

**STORY: TOWNSHIP  
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“Sounds like it is time for new leadership in Argentine, too.”

— RMD

“Sounds to me like the ex-fire chief broke the law, or so the insurance company



decided. Tell me again when anyone ever elected

an insurance company to make laws, but they can make that kind of legal decision. I keep thinking what a racket this all is.”

— Laura G.

**POLICE & FIRE: CAR  
BROKEN INTO**

“Your car hasn’t been broken into if you leave the darn thing unlocked, dummy.”

— Todd

**HOT LINE:  
CHARITABLE  
GIVING**

“I just wanted to say thank you to the Linden Christmas Express program who gave food to the families who



needed it this Christmas. Thank you to Sue

Ward, who’s in charge of that program and Mel Robins, who runs the FISH program, yearlong for our local families of Linden and Argentine. Also, thank you to all the volunteers for all the hard work and time you give. I love our community.”

— Melissa M.

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## Six-month coma changes life of former triathlete

By Sally Rummel

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At 22, Mason Barker had the world by its tail. Working on his master’s degree in accounting at Michigan State University (MSU) back in 2008, he spent every spare second he wasn’t studying, training on his bike, the track or in the pool as a triathlete, planning to compete in an Iron Man competition in Wisconsin the following week.

“He was in the best shape of his life,” said his parents, Pat and Kathy Barker of Cohoctah, owners of Nutrition Works in Fenton.

For Mason, the Iron Man opportunity never came. On a bright, sunny day in August 2008, a woman hit Mason while he was training on his bike, catapulting him and his family into the new, uncharted world of traumatic brain injury.

At the time of the dreaded

phone call telling her that her son had been in an accident, Kathy was at MSU, moving her daughter Leah back into her dorm. After rushing to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing to her son’s unknown fate, she grasped at a nurse’s words, “He’s alive,” and let those words motivate and inspire her to help bring Mason back from a coma that ensnared him for the next six months.

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Mason Barker, was an avid cyclist/triathlete before an accident put him into a six-month coma 2½ years ago.

## Community shows support at Katie’s Game



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO

Katie Wyatt (front, center), 14, who has cancer, enjoys a student vs. faculty basketball game at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School Friday evening. More than 800 people attended the fundraising event, which raised approximately \$3,000 for medical expenses, from donations, and ticket and T-shirt sales. “This community came together as a whole,” said Mary Ann Beltinck, an organizer of the event. Katie reportedly had a great time.

## Past victim of bullying inspires students to break the cycle

By Sharon Stone

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**Lake Fenton** — Students at Lake Fenton Middle School listened intently as Chris McBrien shared his personal stories of being bullied by a classmate when he was growing up.

The middle school students filled the gym for an all-school assembly

last Wednesday. McBrien also traveled to Torrey Hill Intermediate School, Fenton’s Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School and Linden Middle School for similar assemblies.

Because he knows firsthand what

See **BULLYING** on 6

### Forms of bullying

- Physical — assaulting
- Verbal — name calling, insults
- Exclusion — intentionally leaving someone out
- Bystander — witnesses bullying and doesn’t help

## Fenton investigates options for 911 dispatch

► Genesee Central to give city tentative agreement to review

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — Before it makes a decision on the future of 911 dispatch, Fenton is investigating its options. The city is waiting for information from Genesee Central, Manager Lynn Markland said at the Jan. 10 meeting. Genesee Central will give Fenton a tentative agreement to review, for the city to use the county’s dispatch

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### Summary:

The city of Fenton is exploring options for its 911 police, fire and ambulance dispatch. Fenton’s dispatch equipment is aging and needs replacing, or the city must switch to using Genesee Central 911 dispatch instead of its own system. The city is exploring the costs of each of these options.

## Property owner seeks \$2,500 for damages from water main break

► Contractor for street project, not city, responsible, officials say

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — The owner of property on the southeast corner of Adelaide Street and Silver Lake Road is seeking \$2,500 in damages, from a burst water main in September. City officials say the contractor for the Adelaide Street project, not Fenton, is responsible for the claim.

John Chad said the \$2,500 is for replacing the furnace, water damage

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An old, cast-iron water main burst during construction on Adelaide Street, near Silver Lake Road, in September.



## Man arrested on suspicion of Fenton hair salon break-ins

By Sharon Stone

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A 42-year-old Davison man is in custody awaiting arraignment for breaking into two Fenton hair salons. Lt. Jason Slater, of the Fenton Police Department, said a police officer was dispatched to a hair salon in the 1400 block of Torrey Road at 11:44 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, for a commercial business alarm. Upon arrival, the officer saw that the front door had been smashed out. Two laptop computers were missing.

### Summary:

A telephone call from Novi police led to the arrest of a Davison man, who Fenton police believe is responsible for breaking into two hair salons.

Early the next morning, an officer out patrolling observed a smashed front door of a hair salon in the 15000 block of Silver Parkway. The officer was unable to

contact the salon owner, but did arrange for a construction company to board up and secure the broken door. An alert was sent to other police departments to see if any had similar break-ins.

Novi police contacted Fenton police and advised them that they had a 42-year-old Davison man in custody. The man was picked up after a witness called police with a description of his vehicle following a break-in at a Novi hair salon. The vehicle the man was driving was reported stolen from Davison.

While being interviewed by Novi police, the Davison man admitted to the Fenton break-ins. Fenton police drove to Novi and brought him back to Fenton for processing and questioning the next morning, where he admitted to the two break-ins.

Slater said the man claimed he broke into the businesses to fuel his substance abuse habit. The man was later transported to the county jail, awaiting his arraignment.

## Nearly fifty apply for Holly Village police chief position

►Committee will narrow field to six applicants

By Tim Jagielo

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**Holly** — The personnel committee reviewing resumes for the position of

### Summary:

The village has received nearly 50 applicants for the position of police chief. A committee will narrow the field of applicants down to six. A new chief should be in place by mid-February.

27, according to committee and village council member Tom Clark.

Each committee member will narrow the field to around eight applicants. At the Jan. 27 meeting, the committee as a whole will condense those choices down to six, and will set times to interview them.

The top three from that process will be interviewed by the village manager, who will

then make a recommendation to council, who has to vote on a new, permanent police chief.

Sgt. Michael Story, of the village police department, has been filling in as police chief since the former chief, Rollie Gackstetter, retired in December.

Clark, who was a former police officer, said the pool of applicants is mixed, and has some solid people in the running. "We've got some really good ones. It's going to be really hard to find one that can be the number one," he said.

Along with Clark, on the committee to interview the applicants are Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes, retired Holly police officer Buster Winebrenner, Pastor Ed Pedley of First Baptist Church, village of Lake Orion Police Chief Jerry Narsh, and Lt. Gary Parsons of the Michigan State Police.

Clark said the goal is to have a permanent police chief by the middle of February.

The top applicant for village manager is Jerry Walker, who served in a dual role of manager and police chief in the city of Walled Lake, has brought up the possibility of combining those roles. Clark said that option is not being considered at this time.

## PROPERTY

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and mold. "We weren't covered with insurance, because the water was from outside."

The contractor for the Adelaide Street project, DiPonio, broke a 12-inch water main at the corner of Adelaide Street and Silver Lake Road,

### Summary

►After a broken water main during work on Adelaide Street in September, the owner of property at the corner of Adelaide and Silver Lake Road is seeking \$2,500 in damages. City officials say the contractor's insurance company is responsible for addressing it, not Fenton.

said Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Leslie Bland, at the Jan. 10 council meeting. There was water in the basement at the property, which is home to

Pipsqueak Boutique. DPW workers placed a pump in the parking lot and put sand bags in the basement.

There was water entering the building through basement windows, but no water on the floor, he said. "The sump pump was handling it."

Chad, on the other hand, said the sump pump couldn't keep up with the water entering the building through windows. He turned in his claim on Oct. 3, 2010, to the city. "You don't know who to ask," he said. "We went to the city."

The contractor's insurance company — not the city of Fenton — is responsible for addressing the property owners' claim, Bland said. Administrators have talked repeatedly to the engineering firm and contractor.

Mayor Sue Osborn asked city attorney Stephen Schultz to check into the issue and report back on it. The contractor for the Adelaide Street project should take care of it, Osborn said.





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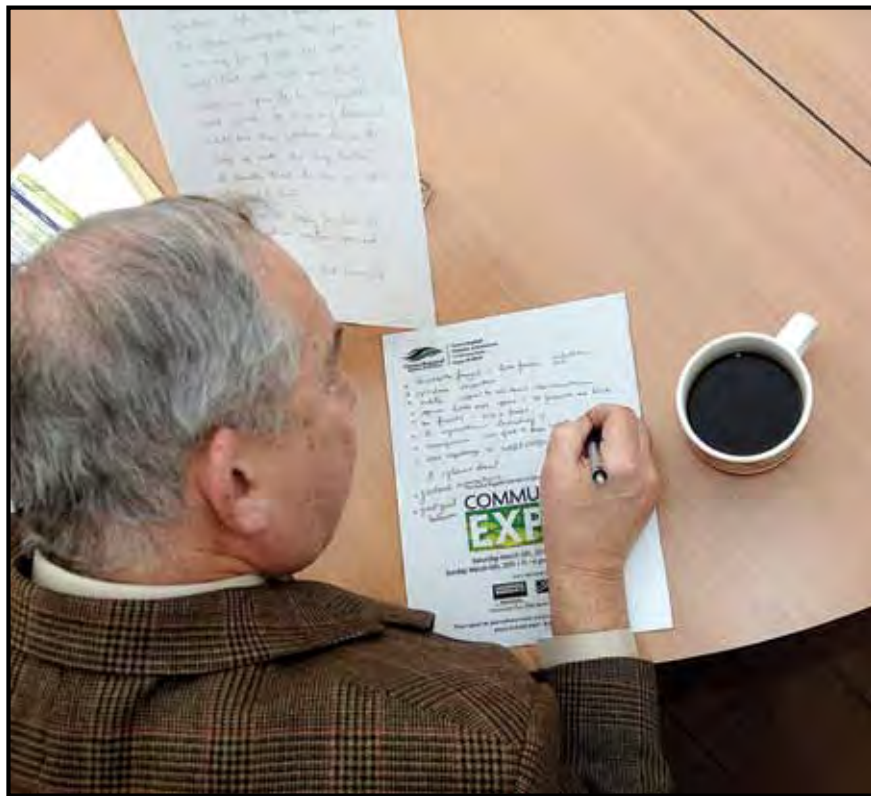
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David Littmann, of Rose Township, analyzes a handwriting sample for Local resident Sue Weinand last week. The sample is on the left, his notes are on the right.

## Is handwriting a dying art?

► Local graphologist decodes what writing tells

By Anna Troppens

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As increasing numbers of people tap away sending text messages and communicate via e-mail and Facebook, those who study handwriting hope the practice of teaching cursive continues. However, modern use of the handwritten letter is waning.

"I'm finding some who can't even read cursive," said certified graphologist David Littmann, of Rose Township.

In honor of National Handwriting Day — Saturday, Jan. 23 — Littmann shared some information about the study of handwriting, what purposes it serves and what it can reveal about someone.

See **HANDWRITING** on 5

### What is graphology?

► Graphology is the study of handwriting, especially to analyze the writer's character.

Source: [www.thefreedictionary.com](http://www.thefreedictionary.com)

## Ice fishing is pastime, way of life for many

By Tim Jagielo

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It feels colder than the 25-degree temperature out on Lake Fenton on Monday afternoon. The sun is bright, the sky is cloudless, and wind pushes at the half dozen ice shanties, a stone's throw from the lakeshore off Torrey Road in Fenton Township.

Christopher Balasko, 43, a tall burly fellow with an impressive red beard, hauls a sled laden with his ice-fishing equipment from the shore, including a propane-powered space heater, several small fishing rods (called jiggers) and a two-liter of Diet Coke.

Balasko has a wooden and well-insulated ice shanty, with skis mounted on the roof, upside down, so it can be moved at the end of the season. The shanty warms up quickly with the space heater. "It could be 90 degrees in here with the heater," he said.

There are several techniques for ice fishing, and each pro has their preferred

method. Instead of 10-inch holes drilled with a hand auger, Balasko's ice shanty has two larger rectangular holes at either end of his shelter. He hefts a weighted metal spear with nine prongs of about 8 inches each. "It's a dying age," he said. "A lot of people ain't spearing anymore, there's not many spearkers any more."

Instead of reeling his catch in with a reel and hook, Balasko, spears his prey with the 3-pound metal spear that he has tethered to the inside of his shelter.

He compares it to hunting deer. It takes accuracy to snare the fish with his spear, and not simply injure it so it dies elsewhere.

The spear itself is more than 4 feet long, but is not overkill for the fish he is trying to catch. His goal is to catch a record-breaking, 52-inch pike that has escaped capture because it could not fit through a regular 10-inch hole. "I sit on the chair waiting for a 'big guy' to come through," he said.

He guesses the pike is 20 years old, and would mount the fish for display instead of eating it.

To attract a big fish, Balasko uses big



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Gary Slinker, of Mundy Township, gets his ice shanty ready for ice fishing Monday afternoon on Lake Fenton.

bait, minnows up to about a foot long.

"My job is to protect the bait," he said.

Balasko keeps smaller fish away from his bait until a larger one comes by. After a few hours of watching the water, he only saw six walleye come near his shanty. His friend, about 40 feet away, caught a 24-inch pike,

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## publisher

### Hail to the chief

In the days since the shootings in Arizona, there's been a flood of reaction by politicians. Most of what they have been saying is self-serving and stupid. But, among all the useless rhetoric one voice spoke loudly and clearly to both silence and chastise those who were using the tragedy for personal gain.

That one voice was President Obama, whose speech at the memorial service in Tucson last week was articulate, intelligent and eloquent. The president spoke movingly about each of the victims whose lives were cut short. He named each individual, whose quick thinking and actions prevented even more lives from being lost.

And, without a bit of self-interest or political exploitation, he clearly and forcefully urged all Americans not to 'use this tragedy as one more occasion to turn on each other.'

You can rest assured that Obama, as the leader of his party, was surely advised to use the atrocity in Arizona for political gain. But, he chose to ignore that counsel. 'Rather than pointing fingers or assigning blame, let us use this occasion to expand our moral imaginations, to listen to each other more carefully, to sharpen our instincts for empathy, and remind ourselves of all the ways our hopes and dreams are bound together.'

Obama has been fairly criticized for many things, but on this occasion, he executed his presidential duties with class, grace and intelligence — all in the interest of our country.

It's amazing what can happen to someone when they remove fools like Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid from their inner council. Maybe Obama is finally starting to figure some things out for himself — all to the betterment of our nation.

According to recent polls, the president has matched his highest approval rating in more than a year, with 54 percent of Americans approving of Obama's job performance. Support for him hasn't been this high since April 2010 after he signed the health care reform bill into law.

Hail to the chief — for now anyway.

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**THERE IS FINANCIAL** motivation on both sides of the global-warming coin. One of the biggest moneymakers in the conflict is none other than Al Gore, a global-warming blowhard. Global warming would be far more believable if all of its proponents promoted responsible stewardship of the environment, instead of gathering carbon credits to enable them to drive their wasteful SUVs.

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**CLEAR YOUR SIDEWALKS.** The city of Fenton Code of Ordinances Sec. 29-15 states that the sidewalks need to be cleared within 12 hours of snow accumulation or the city will clear them and charge the abutting property. So, why are most sidewalks still snow covered or icy nearly three days after the last snow? Maybe the city should charge people and use the funds to offset high water bills,

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**RIGHT ON, KING.** You can 'handle it.'

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**I WOULD LIKE** to say congratulations to the Fenton White Wolves Lego Robotics Team for placing ninth out of hundreds in the state of Michigan. This year, the theme was 'Bio Medical.' The Wolves designed a biodegradable stent.

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**ALL YOU 'SHEEPLE'** out there blaming Bush, blaming Obama need to wake up. It doesn't matter who's in the White House. That has nothing to do with the current employment crisis. The problem is corporatism, not which party controls the White House.

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**THE REASON PEOPLE** are tailgating you on the expressway is not because it's alluring and it's not because they

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want to be NASCAR drivers. The reason is you are driving too slowly in the fast lane. Move yourself over into the beginners' lane. It's the one to the far right, and you can drive as slow as you want. If people are tailgating you there, consider a bicycle for the sidewalk.

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**SO CAROL, YOU** have applied for 3,000 jobs in the past 99 weeks, and

now you say your benefits have run out. That's 30 jobs per week that you have applied for. After 3,000 applications, I find it difficult to believe you have been turned down from every employer because of your age. Maybe, you need to reevaluate your resume, your appearance or your approach. Something is wrong, and it's not the employer.

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**WHAT'S GM'S PROBLEM?** Too many of you geezers hanging onto a job that you've had for well over 30 years, some over 40. You are too expensive, obsolete, and nowhere near as educated or qualified as we younger, Tier 2 people are. Retire already, for the sake of the company, its future, and yourselves. Enjoy Florida. You are the reason the company is still struggling. Let the youth, your progeny reign. Retire.

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**A READER WROTE** about airport security, 'The rest of us would prefer to be safe.' Quoting Benjamin Franklin, 'They, who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.'

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**IF YOU ARE** one of the few liberals who pay taxes, you have paid less the past 10 years because of the Republicans.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

## From the editor

### Just the facts

One thing I can guarantee as the editor of the Times is that the news will not be withheld from publication for any reason. Last week, a person, who was a subject of an upcoming news story, for personal reasons, asked that it not be published. The news article was determined to be a matter of public record and of interest to residents. The person actually suggested that if it did run, her spouse who is in law enforcement in our coverage area probably would not be cooperative if the Times ever needed information from him. Well, the story ran, and the facts were provided accurately. The Times has a pledge to provide news that is informative, educational and entertaining. And, we will continue our pledge of excellence in all of those areas.

### Firefighter of the year

I just wanted to publicly congratulate Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff for being selected as Firefighter of the Year by his department. I covered the city of Fenton for many years as a reporter for the Times, and when he was selected as the fire chief. Bob has moved the fire department forward, and is not only respected by his peers, but by the entire community.

Congratulations, Bob, for a job well done.

### My pet peeve of the week

Ever try to travel up or down Lahring Road when parents are dropping their children off to the schools in that area in the morning?

Let me tell you, it is an accident waiting to happen. I can't tell you how many times I have almost been hit by a car ripping out onto Lahring Road, as if expecting that every car on the road is pulling into the school. Getting off the cell phones might be helpful too, people.

Got a pet peeve? E-mail me at [cdennison@tctimes.com](mailto:cdennison@tctimes.com).

### State of the State

New governor Rick Snyder will be giving his State of the State address today. Be sure to tune in and see what's on the horizon for our great state.

Enjoy your week.

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# What does your handwriting say about you?

## streettalk



"My handwriting isn't sloppy. It says that I'm organized and put together."

— Margie Shirshun, Linden



"I try to be neat, I try to write neat. (It says that) I'm a neat person."

— Davidian Smith, Flint



"I've been told I have neat handwriting, that's the extent of it."

— Renea Brown, Fenton



"My handwriting is small. You can tell I'm a man by my writing."

— Dan Brown, Fenton



"I guess (it says that I'm) kind of artistic, but in a hurry."

— Sam Griggs, Flint Township



"That I'm rushed, that's what it says about me, that I'm rushed."

— Erin Welch, Rose Township



## HANDWRITING

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Cursive handwriting benefits mental development and learning abilities, he said. In addition, some attention deficit disorders (ADD) could be prevented and improved through handwriting, since handwriting uses the right and left hemispheres of the brain in conjunction.

Neurologically, experts are finding that the fingertips have 3,000 nerve endings that lead to the brain. Handwriting works these nerve endings, while keyboard tapping and typing doesn't result in the same stimulation and coordination.

"I am not diminishing the value of that technology for speed," Littmann said. "There are tradeoffs, though."

A handwritten letter is a coordination of motor memory and physical and emotional connectedness with others, he said. In addition, printing words deprives the printer of mental and emotional benefits he or she would receive by writing cursive, he said. Most printers, for example, do not have the feeling of connectedness with others that those who use cursive have.

Someone's handwriting can tell a lot about them, and there are 450 variables graphologists look for. Furthermore, handwriting is unique, and there is a one in 68 billion chance of exactly copying someone else's writing.

People use handwriting analysis to assess personality, preferences, thinking style and compatibility with others. It is useful in screening executives, determining workplace compatibility and telling what type of environment and work recent graduates would do best with, he said. In the legal system, graphology is used in setting up key juries so members are compatible or favorable in some way, and in forensics. Handwriting even can reveal physical weaknesses, Littmann said.

A "river," or line of empty space through a page of handwritten text, shows that the writer experienced a traumatic or life-altering event. It is even possible to pinpoint when the event took place, he said. After examining one woman's handwriting sample, Littmann asked whether something life altering happened when she was 62. The woman, who was 66, said she was in a terrible car accident four years earlier.

Looking at a writing sample from area resident Sue Weinand, Littmann said she wrote numbers carefully, with no ambiguity. Weinand replied she did bookkeeping and accounting for many years.

A state police officer once asked Littmann to examine the handwriting of a convicted man, to get Littmann's input. The graphologist looked at a lot of the man's writing, noticing the bar of "t" strokes had upswings and looked like daggers. "It was like a stiletto," he said. He determined the man had a fetish or propensity for knives or daggers.

The police officer's jaw dropped. He told Littmann the man would be in Michigan prison for life, for attacks on two young women.

**"Handwriting is brain writing."**

**David Littmann**  
certified graphologist

### Handwriting traits and what they mean

- ▶ High bars on the "T" — The person has high goals.
- ▶ Lots of loops and no angles — interested in being friendly and helpful and in getting along with others.
- ▶ Lots of space between words — doesn't like crowds or people "invading their space."
- ▶ Dots all j and i letters — doesn't miss details.
- ▶ Doesn't cross the T completely — sees the big picture, the "forest instead of the trees."
- ▶ Larger left margin than right — not tied to the past and not afraid of the future.

Source: David Littmann, certified graphologist

### Reasons for teaching cursive

- ▶ Connective writing improves continuity, fluidity and focus of thought in written communication.
- ▶ Connected writing increases writing speed, attention span, coordination and control.
- ▶ Cursive promotes the efficiency of the mind, raising the dynamic interplay of the brain's right and left hemispheres.
- ▶ Cursive builds neural connections, emphasizing contractive and release (down and up) motions.
- ▶ Cursive refines motor skills, more stimulation and motor memory.
- ▶ In contrast to printing, cursive is easier to learn and rarely results in letter reversals.
- ▶ Cursive helps left-handers avoid developing hooked-wrist positions when writing.

Source: American Association of Handwriting Analysts.

## National Handwriting Day

The holiday occurs in January each year, mostly in tribute to the public's recognition of "John Hancock," whose large, handwritten signature on the Declaration of Independence is so well known that people often ask for someone's "John Hancock" when they want a cursive, rather than printed, signature on a document.

"His Jan. 11, 1737 birthday is why we chose January as the month for celebrating and renewing our study of the importance of handwriting in human learning, communication, and social interaction," said David Littmann of Rose Township, a certified graphologist.



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## Two seats will be available on Fenton school board

►Deadline to register for May 3 election is Feb. 8

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — Two, four-year seats on the Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Education are up for election on May 3. Terms of the incumbents, President David Walker and Roger Ellis, expire June 30. They have the option of running for re-election.

The board seats are the only issues on the Fenton schools ballot.

"It's a great opportunity to serve the community," Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said. "It's a great opportunity to work to continue to have quality education in Fenton schools, to continue the programs that make Fenton great."

"It's a great opportunity to be involved in the schools."

People are involved in the school district at different levels, he said. It can range from helping their children with their homework to attending parent/teacher organization meetings, to going

to school programs to support students. Becoming involved as a school board member allows someone to impact the direction the school district is going in and help set its policies.

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

Petitions can be obtained from the Genesee County Clerk's Office at 900 S. Saginaw St., Flint. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the office can be contacted at (810) 257-3282. The forms must be filed at the Genesee County Clerk's Office no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8. In addition, the candidate in lieu of petitions may submit a non-refundable, \$100 filing fee. The fee must be paid on or before the filing deadline for petitions.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SHARON STONE

By a show of hands, students at Lake Fenton Middle School react to questions asked by motivational speaker Chris McBrien.

## BULLYING

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it's like to be bullied, McBrien, who is a trained motivational speaker, fine arts teacher, classically trained comic actor and variety artist, is visiting schools across the country to spread his anti-bullying message.

Using humor, puppets and magic, McBrien was able to grab the attention of the students.

Bullying is a difficult topic for many schools as it can be very hard for children to "fit in" in the world today. The last thing a child wants is to be singled out, picked on or have to live in fear, said McBrien. Children often do not realize that bullying is not only physical but also verbal and comes in many forms not often openly recognized.

McBrien was not only verbally bullied, he was physically bullied. He feared going to school and feared telling his parents. His confidence was shaken to its core and his grades suffered.

He told the kids that the old philosophy of just putting up with a bully is a "load of trash." By a show of hands, he asked how many of the kids in front of him have ever accidentally picked on someone or had been picked on. The majority of sixth- through eighth-graders raised their hands.

McBrien told the students there was one boy who picked on him when he was growing up in Iowa. After slipping and falling on ice in the school playground, the other kid walked over and struck his head so hard, as he lay on the ground, that it caused him to lose consciousness. Fearful of what could happen if he told on the bully, he even lied to his father while he was hospitalized.

Feeling the effects of being bullied on a regular basis, McBrien said he feared the risk

of being a bully himself if he fought back.

Having had enough of this bully, McBrien told of how one day when he was speaking in front of his classmates, he finally spoke out. He confronted the bully in front of everyone and soon, others were speaking out against the bully. Apparently, McBrien wasn't the only student to be bullied by the other boy.

He advised the middle school students that if anyone ever bullies them in any way, to speak up. He told them, "Say, quit bullying me. Don't swear or call them names."

"Bullies want you to be quiet. Bullies don't want other people to know. They are cowards."

After this turn of events, McBrien said his dad was so proud of him for finally speaking out.

At his school's 20-year reunion, McBrien and the bully resolved their issues after it was revealed that the bully had been bullied by his own brothers. McBrien knows that this other man will forever have those memories of being bullied and being a bully.

McBrien ended his visit by telling the kids to not do things they will later regret. The cycle of bullying can be stopped.

Colton Care, an 11-year-old sixth grader, was glad to say that he has not seen any bullying at his school. "Our school's really good."

"If it does happen, it's terminated quickly."

If he were to ever witness someone bullying another, Colton said he would have no problem with walking up to the bully and telling him or her to leave that person alone. "Then, I'd tell a teacher."

Chris McBrien's anti-bullying assemblies were made possible by a cooperative arrangement with Lake Fenton, Fenton and Linden school districts.

### Ways to combat bullying

- Be who you are. Everyone is special.
- Be courageous. Tell the bully you're not going to take it anymore. Don't hold it in, spread the information.
- Walk away from the bully. This includes ignoring cell-phone text messages. Forward all hurtful text messages to parents so that they can be turned over to an attorney. Don't text back.
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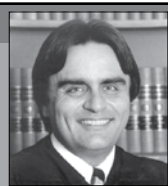
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But wait, there may be hope and before all hope is lost, you may be interested in what follows.

For eligible drivers who receive certain types of civil infraction traffic tickets, there is a new Michigan statute that provides a way for the points to not go on one's driving record and for the ticket itself to not be reported to the driver's insurance company. Here are the pertinent details.

If you received a ticket on or after Dec. 31, 2010, you may be eligible for the new program. Drivers must meet certain qualifications including the following:

- Have a valid non-commercial license with two or fewer points on their record.
- The violation was not in a commercial motor vehicle.
- The violation was not a criminal offense.
- The ticket is an 'eligible' ticket. This means the ticket is for three or less points and not for careless or negligent driving or a similar violation. There is a list of tickets that qualify on the Secretary of State website along with some other qualification conditions.

If you are eligible for the program, the Secretary of State will send you a letter to the address on your driver's license. If you decide to take a Basic Driver Improvement Course (BDIC), you have 60 days to pass it. If you take the course and pass within the time period, the Secretary of State must be notified. There are no appeals from a failure but you can take a course as many times as you want in order to pass within the 60-day period.

The BDIC providers are all approved by the state. The course itself consists of a defensive driving curriculum that meets or exceeds the standards of Michigan law. The courses may be online or in a classroom, and the cost cannot exceed \$100. You are only allowed one successful completion of a BDIC.

If you pass, there will be no points and no report to your insurance company. However, the ticket information will still be on your record and can be used for other purposes by the state.

There are many other details regarding this program that I won't mention here. The Secretary of State website has much more on this topic.

## Police&Fire report

### HOME INVASION

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a home invasion, which may have occurred between 3:45 and 4 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 10. Lt. Jason Slater said police were sent to a house in the 800 block of Vassar to investigate a suspicious situation. A neighbor said they saw the sliding-glass door at the back of the house was open. Upon arrival, the responding officer saw that the house had been ransacked. Slater said several belongings were stolen, including firearms, a large, flat-screen TV, bottles of cologne and golf clubs. Witnesses reported hearing a vehicle in the driveway between 3:45 and 4 a.m. Based on the number of vehicle doors opening and closing, there were multiple suspects. If anyone observed activity during this time, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

### BREAD RACK STOLEN FROM STORE

Between 11:35 and 11:50 p.m., an unknown white male stole a 6-foot-tall bread rack, sitting outside near a grocery store in the 1300 block of North LeRoy Street. The man was observed loading the rack into the bed of a hunter green Dodge Dakota pickup truck. Due to the fresh snow, responding police officers were able to determine that the truck traveled southbound on LeRoy, eastbound on Dauner Road, south on Eddy Lake Road and east on Grange Hall Road toward Holly. Fenton police advised Holly police of the theft. Police believe the rack was stolen and most likely sold as scrap metal.

### TRUCK STOLEN

At 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, a Fenton police officer was sent to the park-and-ride lot on Silver Lake Road to investigate an auto theft complaint. A 57-year-old Metamora man said he parked his red 1998 GMC pickup truck in the lot at 10:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11. When he returned at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, the truck was missing. There was no glass on the ground, leading police to believe there was no forced entry. The truck owner had no idea who would have taken his truck. He also said he stores the ignition keys in the door pocket and opens it with his remote. The case has been forwarded to GAIN, the county's auto-theft investigation network.

### DEBIT CARD FRAUD

At 12:54 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, a Fenton police officer was sent to the 200 block of North Adelaide Street to investigate a credit-card fraud complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said a 33-year-old male resident said someone had used his debit card on a \$33 Internet purchase. Police are working with the credit card company to determine the IP address of the computer used to make the purchase. The case is open pending further investigation.



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Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff (left) was named 2010 Firefighter of the Year by the Fenton City Firefighters' Association. Posing with Cairnduff are Josh Sturgis, president of the Fenton City Firefighters' Association, Marshall Colley, secretary/treasurer and Bobby Maksymowski, vice president.

## Cairnduff named Firefighter of the Year

By Sharon Stone

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**Fenton** — City of Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff was selected as the department's 2010 Firefighter of the Year. He was presented with the award during the fire department's annual Christmas party in mid-December.

The firefighters' association selected their chief for many reasons, according to Marshall Colley, treasurer/secretary of the association.

Cairnduff's firefighters like the way he cares deeply about the fire depart-


ment, as well as the people.

They acknowledged that he constantly works behind the scenes to improve the department and is instrumental with assisting on any issue. They also said he keeps the lines of communication open, and is a great leader, husband and father of four boys.

Humbled by the honor, Cairnduff said, "It was totally unexpected."

"It's nice to know the guys still appreciate me after becoming chief."

Cairnduff was hired as a firefighter in 1996 and was named chief in 2006.



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## News briefs

### TYRONE TOWNSHIP LOOKING INTO ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT STORAGE

Tyrone has a lot of paperwork at its township hall. Instead of having collections of paper, officials are looking for money in the upcoming budget for electronic document storage.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham said they are looking into electronic data storage, and which papers they can store electronically and which ones they need to keep for a hard-copy signature.

Officials would like to ensure it's easy to access documents in the future, and electronic data storage will enable them to do some housecleaning. It will eliminate multiple copies of unneeded paperwork, Cunningham said.

They might need to update a computer server and software to do so. Tyrone was in the process of obtaining proposals.

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# Woman finds fake ticket on windshield

By Sharon Stone

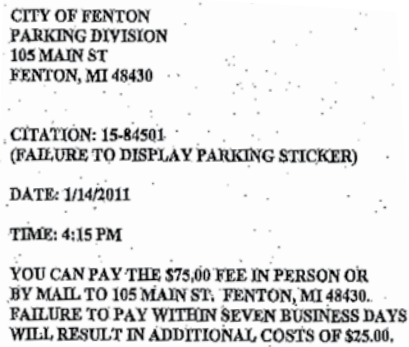
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The Fenton Police Department is investigating a fraudulent citation a woman found attached to the windshield of her vehicle that was parked at a shopping center on Silver Parkway on Friday, Jan. 14.

Lt. Jason Slater said the woman found an envelope on the windshield of her vehicle, with the plain note enclosed. Slater said authentic citations/traffic tickets would have the Fenton Police Department name and logo on it, as well as court information.

The address on the note leads to a parking lot by the Fenton Hotel, not the police station. The address to the Fenton Police Department is 311 South LeRoy St.

Police are continuing to look into this matter, and want to alert citizens that the police department would never issue a ticket like this. Slater learned that



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I SUBMITTED PHOTO

A woman found this note inside a plain envelope, attached to the windshield of her vehicle, which was parked at a shopping center on Silver Parkway. Fenton police warn residents that the citation is not real.

the Fenton Post Office would “return to sender” any payments mailed to the non-existent address and notify police if any were spotted.

# Assistant manager to keep job in Fenton

►Not selected for city administrator position in Dewitt

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — He made it into the final three from a pool of 105 applicants, but Assistant City Manager/Downtown Development Authority Director Michael Burns is staying in Fenton. He applied for the lead administrator position in Dewitt, near Lansing.

“The person they selected had about 11 years’ experience,” he said. “He had more experience than I did, and I think that’s what they needed.”

Burns had three interviews. Making the final three was an accomplishment, he said.

Dewitt is a very nice community, very well managed and professionally run. “I didn’t get it, but we have a lot of work to do here,” he said.

## Summary

►Assistant city manager and downtown development director, Michael Burns, will be staying in Fenton. He applied for city administrator in Dewitt, and made it to the final three candidates.

Throughout the process, many council members and residents told Burns they didn’t want him to leave and are happy with the work he’s been doing in Fenton. That was encouraging, he said.

He began his job in Fenton in February 2009. Most assistant managers eventually look to become a lead administrator, Burns has said.

## DISPATCH

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system instead of Fenton’s own system.

Fenton’s 911 dispatch equipment for police, fire and ambulance calls is more than 10 years old and well into the end of its life cycle, Chief of Police Rick Aro has said. With some cost reductions in the original \$300,000 proposal, replacing the equipment would take \$181,000.

Council member John Rauch said city officials don’t know yet if Fenton can pay for new equipment. They are waiting for the proposal from Genesee Central. For Fenton to use Genesee Central instead of its own emergency dispatch, Genesee Central must accept the city in, at a cost. The units of government using Genesee Central must pay money to the 911 consortium.

Fenton is waiting for this information to come back, Rauch said.

City officials aren’t sure yet if there isn’t enough money to pay for new dispatch equipment, he said. Rauch supports the 911 system in Fenton, but said officials need to look at all of the figures and find the money.

Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff said city administrators’ meeting with Genesee Central took place the first week of January. Fenton and the city of Flint are the only municipalities in Genesee County that do not belong to the Genesee Central consortium.

Fenton administrators are finding out what joining Genesee Central would include, if the city needs to or decides to join. Cost details haven’t been worked out yet, Cairnduff said.

Markland said, a few years ago, the state passed a law changing how dispatch is funded, with the goal of including cell phones. Counties collect money to fund dispatch and distribute it to communities based on the communities’ population.

With this change, Fenton lost \$60,000 annually, he said. It receives around \$140,000 annually to help pay for its dispatch.

In addition, \$181,000 is the minimum the city needs to replace its dispatch system, Markland said. With everything Fenton needs to do, the cost would be around \$300,000.

## ONLINE

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**HOT LINE: BLAME FOR SHOOTING**

“All politicians, regardless of party, are at least partially to blame for the tragic events in Arizona. Their continued lack of respect for anyone or anything and heated rhetoric makes it seem acceptable, and even ‘normal’ to lash out at anyone who disagrees with them, not to mention the guy was a nut ball who bears the full responsibility for his actions.”

— Todd

**STORY: TOXIC MOLD FORCES FAMILY OUT OF HOME**

“My heart goes out to this family. My family was in the same boat six years ago. We moved into a home that we had no idea would eventually land us all in the hospital and deathly ill. I had a newborn, 2 year old, and 4 year old. We had all the same symptoms, but ours started with the dog being very sick. Then, the kids and myself ended up so sick we had the doctors stumped. We decided, after discovering mold spores on the ceiling, to call an expert. We had the worst readings for black mold in a home that she had ever seen. We moved in with my parents, and it took 2½ years to get back on our feet. To this day, we still suffer from some health problems. It was a nightmare, and no one should have to ever go through it. You are in my thoughts and prayers.”

— Reader

## Calendar of events

**Thursday, Jan. 20**

**Keepers of the Shiawassee’s Bush Park** launch committee will be giving a progress report at a general meeting this Thursday, Jan. 20 at the **Fenton Community & Cultural Center** recreation room (bottom level), 125 S. LeRoy St., from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 30**

**A basketball free-throw** contest for boys and girls ages 10-14 will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30 in the gymnasium at **St. John School, 600 N. Adelaide St.** in Fenton. The contest is free, and winners advance to district and state competitions. Registration is at 1 p.m. for boys and 1:30 for girls. Warm-ups and shooting begin immediately. Please bring proof of age. The Knights of Columbus Council 7418 sponsor the event.

### Correction:

In the article, “New police chief embraces small-town setting,” published on Wednesday, Jan. 12, it stated that police department’s annual budget was \$1.1 million. It should have stated that the police department’s annual budget is \$450,000.

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## COMA

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While the doctors didn't give Mason's family much hope for his recovery, she took to heart the words of Jill Bolte Taylor in her book, "Stroke of Insight," that said, "I'm in here, come and get me."

The Barker family never left Mason alone in his hospital room, nor did they sit in a corner of his hospital room, wringing their hands in despair. Instead, Kathy used her natural health background and did everything in her power, with the help of Pat, Leah, older brother Taylor, and friends, to stimulate him — from bringing in cooked bacon to arouse his senses to putting headphones on him to stimulate his brain.

"We stayed there every single night for a year, on a chair next to his bed," said Kathy. "We made sure he was turned correctly in alignment every two hours all night long. Mason never once had a bed sore, even after being immobile for so long."

Tracey Comis, manager of Nutrition Works, said that Kathy and her family's dedication to Mason was a big part of his healing. But for Kathy, Tracey was one of her own "angels" in this journey. "I'd have lost the business without her," said Kathy. "The gift she gave me in taking care of my business allowed me to spend every second with my son."

After six months of hospitalization on an evening when the entire family was there, Mason uttered his first words, "no" and "cold." It was then that the Barkers realized that their son was coming back out of a coma, in spite of the dire predictions of many in the medical community.

"We believe in the power of faith, prayer, determination and persistence," said Kathy. "We never let a negative word be uttered in Mason's hospital room. We even had a sign that told people that everything said had to be positive and encouraging."

After a year of rehabilitation at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, Mason finally had reached the point that he could leave the hospital setting and move into a home in Brighton that would work with him toward independence and provide him with skills for the future. "Now, Mason is walking with assistance from a cane," said Kathy, who visits her son nearly every day at Willowbrook Rehabilitation Center. "That's a new milestone, it's huge."

Mason, now 24, has no recollection of the accident, but has begun to reclaim parts of his former life, such as his keen sense of humor, some of the jargon from his former accounting studies. He even presented the toast as best man at Taylor's wedding last May.

Friends from his graduating class at Byron High School Class of 2004, and



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Mason Barker, then 22, and a former triathlete at Michigan State University, used to cross the finish line at races with a handspring. "He was in the best shape of his life," said his mother, Kathy Barker.

friends from college have stood by his side throughout this long journey — joined by well-wishers from all over the world who sent him encouraging, inspirational words through [www.caringbridges.org](http://www.caringbridges.org) — a patient information website that connects people who are going through serious health challenges, with friends and family.

Kathy has chronicled this journey through seven journals she has written in the past 2½ years, hoping to someday write a book that will help other families with traumatic brain injuries. "I wish I had had someone in this position who could have helped us," said Kathy. "But, we had such a supportive network in the wellness community that provided so much help."

She credits her natural health background with giving her the patience to see the beauty in all of Mason's small changes and improvements. "We're so used to 'taking a pill' and getting a result," said Kathy. "It's just not like that with traumatic brain injuries."

### What causes a coma?

Comas are caused by injury to the brain. Brain injury can be due to increased pressure, bleeding, loss of oxygen, or buildup of toxins. The injury can be temporary and reversible. It also can be permanent.

More than 50 percent of comas are related to head trauma or disturbances in the brain's circulatory system. Head injuries can cause the brain to swell and/or bleed. When the brain swells because of trauma, the fluid pushes up against the skull. The swelling may eventually cause the brain to push down on the brain stem, which can damage the RAS — a part of the brain that's responsible for arousal and awareness.

(Source: WebMD)

## ICE FISHING

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and two younger ice fisherman caught a few small crappie.

Balasko began ice fishing at a young age. "My Dad asked me, 'What do you want to do?' and I said, 'To be the best fisherman there is,'" he said.

His earliest memory of fishing is on the same lake, by boat, with his father.

"I sit on the chair waiting for a 'big guy' to come through."

**Christopher Balasko**  
local ice fisherman

He knows that some ice fisherman drink alcohol out on the ice, but he prefers to stay away from beer while fishing. "It's better sober," he said.

For safety, Balasko suggests ice fishing with a friend.

Balasko will easily spend eight hours some days sitting in his shelter, waiting for the 'big one' to come by. He said his fiancé doesn't mind. "She knows I'm having fun," he said.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN THE WEATHER is bad, drive slow. I've noticed most people driving safely this winter, but there are still those crazies who think that it's safe to drive faster. I did a donut on Silver Parkway, and I was driving slow and trying to stop at the light. Thankfully, there were no other cars in the area for me to hit. Drive slow and save a life, maybe yours.

OH, I AM all about a class-action lawsuit

for the \$255 quarterly fee imposed by Fenton Township on sewers. I could pay my other bills and support my family better with that money. This is one of the reasons we are going to be putting our home up for sale.

THANK YOU SO much to the two men who stopped to help push my car into the gas station. It had been a terrible week and when most people would keep on going, without any hesitation, you were there to help. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. Thank you, again.

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# Leg pain often due to clogged arteries

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** What can you tell me about peripheral artery disease in my legs? How about the ballooning of those clogged arteries? Where is a good place to go for that procedure? — E.K.

**ANSWER:** Activity causes chest pain in people with clogged heart arteries. It causes leg pain for people with clogged leg arteries — peripheral artery disease. Angina is the chest pain of heart artery clogging; intermittent claudication is the leg pain that comes from clogged leg arteries. The obstructed arteries can't deliver enough blood to leg muscles when a person walks. The leg muscles signal they're being shortchanged in their blood supply by rebelling with pain.

The pain can occur anywhere in the legs. If the blockage is high up, then thigh pain is the result. If a bit lower

down, it's calf pain. Lower down even more produces foot pain. "Intermittent" indicates that the pain leaves when the person rests.

Diabetes, cigarette smoking, high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol are some of the things that lead to artery clogging. Aging is, perhaps, the biggest contributor to it. About 17 percent of men and women older than 65 have this problem.

A doctor confirms the diagnosis by measuring blood pressure at the ankle and comparing it with blood pressure in the arm. The two readings should be about equal. If the ankle blood pressure is much lower, it indicates that there's an obstruction in the leg arteries.

Treatment involves a diet that reduces the amount of fat and cholesterol; it's essentially a diet of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, with less red meat and more fish. Although walking brings on pain, walking is a treatment, too. The person walks to the point of pain, rests and then resumes walking. Medicines like aspirin, Plavix and Pletal can be beneficial.

You ask about the balloon treatment. It's the same kind of procedure used to open clogged heart arteries. A slender tube with a deflated balloon at its tip is inched through the artery to the point



of obstruction. When that's reached, the doctor inflates the balloon to squash the obstruction. The population of your city is 50,000. I am sure many competent doctors there

are versed in this procedure and can treat PAD as well as it can be treated anywhere. Ask your family doctor for a name.

The booklet on PAD explains the ins and outs of this common problem in detail. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 109W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I expect sore muscles the day after I exercise hard. They tell me I had a real workout. When my muscles are sore, I take the day off. I've been told to exercise regardless of sore muscles. Do you agree? — M.O.

**ANSWER:** A low level of exercise circulates blood to aching muscles and quickens healing. All-out exercise doesn't give the muscles a chance to fully recover. You shouldn't do resistance exercises (weightlifting) with the same muscles on consecutive days.

*Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.*

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7 Snaky shape  
8 The Little Mermaid  
10 Hot box?  
11 Approach the curb  
13 Noted Texas musician/novelist/politician  
16 South Bend's st.  
17 Moves like a moth  
18 Story of a lifetime?  
19 Two-way  
20 Deserve  
21 Like Shirley Temple's hair  
23 Coffin stands  
25 Broadway award  
26 Make fun of  
27 Pretend  
28 Expiate  
30 Dandy  
33 "Yakety Sax" musician  
36 Poets' name for England  
37 Tire pattern  
38 Column

### DOWN

1 Pooch  
2 Barnyard sound  
3 Frolicsome  
4 Some produce  
5 Saint honored on Sept. 1

6 Maintained  
7 He slew 25% of the world's population  
8 Time for foolishness?  
9 Of the loins  
10 Schuss  
12 Two-somes  
14 TV chef Bobby  
15 "Smoking or —?"  
19 Parch  
20 "A mouse!"  
21 Winter warmer

22 Incalculable  
23 Former European capital city  
24 Summertime quencher  
25 Bill  
26 Reacts to a pun  
28 In reserve  
29 Scout unit  
30 Particle  
31 Colorful fish  
32 Third degree?  
34 Mountain transport  
35 Scraps

## RELEASED THIS WEEK

# DVDs&Movies

### BURIED

Paul Conroy is not ready to die. But, when he wakes up six feet underground with no idea of who put him there or why, life for the truck driver and family man instantly becomes a hellish struggle for survival. Buried with only a cell phone and a lighter, his contact with the outside world and ability to piece together clues that could help him discover his location are maddeningly limited. Poor reception, a rapidly draining battery, and a dwindling oxygen supply become his worst enemies in a tightly confined race against time — fighting panic, despair and delirium, Paul has only 90 minutes to be rescued before his worst nightmare comes true.

### STONE

Jack Mabry (Robert De Niro), a parole officer days away from retirement, is asked to review the case of Gerald "Stone" Creeson (Edward Norton), who's in prison for arson. Now eligible for early release, Stone needs to convince Jack he has reformed, but his attempts to use his wife Lucetta (Milla Jovovich) to influence the older man's decision have profound and unexpected effects on them both. This tale of passion, betrayal and corruption skillfully weaves together the parallel journeys of two men grappling with dark impulses, as the line between lawman and lawbreaker becomes precariously thin.

### TAKERS

A notorious group of criminals (Elba, Walker, Harris, Brown, Christensen and Ealy) continues to baffle police by pulling off perfectly executed bank robberies. They are in and out like clockwork, leaving no evidence behind and laying low in between heists. But, when they attempt to pull off one last job with more money at stake than ever before, the crew finds their plans interrupted by a hardened detective (Dillon) who is hell-bent on solving the case.

## BY LINDA THISTLE

# WeeklySudoku

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		4			3			7

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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# Tri-City hockey squad splits weekend games

By David Troppens

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Sometimes results don't match the actual play of a team.

That may have been the case for the Tri-City Chiefs last weekend.

The team played two games over the weekend. One was against Gaylord. Coach Ryan Hoover thought the team played well, and yet it lost 4-1.

On Saturday, the team played the Northwest Warriors, but not quite as strong as the previous night, but still won an easy 6-3 verdict.

"Overall, I thought we outplayed them

(Gaylord), and we played very well," coach Ryan Hoover said. "We thought we had a chance to win, but we didn't bury our chances. I was still happy with our performance.

"We came out a little flat (against Northwest). We kind of knew they were not very good and we didn't come out too hard. We couldn't get ourselves to play at the same level as we did against Gaylord. But we did enough to get the win."

Against Gaylord, the Chiefs outshot their foes, but ended up allowing two power-play goals, helping establish the difference between the two teams. The Chiefs got their

only goal from Jake Stone, on assists from Luke Conner and Tyler Merritt.

In net, Hannah Fremd went the distance, making 26 saves.

"I thought we were the better team, but we gave up two power play goals," Hoover said. "I thought the two penalties we got were a little weak. I don't like to blame the refs, though. Their power play was excellent, and they capitalized on them."

Against the Warriors, the Chiefs dominated. Lucas Tunningley had two goals, while

**See HOCKEY on 16**



Tri-City's  
Luke Conner

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** Who was the first black player in the National Hockey League?

**A** Willie O'Ree made his debut for the Boston Bruins on Jan. 18, 1958. He played in only two games that season, but played professional hockey until 1979.

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## Metro boys basketball race heating up

### Tigers, Bronchos are two of four teams in title hunt

By David Troppens

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Entering Friday night, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team looked poised to almost already lock up its Flint Metro League crown.

Considered the overwhelming favorites to defend their co-league title a year ago, the Tigers were up one game on every team in the Metro entering Friday night's contest with Swartz Creek. A victory on Friday night, would mean the Tigers would be two games up on the field before anyone had reached the league's halfway point, almost already ending the Metro League title race.

However, it's amazing how one upset can change things. Swartz Creek shocked Fenton 63-51, putting four teams within one game of first place with nine league contests remaining. And guess who are tied atop? They are the co-Metro League champs from a year ago — Fenton and Swartz Creek. Just one game out are Holly and Kearsley.

Suddenly, what could've been separation Friday has created what promises to be an exciting second half of the Metro season.

"Everybody is talking about

Fenton, and for good reason. But we shared the Metro League championship with them last year, and our guys are a little insulted that nobody talks about Swartz Creek," Creek coach Jeremy Trent said.

Everyone is talking about Swartz Creek this week. And for the second straight season, the Dragons were the team that helped get the Tigers back with the rest of the field. Last year, Fenton was 10-0 overall when the Dragons defeated Fenton 72-54 at Creek. This season, the Dragons did it on the Tigers' own home court.

Fenton coach Tim Olszewski understands what the upset means to the title race.

"It's going to be a tough race and a tight race," Olszewski said. "I, however, had the upmost confidence in our team, kids and program that what occurred here Friday night, woke up a sleeping giant. We were all accountable for what happened Friday night, and sometimes losing can do wonders. Swartz Creek, Holly and Kearsley are all tough teams and anything can happen, but I

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Holly's Austin Hopkin (left) attacks the basket against Fenton's Charles Herzog in a recent game. Fenton and Holly are two of the four teams with control of their own destiny in this year's Metro League race.

### Holly boys edge Lapeer West, 61-55

By David Troppens

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Suddenly, with Fenton's loss to Swartz Creek, the Metro League varsity boys basketball race has opened up.

And one of those teams that appears to have a second life is the Holly Bronchos.

Holly, who had lost two straight Metro League contests, including a tight verdict against Fenton, rebounded from that skid with a 61-55 home victory against Lapeer West on Friday night.

The Bronchos (5-2, 5-3) trailed 17-12 after one quarter, but progressively snuck back into the game. By halftime, they trailed 33-30. Then, in the third quarter, the Bronchos took over. Holly scored the first seven points of the third quarter, and never trailed again.

"I'm proud of my guys," Baylis said. "At halftime we made some adjustments to their offense and became disruptive to their offense. We didn't let Lapeer West run their cuts and screens."

It worked. Led by Anderius

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Fenton's Adam Ransom took part in four first-place finishes in a 105-75 victory against Lapeer.

## Fenton swimmers open league season with win

By David Troppens

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It's a young team.

It's a team with not a ton of varsity swimming experience.

But as the Fenton varsity boys swim squad begins the Flint Metro League season, Fenton coach Brad Jones is encouraged by what he's seen.

He had to be recently during the Tigers' first Metro meet of the season. They defeated Lapeer 105-75.

"From the first day to present, the differ-

ence has been night and day," Jones said. "They have surpassed all of our expectations. Therefore, we are looking to take second in the Metro behind Brandon this year."

The Blackhawks are loaded with talented and experienced swimmers, so Brandon would be a hard team to catch. However, anyone else in the Metro remains within reach. And that showed against Lapeer.

The Tigers won all three relays and had five other individual first-place performances. The team had two swimmers

— Adam Ransom and David Congdon — earn first-place performances in four events.

The pair teamed up in the 400 freestyle relay with Alex Chase and Adam Andreski for a first (3:50.12), while each helped another relay to a first. Congdon teamed with Anthony Miceli, Chase and Aaron Summers to win the 200 medley relay (1:59.57), while Ransom teamed with Andreski, Josh Bryant and Summers to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:44.01).

**See SWIMMERS on 16**

## did you know?

Lakers play-by-play announcer Chick Hearn worked 3,338 consecutive games, starting in 1965.



# LF grapplers capture tourney title

## Blue Devils remain ranked third in Division 3 in state

By Al Zipsie

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**Williamston** — Lake Fenton's varsity wrestling team won its first individual wrestling tournament of the season, topping the 23-squad field at the Jim Mooney Williamston Classic.

The Blue Devils, who won a team dual at the Heritage Invitational a week earlier, had five champions, two second-place finishers and a third-place performer. Winning championships were Buddy Poyner (130), Zach Corcoran (140), Justin Melick (145), Chris O'Guinn (152) and Drew Morris (171). Todd Melick (119) and Connor Brancheau (160) took seconds, while Bryce Hopkins took third place (125). Lake Fenton won with 238 points ahead of second-place Holt 229.5. The Blue Devils trailed Holt by more than 20 points after the first round and 13.5 after the second but rallied.

Morris (32-1) reached the milestone of 150 career wins with a first-round pinfall over Mason's Austin Barr. A senior, Morris had a 6-2 decision over Holt's Kyle Shaw in the finals.

O'Guinn earned his title with a 5-2 victory over Grand Ledge's Korey Knapp. Seniors Poyner, Corcoran and Justin Melick all went unbeaten in four matches. Poyner (32-1) had a pinfall in 1:44 over Holt's Drew Dryer. Melick upped his record to 27-5. The defending state champion had a default in the final. Corcoran (31-1) had a 5-1 decision over Haslett's



Lake Fenton's Bryce Hopkins (right) took third place in his weight class at the Heritage Invitational on Saturday.

Taylor Grenawalt in the final.

Todd Melick, a state runner-up last year, clicked off falls in 27 seconds, 1:30 and 1:20 before falling in the final to Mason's Connor Youtsey 11-4, the defending Division II 119 state champion.

The Blue Devils, who are ranked third in the State in Division III, will be at full force Wednesday with the entire lineup for the first time this season. Lake Fenton will only get better as James Demember, Jake Hosking and Ray Denam will make their season debut.

Lake Fenton (8-0 in the GAC) has its final home meet of the regular season Wednesday as they take on Lakeville and New Lothrop, who is ranked second in Division 4. On Saturday they travel to Stevensville Michigan for the Lakeshore Invitational.

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## Fenton wrestlers place fourth at Gibraltar tourney

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity wrestling team needed a weekend to instill some confidence within the program.

The Tigers got that at the Gibraltar Carlson Individual Tournament on Saturday.

Fenton finished fourth out of 12 teams, earning two weight class champions.

"After that horrendous effort against Holly, the kids stepped up and wrestled well," Fenton coach Bruce Burwitz said. "We had a lot of kids wrestle well."

Sean Rusaw (160) went 5-0 and won his title by defeating Romulus' Ryan Jackson in 24 seconds by pinfall in the title match. Meanwhile, Preston Wetzel (152) also won a title, defeating Woodhaven's Shawn Johnson by technical fall in his title match.

"(Sean's) wrestling very well," Burwitz said. "He took third last week and upset the No. 1 seeded guy. He ended up losing in overtime to the eventual champ last week and won it this week."

"Preston has been doing more and more stuff every week. He's a real coachable kid, and is not afraid to try a couple of things, which is great."

Pat Turner (130) made it to the title match, but lost his final match, meaning he had to settle for second. Jacob Wykes (135) placed third, while Carl Coster was fifth (285).

Fenton faces Lapeer West and Kearsley Wednesday at home.

## Tri-County Winter Top 5

Through Monday's events, here are the top five tri-county sports prep teams this winter.

1. Lake Fenton wrestling
2. Holly wrestling
3. Linden wrestling
4. Fenton boys basketball
5. Fenton girls basketball

**Note:** Wrestling remains king, as three of the four tri-county area teams are ranked in the state. Lake Fenton wrestling remains the clear-cut No. 1 team, ranked third in the state in Division 3. Holly wrestling is ranked seventh in Division 2, while Linden is ranked ninth, also in Division 2.

## HOLLY

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Gray's five steals, West only managed eight points in the third quarter, resulting in Holly's 47-41 lead entering the fourth quarter.

"He's so fast, quick, strong and tenacious," Baylis said about Gray. "He's the best all-around player in terms of athleticism I've ever had at Holly. He's tremendous."

Josh Fugate continues to impress. One of the Metro's leading scorers, he dropped 21 points on West.

"He's really comfortable right now," Baylis said.

"He's very comfortable on the floor no matter what defense people are playing. He takes what is given to him."

Gray also chipped in 10 points, while Austin Hopkin had nine points. Brent Staffne chipped in seven points.

"These guys have pretty good basketball IQs," Baylis said.

"They are young, but they are very smart and are learning quickly. They played a very smart second half against Lapeer West. And Lapeer West is a good team. They are going to win a lot of games the second time around the league."

West was paced by Zeshawn Jones-Parker's game-high 22 points, while Cullen Turczyn had 13 points. John Amboy chipped in 10 points.

The win puts the Bronchos (5-2, 5-3) just one game behind Metro League co-leaders Fenton and Swartz Creek, and tied with Flint Kearsley.

Holly returns to Flint Metro League play on Friday with a road game at Linden.



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Holly's Josh Fugate (front) continues to have strong games. He scored a team-high 21 points against Lapeer West on Friday.

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## HOCKEY

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Sean Meyer, Evan Latner, Conner and Cameron Brands had a goal each. Evan Haller had three assists.

"We were up 6-1, and it could've been worse," Hoover said. "We hit posts, missed nets. We could've easily been 10 goals. But it was good. Everyone got in and everyone played a lot."

"We needed a 'W,' too. We needed that." The Chiefs (5-9) host Clio Saturday at 5 p.m. at Iceland.

"We are still not where we want to be. There is something about us that hasn't clicked yet," Hoover said. "It's an old saying, but for some reason we are not clicking on all cylinders. We are still working on getting that. We are frustrated we are not getting the 'Ws,' but we are moving forward."

## SWIMMERS

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Individually, Ransom won the 200 individual medley (2:17.94) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.48), while Congdon won the 50 freestyle (25.21) and the 100 backstroke (1:06.07). Ken Carbary had the team's other first, winning the 500 freestyle (5:36.77).

Other strong swims for Fenton included Carbary in the 200 freestyle (2:03.35), An-

dreski in the 100 freestyle (58.59) and Bryant in the 100 freestyle (59.98).

The Tigers hosted Carman-Ainsworth Tuesday night for a dual meet. On Friday and Saturday, the team hosts the County Meet.

"With the majority of our team first-year swimmers, our goal is to get as many swimmers back to the finals on Saturday as we can," Jones said.



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Fenton's Ken Carbary (front, center) dives in the pool during a recent meet. The Tigers won their first Metro League meet of the season recently, defeating Lapeer.

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Fenton's Connor Muntin (left) dribbles against a Swartz Creek player during Friday's game. Fenton and Holly are two of the four teams with control of their own destiny in this year's Metro League race. Swartz Creek is tied for first with Fenton, while Holly and Kearsley are a game behind.

## RACE

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have a lot of confidence in our kids and our team, and I think we'll handle Friday night's loss to Creek in a very positive way."

One team that loved to hear what happened to Fenton on Friday was the Holly Bronchos. Holly lost a tough contest to Fenton just four days earlier and were nursing a three-game losing streak before defeating Lapeer West 61-55 on Friday night. Suddenly, the Bronchos find themselves just one game out of the lead. And with two games remaining against Swartz Creek, and one each against Fenton and Kearsley, the Bronchos have control of their own destiny for at least a co-Metro crown.

"It's going to be exciting, and that's why I love this league," Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "For all the people that put this league down, this is what high school basketball is all about. Anyone can beat anybody, and there are teams that have a

great chance to play spoiler.

"It's exciting. We are pretty much where I thought we could be. The Kearsley or Fenton game could've gone either way. There is a lot of basketball to play."

With a starting unit that includes Ryan Hickoff, Dylan Hickoff and Eric Mowery, the Tigers still have to be considered the favorites to win the Metro title, just as they have each of the last two seasons when they won co-league championships, but now there's less wiggle room.

"The league is pretty much the way I thought it would be," Olszewski said.

"If you go back to conversations at the start of the season I thought Creek, Holly and Kearsley would be tough, and Lapeer West would be kicking it up a bit and that's what we got. I think we all knew winning the league with an undefeated record was near in impossibility. Any team that's going to win the league will have one or two losses."

The four-team chase to a Metro title has officially begun.

## Metro Boys Basketball Race

The Flint Metro League is about halfway through its season, and four teams still have control of their own destiny to earn at least a share of the Metro League crown if they win out.

Team	Record
Fenton Tigers	6-1
Swartz Creek Dragons	6-1
Holly Bronchos	5-2
Kearsley Hornets	5-2

### Friday's games

Fenton at Kearsley  
Holly at Linden  
Swartz Creek at Lapeer West

### Monday's game

Brandon at Swartz Creek

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## Bruce C. Gould

1953-2011

Bruce C. Gould - age 57, formerly of Fenton, died in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 9, 2011. He was born March 1, 1953 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Curtis and Patricia (Murphy) Gould of Fenton. He was a graduate of Fenton High, Class of 1971. Survived by 3 sons, Jeff (Katie) of Grand Blanc, Tim of Flint, and Danny (Jeni) of Bourbonnais, Illinois; grandchildren Megan, Jimmy, Nathan, Kyle, and Cameron; brothers Mark (Cinny) of Lowell, David (Denise) of Gastonia, NC, and Craig (Stella) of Holland. His parents also survive him. Bruce enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, and sports of all kinds with his 3 sons. He never missed a single one of their games in any sport at any level. He volunteered his time to the Fenton Little League for 12 years, serving as President, Umpiring Chief, Sponsor, and Coach. The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Services by Sharp Funeral Homes. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com).



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