THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON THURSDAY, FOUR BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE YOUR REVIEW. YOUR APPLICATIONS 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.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
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 drums 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 never done that. I just finished my first class, and I'm going to take microeconomics.
I'm going into business and my education would be good.
I would get a chance to experience the college life, management and marketing, and I recently got accepted to Central, Western and Mercy 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.
I'm actually planning on going back this summer.
Which language 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 would 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.
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 Fenton Area 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 pet 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
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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 woods. 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.
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. See TRAVEL on 5B

Opportunities abound for outdoor fun and fitness

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

Hot U.S. destinations in 2011
See Page 5B

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

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

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Dr. Iacobelli is still accepting new patients!
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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/ accouting from the University of Michigan-Flint. He served the bank in various capacities, including chief auditor, chief financial officer and head of retail banking. 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.

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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 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.

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Registration: Lake Fenton High School Office, Monday & Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Beginning November 29, 2010 – December 20, 2010 (call for additional times and/or appointment)

Students wishing to complete the GED test without classes may call our office at 810-591-9465 (Monday & Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm) for a list of available test dates.
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 Taff.

**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 Township Board.

Dated: January 4, 2011

Keith L. Kremer

Tyrone Township Clerk

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**APPENDIX I • Map of Special Assessment District**

**APPENDIX II • Special Assessment District Permanent Parcel Numbers**
TRI-COUNTY LIVING
Sunday, January 9, 2011

OUTDOOR
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who plans to skate in her own backyard on Square 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 some of the blues that are so prevalent this time of year.

Even if you have never skended 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 McDonald’s restaurants. Call ahead to reserve a spot at Mt. Holly by calling (248) 634-8269. A printable schedule 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 hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowboarding. 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 perfect” 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 Braying 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.”

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

TRAVEL
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What if 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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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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BY JOAN 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.

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 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: “If I have known a vast quantity of nonsense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don’t trust that conventional idea. Dishonesty will stare honestly out of countenance, any day in the week, if there is anything to be got by it.” — Charles Dickens

BY SAM MAZZOTA

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? — Philip 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 peppers 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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**BOYS BASKETBALL**
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Linden 55, Lapeer East 36
Beecher 72, Lake Fenton 48

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Lindsway at Lake Fenton**

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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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**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 improoving. I have been lucky enough to get some points, but my job is to 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.”

Hercog 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 Tucyzyn, who led West with 16 points, banked in a long three-point shot. Still, Fenton led 33-22 at the half.

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

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Lapeer — If Hannah Ego 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 Ego, 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,” Ego 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 Dwitt when asked if Ego 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 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.

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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 at 7 p.m. contest.

**HOLLY 42, KEARSLEY 33**
Ashley Xiong scored a team-high 13 points, while Lauren Maher had 10 points, leading the Broncos (6-2) to the victory.

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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 host, 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 state, we have to take the steps. This was the first step — the first step toward league titles.”

“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 matchs 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 Scallon (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 Przeworski (215) and Scott Scallon (103) won matches by forfeit.

Fenton hoops teams sweep East

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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 our opponents, and it worked well. We also played some physical basketball, which I was happy about.”

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 vs. Lapeer East and Swartz Creek

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.

“It was a rough week, 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.”

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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.

Lake Fenton wrestlers roll over Montrose, Mt. Morris

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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’Gunn (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’Gunn, 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 pow- er 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. Un- beaten Zach Corcoran (21-0) won with a fall at 140. Justin Melick scored six points before O’Gunn, 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 Charle 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 burst 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 Eno had five steals.

THRILLER
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Fenton scored 34 in LF girls’ 58-35 victory
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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. Fellow 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.

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HOCKEY
(FSD)...Detroit @ Vancouver...10 a.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
ESPN2...West Virginia @ Georgetown...11 a.m.
(FSD)...Women: Iowa State @ Baylor...Noon
(FSD)...Michigan State @ Penn State...1 p.m.
(FSD)...Kansas State @ Oklahoma State...1 p.m.
CBSSN...Women: Connecticut @ Notre Dame2 p.m.
(FSD)...California @ Arizona State...2:30 p.m.
(FSD)...Florida State @ Virginia Tech...3 p.m.
ESPN...Connecticut @ Texas...3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
COLLEGE BASKETBALL

...Vanderbilt at South Carolina........5 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
ESPN...Compass Bowl...........Noon
GOLF
(GOLF)...PGA: Tournament of Champions 5:30 p.m.
NFL FOOTBALL
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