Katie’s Game’ fundraiser invokes overwhelming response from community

Raises more than $10,000 for Wyatt family

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An outpouring of community support began last Friday afternoon at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School (AGS) in Fenton — Katie’s Game — a fundraiser for a student at the school. Katie Wyatt, 14, is an eighth-grader who loves Bomb Pops (Popsicles), her family, all things zebra print — and she is in the final stages of renal carcinoma.

In just seven days, an idea hatched by four of Katie’s friends, became a poignant example of a community mobilized for a purpose. Mary Ann Beltinck and Kari Ciavarelli organized the event. They set up the gym for the student/faculty basketball game, just one of the events planned for that evening.

See ‘KATIE’S GAME’ on 10A

Katie Wyatt, 14, has cancer, enjoys a student vs. faculty basketball game at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School last Friday evening.

Malissa Bossardet, of Fenton.

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — The Fenton Police Department is investigating an armed robbery and is asking witnesses to come forward in their search for the suspect. At 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, an armed officer shot the suspect when the suspect pulled a handgun in Fenton.

See ROBS on 23A

Get closer

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — Fenton will be encouraging people to “Be Closer,” not “Get Closer.”

Before Tuesday’s downtown development authority (DDA) meeting, the DDA board held a closed session to discuss a legal opinion. DDA Director Michael Burns, also assistant city manager, said there might have been a trademark issue with “Get Closer.”

See TAGLINE on 13A

Cover story

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Fenton mom fights for insurance coverage for autistic children

Michigan would be 24th state to enact legislation

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Fenton — Malissa Bossardet, of Fenton, watches her daughter and youngest son draw pictures, while her oldest son, Remi, spins a small, green toy. Remi looks like any other energetic 9-year-old. Therapies for his Asperger syndrome, a milder form of autism, have helped him a lot. Malissa and other parents of autistic children are hoping the Michigan Legislature will approve legislation so health insurance will cover costs for treating autism. It has cost her family thousands of dollars.

Unfortunately, autism is a growing problem for children. See AUTISTIC on 12A

Practice makes perfect

Bailey McPherson, 9, plays violin in the Fenton Community Orchestra at last Saturday’s rehearsal at the Fenton United Methodist Church. “I like it,” she said. “It’s a great opportunity, and for once, I don’t have to play oboe music.” The orchestra is currently made up of members ranging from ages 7 to 77.

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KING COLUMN:

King, I just had the chance to read your article from this past Sunday, and all I can say is that your cheese has slid off your cracker.

— Hot line caller

Dedicated to the Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Argentine woman uses local ingredients and supplies for home winemaking

By Tim Jagielo
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It was a busy night at The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, last Saturday. And, two strangers didn’t know they would soon meet in a life-and-death situation. Amy Frank, an emergency room nurse for Genesys Regional Health Services, and Wyatt, a 9-year-old kid, met at The Fenton Hotel. Wyatt, a 9-year-old kid, met at The Fenton Hotel.

Medically dead victim brought back to life by ER nurse

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ONLINE COMMENTS

STORY: MASKED GUNMEN ROB FENTON HOME

“Why, this story well, this story sure makes me feel even more unsafe. I have lived in Fenton for over 30 years and I don’t believe I have seen anything like this before. It makes me cringe to know the city officials are trying to get rid of our police officers. I might as well move to Flint.”

— Joe

HOT LINE: SILVER PARKWAY

“I see the city of Fenton will now be paying for the electricity for 48 new lights on Silver Parkway. Great. Now, we can see all the empty buildings at night. How many layoffs will be needed for this?”

— Bob

HOT LINE: OF THE WEEK

“Practice makes perfect.”

— Hot line caller

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ARGENTINE WOMAN USES LOCAL INGREDIENTS AND SUPPLIES FOR HOME WINEMAKING 3A

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State’s landfills no longer dumping ground for Ontario’s city trash

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Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin announced this week that Michigan would no longer be a dumping ground for Ontario’s city trash. The move is the result of an agreement negotiated four years ago by the two senators.

Ontario’s Minister of Environment announced that Ontario has officially met the terms of their agreement, stopping shipments of city waste to Michigan as of Dec. 31, 2010.

This agreement prevents more than 40,000 trash trucks hauling city waste from entering the state, stopping 1.5 million tons of city waste that otherwise would have been dumped in Michigan every year.

“This is a great victory for Michigan in the fight against Canadian trash,” said Stabenow. “There is still more work to be done, but today’s announcement is a major milestone in the fight to stop Canadian trash.”

Non-municipally managed trash from private companies, such as construction and industry, and from other sources, continues to come into Michigan, according to Levin.

“That is simply unacceptable,” said Levin. “Along with Sen. Stabenow and others, I will work to gain passage of legislation that would address the non-municipally managed Canadian trash shipments into Michigan.”

The Stabenow-Levin agreement, negotiated with Ontario’s Minister of the Environment in 2006, called for the phaseout and elimination of city waste shipments by the end of 2010. Senators Stabenow and Levin had been working with officials to meet the terms of the agreement.

In addition to confirmation from Ontario’s Minister of Environment, the senators received letters from the four major Toronto-area municipalities confirming that their waste shipments to Michigan have stopped.

According to Stabenow, the root of the Canadian trash problem was simple economics. Michigan’s trash dumping charge is the lowest in the region, which turned the Great Lakes State into a magnet for garbage from Toronto and other Ontario cities.

At the local level, little impact will likely be felt. According to Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township, the end of Canadian garbage coming into Michigan should not directly affect Fenton Township in any way.

The landfill in Mundy Township did accept trash from Canada for a time but Broecker did not believe it was a significant amount. The lost revenue could result in an increase in landfill fees but there has been no such discussion, to the best of his knowledge.

“The on the positive side, the useful life of the landfill should be extended without the out-of-state trash, and fewer garbage trucks on our roads is probably a good thing, too,” said Broecker.
A day in the life of a ‘repo’ man

Punched, kicked, threatened with gun — all in a day’s work

By Tim Jagielo

Tim (last name withheld) is a “repo” man. He has been punched, kicked and threatened with a gun — four times. He’s been chased by a naked person down the street while recovering a vehicle in Holly. He has also been offered sexual favors to not repossess a car.

Working in Pontiac, Detroit, Flint and Saginaw can be dangerous. At a recovery in Detroit, the driver cooperated with his car being recovered, but Tim was blocked from exiting, and pelted with rocks by neighborhood boys. “I was afraid we were going to get shot,” he said.

Tim, who lives in the tri-county area, has been a repo man for 13 years. Because of contractual obligations, he prefers not to use his complete name. Most of his clients are banks and credit unions, and he is responsible for recovering goods that were defaulted upon by the client.

Although he has had his share of violence, most of the people are easy to deal with. “Some,” he said.

The biggest reason for repossession is lack of communication.”

Summary

A local man makes a living recovering vehicles with defaulted liens, commonly known as a “repo” man.

The art of home winemaking

An Argentine woman uses all local ingredients and supplies

By Sharon Stone

Annette Murphy, of Argentine Township, made her first batch of red wine from a kit. She liked local ingredients and supplies

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Life, liberty and the...

Are you familiar with the name Amy Chua?

For those who have just returned from a vacation to Space Island 99, or who are busy with their sophomoric texting or updating their Facebook diary, Amy Chua is the Chinese mother of two daughters, and the author of the controversial best-selling book ‘Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother.’

In the book, Chua shares her drill-sergeant-based parenting recipe for raising straight-A students and musical prodigies. Sample excerpt: ‘Here are some of the things my daughters were never allowed to do during a sleepover, have a playdate, be in a school play, complain about not being in a school play, watch TV, play computer games, choose their own extracurricular activities, get any grade less than an A, not be the number one student in every class except gym and drama, play any instrument except the piano or violin.’

Most American parents would call child protective services if Amy Chua’s daughters attended their school. But don’t form an opinion yet — Amy Chua is just getting started. More parenting advice from Chua’s book: ‘The fact is that Chinese parents can do things that seem unimaginable to Western parents. Chinese mothers can say to their kids, “Hey fatty — lose some weight,” while Westerners tiptoe around the issue, talking about health and never, ever mentioning the (fatty)-word.’

Clearly Mrs. Chua must be a graduate of the Mike Tyson School of Manners and Decorum. More excerpts, this one about her battles with her headstrong then 7-year-old daughter who struggled to master a piano piece: ‘I used every weapon and tactic I could think of. We worked through dinner and I wouldn’t let Lulu get up, not for water, not to use the bathroom, the house became a war zone and I lost my voice from yelling. Then she mastered it.’

Chua says her parenting philosophy is the magic formula for valedictorian-grade-point averages, Carnegie Hall violin recitals and Ivy League acceptances by the dozen that we’re all supposed to aspire to. It’s also the magic formula that results in Asian females age 15-24 having the highest suicide rate in the world.

Despite that statistic, I’m still not sure if Amy Chua is bragging or confessing. I am a chronic critic of the weeniness of many of today’s American parents. Their parenting model of ‘happiness-at-any-price’ is creating a generation of under-critcized, over-rewarded, spineless, super-weenie children who are grossly deficient in math, science, engineering and work ethic.

If I were King we’d all be buying into a toned-down version of the Tiger Mother parenting-playbook. It’s time for us to man-up and admit that it’s our responsibility to etch permanent life lessons about drive, persistence and success into the fiber of our children.

We need to teach them that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is a right, not a lifestyle.

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 compiled by Anna Truppen, Associate Editor

What is the most unusual souvenir you’ve brought home from vacation?

“We usually go to conferences and take lots of books back with us. My husband is a pastor, so we usually go to conferences for pastors.” — Krista Wright, Fenton

“We drove 400 miles out of our way on vacation to get a T-shirt from Butt Drugs Pharmacy in Corydon, Ill. It says I love Butt Drugs.” We heard about it on the radio.” — Rich Dann, Holly

“Probably a slot machine, from Las Vegas, we use it for entertainment in the family room and downstairs.” — Rosemary Nolkemper, Fenton

“A 45-inch pike from Canada, it’s mounted on our wall.” — Nina Lademann, Fenton

“I brought a chunk of the Rocky Mountains home.” — Jan McKee, Fenton

“My son’s (Michael McLean, Jr.) medals, he’s in the Army, and he’s got a couple medals already.” — Mike McLean, Argentine


Fenton close to agreement with Michigan Brewing Company

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Fenton — The downtown development authority (DDA) board will hold a special meeting Wednesday, Jan. 26, to consider an agreement with Michigan Brewing Company. The move is for the firm to develop the old fire hall, at 102 S. LeRoy St., into a restaurant.

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Summary

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City moves forward with $786,400 in Silver Parkway improvements

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Fenton — LED lighting, native landscaping and irrigation are coming soon to Silver Parkway. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board approved its design committee’s recommendation for as much as $786,400 in improvements.

This was the original project estimate, and the engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth and Clark (HRC) has reduced some of its fees since then, said DDA Director Michael Burns.

Approving the original amount will provide a “cushion” in case costs increase, Chairman Craig Schmidt said. The project will include 48 light poles and begin after Fenton’s Fourth of July activities. It will be completed, hopefully, by mid-November.

Burns said it will cost Fenton $60,000 more for LED lights, but the bulbs will need changing much less frequently. In addition, it will result in substantial savings on energy costs, Schmidt said. Examples of LED lighting are near the Pontiac Silverdome and in downtown Ann Arbor.

The new design will draw attention to the entrances for Silver Parkway, said Sue Grissim of Grissim Metz Andrense. Adding native plants will improve the appearance of the roadway — and require less water and maintenance than non-native vegetation. Native grasses will still be visible in the winter.

Plans include plantings for the two detention ponds, near Jennings Road and the condominium and apartment developments. Irrigation will include a modest sprinkler system to get the materials growing, Grissim said. After that, watering will only be needed during droughts.

Project plans are subject to review by Fenton City Council, and the city’s planning commission.

David Kelley, of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, a consultant for the project, said there will be intermittent lane closures during the project. There will never be two lanes closed at once.

It will be a good project, Chairman Craig Schmidt said. In addition, Silver Parkway is one of the city’s major shopping districts. And it is having more businesses open along it, including a gas station at VG’s and a new hotel that is being built near Home Depot.

Some businesses requested more lighting along the parkway, Mayor Sue Osborn said. They feel they are contributing the largest amount to the pot of money the DDA is working with and wanted some benefits.

DDA Board member Laura Carpenter voted against it, along with Bob Cole. Carpenter said she doesn’t oppose more lighting along Silver Parkway. She was just hoping there would be a smaller solution.

Fenton DDA plans busy year

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority has a busy year planned, Chairman Craig Schmidt said. “It is going to be a great year for the development of Fenton. We are lucky we have a budget to do these projects,” he said.

“In Genesee County, we are about the only one with things going on. Others have DDAs, but aren’t funded properly.”

Councilwoman Cheryl King said Fenton’s DDA is doing a great job.

People are happy with all the businesses coming in. The DDA appreciates council’s support, Schmidt said.

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**Ask the Mechanic**

**By Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic**

**Q:** I’ve heard that it is very bad to run your car low on gas? Can you tell me why?

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**DDA agrees on new engineering firm**

**City is trying to cut costs**

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has approved using the city engineering firm: Orchard, Hiltz & McClintock (OHM).

City council already had approved OHM as Fenton’s new engineering consultant, for the city in general, its DDA, Local Development Finance Authority (L DFA) and for any other city engineering needs. City attorney Stephen Schultz said the DDA still needed to adopt a resolution selecting OHM as its engineering firm, if it agreed to.

Kent Early, a partner with OHM, said his firm bills by an hourly rate. It does not charge separately for mileage, faxes and other fees. In addition, OHM does not charge a municipality for the time OHM employees spend traveling to the municipality.

OHM’s headquarters are in Livonia. It also has offices in the Upper Peninsula, Columbus and Nashville.

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know him by name. “Ninety-five percent of the people are nice and understanding,” he said, across the board. “Most people know that they are late.”

Tim does have to deal with taking flak from the customer that has been harassed by the lender up to that point, and with the stereotype that the recovery business is filled with less intelligent people.

Despite the stories, his job is not like “Operation Repo,” the popular show on truTV that features repo men and women getting into brawls over their repossessions. “That’s the biggest fake thing in the world,” he said.

In reality, Michigan has laws that work to diffuse possible violent situations. The Breach of Peace law is there to protect the customer, and me,” he said. Breach of Peace laws say that if the owner of the car threatens violence and Tim cannot verbally diffuse the situation, he is to leave the car, and report to the police, and the financial institution that hired him. “A car is not worth my life, it’s worth it just to walk away,” he said.

The court would eventually take the car. This is what happens when a gun is pulled on him.

Tim does around two runs per week, and works 10-12 hours per day, six days per week, and is almost always on call. He has recovered many regular passenger cars, but also motorcycles, airplanes and heavy equipment. His most unusual piece of equipment to repossess was a large printer from an office building, along with tables and chairs, and aboveground swimming pools.

The bounty on these items start at $225 per recovery, but heavy equipment could fetch up to around $3,000 because he has to pay a crew to help him. On average he makes $550 for a regular run.

He is state certified, and has to know laws, such as the Breach of Peace laws, and trespass laws. If the vehicle is behind a gate or in a garage, he can’t recover it without access from the owner.

Mechanical knowledge is important to be able to safely recover a variety of vehicles without damaging them.

Tim’s day starts in the morning, where he communicates with the banks or credit unions via e-mail. By night, he is out looking for the vehicles he is assigned to repossess. After he picks up a car, he takes it to one of his office locations and informs the local police that the vehicle has been repossessed.

Tim has a wife and three children. “They don’t like the dangers of it, or the hours,” he said. Tim will work all night and be in bed by 4 a.m., and up at 7 a.m. to get his kids to school. He does carve out Sunday as family time, and although the money is good, Tim would love a regular 8-5 schedule.

To protect your car from repossess, Tim recommends trying to work something out with the bank or credit union who gave you the loan. “They want to work with the customers,” he said. “The biggest reason for repossess is lack of communication.”
The brick wall that runs along East Broad Street in Linden shows signs of being struck again by a vehicle. It will be repaired as soon as the weather cooperates.

**Brick wall on Broad Street is damaged — again**

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Linden — Once again, the brick wall along the curve on East Broad Street, near the Fairview Cemetery, shows the effects of being struck by a wayward vehicle.

Most recently, it was struck on Dec. 18, 2010 by an 18-year-old driver. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said the teen mistakenly put his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake as he navigated the curve. The driver was ticketed for violation of his restricted operator’s license. His vehicle sustained heavy front-end damage.

The decorative brick planter was constructed in 2000 when East Broad Street underwent improvements, said City Manager Christopher Wren. The decorative brick planter replaced a less attractive steel guardrail.

The sharp corner is a well-known location for crashes, said Wren. The brick planter protects the apartments and private property located directly behind the wall.

Although Wren did not have exact numbers, he said the brick planter is struck, on average, twice a year. “That corner is prone to accidents,” he said.

Depending on the extent of damage, the cost to repair it varies. There are times when the bricks can be reused, however, there are times, such as now, when the bricks are so badly damaged they need to be replaced.

Wren said as soon as the weather cooperates, the wall would be repaired, however, it will begin to change in appearance. The bricks that were used are no longer manufactured. As the wall faces future repairs, the new bricks will be used.

Motorists causing the damage to the brick planter take on the burden of repair costs, said Wren. The city’s insurance provider will pay for damage repairs, then recoup its cost through the responsible driver.

**Police: Residential break-ins may be connected**

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**Holly Twp. — The Michigan State Police Groveland Post is investigating two residential break-ins in Holly Township and investigators believe they may be connected.** According to the state police, a trooper was sent to a home in the 13000 block of Fish Lake Road at 2:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The residents reported that they had been away for about one hour. The house, and attached apartment were secure. When the residents returned, they noticed that someone had kicked in the exterior door.

The trooper observed damage to the door, lock and frame. It appeared as if the intruder stole a pillowcase and filled it with jewelry and loose change they found throughout the house.

A resident was asleep in the attached apartment during the time of the break-in, and police believe the intruder opened the door to the apartment.

Viewer prints were observed in the snow and led to where a vehicle had been parked.

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For nearly a year, our church had been preparing for a weeklong youth outreach headed by a well-known speaker. Then, shortly before the kick-off date, I discovered there was another event scheduled in our community on the same dates as our planned youth meetings. Concerned that this conflict would slash attendance and reduce the impact on the youth we wanted to reach, I called the speaker to alert him to the problem. His response has been unforgettable.

“Well,” he replied, “in every problem faith sees an opportunity and in every opportunity doubt sees a problem.” His kind but pointed rebuke convinced me we should proceed with our plans, trusting God for good results in our effort.

When the time for our outreach arrived, the meetings were extremely successful and apparently not even affected by the competition of the other event, reminding me that through faith we can experience success, even when conventional wisdom predicts failure.

Defeat stalks those who expect it. Victory comes to those who expect to win.

Problems, then, are not the enemies of faith, but opportunities to prove God’s faithfulness. Life’s difficulties provide reasons to exercise faith. And, to grow, faith needs exercise.

George Mueller was born in 1805, and when very young, he kept getting into trouble. When he was 14, his mother died; causing him to become concerned about the direction he was headed. The effect, however, was only temporary, and at 16, he was arrested and jailed as a thief. But, better things were ahead for this delinquent.

In his early 20s, George became acquainted with a group of people who met regularly for prayer and Bible study, which became a turning point in his life, leading to his later concern for orphans and a desire to help them, though he had few resources.

Mueller’s faith finally became so personal and practical, that he concluded he could trust God to supply all his needs and those of the thousands of orphans that ultimately became recipients of his care. Near the end of his life, Mueller wrote that 50,000 of his prayers for the needs of his orphans had been answered, 5,000 of them on the day he prayed. He called problems “the food of faith.”

Charles Colson, the legal counsel of the Nixon Administration, watched his world crumble because of the Watergate scandal, not knowing that his greatest days were ahead. While in prison, he became aware of his spiritual needs and those of fellow inmates, causing him to start ‘Prison Fellowship,’ which has enabled him to share his life-changing story with thousands of prisoners all over the world.

Joni Eareckson Tada found herself confined to a wheelchair for life, as the result of a swimming accident, but refusing to allow paralysis to defeat her, has built a worldwide outreach to millions, bringing many to trust her Lord.

The list is long of those who have risen up from blows that might have destroyed them and gone on to great accomplishments. We can be among them if we’ll stop pouting over our problems and see them as opportunities in disguise.

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WINEMAKING

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Murphy bought a kit to make her first batch of red wine. Now, she is eagerly awaiting the next two batches of wine, from pink grapefruit and cranberries.

All of the ingredients she used were purchased at Alpine Marketplace. She was quick to point out how proud she is that she was able to get everything she needed, locally.

When asked if winemaking was difficult, Murphy said, “Oh, my gosh, it was so easy.”

For her grapefruit wine, Murphy prepared about 30 grapefruit. The wine is expected to be ready to drink in three months. She said the mixture sits in a fermenter for one week, three weeks in a 5-gallon glass carboy, and then two months (or until clear) in another carboy. Murphy said if the wine is not clear, it has to be transferred to yet another carboy.

The cranberry wine takes about two months to make.

Murphy was impressed with the red wine she made from a kit. Since she likes her wine a little sweeter than what the recipe called for, she added sugar at the end of the process. “That’s the coolest thing, when it’s done, taste it, and you can put in sugar to flavor it. You can make it exactly how you want and then bottle it.”

Now that she’s hooked on winemaking, Murphy has bought books with more recipes, and is always on the lookout for something interesting to try. “It’s a fun hobby, and it’s so convenient with ACE there,” she said.

Murphy relies on friends and family members to maintain her supply of empty wine bottles. One of her friends, who is a graphic artist, designed her own label. Murphy named her wine, “It’s 5 O’clock Somewhere.” She said the downstairs bar already had that theme and the wine label compliments the setup quite well.

When it comes time to cork the freshly made bottles of wine, Murphy sometimes has girlfriends over to help out.

The biggest concern she has had so far with her hobby is making sure every thing is sanitized properly. “If there’s anything in there, it can ruin your wine.”

Murphy intends to experiment with pumpkin and corn wine, using produce from local farms. “It really is a fun hobby,” she said.

Ellis has been making wine and beer for several years, and gladly helps his customers now that the store carries the supplies. “We’ve had quite a good response,” he said. “A lot of people are happy to see it up here.” Wine- and beer-making supplies were brought into this location after the owner closed his store in the Flint area.

Wines sweetened with honey are one of his favorites. For the fruit-based wines, he enjoys those made from peaches. There are many interesting recipes out there, including those containing onions, tomatoes and jalapeños.
Six-month coma changes life of former triathlete

At 22, Mason Barker had the world by its tail. Working on his master’s degree in accounting at Michigan State University in 2008, he spent every spare second he wasn’t studying, training on his bike, the track or in the pool as a triathlete. He was planning to compete in an Iron Man competition the following week. For Mason, the Iron Man opportunity never came.

See complete story at www.tctimes.com

CITY OF FENTON

Fenton investigates options for 911 dispatch

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 option.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

Ice fishing is pastime, way of life for many

Ice fishing is a winter sport that takes shelter, patience and time.

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Leg pain often due to clogged arteries

Dr. Donohue gives his expert opinion.

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Is handwriting a dying art?

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.

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Regional Medical Center and her boyfriend had already eaten dinner elsewhere, but decided to stop by The Fenton Hotel for a drink, and to see Frank’s niece, who happened to be working there that night. The victim, a man named Don in his 70s, had been at home, but decided to stop by The Fenton Hotel to get a drink, and to see Frank’s niece, who happened to be working there that night.

Frank and her boyfriend were just about to leave the restaurant, when they saw a man slump back in his bar seat.

Bartender Joe Shafer asked a guest to call 911 immediately when he saw him. “I was freaked out, it kind of scares you a little bit,” he said.

She first tried pounding on his chest where he sat, and calling his name, but it did not work. Her boyfriend and the bartender, Shafer, helped to lower him to the ground, where Frank checked his pulse. The man was medically dead, on the floor with no pulse:

“That’s when I started CPR,” she said. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is the compressing of the chest to stimulate the man’s heart, which had stopped beating.

The CPR worked quickly, as her boyfriend noticed the man’s hands move. Within minutes, the victim took a deep breath, and started to regain consciousness. It took her five minutes to resuscitate the victim, and another five for the ambulance to arrive, and take him to the hospital.

Frank has been a nurse for six years, three in the emergency room. She has used CPR to emergencies, but not used to being the only person who knows what to do. She had wondered what she would do in that situation. “It all came together, I guess, thank goodness.”

“I learned that under a stressful situation, I can keep my cool and do what needs to be done to help another human being.”

Amy Frank
Nurse, Genesys Regional Medical Center

“...and take pictures. I don’t want to lose any evidence.”

The family, including Katie’s parents and sister, gave statements to both Police and Detective, as they worked to determine who had killed her father.

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Almost 1,000 people filled the gym to capacity for the event, including several media outlets, and community members — coming together — for the young middle-school student, and her family.

T-shirts were sold in pink and blue, Katie’s favorite colors. Beltinck described the scene as “feeding frenzy.” In 20 minutes, all 400 shirts were sold last Thursday for $10 each, the money going directly to the family. The front of the shirt features Katie’s own signature, with a heart. More than 100 T-shirts were sold after Katie’s Game, and 300 more are on order and will be available at Sawyer Jewellers and at the middle school.

Fenton High School students established a live feed on short notice, so attendees in the overflow area could still see the action in the gym.

The school students played a rally song on the xylophone. The staff of volunteers stopped counting at 800 ticket sales, as the gym was filled to capacity. Proceeds from the ticket sales would also go to Katie’s family.

At 7 p.m., the event began in earnest. Beltinck made announcements to the energetic crowd of almost 1,000 supporters. The stands were mostly pink and blue. “It was screaming,” said Beltinck. “The whole night I kept saying, ‘I’m gonna fly by the seat of my pants.’”

Katie was wheeled into the game by her father, Doug. Her legs covered with a blanket. She was wearing a winter hat. Attendees gave her a standing ovation, and they “love” her sign that read “I love bugs.”

Soon after, two AGS students played “My Heart Will Go On,” on the xylophone. Katie, among many others, wiped tears from their eyes with tissues.

What followed was three hours of events that warned, entertained and moved the community. Katie cheered for the students during the basketball game, via microphone. Tom, dressed as a gorilla, “Mighty Joe,” led the students to victory over the faculty in the basketball game.

Katie watched the events from her special, pink, roped-off area surrounded by friends and family, in pink or blue. She ate three Bomb Pops, which were presented to her by Chip Beltinck. He gave Katie enough Bomb Pops for her and her family at the event — her only extra wish.

Although the game has ended, the support from the community has continued. So far, the most remote donation for Katie’s family was from Ohio. An elderly couple, on a fixed income and struggling to make ends meet, donated $3. “They wanted to make sure we knew they were giving all they could,” said Beltinck.

Between popcorn and bake sales, raffle tickets and other fundraising sources from the game, more than $10,000 has been collected for the family.

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There is a 1 in 100 chance a child will have it, and that increases to 1 in 70 for boys.

The numbers are adding up. “This year, more children will be diagnosed with autism than juvenile diabetes, cancer and AIDS combined,” Bossardet said.

There are 900 children in Washtenaw County living with autism. In the state, 15,000 children have been diagnosed.

Addressing the issue in children quickly is important. “Autism is a neurological disorder, so early intervention is really key in helping these kids,” she said.

Remi has had behavioral, speech and occupational therapy. “It’s cost thousands of dollars we’ve had to pay out of pocket, because insurance doesn’t cover it,” Bossardet said.

If Michigan passes the legislation, it will be the 24th state to enact legislation on the issue. The state of Virginia is in the process of doing the same.

Because Michigan health insurance doesn’t cover autism, it is more difficult for parents to find therapists for children who have it, Bossardet said. “We don’t have a lot of resources available to us. Even if we have money to pay for therapies on our own, there are less than 60 certified behavioral therapists in Michigan.”

Waiting lists are long for those who can afford them, she said. An autism specialist in Ann Arbor had a waiting list that took eight months.

“These services really make a huge difference in their lives, in the quality of their lives,” Bossardet said.

At age 2, Remi wasn’t making eye contact. Later, sensory issues appeared, with sounds and smells really upsetting him. He was diagnosed with Asperger’s at age 3.

Playing with other children, he would get upset or really excited.

Therapy for autism has really helped him, and now Remi makes eye contact and is making friends. He’s in Boy Scouts and swims with the Flint Falcons. He enjoys swimming freestyle and doing the backstroke. “He’s really fast at it,” said his brother, Ashton, 7, a student at St. John’s School in Fenton. Olivia, 10, and Ashton also swim, during the summer.

Remi and his siblings really enjoyed a camp at Oakland University last year, with Joey Travolta. Children were divided into groups and developed their own movie ideas. They wrote, directed and produced the movies.

At school in Fenton’s State Road Elementary, Remi and other students with autism participate in sensory integration therapy. Many children with autism are sensitive to odors, noises and bright lights, so if the classroom has filters over the lights, so they aren’t so bright. Remi doesn’t like to touch paper, his mother said, so he wears gloves to help him in school. Students do yoga and go outdoors to swing on the swings four times a day.

Because health insurance in Michigan doesn’t cover autism, “it’s put a lot of responsibility on the school system to provide these things,” Bossardet said.

State Rep. Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc) supports the reform passing. “What we are doing for parents that have autistic children is putting far too large a burden on them,” Scott said. Michigan is in the minority of states that don’t already have insurance companies covering autism treatments. He hopes Michigan can pass legislation this term in Lansing.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES

Parent to lobby for legislation on autism coverage

Malissa Bossardet, of Fenton, will visit Michigan’s capital to talk with legislators about health insurance coverage to help children with autism. Currently, health insurance in Michigan doesn’t cover therapies for autism.

“I am very passionate about this,” Bossardet said. “This has affected my child.”

Rep. John Gleason (D-Flushing) said he co-sponsored some of the legislation to provide health insurance coverage for autism. He supports the measure “1,000 percent.” “If your child is hurt from the brain down, you can get them fixed,” Gleason said. “If your child has an ailment with their mind, you can’t get coverage.”

“It’s almost scandalous that we leave these children uninsured. It is a handicap for the parents.”

Legislation for autism coverage has strong bipartisan support. He said, “I’m very confident it will be passed this year.”

“We picked up the challenge and the cost to eradicate polio,” Gleason said. “There is no reason not to have the same level of compassion and effort for autism.”

The cost for health insurance shouldn’t increase as a result, he said. Early intervention for children with autism will let them get on with their lives and prove much less expensive. They can go to work and become taxpayers instead of tax takers, like a young man Gleason met in Flint who has autism and is now working, responsible citizen, Gleason said.

It’s the moral obligation for those in office, and those who are not, to take care of sick kids, he believes. In the area he represents, people join together to hold fundraisers and help others whose homes have burnt down, or who have a child with cancer. “I think if we’ve been everyone to make life easier, he said.

“We’ve fought this fight long enough,” Gleason said. “These families have united. Now it’s time to let them be part of the insurance pot.”

Malissa Bossardet holds her son Remi, as siblings, Ashton, 7, and Olivia, 10, look on.
Guest viewpoint
By Glen Pieczynski
Former owner of Linden True Value

This is in reference to the two comments made in the Hot lines concerning the Linden Planning Commission and the issue of two signs on the ACE Hardware building. I am the one who voted to make changes to the current ordinance, so that the two signs on the building would be allowed.

I feel the laws, as provided by our Constitution are to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents and to protect property values to some extent. Laws need to be ever changing with current technology. Laws are to serve people — not people to serve laws. People are more important than laws. In fact, does the Constitution say that laws are, “Of the people, for the people, and by the people?”

Let me ask: is the extra sign on the hardware store a health or safety issue? Is it even an aesthetic issue? Will the new restaurant in town be allowed to have two signs because they are on a corner? Will they even be allowed a sign? What about the sign that was put up illegally in the historic district?

This issue will occur with other businesses already in town or looking to come in town. Right now, Complete Auto, Sloan’s Sales, and the coney place are all struggling with the restrictions put on signs in Linden. What will happen downtown, or to the lumber company property if someone happens to be interested in the property? In addition, that proposed business will have to pay $250 just to apply for a sign.

The planning commissioners and the council are very conscientious residents of Linden, but I am the only one who has ever been in business. There is no understanding of the importance of a sign to a business. It is also rather insulting to hear the assumption that businesses would go out of their way to be ugly, gaudy, and cheap. A business that looks like that in Linden does not get shopped.

Businesses are a valuable asset to any municipality. There is not homestead exemption, like a homeowner has. I have heard it said that the tax base of a city should be 50 percent business, so taxes would not be such a burden for homeowners.

There are four essential retail businesses needed in Linden — grocery, lumber, drug store, and hardware. With those four cornerstones, the other businesses flourish. A trip to Fenton for essentials requires an eight-mile round trip, in time and fuel.

TAGLINE
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The DDA board agreed to use “Be Closer” for Fenton’s marketing campaign.

Nothing else about the campaign, developed by New Moon Moons, Milford, is changing, Burns said.

Kim Rivera, of New Moon Moons, said the marketing campaign would include light pole banners, print advertising, a new, additional website for Fenton, a Pure Michigan listing and an entertainment guide map of fun things to do in Fenton. Cable TV ads eventually are possible, if funds become available.

In addition, billboards are part of the plan, Rivera said. These will be in Genesee County, including a digital one off I-75 at Bristol Road that will “melt ice,” Burns said.

Rivera said they are excited, and the marketing campaign will have a lot more exposure than originally proposed. DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt said he had a peek at the new marketing website, which has not launched yet. It was “unbelievably” easy to use, with good links, Schmidt said.

New Moon Moons also recommends that the DDA have representation at Fenton events — such as Taste in Fenton, Jinglefest and the Fenton Freedom Festival — and be more interactive with the community, Rivera said.

Schmidt said the DDA will have printed materials for those who attend the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce’s business expo in March. In addition, DDA board members will help with the city’s informational booth at the expo.

An unveiling of the Fenton community brand, for merchants, was scheduled for early Friday morning. Rivera said. The unveiling for the community will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St. To RSVP, e-mail burg@newmoonvisions.net or call (734) 474-4999.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

MY HUSBAND AND I were at the Fenton and Swartz Creek game, and a lady gave us her 50/50 tickets. The ticket that was the winner was one of her tickets, and we donated the winnings back to Katie’s family. The lady was the winner and I have no idea who she is.

IT WAS RATHER shocking to read in the Times about the home invasion in our wonderful city of Fenton. You only have to do one thing to avoid that, get a revolver, take the safety lessons, and keep the child safety on. If they break in, don’t be afraid to use it. Once the thieves get the message, there won’t be much crime.

MR. ROCKMAN, FOR the past several years I have been reading your commentaries, and while I usually find some element of truth, I am always repelled by your stinging criticism and level of contempt for the current administration. Today, however, I congratulate you for your rational and objective comments about President Obama. This civil tone makes for more pleasant reading and will carry a strong message into our community, respect.

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GEE, THE CITY of Fenton is saving money with its new garbage collector. Does that mean they will now lower our cost of tags? Yeah, right, I will not hold my breath on that one.

FIRST OF ALL, Sarah Palin is an idiot. The only reason she is so popular is because she’s semi-good looking and she appeals to old conservative white men who like to hunt bear and moose. If she runs for president and has one iota of a chance of winning, I will be applying for my Canadian citizenship.

IF YOU DON’T like what the King says don’t read it.

JUST A HEADS UP to all residents who live in the Silver Ridge subdivision and who have houses backed up to the property owned by Fenton at Silver Lake Park. I have spotted a few foxes roaming around my property on two separate occasions, with one roaming around during the morning hours. Keep an eye on your small pets.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD 7:00 P.M., JANUARY 18, 2011

The following actions were taken:

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Dave Kurtz, Clerk Keith Kramer, Trustees Steve Hasbrouck, Colleen Ameel, Don Peitz and Jim Kolhoff.

2. Closed the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m. for a public hearing to review the proposed Jayne Hill Subdivision Waste Collection Project Special Assessment District.

3. Reopened the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m. 

4. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.

5. Received and placed Communications #1-4 on file as presented.

6. Approved Resolution #110108 Approving Project Details and Directing the Preparation of the Special Assessment Roll for the Jayne Hill Waste Collection Project.


8. Approved reducing the retainer of the Parkin Lane Road Improvement Project to $1000.00.

9. Approved to pay Hartland Senior Center the budgeted funds of $4000.00.

10. Adopted the 2010-2011 Budget categories and department expense revisions with no increase in total spending.

11. Discussed the new medical marijuana law and how it affects the township.

12. Discussed holding a joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

13. Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10455 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham 
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Social News

WEDDING

Muehl

Laura Hoffman of Fenton became the bride of Kyle Muehl of Fenton Township on Dec. 27, 2010. The ceremony, held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton, was performed by Deacon Ron Kenney. Attending the couple were Katie Higgins as maid of honor, and Tim Roberts as best man. The bride’s parents are Frank and Sherry Hoffman of Howell. His parents are Brad and Christina Muehl of Fenton Township. The couple is serving in the U.S. Air Force in Biloxi, Miss.

ENGAGEMENT

Kovach-Zile

The engagement of Marissa Kovach of Holly to Robert Zile of White Lake has been announced by her parents, Robert and Marsha Kovach of Holly. His parents are Bob and Andra Zile of White Lake. The bride-elect is a 2005 Holly High School graduate and attends Oakland Community College. She is employed by Jo-Ann Fabrics. Her fiancé is a 2006 Holly High School graduate and holds a degree from Michigan State University. A June 17, 2011 wedding is planned in Highland.

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ANNIVERSARY

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Bill and Carol Day of Fenton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Jan. 21. The couple was married at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne on Jan. 21, 1961. They have four children, Rod (Shelly) Day, Dave (Cindy) Day, Derek (Jill) Day, Ryan (Jennifer) Day, all of the Fenton/Linden area. They have nine grandchildren. A family dinner with their children and grandchildren is planned. A formal celebration inviting extended family and friends will take place in the summer.

ROBS

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A man walked into the B & C Pharmacy in the 200 block of Silver Lake Road, next to Café Aroma, and requested that he be given two different types of Schedule II narcotics, or high-strength painkillers. Upon seeing the weapon, the employee gave the man the narcotics. As soon as the man had the drugs, he exited the store and fled on foot in a southwest direction.

The narcotics stolen were valued at $850.

Employees at the pharmacy were unable to get a good look at his face since it was covered with sunglasses, a dark grey scarf and dark-colored knit cap. The suspect was described as being a white male, between 20 and 30 years old, about 5-feet, 8-inches to 5-feet, 10-inches tall and weighing about 150 pounds. He was wearing a puffy grey ski jacket and dark-colored gloves.

Police officers canvassed the area but were unable to locate the man. It is unknown if he continued on foot or if he got into a vehicle.

Lt. Jason Slater said if there were any people in the area about 11 a.m. who saw the suspect that was described, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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REASONABLE RATES!
Euchre Tournament

The Chiefs varsity hockey team (Lake Fenton/Linden/Durand high schools) is hosting a Euchre Tournament from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Shiawassee Shores clubhouse in Linden. Participants are asked to arrive by 6:30 p.m. Play begins at 7 p.m. Cost is $25 per player. RSVP by Jan. 25 by calling or e-mailing Dee Kazmier at mjkaz@chartermi.net or (810) 750-6470 or (810) 691-1888.

Council to consider fund for library

At Monday’s meeting, Fenton City Council will consider a resolution to set up a fund for donations for the Jack R. Winegarden Library. Donations would be made through city hall, marked for “City of Fenton — Library,” said City Manager Lynn Markland. The money will be used for improvements to the current library, or possibly even a new library, down the road.

Web Poll

What do you think of the new proposed tagline for the city of Fenton, ‘Be Closer’?

- Love It
- Hate It
- How ridiculous

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS IS TO Mr. Speed Racer on the highway. It doesn’t matter which lane I am in, left or right. The speed limit is the same, 70 mph. There is no fast lane. That’s just a figure of speech.

THE REPUBLICANS are screaming about how bad the health care bill is, but I have yet to see any of them, give details about what is bad about it. Is it the section that says the insurance companies cannot drop you for preexisting conditions or is it the section that allows you to continue coverage on your children while they are in college.

TO THE PERSON who wants the Fenton Township sewer money back, I am with you. Please join the Facebook page, ‘It costs me $255 a quarter to flush my toilet in Fenton Township.’ This extra tax has been a thorn in my side for way too long.

TO THE FIRST whiner of the year, if the roads are snow covered, you bet I’m driving 15-18 mph. Do you know why? Because I’m staying out of the ditches and getting to where I need to go, not you. Leave earlier is what you should do, because I’m taking my safe and sweet time.
Warm weather getaways

By Sally Rummel
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If this winter’s snow and cold has you dreaming about a warmer climate, it’s not too late to make a plan for a mid-winter or early spring getaway.

“You can easily plan a vacation today just 30 to 60 days in advance, instead of the six months to a year that used to be the norm,” said John Schmitt of Superior Travel, with offices in Fenton, Grand Blanc, Davison and Frankenmuth.

That means there’s still plenty of time to pack your bags for a cruise, an all-inclusive vacation or a villa stay at your dream destination.

Cruises continue to be popular, according to Schmitt, especially the seven-day cruise. Unbelievably, the price per day of cruising is cheaper than it has ever been. “For about $80 per day, you get accommodations, three meals, plus snacks, and Las Vegas-style nightlife, compared to about $100 per day just a few years ago,” said Schmitt.

The best news of all is that interested cruisers can still get on a cruise for a February or March date this year. January, February and March are called “wave months,” because those are the biggest cruising months of the year. For people who don’t want to “set sail” from Florida, there are many other ports up the East Coast of the United States, from Baltimore to Charlotte and New York.

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Popular Warm Weather Destinations: Canary Islands | Greek Islands | The Mediterranean | The Turks and Caicos Islands

Take a midwinter break — inside a tanning booth

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If lack of time or an unbalanced budget are your biggest obstacles to a warm-weather winter getaway, you may be able to get some of the benefits of that “sunny vacation” just a few miles from home at your nearest indoor tanning salon.

People who suffer from seasonal affective disorder (SAD) or winter depression may benefit the most from light therapy, according to many studies. Many people notice that an increase in a craving for sweets, a lack of energy and a serious case of “the blues” can accompany winter’s dark days.

And, it’s not just a person’s imagination. A chemical imbalance in two important neurotransmitters, melatonin and serotonin, in the brain is linked to SAD. Melatonin is a hormone secreted by the pineal gland in the brain that helps regulate other hormones and maintains the body’s circadian rhythm — an internal 24-hour time keeping system that plays a critical role in determining when a person falls asleep and wakes up. This is why during the cold winter months when days are shorter and the sunlight is scarce, people often feel sleepy or drowsy.

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Shaped by Shawn offers fitness classes in downtown Fenton

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“Drums Alive,” an innovative, new workout, is just one of the exercise routines on the monthly schedule of Fenton’s newest fitness studio, Shaped by Shawn. Open since Jan. 3, Shaped by Shawn is located at 301 S. LeRoy St. just north of the A.J. Phillips Museum in downtown Fenton.

Owner Shawn Stevens is thrilled to put her American Council on Exercise certification to work, helping local residents get in shape affordably, while having fun. “I have always been interested in health and fitness,” said Stevens. “Teaching fitness is what makes me happy.”

Other classes offered include boot camp classes, Zumba, stability ball and Pilates mat at Shaped by Shawn’s five days a week, which will extend to Saturdays in the very near future. Local belly dancer Azziza Salem also teaches at the studio, along with other class instructors in their own specialty areas.

While most people are familiar with the type of classes mentioned above, they may be unsure of what is involved in taking a Drums Alive class. “It’s a holistic workout that connects simple and dynamic movements with ‘drumming’ on a stability ball,” explains Stevens, who is certified to teach the class. “Not only is it fun, but it has great physical and psychological benefits. The ability to drum is in all of us. Come and try something new.”

Stevens is particularly fond of the boot camp and stability-ball classes, because of the variety of exercises and fun activities that are incorporated in each. “Our boot-camp classes are designed to blast fat,” said Stevens. “We do a variety of body-weight exercises, strength training, cardio intervals, and more. We also play games and incorporate medicine balls, steps and kettle bells.”

She calls her stability-ball class the “Big Ball Blast.” “It’s a fun way to exercise, using a mix of exercise styles, including drumming, toning and balance,” said Stevens. “We might even mix in a bit of ‘Drums Alive’ into our class, just to introduce this fun new workout experience.”

One of Stevens’ goals is to remove the obstacles that stand in the way of people exercising and getting fit. “We make our classes affordable,” said Stevens, who offers unlimited classes for just $50 per month. She also offers on-site childcare.

Morning classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with evening classes at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., depending upon the day of the week, and the particular class offered. For a full listing of scheduled times, visit www.shapedbyshawn.com or call Stevens at (810) 265-9937.
Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums


Matilda Varnes, Matilda Varnes - age 98, died January 19, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Colleen McDaniels, Colleen McDaniels - died January 20, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Edward Huycx, Edward Huycx - age 78, died January 15, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Shirley Stanke, Shirley Stanke - age 82, died January 16, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Maurice Strong, Maurice Strong - age 88, died January 15, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Ralph Nave, Ralph Nave - age 82, died January 21, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Larry Smith, Larry Smith - age 72, died January 15, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

James F. Workman, Sr. 1933-2011 James F. Workman, Sr. - of Moss Pointe, MS, formerly of Holly, passed away after a long battle with lung cancer on January 15, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Sheila and step-daughter Courtney Obannon of Moss Pointe, MS, daughter Cheryl O’Dell of Arden, NC, sons Jim Jr. of Fenton, Keven of Mobile, AL, Jerry (Scooter) of Malone, FL; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jim was preceded in death by his first wife of 31 years Gloria (Parke) Workman of Holly, his parents, brothers and sisters. Special thanks to Sheila and his sister (our Aunt) Dona. Dad you will be missed. Thank you for keeping a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, and teaching us right from wrong.

Dante Bessoio, Dante Bessoio - age 81, died January 14, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Joyce Spritzer, Joyce Spritzer - age 70, died January 18, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Elizabeth Delgado, Elizabeth Delgado - age 73, died January 16, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Andrew Malinich, Andrew Malinich - age 68, died January 17, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Andrew Sefernick, Andrew Sefernick - age 45, died January 18, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Elwyn Carlton, Elwyn Carlton - age 78, died January 19, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.
Now here’s a TIP

**“Stir eggs while boiling to keep the yolks centered, as much as you are making deviled eggs or soft-boiled eggs for breakfast.”** — T.O. in Mississippi

**Kitchen substitution:** Make your own “sour milk” to stand in for buttermilk. Just add 1 tablespoon of either white vinegar or lemon juice to a measuring cup, then add enough milk to make a cup. Stir and let stand a minute or two before using.

**To prevent hangnails,** give yourself a hand massage and use a little olive oil while you’re at it. Rub a few drops of the oil into your nail beds for healthier cuticles.

**Strange but TRUE**

- It was American astronomer, astrophysicist and author Carl Sagan who made the following observation: “The fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown.”

- If you’re like the average American woman, you will eat 4 to 6 pounds of lipstick during your lifetime.

- You probably won’t be surprised to learn that Alaska is the most northern and western state in the Union, but would you believe that it’s also the easternmost state? Yup. Because the state crosses over into the Eastern Hemisphere, it is technically farther east than Maine.

- In Alabama, lawmakers once thought it necessary to pass a law forbidding the operation of a vehicle while wearing a blindfold.

- Your bar of soap will last longer if you let it dry out for a few days before using it.

- **Traffic is so bad in Tokyo that for most trips shorter than 50 minutes, it’s faster to ride a bicycle than it is to drive a car.**

- You’re almost certainly familiar with the grouping of stars known in the U.S. as the Big Dipper, made up of the seven brightest stars in the constellation Ursa Major. You might not know, though, that other cultures call it by different names. In India, for example, the stars are known as the Seven Sages, and Mongolians call them the Seven Gods. Many in Northern England see a Butcher’s Cleaver rather than a dipper. Scanharians think it looks like King Charles’ Wagon, those in Finland call it the Salmon Net, and the Dutch have named it the Saucepan.

- A shrimp’s heart is located in its head. Thought for the Day: “If history repeats itself, and the unexpected always happens, how incapable the Man be of learning from experience.” — George Bernard Shaw

Bad breath!

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: My dog has such terrible bad breath. How can I improve this?

— Beth in Rhode Island

**DEAR BETH:** Take your dog to the veterinarian to be checked out, especially if the bad breath just started or just got worse in recent days or weeks. Sometimes bad breath is just a hygiene issue, but it also can signal an underlying illness that might not have any other symptoms.

If your dog is diagnosed with an illness, follow your vet’s instructions on care. Give it prescribed medication if needed and feed any diet that’s recommended.

Provided your dog checks out health-wise, your vet may recommend that it get a professional cleaning to remove plaque and improve overall dental health. In between cleanings, you should brush your dog’s teeth regularly using a brush and toothpaste specifically designed for dogs. You can purchase these from the vet or at any pet supply store.

Diet also may play a role in your dog’s breath. Try different types of dog food or add variety to its diet with fresh foods and homemade treats a few times a week. Keep in mind that dogs can’t eat all the same foods that we humans do — like chocolate and onions, which are poison to them — so look for dog recipe books at your local bookstore or online for pet-safe ingredients.

Finally, chewing is important to a dog’s oral health. Make sure that plenty of chew toys are available, which strengthen the jaw and teeth and also, in some cases, help to keep teeth clean.

If you have more questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw’s Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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My name is: Rachel Welch.
I am: 17 years old and a senior at Linden High School.
My parents are: Linda and Lynn Welch. I don’t have any brothers or sisters.
If I have learned one thing in life so far, it has been: Life is more of how you react to it than what happens to you.
In my spare time, I enjoy: going to Linden’s hockey games, and hanging out with friends. In the summer, I like to go out to the lake.
The person who made the biggest impact on my life is: my mom. We fight a lot, but when we get along, we get along great. She’s taught me how to treat people. One of the things she says all the time is, ‘Treat people how you want to be treated.’
What I like most about my school is: my friends. Most of the classes aren’t difficult at all. I take AP classes, and they are harder.
What I remember about kindergarten is: I attended Lake Fenton for kindergarten and Mrs. LaVelle was my teacher. I remember meeting Taylor West there. We’re still really good friends. We moved to Linden when I was in the first grade.
The advice I have for parents of teens is: let them do what they want; they’re going to do it regardless. They’ll lie and do it anyway.
The advice I have for younger students is: stay focused on school and schoolwork.
My favorite clothing is: comfy stuff, like sweatshirts and sweats.
The one thing I am most proud of is: probably my grades. I have a 3.985 GPA. I think I might be eighth in my class, definitely in the top 10. Tests come easy to me. I can usually figure out answers just by the process of elimination. My favorite class is AP biology. Most of the studying for that class is done on your own and not in class.
I want to be remembered as: hardworking. I don’t take the easy way out of things.
The food I cannot live without is: ice cream, not any particular flavor.
My favorite movie is: ‘Remember Me,’ it’s so sad. It has Robert Pattinson in it. He starred in the Twilight movies.
My ideal vacation is: going to Cancun, it’s warm and has nice beaches.
My postgraduate plans are: going to Michigan State. I’ve already been accepted there. I got a 30 on my ACT. I’m going to study pre-med for now. I was invited into the honors college, but I’m not sure yet if I want to do that.
In 10 years, I see myself: hopefully, having a good job and making lots of money. Maybe working in a hospital.

“Going to Hawaii, because it’s warm and it’s really, really cold here.”
— Olivia Hudson, freshman

“Anchorage, Alaska, you’ve got the mountains. I’d like the scenery. It would be really cool to get away from everything. It’s carefree.”
— Chad Christy, senior

“I’d go to Amsterdam. I’ve never been there. You’d get lots of freedom there.”
— Shane Stevens, freshman

“I would go to Jamaica. I like the way they (Jamaicans) talk. I would relax on the beach.”
— Thaddeus Kenney, senior

“I would like to go to Australia for the wildlife and warm weather.”
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‘Shop Local’ is theme of 2011 Fenton Community Expo

By Sally Rummel

You won’t believe the surprises that await you at the 2011 Fenton Community Expo, starting the minute you walk through the door of Fenton High School on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Co-sponsor Coldwell Banker Brant Realty & Sharp Funeral Homes, along with Coldwell Banker, is planning an exciting fresh approach to the 2011 expo experience. “We’ve got some interesting things planned for this year’s expo visitors,” said Ken Brant, who is also working with Sharp Funeral Homes in sponsoring the event.

One new event will certainly cause visitors to smile. “You just might be able to get your picture taken ‘in costume’ at the 2011 Fenton Community Expo, thanks to a photo booth planned by See SHOP LOCAL on 12B.”

The state of the economy — topic at annual forecast breakfast

By Cheryl Dennison
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The future of area businesses was the subject of discussion at the annual Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Forecast Breakfast held Wednesday, Jan. 12. And, the cold, snowy weather did not deter leaders from the cities of Linden and Fenton, and Tyrone Township from sharing what’s ahead with local area business leaders and community members.

The economy was the subject at the top of the list for all of the municipalities.

Speakers included City of Linden Mayor David Lossing, Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland, and Keith Kremer, Tyrone Township clerk. Keynote speaker was economist David Littmann, a member of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy Board of Scholars.

Losing touched on some cost-saving measures that were taken in the city of Linden in 2010, including the retirement of the top two city employees. The full-time police chief and the Department of Public Works director. A part-time police chief was hired to replace the full-time chief. Employee benefits have been reduced as well as business hours at city hall, Losing said.

In the forecast for Linden is the development of the Union Block property, which is currently at a standstill due to the economy. Losing said the downtown development authority (DDA) is looking at possible partnerships in the development of that property, as well as the development of the old Evans Journal.
December Networking Around Noon

Networking Around Noon, sponsored by Financial Plus Federal Credit Union, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and The Fenton Community & Cultural Center was held in December.

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**The Fenton chamber’s advantage in 2011**

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce has a number of challenges in the year ahead — budgetary issues, marketing decisions, membership growth, and relationship building with other entities, to name a few. These are the same types of challenges that many of us face every day and every year in our own businesses.

The advantage the chamber has as an organization is an idea — a dream that has been committed to paper and called our mission. The power of a simple idea cannot be overstated. When an idea or a dream is committed to paper, it can become very powerful. Poet Carl Sandburg said, ‘Nothing happens … but first a dream.’

At the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, we have a mission to serve our members and foster economic vitality for our region. What a fantastic goal.

When you understand and believe that businesses are the lifeblood of a community, that mission becomes compelling. You can’t have great schools without a healthy business sector helping to pay for it. You won’t have people visiting the community if they don’t know where to spend their money without desirable destinations for them to visit. You can’t provide for the police, a fire department, or other municipal services without a healthy tax base that only the business community can provide.

In short, without great businesses that are productive and profitable, a community dies.

At the chamber, we have a board of directors, ambassadors, staff, and committee members who believe in this mission. The power of that idea is why we have prospered — and why we will continue to prosper.

We will face challenges in the year to come, but I can’t think of a better group of people to face them with. Our idea, our mission, our dream, is a noble one and I am looking forward to the year ahead.

— Patrik Welty, chairman
Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce

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**Chamber membership lends opportunities**

Some of the most successful and profitable business relationships are established by ‘who you know’ or recommendations from reliable sources and clients.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is committed to doing business with and recommending for our members. Our Business and Community Information Guide project involves a partnership with two of our members — Village Printing and Tri-County Times. The chamber staff is selling the advertising spots and we have kept prices per ad the same as last year.

As part of your membership investment, all chamber members, and only chamber members, will be included in the guide under one category — and alphabetically at no charge. If you would like to be listed under more than one category, that cost is only $30 per additional listing.

Now this year, the chamber will be inserting the guide in the Tri-County Times, which means more than 17,000 homes and businesses will receive the guide. We encourage everyone to use this guide as his or her ‘mini-phonebook.’

Our chamber is dedicated to helping improve our business climate by practicing what we preach, ‘Shop Local.’ We encourage you to remember to look first to your fellow chamber members and in your community when you do business.

The deadline to advertise in the guide is Jan. 31. For more information on how you can advertise in the chamber’s 2011 Business & Community Information Guide, contact our office at (810) 629-5447 or visit our website at www.fentonchamber.com.

Wishing you continued business success.

— Shelly Day, president
Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Networking at Noon

Approximately 60-80 Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce members, along with guests gather monthly at different business locations for “Networking @ Noon.” This event has become so popular that the sponsor or hosts have booked dates through mid-year 2012. Several years ago, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce held the traditional “Business After Hours.” After experiencing a decline in attendance, the chamber looked to the members for reasons why they were not attending. A majority of members responded. They just wanted to go home after work, they were tired, they wanted to spend time with their family or they were attending school/sporting events. As a result, the chamber staff decided to develop an event during the day, but at a time when most business owners or employees were available — lunchtime. Hence, the evolution of “Networking @ Noon.”

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Fenton Winery & Brewery wins award

Ginny Sherrow, owner of the Fenton Winery & Brewery and Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, celebrate the Best Winery award presented by the Detroit Young Professionals.
Four new members have joined the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce for 2011. Chamber membership offers businesses the opportunity to meet a broad client base through events and activities the chamber provides.

If you are not using your membership to the fullest, join me for New Member Orientation in the chamber boardroom, from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. on Feb. 2, May 4, Aug. 3 and Nov. 2. All members are welcome (new and seasoned members) to attend and brush up on the benefits offered by the chamber to be sure you are using your chamber membership to its fullest.

New this year, is our tiered dues structure. You pick the chamber benefits that best suit your business needs. If you use more benefits, pick a higher tier that has added value for your business in a bundled price.

The chamber will be partnering with Joan Testa of Chamber Development Services to host a Membership Campaign on April 26–April 28. More details will be available, soon.

— Rochelle Jones, membership director
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Boys and business

Boy students from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden High schools work diligently on developing a business plan and creating their “product in a box.” Each table was assisted by a business owner. Pictured is business owner Al Jones of Comfort Keepers.

“Thank you for organizing the Boys & Business event with the business community. It was by far the best event we have ever attended. We have found several new business partners through our participation,” said Jones.

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building. He also talked about the recreational opportunities provided by the Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail that spans from Holly to Argentine Township and the recreational opportunities it brings to the area.

City of Fenton
Markland, when looking back at the financial position of the city of Fenton, said that people don’t realize that the city has been losing revenue since 2000. The city has lost some employees due to attrition and cuts have been made to the general fund. “But, we’ve done a pretty good job of providing services,” Markland said.

Markland noted a lot of positive things going on in the city of Fenton this upcoming year. He said the DDA is doing a great job in the downtown area. Some of the DDA projects include a marketing plan, light and landscaping project on Silver Parkway, streetscape for the downtown area, and a lease/purchase agreement of the old fire hall. The DDA has hired an architect to look at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, which is in need of repair.

Markland said reconstruction of Adelaide Street would be completed in the upcoming year. The same company that will replace the Walnut Street. He also said the city is in the planning stage for reconstruction of North LeRoy Street in 2012, which will be funded through grants.

Tyro Township
Kremer gave a brief update about some the recent developments in Tyrone Township. The voters passed a public safety assessment to be used only for police and fire services, which he said allows the township some financial footing.

Some of the challenges facing the township include lower property values, and revenue sharing is down, he said.

Action items for the upcoming year in Tyrone Township include providing loans to a debt repayment fund, managing the impact of commercial tax defaults, continuing cost containment and expense reduction programs, development a balanced budget and to seek growth opportunities.

Kremer said a strategic planning committee has been formed with the purpose of determining the direction of the township.

David Littman

The country is at a crossroads, according to Littmann. He discussed the economy and the changing worldwide markets.

He touched on the “insane” energy prices. “Energy is key to everything in the economy,” he said.

As far as the economy in the state of Michigan, Littmann pointed out that Michigan is one of six states in the country with a full-time legislature. He said state spending needs to be cut by 15 percent, and pay. Very few times has school and enthusiasm been coupled together in his educational experience (unless it is music-related), and he thought it was a great day. Any- time a kid can relate education to real-world application, kids really learn.

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“See you at the Fenton Township Exposition,” continued Ray Sante.

The committee will be working on the next event, which will be held on Jan. 29, with open houses and a variety of vendors. The committee plans to continue to meet on the first Friday of each month at Fireman Hall, 224 N. Honey Creek Rd., Fenton. The next meeting will be on Jan. 7. The public is welcome to attend.

“We hope to have our next event in the summer, and we are currently looking for vendors for the event,” said Sante.

The committee is also looking for new members. Anybody interested in being a member of the committee can contact Ray Sante at 810-214-3002 or email rsante@fenton.org.

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Achievements of community business members

James Kruzan, CFP, CRPC of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., was recently named a member of the 2011 Chairman’s Council. Chairman’s Council members are presented to those financial advisors who have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to personal service and professional integrity. Kruzan joined Raymond James in 1987 and has more than 28 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Yeo & Yeo, P.C., CPA’s recognized two associates in the firm’s Flint office for years of dedicated service at their annual holiday celebration. Jamie Rivette, CPA, senior manager, was honored for 10 years of service. She specializes in audit and assurance services for governmental entities, school districts and not-for-profit organizations. Christine Haines, accountant, was also honored for 10 years of service. She specializes in payroll processing and business consulting, especially for the health care industry.

Michael J. Frawley, CPA, has been elected to the Yeo & Yeo P.C. Board of Directors, effective Jan. 1. He will serve a two-year term. Michael is a principal in the Flint office, with expertise in auditing for schools, governmental and not-for-profit entities. He also provides small business computer consulting and consulting for medical practices.

JoAnn Zurek, of The State Bank in Fenton, has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president of mortgage underwriting. She is a Linden resident and has worked for the bank for 18 years in the mortgage department. Zurek obtained a bachelor’s degree in business management from Baker College and attends annual training on a variety of mortgage and lending-related regulatory and compliance topics.

Sharp Funeral Homes has announced the addition of David Kanyak and Carson Gormley to its staff. Kan-yak is a 2007 graduate of Fenton High School, and Gormley is a 2008 graduate of Lake Fenton High School. Both attend the University of Michigan-Flint and are members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. They are both working as funeral director’s assistant, and are dedicated to providing the best service possible to each of the families that Sharp Funeral Homes serves.

Robert D. Harris, MBA of Harris Financial Services announced that his Broker/Dealer — Cambridge Investment Research, (Cambridge) — released the results of a recent survey affirming high satisfaction ratings by Rep/Advisors regarding Cambridge. Rep/Advisors recently rated the independent firm 9 on a 10-point scale compared to other Broker/Dealers in terms of overall satisfaction. This marks the 12th consecutive year the firm has ranked 9 out of 10 in comparison to other Broker/Dealers.

Shauna Crawford, of Pooh’s Playhouse Child Care Center, in Linden has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

Matt Stevens, of Vic Canever Chevrolet, Inc., has been promoted to general sales manager.

James Kruzan of Raymond James Financial Services of Fenton, donated $2,000 to the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation this season, as part of a pledge he started in 2007 to donate $100 for every offensive touchdown the Fenton Varsity Tigers score at home games. This year topped as the highest donation he’s made. In part, the foundation has the football team’s success to thank. This season, the team reached unprecedented heights, winning their first postseason game and capturing their first district championship in program history.
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plus southern ports from Texas and New Orleans.
Caribbean is actually the largest cruise line in terms of ships — 24, followed closely by Royal Caribbean with 22 ships. “People don’t realize that under the Car-
nival umbrella are a number of popular cruises, including from Holland to Princess, Costa and Carnival itself,” said Schmitt. If you like to cruise, there is a warm weather destination for every interest.
How do you decide where to go? People who like to shop while on vaca-
tion amidst a backdrop of beaches and sun will enjoy the eastern Caribbean ports of St. Thomas, St. Martin and St. Lucia. For history and culture buffs, the archeological ruins of Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, Mexico will be a draw, as well as Ochos Rios, Jamaica, according to Schmitt. For a mix of beaches, shopping and culture, the southern Caribbean ports of San Juan, Aruba, Belize and Grand Cayman will surely delight a traveler with varied interests.
The advantages of “cruising” are that they give a traveler a blend of a variety of destinations at an affordable price, without having to re-pack and drive or fly to different cities or countries. That’s one of the reasons that Mediterranean cruises are so popular, according to Schmitt, because a visitor is able to see four or five different countries on one trip.
All-inclusive resorts are another popu-
lar warm-weather destination, with the advantages of no added fees for excursions or tipping. Popular all-inclusive va-
cations include trips to Mexico’s Riviera Maya, Cancun and Cozumel, Antigua, St. Lucia, Dominican Republic and Costa Rica, which is also great for the adventure traveler, added Schmitt. He also mentions the beauty of lesser-known islands in the western Caribbean known as the Turks and Caicos, with beautiful beaches and excellent family accommodations.
A flyer mentioning the Caribbean island of Bonaire is widely known but gaining in popularity is the villa — a home that can be either staffed or unstaffed, depending upon the desires of the traveler.
“Typically, a villa has from two to eight bedrooms, which makes it an ideal vaca-
tion setting for a family reunion, families traveling together or multi-generational groups,” said Schmitt. “They are often located on a beach and almost always have a swimming pool. If it is a staffed villa, it will provide guests with a cook, a maid and a driver. It’s a great way to vacation with a group, and doesn’t cost that much more than a luxury all-inclusive.”
Florida continues to be a popular warm-
weather destination, especially for family travel, but Schmitt notices a definite trend toward travel to the Caribbean, added Schmitt. “They are still going to Florida, but many of to-
day’s travelers are looking for something different,” he said. “They’ve already trav-
el to many places around the world and are looking for a unique place to vacation, where they can learn a new culture and a new language.”
For winter-weary Michigan residents, that could mean — anywhere that there isn’t ice or snow.

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Instead of giving into this “winter depression” by curling up on the couch with a warm blanket and eating a huge bag of chips, a person can ease some of the “winter blues” by exposing him or herself to more UV light.
Among the benefits of increasing UV exposure, the cosmetic benefits of having bronzed skin may help with a person’s self-esteem during the winter months — keeping him or her “on track” with an overall healthy lifestyle of healthy eating and exercise plans.
Increasing the level of one’s Vitamin D is another benefit of indoor tanning in the winter, when the lack of sunshine can sometimes cause a deficiency in this important vitamin.
Even the fragrance of the suntan moisture oils that are used in tanning salons can create a “feel good” setting that simulates outdoor tanning and the warmth of the sun.
However, before deciding to take advantage of the benefits of indoor tan-
ing during the winter months, a person should always consult with a physician. People with certain medical conditions like cataracts, glaucoma and lupus should avoid indoor tanning, and people tanning for a sport should be aware that some medications might cause an adverse effect with tanning indoors.”
It’s all about the importance of being wise with exposure to the sun — whether it’s indoors or out.

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

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

Petitions may be secured from the Genesee County Clerk’s Office at 900 South Saginaw Street, Flint. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Fri-
tday. Telephone: (810-257-3382). The forms must be filed at the Genesee County Clerk’s Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. A non-
refundable $100.00 filing fee may be submitted by the candidate in lieu of petitions. The fee must be paid on or before the filing deadline for petitions.

ELECTION DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

Tyrene Township
Livingston County, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TYRENE TOWNSHIP JAYNE HILL FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, 2 AND 4 WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2011) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
(1) The Trustees of Tyrene Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, has determined to levy special assessments against lands in the TYRENE TOWNSHIP JAYNE HILL FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, 2 AND 4 WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT (2011) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (the “District”) that will be identified by the establishment of a single waste hauler to collect and dispose of garbage and rubbish in the Township. The District consists of the properties identified on the map below and is more specifically identified by the following property identification numbers:

The proposed special assessment roll for the District (the “Roll”) has been prepared and is now on file in the office of the Township Clerk and is available at such office for public examination during the hours the Township Office is regularly open to the public for business.

(3) The Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on February 1, 2011, at the Tyrene Township Offices, 1040B Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to explain and answer questions pertaining to the Roll and to hear objections to the Roll. Any person objecting to the Roll must file his or her objections before the close of the public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

(4) The owner or other person having an interest in property that is specially assessed is entitled to file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the Roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing are required by law in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other person in interest of the property appearing at the hearing in person at the hearing to protest the assessment or (ii) file an appearance and protest by letter before the close of the hearing. The Township Board will maintain a record of the persons who appear and protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was so recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

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

Dated: January 18, 2011
Keith L. Kremer
Tyrene Township Clerk
Map of Special Assessment District
**SPORTS TICKER**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Friday’s results
- Holly 58, Linden 40
- Fenton 59, Kearsley 43
- Goodrich at Lake Fenton, inc.
- Monday’s game
  - Linden at Lapeer West
  - Tuesday’s games
  - LakeVille at Lake Fenton
  - Clio at Fenton
  - Lapeer East at Holly

**LINDEN ON 19B**

**SPORTS TRIVIA**

Q: How many times did Jimmy Connors win a tennis Grand Slam singles event?

A: He won eight in his career, getting them from 1974 until 1983.

**SPORTS**

**STRATEGIC TIMES**

**Linden's**

**Lady Bronchos win thriller vs. Eagles**

By David Troppens
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Linden — With the game on the line, the Holly varsity girls basketball team went to its four-year starting guard to lead them past a very hungry and pesky Linden Eagles team.

She passed the test.

Ashley Xiong hit a three-pointer off an inbounds pass from Audrey Koons, helping spark a 43-40 Holly victory at Linden High School Friday night.

The Bronchos led just 35-34 when Xiong hit the key shot of the night, the try with about 2:30 left. That raised the gap to 38-34 and forced the Eagles to fight back from a two-possession deficit. The Eagles tried to do just that, valiantly. They cut the gap to just one at 41-40 with after a 17-foot jumper by Sabrina Kinney with just 2 seconds left, a shot that there was question whether it was a two-point hoop or not. It was called a two, and the Bronchos iced the game by netting two free throws in the final seconds.

“Audrey gave me that pass,” Xiong said about her try. “All night they did not come out and guard that, so I had an open shot and took it.”

“That killed us,” Linden coach Ben Varner said. “I don’t know what happened. We didn’t get out on her for whatever reason. But that hurt. We came back and got it to two. I thought she hit a three. I thought we tied it. ... It was kind of crazy there at the end.”

Linden (1-0) was looking for its first Metro victory after winning its first game of the season at Fowlerville on Tuesday. After a tough first quarter, that saw Holly take a 12-2 lead, the Eagles bounced back. By halftime the lead was just 17-15. In the second half, neither team led by more than six. Holly had that lead on a Xiong assist on a Lauren Mahler try with 1:30 left in the third quarter. However, the Eagles scored the final six points of the fourth quarter, tying it on a layup by Katelyn Dumbley.

The fourth quarter remained a battle throughout, but Xiong’s try gave the Bronchos the spread they needed to keep the lead.

Holly was paced by Xiong’s nine points, while Koons and Maher had eight points each. Allyssa Copley chipped in seven. Linden was paced by Majra Satkowitsch’s 13 points, while Megan Harp had 10 points.

“We came in on a Friday night at their place and we expected them to come out strong and give us their best, just like we do,” Xiong said. “They came out strong, but we came out just a little stronger. We finished it off with the win.”

Varner was pleased with his team. “They don’t give up.” Varner said. “They are playing their tails off and are getting better. You can see it.”

**Fenton boys remain in first place, defeat Flint Kearsley 59-43**

By Al Zipsie
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Flint — Fenton’s boys varsity basketball team played solid defense all night Friday.

They just didn’t capitalize on the offensive end until the second half, when they overtook Kearsley 23-10 in the third period. That aided the Tigers 59-43 Metro League victory at Kearsley.

Fenton led 20-18 at the break, and the Hornets tied it up at 20-all early in the second half. However, Fenton’s defense triggered the offensive break, clicking off 16 unanswered points to open up a 36-20 lead.

Eric Mowery started it with a drive for a hoop. He then dished off to Connor Mumtun for a bucket. Off a blocked shot, Ryan Hickoff took the rebound and buried a three-pointer. He added another try to finish off the flurry. Charlie Herzog scored six points in the streak, converting a pair of offensive boards into hoops, and scoring inside off one of Mowery’s 11 assists. The Hornets hit a free throw next, but Devan Beagle hit a three-pointer.

Fenton led by 20 points.

“My job is to get the show going,” said Mumtun who had eight points. “We came out and the defense was not there in the first half. We kept up the defense in the second half and it translated into offense. Everything clicked with it started by our defense.”

“Ryan and Dylan (Hickoff) keep on scoring like they do every night, and Charlie did a good job with his defense, blocking shots and finishing shots inside.”

The Hickoffs did not score in the first quarter but Ryan still led Fenton with 15 points. Dylan had nine and Herzog had a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Fenton remained tied with Swartz Creek for the Metro lead, while Kearsley fell to two games out.

The Fenton girls (7-1, 9-2) beat Kearsley 53-29, winning their eighth straight game. Gabrielle Rivette joined her sister Christine Rivette, Fenton’s all-time leading scorer, by scoring 1,000 points for her career. She now has 1,008 career points.

**Holly boys crush Linden**

By David Troppens
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Linden Without a doubt, the Holly varsity boys basketball team was playing some of its best ball against Linden on Friday.

The Bronchos’ defense brought the intensity to a high level all night as Holly won a 58-40 Metro League contest at Linden High School. The win keeps the Bronchos (6-2, 7-3) just one game out of first place in the Metro League.

“We just had to come out, play hard and prove something to everyone else in the league and in the state,” Holly senior Anderius Gray said. “We have to pay more attention and play one game at a time. We take one game at a time and see what happens at the end of the season.”

The Bronchos dominated from the start, scoring the game’s first 10 points. That run was capped by a three-pointer by Nicholas Stoll. By the time the first quarter was up, Holly led 15-4. The lead grew to 31-10 by the half, with Gray leading off five assists on Holly’s six buckets in that quarter. Stoll scored six of his nine points in that period, while Josh Fugate scored five of his game-high 19.

The lead grew to as many as 30, at 45-15 after a three-pointer by Austin Hopkin in the third quarter.

They came out and bit six of their first seven shots and that took the air out of a little bit,” Linden coach Denny Hopkin said. “We panicked a little bit. Overall we didn’t play very well. I don’t know what it was.”

After Fugate’s 19 points and Stoll’s nine, Pawski had nine points and seven rebounds. Jack Flett led Linden with 16 points.
LF edged in battle of state powerhouse programs

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — In many ways, it was the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team’s best match of the season on Wednesday night.

It was, at least, until the final six seconds.

In a battle of GAC state-ranked powers, Lake Fenton’s Todd Melick (119) led New Lothrop’s Taylor Krupp 13-4 with about 10 seconds remaining in his match, only to fall to a cradle pin by Krupp with six seconds remaining, earning the New Lothrop a 35-29 team victory.

New Lothrop, ranked second in Division 4, was tied with the meet host Blue Devils (19-3), ranked third in Division 3, entering the last match. The winner of the match was leaving with the team victory and an undefeated record in GAC play.

Melick, who is now 22-3, opened with a takedown and a near fall in the final 30 seconds of the first period. He led 11-0 at one time and looked in good shape to earn the win. However, Krupp, who is 30-3, turned Melick with a cradle and earned the pinfall victory with just 6.6 seconds remaining.

Krupp was immediately mobbed by teammates.

“We knew the cradles were coming,” Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. “We planned for it all week, but Todd started getting a little tired there. That’s what I told him the whole match was to watch out for those cradles, and he finally caught him with it.

“I turned around and was looking at the clock and it was seven or six seconds left. It was very emotional. They worked hard. They wrestled great as a team all day, and to give it up like that. But Todd wrestled his butt off... He just got a cradle put on him, and that happens. We’ll learn from it and move on.”

The loss extended what may be a losing streak for Lake Fenton against New Lothrop (10-0, 25-1). No one is really sure the last time the Blue Devils defeated New Lothrop, but it marked the second time they came close to doing it in two seasons.

“It kills. Last year we lost to them by one point, too,” Lake Fenton wrestler Zach Corcoran said. “I really wanted that one. I don’t think Lake Fenton has ever beat them in wrestling. Whenever we’ve had a good team, they’ve been that much better.

“When it happened I was in shock. I was like, ‘That didn’t happen,’ and he was up. I was shocked.’

The pinfall capped what was an outstanding match between two of the state’s super-powers.

Lake Fenton trailed early, but took the lead when Corcoran (140) defeated Clayton Simons by injury default. That win was followed by an 11-5 decision win by Jake Hosking (145) and a pinfall win in 5:48 by Justin Melick (152). Christian O’Guinn (160) followed with a 12-2 major decision win, and Lake Fenton led 25-10.

Drew Morris (171) fought undefeated Austin Severn to just a 7-4 loss, and Lake Fenton’s Connor Brancheau (189) followed that up with a 20-5 major decision win. Lake Fenton led 29-13.

However, New Lothrop won the next three matches, setting up the final match

Zahne Mackin competes in the 200 medley relay in the Tigers’ 95-90 loss to Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday.

Tigers edged by Carman-Ainsworth in non-league meet

By David Troppens
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Fenton — David Congdon is a leader for the Fenton varsity boys swim team.

And that’s important this season, because the Tigers have a lot of inexperienced swimmers.

So sometimes being a leader on a team like this may mean a little bit of teaching.

“Every once in awhile people will come and ask me how to do a certain stroke or whatever,” Congdon said. “I try to help them the best I can, but coach (Brad) Jones has most of that under control.

“When Congdon isn’t trying to help lead the Tigers, he’s also busy being one of the team’s top swimmers. And if the Tigers are going to compete for one of the top spots in the Metro League, they are going to need Congdon to lead with...”
Lake Fenton’s Karlie Dieck (right) scored 10 points in the Blue Devils’ victory against Montrose on Tuesday.

The game tonight, giving us a deeper bench. (Madisen) is a good shooter and we got good production from her. We have good height, but we also get good position.

“I didn’t play as good as I can,” Nosek said. “We all work well together in practice, but had some nerves for the first game. We have a good team. Everyone is aggressive and Rachel made some big three’s and played good defense.”

Lake Fenton trailed 12-11 in the first half. The Rams went on an eight-point run. Kayla Setzke, the daughter of Fenton football coach Jeff Setzke, played a big role in all eight points. She scored six of the
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as well, scoring 16 points. We are hoping she’s kind of assuming that role of being our scorer. Things are starting to look like this. We are hoping to move up to our scorer. Things are starting to look like this.

Dunleavy followed her own missed shot and was fouled and hit both free throws to start the fourth period. Sophomore Makenzie Gortron buried a three-pointer from the corner, giving Lake Fenton its first lead since the second quarter.

Setzek (10 points) answered back with a bucket to tie the game at 35. Dieck then hit a three with 6:00 left in the game to put the Blue Devils in the lead to stay.

**GOODRICH 70, LAKE FENTON 37**

The Martians outscored Lake Fenton (3-3, 7-4) 24-4 in the opening quarter, resulting in the loss. Makenzie Gortron led Lake Fenton with 12 points.

**WRESTLING**

**LAPEER WEST 68, FENTON 12**

The Tigers had one double-winner. Jacob Wykes (130/135) had a pinfall win between his two victories.

**KEARSLEY 55, FENTON 21**

The Blue Devils held Montrose to only seven points, resulting in the win. It was a dominant performance by the Blue Devils in the lead to stay.

**HOCKEY**

**FENTON 3, CLIO 1**

The Tigers got a goal each from Jeff Moran, Josh Esch and Tyler Delong, earning a victory against Clio.

In net, Joe Foguth earned the victory, making 18 saves.

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his times in the pool as well.

The Tigers lost a tough 95-90 match to Carman-Ainsworth Tuesday. Fortunately, being a non-conference meet, that didn’t hurt their 1-0 league mark.

Congdon enjoys being with a large team. That hasn’t always been the case for the Fenton boys swim team. But during his three seasons with the Fenton varsity squad, that has progressively changed.

“It’s nice. We had a lot of people the last couple of years, which has been pretty interesting,” Congdon said. “Fenton has always been kind of a small team, and now we have a lot of people on our team. That’s nice because there are more people to talk to and more experiences to be had.”

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The Tigers won the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle during the Tigers’ loss to Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday.

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**HOLLY, LINDEN WIN WRESTLING MATCHES**

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity wrestling team is two victories away from finishing the Metro League’s dual season perfect.

The Bromchos set up that possibility with a 61-12 victory against Ortonville Brandon on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Linden Eagles stayed just one match behind the Bromchos by defeating Swartz Creek 47-30.

Holly got pinfall wins from Ethan Gonzalez (130), Zach Jones (135), Joey Spencer (152) and Joe Piwowarski (285). Meanwhile, Mason Cleaver (119), Andrew Scott (140), Mike Spencer (145) and Cae Guzzadiol (160) won matches on the mat. Other winners by void were Dominic Russ (112), Tyler Gibson (125), Blake Cuthbert (171) and Sean Scott (189).

Linden captured pinfall wins from Dallas Blank (145), Shane Stevens (152), Kyle Fisher (189) and Cliff Coleman (215). Austin Golden (125) won his match by technical fall, while Eli Foguth (103), Zach Shaw (112) and Chase Gifford (171) won by void.

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**CATCH “THE PIKE” AND WIN $10,000**

2011 Catch ‘Em & Cook ‘Em Ice Fishing Tournament

Fenton Moose Lodge
2245 Sonora Dr, Fenton, MI 48430
Saturday January 29th 2011

**Holly, Linden Win Wrestling Matches**

By David Troppens

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Holly’s Joe Piwowarski (left) and Linden’s Kyle Fisher each won matches at Swartz Creek Wednesday in Metro League action.

**TRI-COUNTY SPORTS**

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