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— Diana B.

HOT LINE:  
**FENTON DDA**

“I recently read of the DDA moving forward with plans to spend \$786,400 to light up Silver Parkway even more. When the DDA was created, it was meant to fund the development of the downtown area,



which is a far cry from the freeway franchises. They just got a brand new road and after the extra lighting, what's to say they won't move out of town if their corporate office chooses to close the franchise store. They seem to think they pay all the tax structure in Fenton. But what about the money the residents have contributed to provide for them and their profits.”

— Resident of Fenton L. Walters

STORY: **FENTON DETECTIVE**

“Great to see it, a motivated officer doing what he's sworn to do, with a good outcome for the right people. Now, I have to wonder if he's related to the teacher, Mr. Townsend, who taught at Fenton in the '50s.”

— Oldgraywolf



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## Cops raid suspected 'drug house'

► Marijuana, firearms, cash and a vehicle seized

By Sharon Stone

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**Argentine Twp.** — The Argentine Township Police Department conducted a drug raid

### Summary

► One man was arrested and his girlfriend faces possible felony charges after her Argentine Township home was raided Friday night. Police believed the woman's home was being used as a “drug house.”

ed a drug raid Friday night at a suspected drug house in the 9000 block of Lahring Road. Linden police assisted them. In all, five Argentine officers and one Linden officer participated in the raid, about

¼ mile west of Seymour Road.

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen, who was in on the raid, said they executed the search warrant at 11:18 p.m.

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## Sleds to scream across Lake Fenton



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Snowmobilers gather near the quarter-mile track on Lake Fenton Saturday, behind the Fenton Moose Lodge, to race. Organizers expected 200 snowmobiles that day, even with the bitter cold, snow and wind.

## What's on tap!

► Council approves beer, liquor sales at old fire hall

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — After a closed session, Fenton City Council approved lifting some of the restrictions on the old fire hall on South LeRoy Street. This will allow Michigan Brewing Company to

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### Summary

► Fenton City Council has amended restrictive covenants it placed on the old fire hall, to allow Michigan Brewing Company to sell alcoholic beverages and make necessary repairs to the clock tower. The downtown development authority (DDA) is meeting on Wednesday, to approve a lease agreement with Michigan Brewing Company for the old fire hall site.

## Supervisor: Hogan Road is the worst I've seen

► Board to review road improvement requests

By Sharon Stone

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**Fenton Twp.** — A few residents offered suggestions as to which roads they would like to see improved this year during a public hearing on Monday.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees held the public hearing to

discuss local road improvement projects for 2011. Residents were invited to provide input regarding potential projects, which could include improvements to paved, or unpaved local roads.

Dennis Hawk, of Smith Road, asked that township officials consider his road, which is between Sharp and Hogan roads on the west side of the township. The

See **ROAD** on 6

## Bats, boars, birds and more

► Local wildlife expert has seen — and captured — it all

By Anna Troppens

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Bats in the Holly Township Hall, an aggressive swan guarding the Fenton Millpond, a Russian boar on the run in Gaines and a big, exotic bird stopping traffic on both sides of I-75 a few Labor Days ago. When critters go wild, Mike Lowe is often the man people call.

“I play with everything nobody wants to play with,” he said. “I've had people call me from as far away as Israel about scorpions.”

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**Mike Lowe**

Wildlife Management and Rescue

### Summary

► Mike Lowe, of Wildlife Management and Rescue, said his job is never boring. He's live-trapped and relocated animals such as swans, foxes, raccoons and woodchucks, and handles escaped exotics such as snakes, alligators and land tortoises.



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Mike Lowe, of Wildlife Management and Rescue, prepares a live trap for coyotes, near an active den marked with a flag at the Fenton Water Treatment Plant. Any coyotes caught will be released at local farms, where they are welcome.



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## New DPW director digs in at new job

►Czarnecki replaces longtime  
department head, Les Bland

By Anna Troppens  
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**Fenton** — New Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Daniel Czarnecki began work Monday, attending his first city council meeting that night. Czarnecki comes to Fenton from the city of Negaunee in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.), where he was public works director. He has a civil engineering degree from Michigan Technological University, said



Daniel  
Czarnecki

City Manager Lynn Markland.

Fenton had 42 applicants for DPW director, to replace Les Bland, who retired after 41 years with the city's DPW department. Markland said Czarnecki met his crew and other city employees Monday. Czarnecki moved to Fenton, and he is glad to be part of the community. He will do whatever he can to bring public works forward, he said. Fenton is a place he'd like to be, very forward-thinking in terms of progress. He is looking to the future and would like to be part of it, he said.

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## News briefs

### Fenton DDA approves bond refinancing, if cost effective

Interest rates are up since Nov. 1, meaning Fenton might not save as much as expected on a proposed refinancing of downtown development authority bonds. The bonds, originally issued in 2001, funded the new department of public works facility and fire hall, said Treasurer Cindy Shane. The amount of the principal being refinanced is \$4,045,000. Paul Stauder, first vice president of Stauder, Barch & Associates, said original estimates were savings of \$25,000 annually, which could drop to less than \$18,000 with the current interest rate. The initial rate on the bonds was 4.5 percent. If the Fenton DDA won't be able to realize enough savings, the refinancing won't take place, Stauder said.

### DDA begins work on 2012 budget

The Fenton DDA is beginning its fiscal year 2012 budget. Projects that DDA Director Michael Burns foresees include a handicapped-accessible ramp around the gazebo, Phase 1 of the city's wayfinding sign project, Fenton's marketing plan, the façade program, Silver Parkway lighting, irrigation and landscaping, canoe launches and Walnut Street repaving. In addition, possibilities include the Fenton Community & Cultural Center restoration project, design engineering for a streetscape and development of the former Republic Bank site area. The DDA board will approve a budget in March, and it will go to city council for its approval in April or May.

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## Freedom to travel and father's pride drive young entrepreneur

► Local man, 21, owns 13 pieces of property, two businesses

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Luc Birchmeier, 21, of Linden, just might be the youngest entrepreneur in the tri-county area. Always by his side is, is Tatiana, his ever-present Yorkshire terrier mix.

### Summary

► A Linden man has been in business since he was 16. At 21, he owns 13 pieces of property and two gyms.

Birchmeier owns two, 24-Hour fitness facilities, one in Argentine Township, and one in Swartz Creek, officially named 24-Hour Cool Hand Fitness and Tanning. He also has 13 rental properties; most of which

are in the Fenton/Linden area, and a few in Flint. "I don't like to drive too far," he said.

He's not doing bad for a couple of business classes and a high school education. "I do very well for my age," he said.

Birchmeier said he wakes up around 8:30 a.m., and his first thought is, "What do I have to do to better myself that day."

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Luc Birchmeier, of Linden, owns two 24-hour gyms and 13 rental properties. His constant companion is Tatiana, a 2-year-old Yorkshire terrier mix.

## Local attorney's weight loss leads to healthy lifestyle

Attorney Sharon Miner, of Miner Law Firm in Fenton, is a much smaller version of her former self, having lost and kept off 40 pounds in the past 2½ years.

By Sally Rummel  
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The Sharon K. S. Miner law firm may carry a lot of weight in Fenton, but attorney Sharon Miner is no longer contributing her share.

At 62, Miner weighs less now than she has at anytime during her adult years, losing 40 pounds and dropping four sizes. "A lot of my clients don't recognize me," said Miner.

Miner's weight-loss journey began in October 2008, with a warning from her doctor, after she was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes. "My doctor told me I had to do something about my weight for my health's sake," said Miner, who now looks at her "old" eating habits

as part of her former life, before she knew what a real portion size was.

"I didn't approach this new way of life as a diet," said Miner. "I knew I had to change my whole approach to food. It all became a matter of moderation and portion control. I didn't tell myself I couldn't have something, but I had to measure it and adjust for it."

Miner started her journey by taking diabetes classes at Genesys Athletic Club, and keeping a food diary. She came up with a meal plan she knew she could live with. As a diabetic, it was mostly about keeping her carbohydrate consumption under control, aiming for about 15 net carbs at each meal or 45 in her daily total.

However, she's not into denying herself some of her favorite foods, either. It's all about portions, according to Miner, who added that she doesn't

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## publisher

**Actions speak louder than words**

My sports passion is football. But unlike most people, I watch the coaches more than the players. There is no better indicator of team commitment and class than the head coach.

Watching the playoffs these past couple of weekends was a great opportunity to watch two entirely different coaching styles. Rex Ryan, coach of the New York Jets, is a profanity-laced, trash-talking, vulgar screamer. One columnist compared Ryan to a comment that Theodore Roosevelt's daughter, Alice, made about her dad's penchant for publicity one day: 'He wants to be the bride at every wedding, the corpse at every funeral, and the baby at every christening.' I would be more tolerant of Ryan if we didn't already have an over-abundance of loudmouth, obnoxious, attention-junkies populating our sports teams and talk shows.

On the other side of the coin is Lovie Smith, coach of the Chicago Bears. A man after my own heart. He doesn't shout. He doesn't throw hats, headsets or clipboards. He doesn't scream at the officials when they make the inevitable bad call. He simply does his job — quietly and effectively.

Many think that a violent game like football needs loud, violent leaders. But, history would say differently. The greatest coach in the history of the NFL was Vince Lombardi, by any measurement. He never made a spectacle of himself — nor did his players. Alabama's Bear Bryant merely mumbled when he lost. Bobby Bowden made 'dadgum' his trademark. Tom Landry won two Super Bowls without ever changing his facial expression.

The most important functions of a coach are all but invisible to the general public. That's why I think so many of them are such grandstanding loudmouths. Throwing a fit on the field indicates passion, dedication and effort. Me? I'll take the Lombardis, Bryants and Landrys of the world. And, especially the Lovie Smiths. It's still true today — actions speak louder than words.

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**TO THE PERSON** who likes to travel on the bumper of people in a snow shower, my tires are brand new and I was driving for the conditions. You are the one endangering everyone else on the road when you decide to ride someone's bumper. I may not be able to afford a brand new car but I am also assuming you cannot afford to replace a life you take when you drive recklessly.

**FUNNY, I AM** a liberal and I have had to pay taxes. In fact, the second year I was out of college (in 2005), I was newly married and we had a tax bill of more than \$1,000. My husband and I could not afford our bill, so we paid the taxes the 'American way,' and charged it on our credit card.

**THE STATE OF** Michigan has installed signs along major expressways. They read, 'Stay right, pass left, it's the law.' So, apparently there is a fast lane.

**THE CITY OF** Fenton is responsible for the damage done by the water main break. They need to deal with their contractor and get the issue resolved. It is not the responsibility of the citizens to have to deal with the city's contractor. Get off your butts and do what is right.

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**SARAH PALIN 2012!**

**SEEMS LIKE THE** only thing you understand on the health-care bill is college students, to age 26, and pre-existing conditions. Who do you think is going to pay for this bill? Those two items are nothing compared to what the bill really does. If those two items were so important, they could have just done a bill to cover those. Elected officials used that, and you, to justify the foolishness in that bill.

**THEY'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?** 'Get closer,' 'Be closer,' why not 'Cuddle more' or 'Snuggle up?' What does this have to do with Fenton? We might better use 'Worst-tasting water in the world,' 'Worst streets in Michigan,' or even 'We don't care about library patrons.' Get/be closer to what? Insolvency? Keep those experts coming.

**THE REPUBLICANS ARE** wasting their time and our taxpayer money trying to repeal the healthcare bill. Instead of pursuing this fool's errand, why don't they pass some legislation that helps the working man/woman. When was the last time they put forth that much time and energy to help the working man/woman?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

From the  
editor**Source book to be delivered**

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**Super Bowl XLV**

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The editorial team meets every Monday morning to brainstorm ideas for interesting, informative and educational feature stories.

What I have discovered, however, is that some of the best story ideas come from you, our readers. While working as a reporter, my assignment was to interview people for Street Talk. Oftentimes, while asking the question, our conversation would lead to a great story.

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"I'd open a pet-grooming business. We really like animals and have a dog we like to take care of."

— Lindsay Johnson  
Fenton



"I'd have a water-softening or water-purification business. Everybody I know has bottled or softened water."

— Jeff Jankowski, Fenton



"I'd have a shop with re-fashioned antiques, ones with a modern twist to them. I make cigar-box purses."

— Tracy Burger, Davison



"I'd sell gold. There's a big market out there for gold."

— Tom Frederick  
Fenton



"I would have a travel agency, because I love vacations. Maybe I'd get some inside deals."

— Jessica Staib  
Fenton



"I'd own my own golf course. I'm a golf superintendent and run (golf) courses."

— Jim Naugler  
Holly





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HOLLI POYNER

This home on Tipsico Lake Road in Tyrone Township was destroyed by fire early Monday morning.

## Early morning fire destroys Tipsico Lake Road home

By Sharon Stone

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A home on Tipsico Lake Road in Tyrone Township was destroyed by fire early Monday morning.

The Fenton Fire Department responded to the 911 call at 5:17 a.m. Fire departments from the townships of Fenton, Hartland and Highland, as well as the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) responded through mutual aid.

Dep. Chief Ed Hadfield was first on scene, and said the two-story house was fully involved when he arrived. The de-

tached garage did not catch fire. The home was being rented. However, the residents living there were not home at the time.

Because of the time of day, it was difficult to determine how long it took for neighbors to spot the flames, said Hadfield. He believes the fire began in the main living area on the main floor. The fire department could not determine the exact starting location or cause.

Hadfield does not believe there was anything suspicious, but it remains under investigation. Crews were on scene for about four hours. No injuries were reported.

## DRUG HOUSE

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Based on information received about the residents at the home and surveillance since December, Argentine police sought and obtained the search warrant. Allen said the house sits back quite far from the road, and the driveway was icy, making it difficult for some of the patrol vehicles to approach.

As the officers approached the house, they could see that no lights were on, but believed the residents were home. Allen said they knocked on the front door. When the resident opened the door, police showed them the authorized search warrant and entered the home.

During a search of the home, police

recovered an undisclosed amount of marijuana, a large amount of firearms and cash. A vehicle was also seized.

There were three people home at the time of the raid, a 48-year-old female resident, her 50-year-old boyfriend, and her 16-year-old daughter.

The boyfriend was arrested and transported to the Genesee County Jail. He is facing possible charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana and operating a drug house. He could also face felony firearm charges.

Charges are pending on the female homeowner. Her daughter was released. Allen said the adult female is likely to face the same charges as her boyfriend.

"It was a good bust," said Allen.

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offered to the angler who catches a pike that has been tagged by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. The Moose Lodge took out an insurance policy to cover the prize in the event someone catches the tagged fish. The registration fee covers fishing, hot chocolate, chili and prizes. Organizers expect 250 to 300 participants. The lodge will be open. Memberships will be available.

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## ROAD

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last time it was improved was in 1997 when it received a layer of gravel. "It gets soupy," said Hawk.

Nathan McNamara, of Dollar Lake Court suggested that the Board consider his road. He said the concrete has deteriorated and there are drainage issues. "It's almost as bad as a dirt road," he said.

Because it's a subdivision road, Supervisor Bonnie Mathis told McNamara that improvements would have to be covered by a special assessment. She said a special assessment district would

have to be created and 51 percent of the property owners would have to agree to the road improvement assessment.

Mathis told McNamara to call the township office for more details on his idea.

### Summary

►The Fenton Township Board of Trustees is reviewing a list of proposed road improvement projects for 2011. The board will make a recommendation at a future meeting.

Derek Watson, of Hogan Road, and his young son, Derek, Jr. requested that the township improve Hogan Road between Silver Lake Road and the Shiawassee River bridge. "I don't like the dust, you can't breathe," said Derek, Jr.

Watson told the board he had signatures of residents in his area who would like to see the road paved rather than have a limestone surface. He said, "The limestone and chloride dust is a hazard to our health."

Watson also had an article dating back eight years that said Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright would make sure the road was improved. The sewage treatment plant is located off Hogan Road in this area.

In addition to traffic from the sewage treatment plant, Watson said there is a lot of traffic going to and from the sportsman's club and the River Oaks subdivision. Past traffic counts revealed that, more than 1,000 vehicles pass through this area, daily and the speed limit is 55 miles per hour.

"This road needs paving to the bridge," said Watson.

Mathis said, "This is one of the worst roads I've seen. We're in the process of seeing if we can get it paved."

### Other roads being considered —

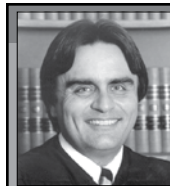
In addition to Hogan, Smith and Dollar Lake Court, the township has been asked to consider improvements to Bowles, North Long Lake Road, Fenton Road and ditching along Jennings Road. Officials will review all requests and bring back recommendations and prices at a future meeting.

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### Michigan's item pricing law

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The law has been with us for more than 33 years, and was enacted to provide a mechanism to ensure that the price charged at a cash register for a particular item is the same as what is marked on the package.

The law has had both its supporters and critics over the years and recently, in his first State of the State address, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder indicated he wanted the legislature to eliminate the law.

There are some unique features to the law, including exemptions from individual pricing for certain products such as small items, items sold by weight or volume that are not in a package or container, and food prepared for immediate consumption. There are other exemptions as well.

There is also a penalty section for noncompliance, that allows a consumer who has been overcharged in a completed transaction (i.e. charged more than the marked price of an item) to show the receipt to the seller within 30 days either in person or in writing. Thereafter the seller has two days to refund the consumer the difference between the amount charged and the price marked, plus 10 times the difference, which must be at least \$1 but not more than \$5. If there is more than one identical item in a single transaction, the seller is only responsible for the difference in the price marked and the price charged for the additional items.

A failure of the seller to comply with the law allows a consumer to bring an action for damages for their actual loss or \$250, whichever is greater, together with a reasonable attorney fee, not to exceed \$300.

There are a number of other sections of this law that can be accessed on the Internet.

It will be interesting to see what happens in the coming months, as there are strong opinions on both sides of the issue.



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A Rose Township family barely escaped a house fire Friday night.

## Family barely escapes house fire in Rose Township

By Sharon Stone

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A Rose Township family barely escaped their house after it caught fire late Friday night. North Oakland County Fire Authority Chief Jeremy Lintz said his department responded to the 911 call at 11:55 p.m. The caller said flames were shooting out of the roof.

Lintz was the first to arrive on scene and saw that the one-story home in the 500 block of Demode Road was fully engulfed in flames. The family was trying to stay warm in their vehicle.

The husband and wife told firefighters that earlier in the evening, smoke was coming back into the house from their wood stove. The husband opened the stove door and doused it with water. Believing the fire was extinguished, the residents went to bed.

Shortly before midnight, the wife awoke and realized the house was full of smoke. The house had one smoke detector; however, it was not working. The couple and their two children, ages 5 and 11, barely escaped, said Lintz. They ran out without their coats or shoes.

Lintz drove the family to a neighbor's home. They are now temporarily staying in a rental home, owned by a neighbor. He said the family has received a tremendous amount of support from the community and the Salvation Army. The home was insured.

"It was a nasty fire," said Lintz. "It was a miserable night. It was the worst night to have a fire."

"I can't express enough what a good job they (firefighters) did."

The turnout gear firefighters wear keeps them warm for a while, said Lintz, however, with the overspray from the hoses, they become moving ice sculptures. "It's hard to move," he said.

Due to the sub-zero temperatures, water used to douse the fire caused equipment to freeze and the entire area turned, into a sheet of ice. Lintz was thankful that there were no injuries.

NOCFA was assisted by fire departments from Fenton City and the townships of Highland, Springfield and Groveland. The fire was brought under control in about 90 minutes and crews eventually cleared the scene around 5 a.m.

"It was a nasty fire. It was a miserable night. It was the worst night to have a fire."

**Jeremy Lintz**

North Oakland County  
Fire Authority chief

## Police&Fire report

### TELEPHONE CALL SCAMS

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter is alerting residents to a scam. He said unknown suspects call elderly residents and tell them that there is an emergency and that one of their relatives is in need of money. The unknown caller instructs those answering the phone to wire money over to them through Western Union or to give their the routing number on their bank account. "It's a scam," said the police chief. If anyone receives this type of telephone call, they are not to give out any personal information and to report it to police.

### HARASSMENT COMPLAINT

At 11:25 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, Fenton police were sent to an apartment off Torrey Road to investigate a harassment complaint. The 28-year-old Fenton woman said over the past five days, she had been harassed by her ex-husband, a 50-year-old Linden man, according to Lt. Jason Slater. She accused her ex-husband of calling her two dozen times and texting her more than 100 times. Due to past complaints, the court has authorized a "no contact" order against the man. Detectives are continuing to investigate the situation and intend to present the case to the prosecutor for possible charges, which could include felony stalking. His probation officer has been advised of the allegations.

### LEXUS BROKEN INTO

At 11:48 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, Fenton police were sent to the 700 block of Torrey Road to investigate a breaking and entering of a motor vehicle com-

plaint. A 38-year-old Fenton Township man said he parked his 2006 Lexus in the parking lot at 7 p.m. When he returned to his car at 11:48 p.m. he saw that the passenger window was broken and a humidor, containing "It's a Boy" cigars, valued at \$120, was missing from the front seat. Employees leaving at 10 p.m. said the car was secure at that time, leading police to believe the break-in occurred after 10 p.m. There are no suspects.

### CHRYSLER 300 BROKEN INTO

At 1:04 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23, Fenton police were sent to the 2400 block of North Road to investigate a breaking and entering of a motor vehicle complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said the victim, a 37-year-old Fowlerville woman, told police that she had parked her 2005 Chrysler 300 in the lot at 11:30 p.m. and walked across the street to a tavern. When she returned to her car, she saw that someone had broken out the passenger window. Her purse, which was underneath the driver's seat, was missing. Police are working with the business to review exterior surveillance videos to identify the suspect. Police believe this break-in is connected to a similar break-in on Jan. 18.

### MAN PICKED UP ON FELONIOUS ASSAULT WARRANT

A 21-year-old Argentine Township man was picked up at 11:43 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23 on an outstanding felony arrest warrant. Police Chief Daniel Allen said officers went to the man's home in the 12000 block of Lahring Road on the warrant, which included two counts of felonious assault with a firearm, for allegedly pointing a loaded firearm at a passing motorist last November. The man was taken into custody without incident and transported to the county jail for arraignment.



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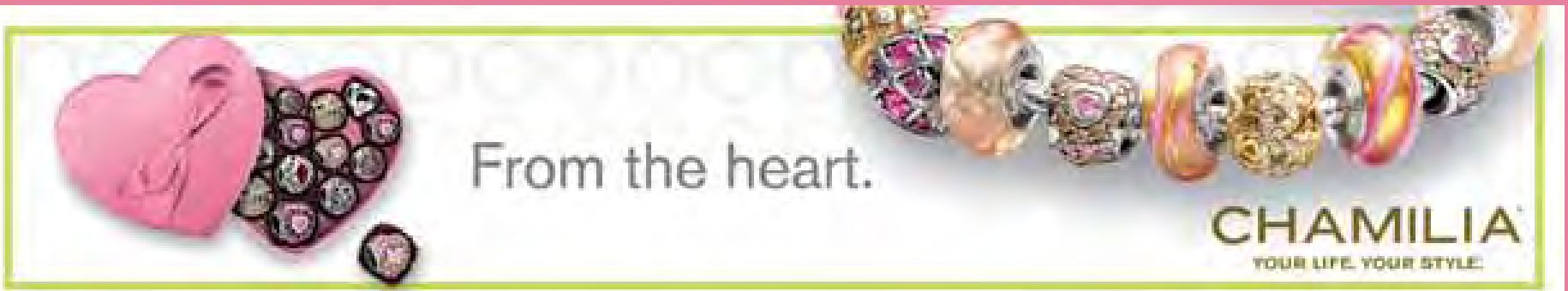
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## ENTREPRENEUR

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Usually the first order of business is hands-on work on a few of his rental properties. He is currently working on a Victorian-style house in Fenton, which he plans to sell in the spring, and has recently finished a duplex in Linden.

In the late afternoon, he goes to his Argentine Township gym for an hour of staff time, and then to the Swartz Creek location. After getting something to eat, he'll go back to work on his rental properties. "Obviously there's fun every now and then, but not often," he said.

Birchmeier may not have a prevailing philosophy, but he is driven by the thought of working very hard now, and relaxing later.

Despite owning multiple homes, and two fitness facilities, he only has one, part-time employee. Keeping staffing low was part of the reason he chose 24-Hour Fitness as a franchise. He has about 200 clients at each gym, but they access the gym anytime they want, and make appointments if they want guidance using the equipment.

Birchmeier doesn't see total retirement in his future, and doesn't want to. "It drives me nuts when I don't have anything going on that day," he said. "There's a lot of traveling and a lot of places to see," he said.

Birchmeier said he has fun out on the lakes during the summer, and he buys a convertible each spring, which he drives through the summer and sells in the fall. Come fall, it's back to his trusty, beat-up 2001 Chevy pick-up, which just rolled over 200,000 miles. Every cent he makes, he puts back into his businesses.

Birchmeier started his first business at 16, and owned his first rental property at 17. It has been almost two years since he opened the fitness facilities.

"It's not totally about money, I just like accomplishing things and getting things done," he said. Another driving factor is he doesn't want finances to get in the way of anything he wants to do in life.

Throughout his life, his father was his example, and Birchmeier sees him as his inspiration. "He tried to teach me

"Obviously, there's fun every now and then, but not often."

**Luc Birchmeier**  
Linden area business owner

ways to make money without working," he said. Making his dad proud is also a motivating factor.

His next venture will be in the tanning industry, which he plans to start within a year.

Birchmeier doesn't have a family of his own, but he does have several close friends who help him, and, of course, Tatiana.

His advice for someone thinking of starting a business?

"Don't be scared, and just do it. Start with one property and start there," he said.

There is one thing in his life that scares Birchmeier. "Girls," he said. "Everything else is pretty predictable. They are the one thing you can't predict," he said with a chuckle.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO

Luc Birchmeier, of Linden, owns two 24-hour gyms, and 13 rental properties. His constant companion is Tatiana, a 2-year-old Yorkshire terrier mix.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**AL FRANKEN, WHEN** he had his radio show, employed a good method of determining the validity of a climate scientist's claims. He simply asked them if they took money from an energy company. Not surprisingly, the scientists that denied global warming all took money from oil companies.

**IS OBAMA MOVING** to the center? Ask yourself three, important questions. Does a leopard change his spots? Does a snake change its skin? Have politicians (all parties) said whatever it takes to remain in control?

**PLEASE, LINDEN PLANNING** Commission, read Glenn Pieczynski's article on how foolish the two-sign rule is in Linden. Aren't you in the business of luring businesses to town? With your antiquated laws, you are driving businesses out of town. We need to fill our empty stores. Maybe we need younger and fresher ideas on the commission to see a future for Linden.

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**SNYDER HAS THE** typical political mindset of all other politicians — provide opportunity for global interest while screwing the American people. Kiss your country and way of life goodbye.

**I JUST WANTED** to tell you about this wonderful play at Lake Fenton High School, 'Hairspray.' It's as good as I've seen anywhere. It was really something good for the community.

**IT'S ABOUT ZERO** out there. Has anyone stopped to think about how well these electric cars are going to work in the winter? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that batteries don't work well in cold weather. What's going to happen when everyone gets one of these things and overloads the grid? You won't be able to run your AC at home. Think about it, folks.

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## LIFESTYLE

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allow herself to eat spaghetti and garlic bread and tiramisu for dessert all in one meal — but that she could choose one of them and then "adjust" her carbs at another meal to make up for it. She admits to a fondness for Mexican food and for Mancino's thin-crust pizza, both of which she now enjoys in moderation.

"I can have anything, I just can't have everything all at once," said Miner. "I'm much more conscious now about what I'm eating."

While Miner's eating plan allows her to eat all foods in moderation, she avoids certain "trigger foods" that cause her a problem with portion control. "I can't eat scalloped potatoes, because a portion is only about a third of a cup," said Miner. "I used to eat a whole bowlful." She also stays away from baking brownies because she knows she can't eat "just one." "If I'm really craving one, I'll go to a restaurant and buy one," she added.

Her advice to others who are trying to lose weight is to take the process in

"baby steps." "You only have to shave off 250 calories a day to lose 2 pounds every month — that's 24 pounds in a year!" said Miner, who took a more aggressive approach herself, losing 40 pounds in about six months, because of her diabetes. "Small changes will get you where you need to go."

Miner didn't weigh herself while losing weight. Instead, she concentrated on the consistency of her program — from moderate eating and portion control to daily walking for exercise, working up to two miles a day.

"You've got to work the plan," said Miner. The weight loss will take care of itself. You'll be able to tell you're losing weight by the way your clothes fit."

Now that Miner has lost all the weight that plagued her as an adult, has it changed her life? "Not really," admits Miner, who has always been comfortable "in her own skin." "But I do notice I'm much more agile. I was happy before and I'm still happy.

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## Masons support 4-H Club



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Linden Masonic Lodge 132 and Sharp Funeral Homes purchased this 1,392-pound Grand Champion Steer from the Genesee County Fair 4-H Club at auction last summer. It was purchased to make pasties, an ongoing fundraiser for the lodge. Roger Sharp, owner of Sharp Funeral Homes, has been donating \$1,000 to 4-H for beef every year for the past 20 years. Pictured here are Harold Sloan of the Linden Mason Lodge and Elizabeth Raymond, owner of the steer.

## TAP

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have retail sales of alcoholic beverages there, and to make necessary repairs to the clock tower.

In 2006, when city council sold the old fire hall to the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), council created restrictive covenants for use of the building. These are recorded to the deed in Genesee County and remain with the property, no matter who owns the building.

At the time council established the restrictive covenants, no one envisioned a brewpub or restaurant that sells alcoholic beverages at the old fire hall, said DDA Director Michael Burns, in his report to city council. Council needed to revise the restrictive covenants to allow Michigan Brewing Company to sell alcohol there.

In addition, the restrictive covenants referenced that the DDA Projects Committee could make decisions on the

property. Since the committee no longer exists, council revised the language to allow the DDA board, or any committee it sees fit, to address property issues at the old fire hall. In addition, the revision would allow the city to make decisions, if the DDA ever dissolves.

The DDA is holding a special meeting at 6 p.m. today (Wednesday) at city hall, to approve a lease agreement with Michigan Brewing Company, regarding the old fire hall.

The DDA has discussed providing as much as \$400,000 in funding to help Michigan Brewing Company establish a restaurant in the location. Discussion has included a lease-to-own agreement with the firm, to protect

the city's asset.

Burns said the proposed agreement is for seven years, with Michigan Brewing Company paying \$1 annually for the lease. At the end of seven years, the company can purchase the property and take ownership, or extend the lease.

The project will bring 50-75 jobs and could be complete in spring or summer of 2012. "It's going to revitalize downtown Fenton," he said. "This is an economic development driver."

The DDA will supply as much as 33 percent of the project costs, up to \$400,000. It estimates the total project cost will be around \$1.5 million to turn the old fire hall into a restaurant, he said. Half of the DDA's contribution will be paid when Michigan Brewing Company reaches 50 percent of its costs and the other half when the construction is complete.

The city must approve what Michigan Brewing Company does with the property, Burns said. And there is a clause in the agreement preventing Michigan Brewing Company from placing any types of offensive signs on the building. An issue involves "Badass Beer," and Michigan Brewing Company has agreed to the sign restriction, he said.

Because the new restaurant will serve alcoholic beverages and is within 500 feet of the Fenton United Methodist Church, the church will receive formal notification when Michigan Brewing Company applies for its state liquor license. The church has not taken a formal position on the issue, Burns said. If it objects, a hearing will take place with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

### SPECIAL DDA MEETING PLANNED

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has scheduled a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at city hall, to consider a lease agreement with Michigan Brewing Company for the old fire hall.

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**ACTUALLY, SARAH DOES** have a shot and no one is sure at this point. Why don't you just go to Canada now, if they will take you.

**I MOVED TO** Colorado recently, and we have roundabouts everywhere. They aren't hard to use and it actually helps the flow of traffic. You just have to be smarter than a baby to use them.

**TO THE PERSON** responding to the tailgating issue, you are breaking the law if you drive in any lane 'you so choose.' Left lane is for passing, only. Brush up on the law and act accordingly.

**I DON'T BLAME** anyone for going slow in bad weather, but sometimes going too slow can cause an accident.



## WILDLIFE

Continued from Front Page

Mostly, he and his crew stick to Michigan. "We go all over the state," Lowe said. His son, Rob Lowe, helps from time to time, and Mike's brother helped him chase the Fenton Millpond swan back and forth in a rowboat.

When he grabbed for the swan, it pulled Mike's brother into the water, where he swam and held onto the bird and the boat until they reached the shore. "It beat the daylights out of him," Mike said.

Lowe, of Wildlife Management and Rescue, has been offering safe and humane capture and release for 21 years. After accepting a buyout from General Motors in 1990, he worked as a ranger at Seven Lakes State Park, near Holly, for a few years. Seeing the need for wildlife capture and release services, he trained with another wildlife expert and eventually started his own business.

On Thursday morning, he was busy setting live traps at Fenton's water treatment plant, to start catching a den of coyotes. Lowe must release them in the same county where he caught them, and it can be tough to find people who will let coyotes be released onto their land. He's been able to make arrangements with the owners of some 60- to 80-acre farms, where the animals won't impact them.

The state requires Lowe to report regularly on certain types of animals he's caught, and what took place with them. This is a "yes" for coyotes and foxes, but not emus or alligators. And yes, he's dealt with both emus and alligators.

The 4½-foot alligator he pulled from Lobdell Lake in 2005 is in an exotic zoo, he said. The emu — a 90-pound, ostrich-like bird that escaped onto I-75 — was not so lucky. There was a danger of it crashing through a car window, and police asked Lowe to shoot it. He doesn't put an animal down unless police, a conservation officer or wildlife rehabilitator approves it, he said.

When a car kills a deer, the venison often goes to a food bank if it's salvageable. In the case of a deer with a broken

leg, one with a break in a front leg can often recover. However, if a back leg is broken, the deer won't be able to get back up once it's on the ground, Lowe said.

A deer trapped in a building can be very dangerous. "It's not worried about people," he said. A tranquilizer dart might stop the animal and save it, if it's not injured badly. But when a deer crashed through a window into the former Imagination Station on North LeRoy Street, next to where VG's Grocery is now, the animal injured itself too badly to survive.

On the other hand, wild animals that become too comfortable around people can be dangerous. Wild turkeys, fed by employees at a business, terrorized young students in Grand Blanc last year as they walked to school. "They would follow them down the street and attack them for their lunch," Lowe said.

His No. 1 priority is public safety, and the safety of the people working with him. If he has to let an animal go and catch it another day, he will, Lowe said.

It's paid off, and he's never been bitten by a raccoon, snake or alligator. His worst injury was being stabbed by a blue heron's beak. Someone had shot the big water bird with a shotgun, and it panicked when Lowe arrived to bring it to a vet. "It just instinctively speared my arm like a fish, all the way through," he said.

The serrated beak didn't feel any better on the way out of his arm. A nearby resident provided some rubbing alcohol to pour on the wound, and Lowe found himself "doing a dance" around the neighborhood. The woman then got him some peroxide and butterfly tape, and his arm healed on its own.

Some cases are easier, for sure. The Russian boar that escaped off a truck in Gaines had a weakness for pastry. "I was eating a blueberry Pop Tart," Lowe said. The boar must have smelled it, because it ran straight to him, rubbed on his legs and ran right into the cage.

For more information, contact Wildlife Management and Rescue at (810) 458-4774 or (810) 515-5965.

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A little warm weather sounds nice about now

Winter began about a month ago, and I'm starting to think of traveling somewhere warm to escape the cold for a while.

Of course, if I went someplace tropical, I'd probably be too hot.

If I had to name the single biggest invention that changed the lives of people for the better in the last 100 years, I'd have to say it was air-conditioning. We call it "conditioning," but it actually means "cooling." Air-conditioned cars and planes have made our lives more comfortable. I don't know how we got anything done before air-conditioning was invented. Just imagine the difference between traveling on a hot, dusty road a century ago in a carriage behind a horse trotting 8 mph, and sitting comfortably in an air-conditioned plane going 400 mph today.

If I do decide to escape to some faraway beach or desert oasis, at least it will be fairly easy to get there.

Travel to other countries has changed since I was young. Ships have been sailing between countries for hundreds of years, but air travel has made vacations to far-flung destinations more common than ships or railroads ever did.

My father traveled in his business but it was before commercial airlines existed and he went mostly by rail and on cruise ships. Except during World War II, when I was with the Army newspaper, The Stars and Stripes, I never worked anywhere but in America. However, I've been to dozens of countries on vacation that my father never visited because I can go by air. It isn't a cheap way to travel but it's quick and easy.

I'm happy to have been to several countries because I can now strike them from my list of places I want to go. I've been to Egypt but never to Pakistan. I don't think I'm going to make it to Pakistan any time soon. I've been to India, as well. Please don't expect me back there any time soon. I spent some time in Italy during World War II and I've visited Rome a couple of times in my lifetime.

I liked what I saw in those places, but I've lived in Paris and London and I'll take France or England ahead of any other place but the United States. I like Canada but it's so much like the U.S. that traveling there doesn't feel really like going away to me.

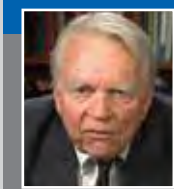
If I went really far afield for my winter getaway, say to Thailand or Greece, it would be warm, but I might have trouble being understood.

I think it's difficult to be alone in a country whose language you don't understand. Thankfully, many countries teach English as their second language, so you can readily find someone who speaks English most places. It would be good if everyone spoke the same language but that will never happen.

I can make my way around Paris and not go hungry or thirsty, and I'm always pleased with myself for remembering so much of Mr. Sharp's French. He was my teacher in high school. I'm not sure the French like what they hear coming from my mouth because my grammar is bad, but I can speak adequate French. The next time I go to Paris, I'll try to brush up so they'll understand me better.

Come to think of it, I think I'll just stay home and warm up by the fire.

(Write to Andy Rooney at Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or via e-mail at aaroon5@yahoo.com)



Andy Rooney

Explaining vertigo; bald patches on scalp

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Will you please explain vertigo? I fell asleep in a chair one evening, and when I woke, I was slightly dizzy. The next morning when I woke up and sat up, I was extremely dizzy. Everything was going back and forth. When I tried to walk, I was bouncing off the walls. The room was moving. My doctor prescribed Dramamine. I still wake up dizzy, but not as bad as the first two nights. I am 69. -- E.B.



**ANSWER:** Vertigo is a hallucination that everything is moving. It's not. What you describe fits the definition. Many causes of vertigo can be traced to the inner ear, which has two important functions: hearing and balance, the orientation of our body to the things around it. That function is handled by the vestibular system of the inner ear. Sometimes a viral infection of the ear can trigger vertigo. The only way to handle it is to take a medicine such as you're taking and wait for the infection to clear in about three to six weeks. Or it can come about because tiny calcium particles in the inner ear have made their way to places where they shouldn't be. This is benign positional vertigo. When affected people move their head or change position from lying or sitting to standing, the calcium particles activate the vestibular system abnormally, and profound dizziness strikes. When you woke up and sat up, you became dizzy. You changed positions. Calcium particles activated your vestibular system. A doctor easily can prove benign positional vertigo by

provoking a dizzy spell through a series of head and body movements. He or she can coax those transplanted calcium specks back to their site of origin through another series of movements, called the Epley maneuvers. The medicine you mention often lessens symptoms. Antivert is another useful drug. So is scopolamine -- in its oral form, not in its patch form. I made vertigo sound like an easy diagnosis and an easy treatment; it isn't. Many other serious conditions have to be considered by the examining doctor.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My teenage daughter twists and pulls her hair when she reads, watches TV or studies. She has two small bald patches on her scalp. I cannot get her to stop doing this. Is this normal? -- R.T.

**ANSWER:** It's not normal, but it's pretty common. It's trichotillomania (TRICK-oh-TILL-uh-MAY-nee-uh). Some classify it as an obsessive compulsive disorder. The hair pulling quiets an inner anxiety. It's almost an involuntary act. If you can't get your daughter to stop, the family doctor can recommend a therapist for her. The therapist can explain to her why she does this and how she can curtail the urge. Sometimes, medicines are prescribed for a short period. She really does need attention. Constant hair pulling can damage the hair roots and lead to a permanent bald patch.

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

BY LINDA THISTLE

### Wednesday Sudoku

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

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

### JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answers included with the next Jumble Puzzle in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

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**RED**

Frank (Bruce Willis), Joe (Morgan Freeman), Marvin (John Malkovich) and Victoria (Helen Mirren) used to be the CIA's top agents — but the secrets they know just made them the agency's top targets. Framed and targeted for assassination, they must use all of their collective cunning, experience and teamwork to stay one step ahead of their deadly pursuers and stay alive. To stop the operation, the team embarks on an impossible, cross-country mission to break into the top-secret CIA headquarters, where they will uncover one of the biggest conspiracies and cover-ups in government history.

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## Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 U.K. fliers

4 Light applications

8 Campus area

12 John's Yoko

13 Birthright barterer

14 Language of Pakistan

15 Like — (very rapidly)

17 Hollywood clashers

18 Unable to hear

19 Not just plump

20 Work in a refinery

22 Mani-pedi prop

24 Tortoise's challenger

25 Deuce, maybe

29 Past

30 Layered rock

31 Ultramodernist

32 Youthful indiscretions

34 Unseen hazard

35 Super Bowl XXXIV champs

36 Prosperous times

37 Subsequently

40 Ethereal

41 Unyielding

42 Mr. Hickok

46 Platter

47 Initial stake

48 Born

49 Obi, e.g.

50 No-see-um's cousin

51 Obtain

**DOWN**

1 Tier

2 Singer DiFranco

3 Nonsense

4 Trim a roast

5 "Yeah, right!"

6 Prohibit

7 Take to court

8 Where joul is spoken

9 Incite

10 Commotions

11 Bernhardt contemporary

16 Take a letter?

19 Shoppe description

20 "Pygmalion" writer

21 Creche trio

22 Decrees

23 Troubles

25 "Pow!"

26 Pesky

27 Paper quantity

28 Feet, slangily

30 Take to the skies

33 Get all wet

34 Soak up

36 Bathroom fixture

37 Covers

38 Met melody

39 Pitch

40 Utah ski resort

42 Vacillate

43 Hostel

44 Appomattox surrenderer

45 Allow

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times



# Holly places fourth, Fenton earns fifth at county swim meet

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity swim team had a pretty solid performance at the Genesee Area Swimming and Diving Meet at Fenton High School.

And no one had a better day than Jake Quinnan.

Quinnan won two county championships, helping lead the Bronchos to a fourth-place team finish with 224 points. They finished a spot ahead of meet hosts, Fenton. The Tigers took fifth with 205 points.

Quinnan won the 200 freestyle (1:49.84) and the 100 freestyle (49.41) individually, and also helped the Holly's 200 freestyle relay team take second place.

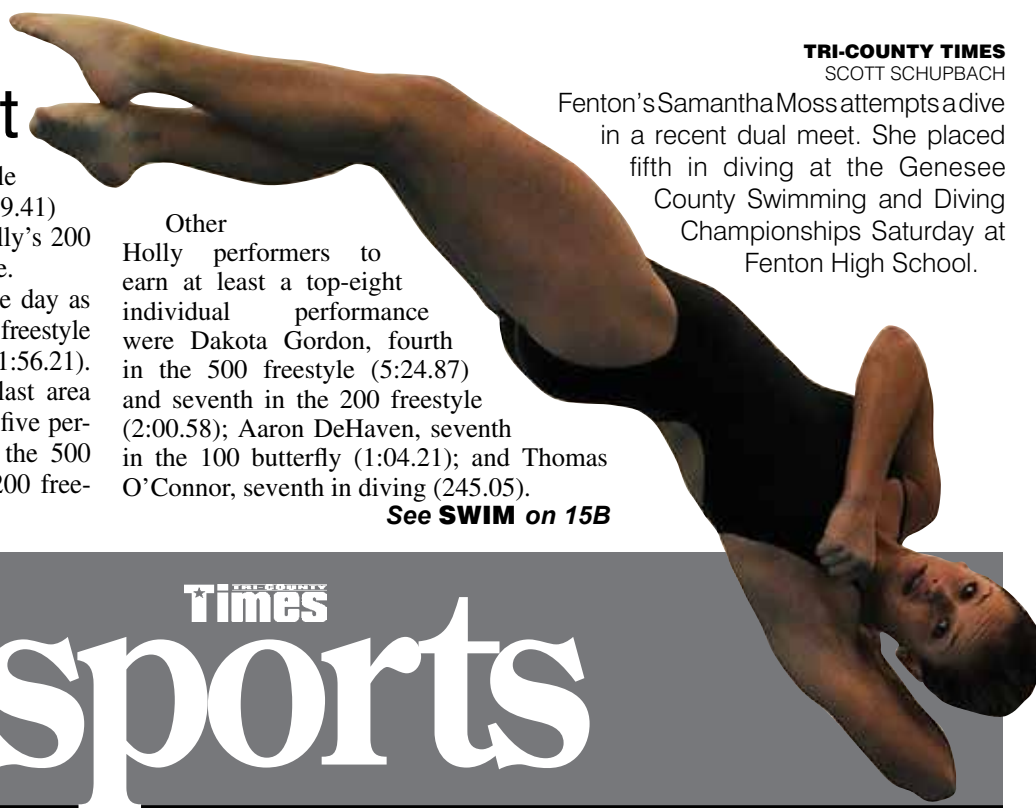
Fenton's Adam Ransom had a nice day as well. He placed second in the 100 freestyle (5:25.3) and third in the 200 freestyle (1:56.21).

Holly's Garrett Pinagel was the last area swimmer to earn two individual top-five performances. Pinagel placed third in the 500 freestyle (5:24.72) and fifth in the 200 freestyle (2:00.27).

Other Holly performers to earn at least a top-eight individual performance were Dakota Gordon, fourth in the 500 freestyle (5:24.87) and seventh in the 200 freestyle (2:00.58); Aaron DeHaven, seventh in the 100 butterfly (1:04.21); and Thomas O'Connor, seventh in diving (245.05).

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Fenton's Samantha Moss attempts a dive in a recent dual meet. She placed fifth in diving at the Genesee County Swimming and Diving Championships Saturday at Fenton High School.



## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** How many times has the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game ended in a tie?

**A** It has happened twice. In 1958, the teams battled to a 12-12 tie. In 1963, the squads fought to a 7-7 deadlock.

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# Plasters celebrates birthday with win

## Linden senior scores 20 points, leads Eagles to 70-50 victory

By Al Zipsie

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**Lapeer** — Jack Plasters treated himself to a nice birthday gift on Monday night.

The Linden senior scored a career-high 20 points to help spark Linden to a 70-50 victory against Lapeer West in the Metro League.

"My birthday was the day before and it was a good way to celebrate my 18th birthday," said Plasters. "I couldn't get my shots to fall in the first half, and in the second half I got it going with a three-pointer and made my free throws."

"We were moving the ball more and closing the lanes with our defense taking away their shots."

"We started very well tonight," Linden coach Denny Hopkins said. "(West) got behind early and were forced to foul and we were better at the free-throw line tonight."

"Jack had a good game, a good birthday," Linden coach Denny Hopkins said. "All 20 of his points came in the second half, and he made 8-of-9 free throws in

the fourth quarter to put the game away."

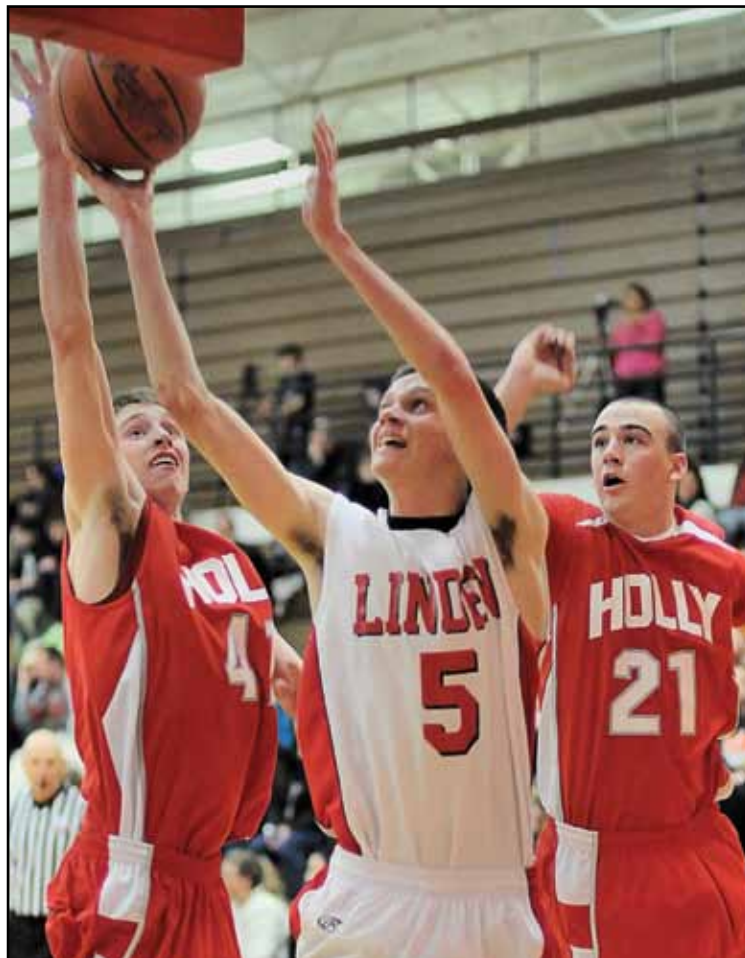
Linden has been a team of streaks this season. The Eagles lost the first four games and then won three in a row, which was followed by two straight losses. Now they hope this is a start of a winning streak. Linden (3-6 in the Metro and 4-6 overall) host Brandon Friday night.

The Eagles' offense had been struggling. They were held to 40 or less points in three of the last four games. They got it rolling against West, avenging a tough two-point loss earlier this season.

It was a good start for Linden, as the Eagles led 13-6 after the first quarter, and 28-18 at halftime. The Eagles passed the ball well, triggering their offensive game. They held the same 10-point lead going into the final quarter, but then blew it open by erupting for 29 points in the fourth quarter.

"We felt good moving the ball," Hopkins said. "(Brad) Farthing and (Max) Powell were dumping the ball off and that was

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Linden's Jack Plasters (center) takes a shot during a recent game against Holly. He had 20 points in the Eagles' win against Lapeer West on Monday.

# Stone's two goals lead Tri-City past Mustangs, 7-0

By David Troppens

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The Tri-City Chiefs had one of their best games of the season on Saturday.

The co-op hockey team made up of high school players from Lake Fenton, Linden and Durand defeated the Clio Mustangs 7-0.

"It was a very nice game," Tri-City coach Ryan Hoover said. "In the first period, we got outplayed, but we were short-handed for about six minutes. After the first period we played better."

The game was scoreless until Jake Stone scored the first of his two goals early in the second period. Chase Jenkins followed with a goal on the power play just a couple of minutes later, and the blowout was well on its way.

Stone finished the game with two goals, while Cameron Brands, Jenkins, Joe Kazmier, Tyler Merritt and Evan Haller had a goal each.

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# Bronchos finish second at Hartland Invitational

By David Troppens

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These days, even when the Holly varsity wrestling team loses, the squad can't feel too bad.

After all, the seventh-ranked Bronchos are doing their share of winning and all of those losses are coming against the state's elite teams.

"Our only losses have been to Hudson, Dundee and Hartland,"

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Holly's Anthony Gonzales (top) works on a recent opponent. He went undefeated at the Hartland Invitational on Saturday.

Holly coach Don Pluta said. "At least we are not losing to people we should be beating. Those are the top teams in the state. And we've been competitive in those matches, so I'm happy about that."

The Bronchos (17-3) took second at the Hartland Team Invitational on Saturday. The Bronchos defeated Hartland's 'B' team 63-19, Grand Rapids Northview 40-

24 and Waterford Mott 72-9. In the finals, they lost to Hartland 46-22.

Mason Cleaver was Holly's top star. The 112-pounder went 4-0 and was named the MVP in the lower weights.

"He had two pins and then won a match in sudden death overtime against (Hartland's) Austin Eicher," Pluta said. "It was the most exciting match of the day. Everyone gave them a standing ovation, it was so

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Linden's Cliff Coleman (face clearly seen) works on pinning Holly's Joel Schuermann in a recent match. Coleman had an undefeated record at the Linden Invitational Team Tournament on Saturday.

## Linden Eagles capture own weekend tourney

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity wrestling team continues to improve.

That was evident on Saturday.

The Eagles won their own Linden Invitational Team Tournament, defeating Anchor Bay 42-24 in the tourney finals.

Linden went 4-0 on the day, also defeating Brighton 53-15, Watterford Kettering 50-19 and West Bloomfield 48-19.

"The guys are starting to step it up on the mat, and I'm really pleased with that," Linden coach Todd Skinner said. "One that's stepping up is Chase Gifford. He went 4-0. We are really pleased. We are 21-8 overall, which is a good season for us."

The ninth-ranked wrestling team in Division 2 had a tough battle with Anchor Bay.

The Eagles trailed at one time 22-3,

but then the Eagles won each of the final five matches to cruise to the victory. Jeff Fisher (171), Gifford (189), Kyle Fisher (215) and Cliff Coleman (285) each won by pinfall down the stretch. Elijah Foguth (103) ended the match with a victory by injury default.

Linden's only victory in the first five matches was Austin Golden's 5-2 decision win at 125. Other winners for Linden were Dallas Blank (140) by decision and Shane Stevens (152) by pinfall.

Foguth (103), Blank (140), Stevens (152), Jeff Fisher (171), Gifford (189), Kyle Fisher (215) and Coleman (285) each posted 4-0 records on the day. Kyle Fisher remains perfect at 39-0.

"The kids are stepping up at the right time and that's what is exciting," Skinner said.

Linden faces Kearsley on Wednesday.

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Other top Fenton performers were Sam Moss, fifth in diving (278.85); David Congdon, seventh in the 100 backstroke (1:08.92) and eighth in the 50 freestyle

(24.90); and Ken Carbary, sixth in the 500 freestyle (5:33.83).

Fenton travels to Swartz Creek for a Metro League match on Thursday, while the Bronchos host Kearsley. Both meets begin at 6 p.m.

## LF wrestlers compete at tough Lakeshore Super Duals

By Al Zipsie

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**Stevensville** — They call it the Lakeshore Super Duals for a reason.

Lake Fenton's wrestling team made the long trip to face some of the top teams in the state Saturday.

The Blue Devils hope the tough competition they have faced all year will pay off at state tournament time.

The Blue Devils went 2-2, falling to Hudson 33-27 and Richmond 42-22. The wins came over Niles 59-15 and Lakeshore 36-32.

"It was a tough day. Better now than at state to take our lumps," said Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran. "We have come down to the wire with teams that have beat Richmond. We got down a little after losing the first match to Hudson."

It was the first time this season that the Blue Devils have lost two meets in a row. Lake Fenton (21-5) opened the meet with a loss to nemesis Hudson, who also beat them earlier by one point. The Richmond dual could be a preview of a Division 3 state team match in Battle Creek. Richmond and Lake Fenton were ranked second and third going into the Super Duals.

The Blue Devils did get some bad news. After waiting all season to wrestle, Jake

Hosking suffered an injury and his future remains unclear.

"It is so tough, he waits all year to wrestle and then gets hurt the first night back," said teammate James Demember, who also made his debut last week. "If anybody has the physical and mental toughness, and personality to do it and come back, it is Jake. It feels good to finally wrestle and get back on the mat. It has been tough waiting."

"I am getting back to the feel. I was 4-0 on the day (5-1 this season and 40-2 as a freshman). I got three decisions and a pin. It is nice to help the team. It was not a good start with (Lakeshore), and I stopped the streak and started the roll as we pretty much dominated from 125 to 152."

Wrestlers that went 4-0 on the day for Lake Fenton were Demember (103), Zach Corcoran (135), Justin Melick (140/145) and Connor Brancheau (160). Going 3-1 were Todd Melick

(119/125), Buddy Poyner (130) and Drew Morris (171/189).

Lake Fenton ended the day with the win against Lakeshore. The Blue Devils were trailing by 28-9 after eight matches. Todd Melick and Poyner started the rally with pinfalls, and Corcoran had a 9-2 decision cutting the lead to 28-24. Justin Melick

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### TRI-COUNTY WINTER TOP 5

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

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

Note: Not much has changed. Fenton girls basketball coach Brad DeWitt went for career win No. 246, against Clio on Tuesday. A win would allow DeWitt to break a Metro record for most wins by a coach. Results of that game were not known at presstime.

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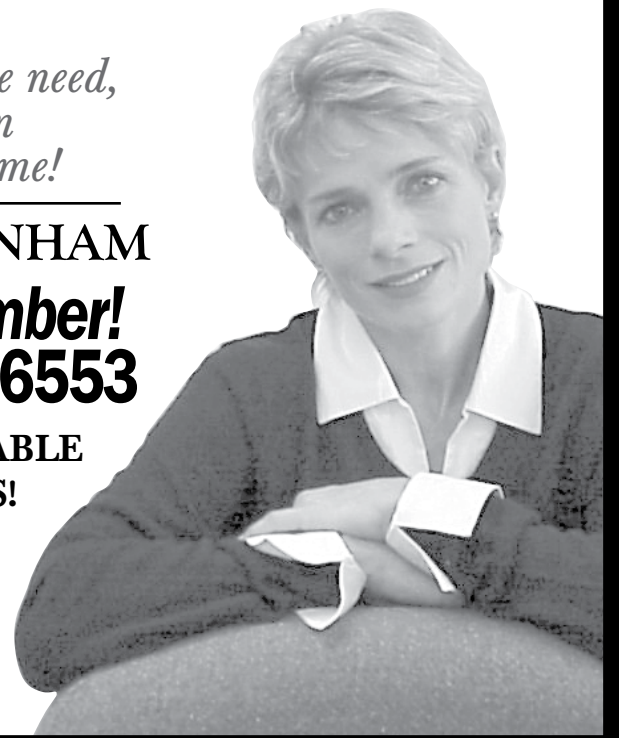
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then cut the lead to 32-30 with one match remaining. Christian O'Guinn (152) earned Lake Fenton the victory in style with a fall in 3:26 for the 36-32 victory.

"(O'Guinn) has not lost to anybody not top-ranked all season," said Corcoran. "His losses today were to two of the best, and he battled Hudson's Devon Manny, 4-0; and Richmond's Alex Mo-

rang, 7-3.

"I will be going 145, but at 152 and up I wrestle some bigger guys. That gets me more prepared," said O'Guinn. "It feels good to come up with the win and the lead at the right time in the final match. Ending on a positive note takes some sting away from the tough losses.

"We need to keep training harder and hopefully be prepared to meet Richmond again when it matters most."

January 20, 2011

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Constable of the Township of Rose

# Fenton ski program remains undefeated, sweeps Powers

By David Troppens

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It may be cold outside, but the Fenton varsity ski programs are pretty hot right now.

Both varsity teams improved to 2-0 with victories against Powers last week.

The girls defeated Powers 27-52, while the boys won 29-45.

In girls action, McKenna Valley placed first in the slalom (58.04 seconds) and second in the giant slalom (51.50). Meanwhile, teammate Lauren Rhoads took first in the giant slalom (51.21) and third in the slalom (59.34).

Seth Thompson and Max Weinberg led the Fenton boys. Thompson won the giant slalom (50.17) and took second in the slalom (55.52), while Weinberg placed first in the slalom (54.81) and second in the giant slalom (50.50).

**HOLLY/OXFORD VS. GRAND BLANC**

The Holly girls lost to Grand Blanc 25-52, while the boys lost 21-59.

Rachel Harrington led the girls, taking second in the giant slalom (53.45) and third in the slalom (1:03.34). Alex Schultz took fourth in the slalom in the boys event (53.56), while Dalton Sink was fifth in the giant slalom (50.14).

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huge. We get going when Brad distributes the basketball.

"Those two had five assists each in the first half and ended with seven each for the game. Of the 14 baskets in the first half, 11 of those came on assists."

Linden had a balanced attack with four players reaching double-figures. After Plasters' 20 points, Farthing hit a trio of three-pointers and scored 16. Powell added 11, and Kevin Baker had 10. The 70 points was the second highest point production of the season. Linden scored 74 in a victory against Kearsley earlier this season.

Making free throws and putting close games away at crunch time have been a stumbling block for Linden. It wasn't on Monday. Led by Plasters hitting 8-of-9 from the charity stripe, the Eagles made 15-of-18 free throws in the fourth quarter, sealing the win. Linden also played good defense. West's Collen Turczyn was held to seven points.

**LAPEER WEST 55, LINDEN 43**

The Linden varsity girls basketball team is starting to score.

Now the Lady Eagles (1-11) need to find a way to start scoring a bit sooner.

Linden was outscored 25-13 in the first half, and that resulted in the home



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Linden's Dylan Nash is swarmed by Holly players in a recent game. The Eagles defeated Lapeer West 70-50 on Monday.

loss to West on Monday.

Linden scored 30 points in the second half, but the 12-point halftime deficit was too much to overcome.

Maija Satkowiak led Linden with 16 points, while Sabrina Kinney had 12 points.

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On defense, the Chiefs were near perfect as well, killing off every Clio power play and earning the shutout. Hannah Fremd earned her first shutout of her career, but was also helped by her defense that limited the Mustangs to just 19 shots.

"The guys kept going," Hoover said. In the second and third periods, we executed our system really well and put the puck in the net. Jake Stone had another good game. He sparked it and it was a waterfall after that.

"Hannah had her first shutout. She

made some beauty saves, too. She's getting more comfortable. We tried to ease her into it, but she's definitely getting a feel for it. Defensively, we played well as a team. They played well in front of her. The shutout was a compliment to their defense, too."

The Tri-City squad now faces Fenton for a 6 p.m. contest today.

"That's a game we've been looking forward to," Hoover said. "We've been looking forward to it since the preseason game. We won that game and it was a great game to be a part of. It almost felt like a playoff game."

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good."

Esteban Gonzales (125/130), Zach Jones (135) and Shawn Scott (171) each went 4-0 as well. Kyle Pepper (125/130), Joe Piwowarski (215) and Andrew Scott (140) each went 3-1.

"Kyle had a good day," Pluta said. "He's been on the 'B' team and has wrestled some JV, but he's a freshman and he's good. He just has the Gonzaleses and it's hard to break into the lineup. He had a nice day."

The Bronchos have a big match Wednesday at Lapeer West. The Panthers are just

one loss behind the Bronchos in the Metro standings. A win, and the Bronchos are in strong shape to finish the dual portion of the Metro season undefeated. If they lose, there's a good chance three teams — Holly, West and Linden — could enter the Metro meet tied in first with a loss each. The match begins at 5:30 p.m.

"West is the big one," Pluta said. "We have to keep rolling, because they are pretty good. We have to keep wrestling and bring our 'A' game. We'll have to be at the top of our abilities if we are going to win our league championship. We are out front right now, but some good teams are chasing us."



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**Roll Call:** Supervisor Lambert, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Leslie and Trustee Ruth.

**Approved:** Consent Agenda as Amended.

**No Action:** Shared Services.

**Approved:** Request Reimbursement for 2011 Special Elections – Proposed Resolution 2011-01.

**Denied:** Consider Closed Session to Discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Communications.

**Approved:** Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before the Board – Medical Marijuana: Place on February 16, 2011 Township Board Agenda.

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Ad #9394: 2011-01-26 2011-02-02, 2011-02-09 2011-02-16

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Ad #9298: 2011-01-26

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Ad #8741: 2011-01-05 2011-01-12, 2011-01-19 2011-01-26

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Ad #8906: 2011-01-12 2011-01-19, 2011-01-26 2011-02-02

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Ad #8904: 2011-01-12 2011-01-19, 2011-01-26 2011-01-02-02

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Ad #9395: 2011-01-26 2011-02-02, 2011-02-09 2011-02-16

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Ad #9392: 2011-01-26 2011-02-02, 2011-02-09 2011-02-16



## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

### Nellie W. Gould,

Nellie W. Gould - a lifetime resident of Fenton died



January 22, 2011 at the age of 90. She is the beloved wife of the late

Douglas J. Gould. She is survived by her children, Bryan (Carla) Gould of Fenton, Jim (Cathy) Gould of Hobe Sound, FL and Barb (Ron) Soyka of Fenton; grandchildren, Doug (Marie Culpert) Gould, Shannon (Gary) Roxburgh, Andrew Gould, Amy (Rory) Crittenden; great-grandchildren, Maggie, Jane, and Cameron; sister, Clara (Richard) Killin; sister-in-law, Dorothy (John) West; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation was held Tuesday from 6-9 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Mrs. Gould will lie in state Wednesday, 11AM at the Fenton United Methodist Church, Fenton until the time of her service at 1PM. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 South Leroy Street, Fenton, MI 48430 or to donors choice. Share memories at [www.temrowskifuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifuneralhome.com).

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### Paul Edward Hinze 1944-2011

Paul Edward Hinze - age 66, of Linden/Argentine, died Saturday, January 22, 2011 at his residence. Funeral services



will be held 11 AM Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Burial will follow in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to the family. Visitation was held 12-9 PM Tuesday. Paul was born March 28, 1944 in Louisville, KY the son of Wilfred and Helen (Doll) Hinze. He was a 1962 graduate of Troy High School and was a veteran of the US Army. Mr. Hinze was a member of Detroit Plumbers Local #98. Mr. Hinze was also an active member of Hope Lutheran Church, serving on the church council and choir. Surviving are: wife, Sharon; children, Shannon Farnsworth of Port Huron, Stephanie Hinze-Dudek and husband Tad of West Bloomfield, Michelle Ackers and husband Denney of Warsaw, IN, Thomas Farnsworth and wife Chay of Linden, Edward Farnsworth of Blairsville, GA, Sherianne Smarch and husband Dan of Fowlerville; 17 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert and wife Connie, Wilfred and wife Patricia; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Bobby. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).

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### Richard A. Skellenger

1945-2011

Richard A. Skellenger - age 65, of Holly, died Saturday, January 22, 2011. A committal service and military honors will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Rick was born in Washington DC on September 9, 1945 the son of Richard and Bette (Cook) Skellenger. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, as well as spending time with friends and family. He was the owner of Division Printing in Waterford. Rick, a community-minded man, was a lifetime member of the Holly Jaycees. He is survived by his mother Bette Fisher of New Hampshire; 2 brothers Mark (Cathy) Skellenger of NH, and Chris (Susan) Skellenger of Traverse City; wife Linda; son Bryan Waugh and grandson Dakota of Traverse City; and granddaughter Danielle of Commerce Twp. He was preceded in death by his father Richard H. Skellenger. Memorial donations may be made to Reunion With A Cause. [www.dryerfuneral-homeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneral-homeholly.com).



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