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a life-changing experience. We are going again in

May to volunteer. It was amazing to see babies change within a week of being held and loved. Your trip as a short-term volunteer or any donations are tax deductible. Please act by volunteering or giving a donation. Your money goes to good use there. Change is happening with good people's support. Romania, here I come.”

— Melissa B.

STORY:  
GOOD-BYE, JAN

“Thank you for the tribute. I remember Jan interviewing my mother many years ago, and being such a gracious and intelligent person.”

— Lynn G.

“Jan was a brilliant light in our community, and will be missed. She was a real people person, who cared about others, writing about



local talent, events, etc. Jan was always involved,

taking time to pursue facts about others' endeavors. Finally, Jan was a great writer who wrote columns that interested everyone. Good-bye, Jan.”

— Kathryn Fleming

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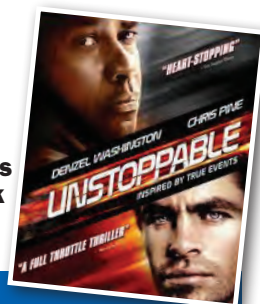
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Polar Plunge raises  
\$38,000 for charity

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Jessica Furmanczyk (left) and Pat Morris jump into the icy water of Lake Fenton during Saturday's Polar Plunge at the Fenton Moose Lodge.

One hundred sixty-seven take icy plunge  
into Lake Fenton for Special Olympics

By Tim Jagielo

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Winter weather and frigid waters did not deter 167 people from the tri-county area and from as far away as Chicago from donning

bathing suits, dry suits, and even Batman suits, and jumping in the icy waters of Lake Fenton.

The second annual Polar Plunge at the Fenton Moose Lodge on Lake Fenton

drew around 1,000 visitors, and was a cooperative effort between the Moose Lodge and Area 13 Special Olympics of Genesee and Lapeer County.

See **PLUNGE** on 13

## Summary

►The Polar Plunge is a fundraising event for the Special Olympics of Genesee and Lapeer counties, and held at Fenton Moose Lodge. Participants pledge to raise at least \$50 each, and then take a dip into Lake Fenton.

## DDA budget up in air

►Director recommends spending \$200,000 less to budget for future development

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is working on its annual budget, with two proposals to choose from. One, which Director Michael Burns is recommending, is \$200,000 less and would reserve money in case a major development arises. This could include the former Republic Bank

property the DDA owns at Silver Lake Road and LeRoy Street.

Burns said he prepared two proposed budgets for the DDA board to select from. The board was scheduled to discuss it at Tuesday's meeting.

The DDA could reduce its budget by cutting marketing costs by \$30,000, during an 18-month period. In addition, it could hold off on landscaping and irrigation for Silver Parkway, saving around \$186,000. The lighting

See **BUDGET** on 9Fenton, Linden extend  
temporary bans on medical  
marijuana dispensaries

►Moratoriums  
to last another  
six months

By Sharon Stone  
and Anna Troppens  
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Both Linden and Fenton city councils adopted

resolutions Monday that extend their moratoriums on medical marijuana dispensaries for six months. Discussion took place before each vote. Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn said Fenton's moratorium on

See **MARIJUANA** on 8FDIC shuts  
down Peoples  
State Bank

►First Michigan Bank  
acquires assets and  
deposits, reopens

By Anna Troppens

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**Fenton** — Peoples State Bank on Silver Parkway in Fenton, along with the other nine branches in Southeast Michigan, has been acquired by First Michigan Bank. In court for the 30<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Ingham County, Peoples State Bank was found to be in “unsafe and unsound condition.” To protect depositors, the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation closed Peoples State Bank and appointed the Federal

See **FDIC** on 15

## Summary

►After being declared in “unsafe and unsound condition,” Peoples State Bank has been taken over by First Michigan Bank. The former Peoples State Bank locations are open under the new leadership, and customers can continue to bank as usual.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO Signs at Peoples State Bank on Silver Parkway were changed on Monday, after First Michigan Bank acquired it.

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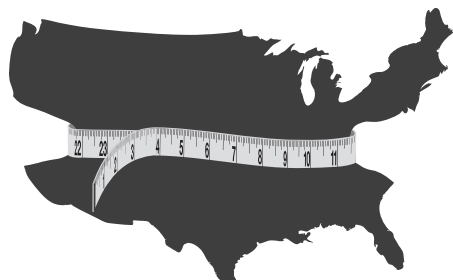


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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Jessica McLean, 21, has managed tanning salons since she was 15. She liked the Holly area, and decided to jointly take over Jamaica Tan, Inc., in June.

## Jamaica Tan in Holly has new owners

By Tim Jagielo

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Jessica McLean and Lee Snider are the new owners of Jamaica Tan Inc., located next to Curves for Women, just north of Downtown Holly.

The young business partners took over the salon in June. McLean has been managing tanning salons since she was 16, and has worked for other salons, including a ritzy one in Rochester Hills, but decided that was not for her.

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**Jessica McLean**  
manager, Jamaica Tan, Inc.

for sale on-line, she and her boyfriend decided to go into business together. Snider owns the location, and McLean manages.

Since taking over, they have painted the interior, introduced new packages, and added a tanning bed, to compete with other salons in the area. They have 11 units altogether, three of which are standing units.

Jamaica Tan, Inc., has four employees, and sells tanning lotion from Designer Skin,

When McLean saw the Jamaica Tan Swedish Beauty, and Australian Gold.

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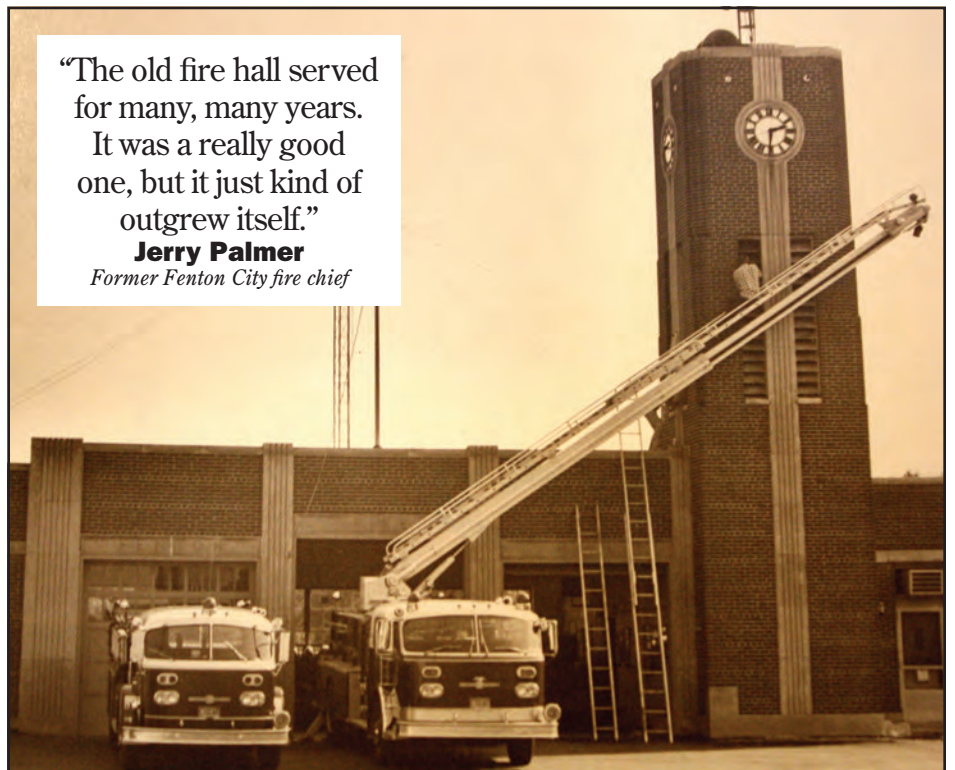
By Anna Troppens  
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**Fenton** — Once the proud location of the city's fire hall, the two-story brick building at 201 S. LeRoy St. sits empty. Michigan Brewing Company will be putting around \$1 million of its own funding into it, to create a new restaurant from the old structure. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will provide up to 33 percent of the project costs, not to exceed \$400,000.

By June 2012, the new restaurant, complete with a small brewing operation, could be open. Michigan Brewing Company (MBC) and the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are working out a seven-year, lease-to-own agreement.

Old posters inside the building include a one from 1992, for testing smoke detectors, and one saying, "Never leave a debris fire."

Ken Seger, a longtime Fenton resident and member of the Fenton Historical Society, **See FIRE HALL on 11**



"The old fire hall served for many, many years. It was a really good one, but it just kind of outgrew itself."

**Jerry Palmer**

Former Fenton City fire chief

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

The building at 201 S. LeRoy St. in Fenton once served as the city's fire hall.

## Right colors, right tools, right results

► Paint your living space to fit your personality

By Tim Jagielo

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Painting is not just painting, according to Todd Duffy, of Holly Township. "You're customizing your living space to fit your personality," he said.

Duffy has been a professional painter for 22 years, and the results of that experience shows in his home. He calls a properly color-matched and painted room, an "extension of your personality."

His living room is painted in three different earth tones, with a ceiling that is a slightly different tone of white, to match the room. The darker green is called "Fervent Green," the dark red, "Hawaiian Cinder." The

ceiling is a mixture of cream brown and white.

He gestures to the walls and ceiling. "This is an extension of me," he said.

Choosing the right color and doing the job properly can change the room from an empty space, to a one that showcases your personality. And, good results can be achieved with the right tools, and taking a little bit of time.

Bill Hall, of Fenton, heads the painting department at McKay's Do-it Center in Holly, and is retired from 30 years of residential, commercial and industrial painting. He said the main mistake people make when painting a room is not preparing it properly. "Prepping properly makes the difference between a good job and a bad job," he said.

**See PAINT on 16**

### Summary

► Painting a room takes good tools and paint, and taking the time to do a good job. Professionals can also help choose the right colors.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Todd Duffy, of Holly Township, is painting the trim in the baby's room of his home. He said the key to painting trim is a good brush, around 3/4 the size of the molding. "Paint into the wet part, and use smooth strokes," he said.

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Richard Rockman

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#### Newt Gingrich statement on the proposed mosque at Ground Zero

"There should be no mosque near Ground Zero in New York so long as there are no churches or synagogues in Saudi Arabia. The time for double standards that allow Islamists to behave aggressively toward us while they demand our weakness and submission is over.

The proposed 'Cordoba House' overlooking the World Trade Center site, where a group of jihadists killed over 3,000 Americans, is a test of the timidity, passivity and historic ignorance of Americans. Cordoba House is a deliberately insulting term. It refers to Cordoba, Spain, the capital of Muslim conquerors who symbolized their victory over the Christian Spaniards by transforming a church there into the world's third-largest mosque complex.

Today, some of the mosque's backers laughably insist this term is being used to 'symbolize interfaith cooperation' when, in fact, it is a sign of their utter contempt for us and their confidence in our historic ignorance that they would deliberately insult us this way.

Those Islamists and their apologists who argue for 'religious toleration' are inherently dishonest. They ignore the fact that more than 100 mosques already exist in New York City. Meanwhile, there are no churches or synagogues in all of Saudi Arabia. Yet, they lecture us about tolerance.

Finally, where is the money coming from? The people behind the Cordoba House refuse to reveal all their funding sources. America is experiencing an Islamist cultural-political offensive designed to undermine and destroy our civilization. Sadly, too many of our elites are willing apologists for those who would destroy us if they could. No mosque. No self-deception. No surrender. The time to take a stand is now — at this site, on this issue."

— Newt Gingrich

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**CLOSE THE SCHOOLS** and keep the senior center open so the old folks can slip and slide to get there to break their hip. If the schools are closed, common sense dictates, close the senior center. Of course, common sense is as rare as genius.

**WHOEVER IS AGAINST** repealing the item-pricing law has clearly never worked in retail. Consumers intentionally swap price tags to get the bounty and rip businesses off. All the law does is hinder the business who has to pay the bounty, because there are people out there who take advantage of this idiotic law. It isn't there to protect you. It's there to help you cheat a business.

**I AGREE, GET** rid of itemized pricing at stores/retailers in Michigan. Only two states do it now. What's the big deal? The price will still be displayed.

**A FEW TIMES** now, on my commute home, I've heard the 'Get Closer Fenton' advertisement. The ad was well done, and I found myself thinking of

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patronizing the businesses mentioned. Nice work, DDA. The results of this advertising should silence most of the 'naysayers.'

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**OBAMA'S PROPOSED BUDGET** cuts spending by two-thirds, but also gets offset by one-third for tax increases. If his plan is to reduce spending, why the tax increase? He also claims this reduces the deficit by \$1.1 trillion over 10 years. Yet, he has spent well over seven times this amount in his very short time as president. Talk about fuzzy math. You would think a Harvard graduate could better.

**VERY NICE ARTICLE** on Jan Rynearson. She was such an asset to Fenton. I can't imagine your paper without her. Hope you find someone with a passion for Fenton to replace her, although no one will fill her shoes. Rest in peace, Jan.

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See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

From the  
editor

#### That's that story, for now

Many people in the tri-county area are already aware of the passing of Jan Rynearson, longtime features editor for the Tri-County Times. Jan passed away last week, Tuesday, Feb. 8, and the funeral service was held this past Saturday at her beloved St. John Catholic Church.

Many members of the community, friends, family members, and co-workers came to pay their final respects on Saturday, and say goodbye to a woman who was a pillar of the community for many years.

Jan had been hospitalized at Genysis Regional Medical Center throughout much of the month of January, after having suffered a stroke. I would call often to see how she was doing. As Jan would give me a progress report, her final words were always the same, 'That's the story, for now.'

Jan told me her intention was to come home from the hospital and to come back to work, as she had more stories she needed — and wanted — to write.

But, as a longtime reporter and writer, she knew, as we all know, that endings are often unknown, and subject to change at any given time.

So, needless to say, the staff here at the Times is mourning the loss of one of our most dedicated and long-serving employees.

As I said in our Tri-County Tribute to Jan, if I had to describe her in three words it would be, 'A great lady.'

Jan always had a smile on her face, and love in her heart. Her joy was in her family, her dear friends, her church and in telling the story. And, she has told thousands of stories in her years here at the Times.

She lived her life with joy, grace and dignity and that is how she will be remembered.

She will be missed.

That's the story, for now.

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## When you have cabin fever, what do you do?

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"I'd have to say that I actually go out and play in the barn. We have three horses."

— Andrea Kelly, Fenton



"I don't get cabin fever at all. I'm too active. I drive for Randy Wise, the shuttle van, and I have chickens at home I have to feed."

— Mel Pankowski, Rose Twp.



"We do paints or clay or something. I'm an art teacher, so I have lots of art stuff."

— Lisa Snider  
Fenton



"Go on the computer — Internet, games."

— Marvin Wilson  
Fenton



"Go outside, probably shovel snow."

— Jim Martin  
Flint



"Pray for sunshine."

— Chris Bradford  
Holly



# Council says 'bid it out'

► Split opinions on renewing auditing firm contract

By Sharon Stone

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**Linden** — Linden City Council tabled discussion on an audit agreement with Abraham and Gaffney. Instead, it instructed the city manager to seek bids for auditing services.

Motions failed when city council voted 3-3 twice. On the first vote, Councilors Ray Culbert, Ed Ciesielski and Matt Chapman voted to deny the extension. Mayor David Lossing and councilors Danielle Dixon and Charles Ross voted in favor.

On the second vote, Culbert, Ciesielski and Chapman voted down an alternative motion that would extend the contract with an automatic seeking of bids when the three-year contract expires. Lossing, Dixon and Ross voted in favor.

City council is typically comprised of seven individuals; however, the seat of

## Summary

► City councilors were split as they voted on extending the contract with the auditing firm of Abraham and Gaffney.

former councilor, Patti O'Dwyer has not yet been filled. In 2005, the city selected Abraham and Gaffney to audit the city's financial records for three years. At the time, it was the lowest bid. At the conclusion of fiscal year 2007, the firm was awarded a three-year extension, with a modest increase, according to City Manager Christopher Wren.

The agreement has now expired again. At the request of Wren, the firm submitted a renewal proposal to continue the audit service for another three years.

Abraham and Gaffney's proposal called for no increase in fees for the first year and then 2 percent increases in the following two years. According to their proposal, the firm would charge \$8,600 for 2011, \$8,775 for 2012 and \$8,950 for 2013.

Wren recommended the city extend the agreement with Abraham and Gaffney and said their increase would have minimal impact on the city's financial

stability. The increase in pricing reflected in year two and three of the contract represent a total increase in the contract of \$525.

Culbert said in today's economic world, "We should bid out everything."

I disagree with this. It sends a bad signal. I strongly feel it needs to be bid out."

Chapman said, "Bid it out."

Ciesielski said, "In all fairness to everyone, bid it out."

Wren said Abraham and Gaffney would be welcome to resubmit their proposal, along with any other firm that is interested.

"In all fairness to everyone, bid it out."

**Ed Ciesielski**  
Linden City councilor

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## The burden of proof

Whenever a case goes to a trial before a judge or a jury, there are a number of legal and procedural standards that must be met. The judge who presides over the trial is charged with making sure that the trial is conducted according to these standards.

In all trials, an important distinction to make is the required burden of proof level that must be met in order to prevail.

Under the law, there are different standards for criminal and civil cases as to the necessary burden of proof.

In criminal cases, the standard is for the people to prove the defendant's guilt 'beyond a reasonable doubt,' keeping in mind that a criminal defendant is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty.

Michigan's Standard Jury Instruction summarizes this all as follows:

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Every crime is made up of parts called elements. The prosecutor must prove each element of the

crime beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendant is not required to prove (his/her) innocence or to do anything. If you find that the prosecutor has not proven every element beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant not guilty.

A reasonable doubt is a fair, honest doubt growing out of the evidence or lack of evidence. It is not merely an imaginary or possible doubt, but a doubt based on reason and common sense. A reasonable doubt is just that — a doubt that is reasonable, after a careful and considered examination of the facts and circumstances of this case.

The burden of proof standard is different and less in civil cases.

Additionally, the burden can vary, depending on the type of civil case. However, the most common burden of proof standard in civil cases is proof 'by a preponderance of the evidence.'

This is commonly defined in the law as requiring that what the plaintiff has presented outweigh the evidence against it.

There is a simple rationale behind the differences in the required burdens of proof, as the law recognizes that in a criminal case, the burden must be higher due to the possible criminal penalties that could apply including a loss of liberty by incarceration if a defendant is found guilty. In a civil case, a verdict against a defendant usually involves a loss of money or other damages.

By definition, a trial carries with it some degree of uncertainty and whether a party has met, the required burden of proof is one of the reasons why.

## Holly allows early Sunday alcohol sales

By Tim Jagielo

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**Holly Village** — Early Sunday and Christmas liquor sales will be allowed in the village of Holly following a unanimous vote at the regular council meeting last Tuesday.

The state recently passed legislation allowing the sale of liquor, beer and wine between the hours of 7 a.m. on Sunday and 2 a.m. on Monday. Liquor sales would also be permitted on Christmas Day.

The new law allowed local jurisdictions to ban all-day Sunday liquor sales.

Holly Village joined other local townships in allowing the earlier sales. The cities of Fenton and Linden voted to prohibit it.

The council had previously ordered a 60-day moratorium on the matter to allow time to discuss the issue.

The council weighed in on two resolutions, one that would allow Sunday sales, and one that would prohibit it.

Kim Butts, owner of Broadstreet Station in Holly, offered his support for not

prohibiting the extended sales hours, as well as Ryan Bladzick of the Holly Economic Development Task Force.

"It's hard enough for folks to get by," said Fred Hopper of Holly. "If they want a drink, they'll just go out of the village to get it."

"Why not keep the revenue here," said Council member Jackie Campbell.

Council members Don Winglemire, Jason Hughes, and Pauline Kenner all voiced support for businesses, and sought a reduced role in how government affects business.

"I don't believe we have the right to take it away from our business owners," said Campbell. "If they wish to purchase that permit and sell (alcohol), they should be allowed to."

Council President Jeff Miller first offered his opinion to prohibit Sunday morning sales, but was eventually persuaded by members of the council to let it pass. "I'll drink to that," he said.

Hughes made the motion to remove the 60-day moratorium and to take no action, allowing local businesses the decision to purchase a permit to sell on Christmas, and earlier on Sunday.

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## Fenton man scammed out of \$6,100

By Sharon Stone

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A Fenton resident was scammed out of about \$6,100, and Fenton police are urging all residents to be wary of wiring money to unknown people so that they, too, will not become a victim.

Lt. Jason Slater said the victim received a phone call from a man representing himself as a police sergeant from Canada. This person told the Fenton man that his son had been arrested in Canada and that narcotics had been found in his vehicle.

The unknown caller told the Fenton man that he needed to wire money so that his son could post bond and be released from jail.

The story seemed believable to the victim, said Slater. Apparently, the unknown caller called the Fenton man's mother-in-law first and after explaining the fake story, she gave the unknown man her son-in-law's phone number. At one point during her conversation, a person on the other end of the phone sounded like her grandson.

Slater said there are search sites on the Internet that list possible relatives, making it easier for would-be scammers to provide a legitimate name.

Believing his son was in trouble, the Fenton man wired more than \$6,100 through Western Union. Shortly after the transaction, the victim received a follow-up call from the same person asking for another \$3,000 to cover his son's attorney fees.

Slater said Fenton police have put together a flyer to display at Western Union branches to warn and educate residents of possible frauds. If there is any suspicion, residents are urged to contact police before wiring any of their hard-earned money to unknown individuals.

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On Sunday, Feb. 13, someone smashed out the passenger window and stole a purse from a car parked at a business in the 700 block of Torrey Road. Similar smash and grabs have been reported from this same parking lot recently. Fenton police remind everyone to remove valuables from unattended vehicles, locked or unlocked.

### SHOPLIFTER CAUGHT

On Feb. 11, Fenton police responded to a Silver Parkway grocery store to investigate a retail fraud complaint. A man concealed three packages of meat. The suspect was confronted and he returned the meat. The surveillance video revealed the man had also concealed two bottles of liquor underneath his coat.

### LOADED GUNS MISSING

On Feb. 8, Argentine Township police received a breaking and entering complaint. A homeowner on Rolston Road reported that two loaded handguns, a 357 Magnum and 380 semiautomatic, were missing.

### HOUSE BROKEN INTO

Argentine Township police are investigating a burglary, with forced entry. Police responded to a house in the 15000 block of McCaslin Lake Road to investigate the complaint. Items reported stolen include a stereo and a variety of power tools.

### CAR RUNS INTO SALT TRUCK

Argentine Township police responded to the intersection of Duffield and Lahring roads on a report of automobile crash involving a car and a Genesee County Road Commission salt truck. The Oldsmobile Aurora failed to stop at the intersection and struck the salt truck. The driver of the car was suspected of driving under the influence of drugs and had blood drawn.

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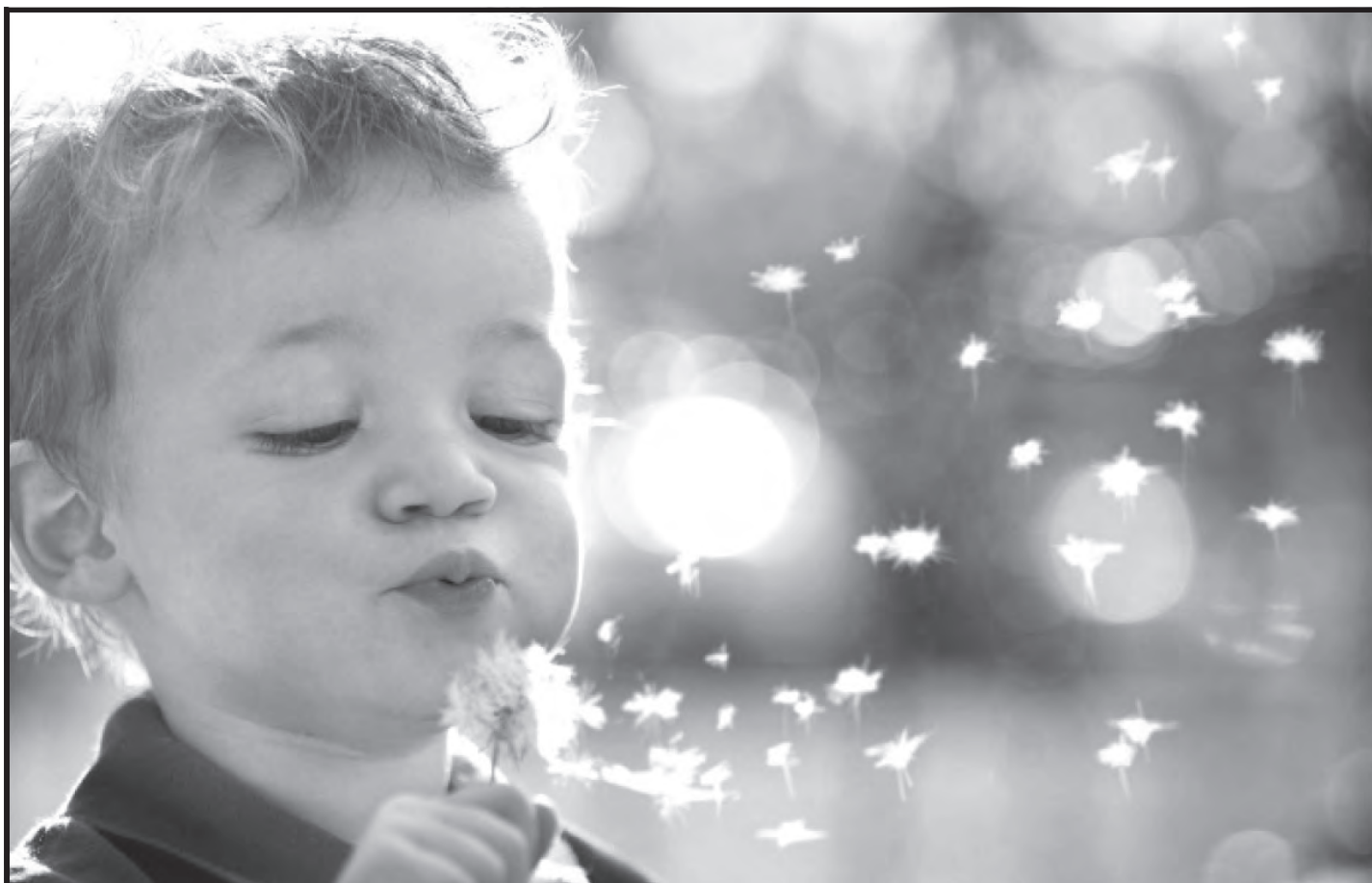
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## MARIJUANA

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certain land uses will be for six months

### Summary

►Fenton and Linden city councils approved resolutions on Monday that place six-month moratoriums on medical marijuana dispensaries within their city limits.

or until the city can enact an ordinance on medical marijuana — which ever comes first.

Attorney Ross Bower, for the city of Fenton, said dispensaries for medical marijuana are an unlawful use, during the moratorium.

The moratorium prohibits all medical marijuana-related activities in Fenton, other than an authorized person medicating him- or herself, on their own.

Attorney Matthew McKone told Linden council members that there is much gray area regarding the dispensaries. Litigation is ongoing across the state, which will have an impact on defining the law. "I look forward to some of the rulings," said McKone. "This is our recommendation."

There also are federal questions, of whether federal law can trump the state law in Michigan allowing medical marijuana, said Bower, for the city of Fenton.

In addition, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is challenging multiple municipalities' regulations.

McKone suggested that while a moratorium is in place, the planning commission and zoning board of appeals look into the matter.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said, "Until the courts clear this up, it's (the moratorium) a good idea."

The last temporary moratorium in

"We need direction from the courts and legislators."

**Matthew McKone**

Attorney, Linden City Council

Fenton was for six months, enacted six months ago, Bower said.

Linden City Manager Christopher Wren said one individual approached the city last fall about opening a dispensary within city limits.

That individual has since chosen to pursue other areas for his business.

In Fenton, police found two dispensaries around the time of the first moratorium. One was legal and one was not and ceased operation, Councilman John Rauch said.

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"Other communities offer it, but we're trying to control it," Osborn said.

By having a moratorium in place, Wren said it would give the city the necessary time to amend its own ordinance. "We have time to act accordingly," he said.

"We're just voiding dispensaries or facilities in the city limits for a limited time."

McKone said, "We need direction from the courts and legislators."

The first draft of the ordinance stated that the moratorium affected caregiver facilities. As an attorney, Linden Councilor Danielle Dixon said she is concerned about the language, and requested that the word "dispensaries" be included in the ordinance. Linden council members agreed with her request.

### HOLLY VILLAGE

The Holly Village Council tabled voting on its new ordinance concerning medical marijuana dispensaries at its meeting last Tuesday. Council members agreed to send it back to the planning commission to look at lifting a restriction in the ordinance as written. The ordinance language bars any other services being available out of the same dispensary. Council member Jason Hughes said he would like to see educational services on marijuana and the laws that affect its use available out of the same dispensary, which the current language does not allow.

— Tim Jagielo

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## Fenton Home Furnishings acquires Oscar Rau in Frankenmuth

►Fenton store to remain on North LeRoy Street

By Anna Troppens  
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**Fenton** — Gerry Willey opened his own furniture store 1979. Since then, Fenton Home Furnishings has grown into three unique locations. Most recently, it has added Oscar Rau, in Frankenmuth, to its ranks.

"We really appreciate the support of the Fenton people and the community," Willey said. "They've really helped us grow. We plan to open this summer in Frankenmuth."

Fenton Home Furnishings, which has a store on North LeRoy Street in Fenton, prides itself on its distinctive, upper quality furniture and comfortable, family atmosphere.

Both Fenton Home Furnishings and Oscar Rau's Fine Furniture and Interiors have long histories in their communities.

Willey worked hard to make his store a success, a company spokesperson said. He grew Fenton Home Furnishings slowly and steadily, starting as an inexpensive place to buy home furnishings. Through the support of his family, the stores have prospered. Much credit is due to the managers who personally pride themselves on their stores. Together they have been with Fenton Home Furnishings for more than 30 years.

Oscar Rau Fine Furniture and Interiors Oscar Rau's has been a Mid-Michigan tradition since 1945, the year Oscar Rau opened the Frankenmuth store. Sixty-six years later, second-generation Raymond J. Rau ran the business.

### Summary

►Fenton Home Furnishings has bought Oscar Rau Fine Furniture and Interiors, in Frankenmuth. The Fenton store, which prides itself on its distinctive, upper quality furniture, will remain in place on North LeRoy Street.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**GM OWES \$50 billion**, and Chrysler owes \$20 billion in bailout loans. The employees get \$10,000 bonuses. Former stockholders, dealerships and employees are still left with nothing. GM and Chrysler employees should remain happy just to have a job until every last penny of the loans is repaid. In the meantime, if they have money to give away, they should give it to the people they robbed.

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**THIS IS AN** apology to the couple who were in the truck behind me, when I lost control of my vehicle on Feb. 2 in Holly. I'd like to apologize for being an idiot. Please accept this apology from this knucklehead.

**TOYOTA MAY BE** building another plant in the states, but if you'll look into it a bit more, those states are right-to-work states with no union mafia. A lot of corporations and companies are choosing this option to avoid being bullied by the unions. I am a former union member and the union cost me my job. I hope they enjoyed my dues.

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### BUDGET

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improvements, and a crosswalk, would still be installed, he said.

Other projects include wayfinding signs, for \$125,000. Helping fund the development of the old fire hall off South LeRoy Street, into a new Michigan Brewing Company restaurant, could take as much as \$400,000. Plans are for it to become a boost for Fenton's downtown, city officials have said.

And, adding handicap accessibility at the gazebo could use \$62,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money, plus approximately \$160,000 in funding from the DDA, Burns said. The \$160,000 is the initial estimate, and the DDA's new engineering firm is reevaluating it.

**Budget could have approximately \$200,000 more in funding**

Fenton's downtown development authority (DDA) could see an increase of around \$200,000 in its funding, depending on how state legislators decide on a tax proposal for personal property. DDA Director Michael Burns said the additional \$200,000 could come to the DDA from the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA). The LDFA statute has become more restrictive about the types of properties the LDFA can capture taxes from. These must be industrial properties. Since the LDFA and DDA districts overlap, the \$193,000 the LDFA can't capture would go to the DDA. But, depending on state legislators' action, the DDA might not receive the additional funding, he said.





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At 86, Richard (Dick) Fisher enjoys working part-time as a furniture mover at Lovegrove's.

# Fenton's oldest worker?

## Older people in the workplace

Between 1977 and 2007, employment of workers 65 and over increased 101 percent, compared to a much smaller increase of 59 percent for total employment (16 and over). The number of employed men 65 and over rose 75 percent.

While the number of employed people age 75 and over is relatively small, this group had the most dramatic gain, increasing 172 percent between 1977 and 2007.

With the baby-boom generation about to join the ranks of those age 65 and over, the graying of the American workforce is only just beginning.

Source: United State Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor and Statistics

## Local man going strong at 86

By Sharon Stone

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While some people relish the idea of retiring and living a more relaxed lifestyle, others continue working well into their golden years.

Feeling as if he's still in his 60s, one of those choosing to work well into his 80s is Richard (Dick) Fisher. At 86, it's safe to say he is likely to be the oldest person in Fenton still working.

One of eight siblings, Fisher was born in 1925. He grew up on a farm in Illinois, outside Chicago and after high school, joined the Navy during World War II. Between 1944 and 1945, he moved to

"Some figure I'm 65 or so. I just smile and go along with it."

**Richard Fisher**  
Fenton resident

Fenton and put down his own roots.

After his time in the Navy, Fisher began working for American Spring in Holly. When that business closed, he went into the moving business with his brother and established Fisher Brothers Moving. His brother eventually dropped from the business, but Fisher continued on, with his expanding business, renamed Fisher Brother.

At one time, he had a four-truck fleet. After realizing he made more money with fewer trucks, he downsized to one large truck. His son, Richard Fisher, II took over for a while until they ended things. He remembers making many deliveries for the late Nancy Stockham.

Fisher, who has been married three times, now works part time for Lovegrove's and helps move furniture or whatever else needs to be done around the store. "Kurt (Lovegrove) and I get along really good," he said.

"I can't lift what I used to," he said. "It's getting heavier and harder. He (Lovegrove) puts up with me."

Fisher doubts he will slow down anytime soon. "If you love your job, it's not work," he said. He logs in anywhere from five to 15 hours per week, depending on what needs to be done.

People often take second glances and inquire about Fisher's age. "They don't believe I'm as old as I am," he said. "Some figure I'm 65 or so. I just smile and go along with it."

Why does he keep working?

Fisher said he loves working with people and likes staying active. He works out for at least an hour every day and rides a stationary bike at least five miles every day. When the need arises, he shovels his neighbors' sidewalks.

Never a smoker, Fisher recalls when he was a young boy he tried smoking. His father spotted him and insisted he smoke a little brown cigar. "Talk about a sick dog. That was it for me."

He's never been much of drinker either. When he gets a bad cold, he'll mix his concoction of whiskey, lemon juice, honey and hot water. "Three days and it shakes it."

Besides staying active, another reason he enjoys working at Lovegrove's is their homemade treats. "They've got the best ice cream, and fudge."

"I feel good," he said. "I enjoy life."

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## FIRE HALL

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remembers going to caucuses in Fenton with his grandfather, back in the '40s. These took place at the old fire hall.

Currently, the city still has utilities running in the building, said DDA Director/Assistant City Manager Michael Burns. The two-story building is approximately 6,000 square feet — and includes the former city jail. A door with twisted metal bars and graffiti from 1969 and 1972 opens to reveal the former jail, which the Fenton police used until 1976. There is still a toilet on one side, and a wooden bench for sleeping accommodations.

Another unique feature is the three-story bell tower, which has a working bell that can be rung by pulling a cord. A metal ladder is fastened to one wall of the bell tower, for access to it. Outdoors, the tower sports clock faces and a set of the city's emergency warning sirens. Seger said one other clock like it exists, in the Smithsonian Institute. Western Clock Company in Cincinnati built it.

There are four overhead garage doors on the upper level of the old fire hall, and three on the lower one. Upstairs, cracked concrete covers the floor of bays where emergency vehicles were parked. The kitchen features old, wooden cabinets and bright, rectangular windows. On the corner of one cabinet, an old label advertises Corby's blended whiskey. Another label is beside it, for Schenley Reserve blended whiskey.

A dark red staircase leads to the lower level. Michigan Brewing Company has discussed also using the lower level for restaurant space, Burns said. "They are looking at different options."

The pipes, running along the walls and ceiling, will be removed. Some of the walls dividing the lower level, which are not load bearing, could also be removed.

The small, brick structure near the main building is a former pump house, whose well has been plugged and capped.

Bobby Mason, president and CEO of Michigan Brewing Company, did not respond to requests for comment. Burns said he is working on setting up a press conference with Michigan Brewing Company regarding the project, soon.

### Former fire chief speaks

Jerry Palmer served on the Fenton Fire Department for 39 years, including as chief from 1990-97. The building once housed the city police and water departments, in addition to the fire department, he said. "It was pretty well utilized back then."

Thus, the old fire hall included a room used as the city jail. Most of the time, the police only kept prisoners overnight and then transferred them to Flint.

The old fire hall "needed to be updated so much," Palmer said. "The floors were bad because the new equipment was so much heavier than when they first built it."

A company came in to give the city a cost estimate on bringing the building up to code. Because of the expense, Fenton decided to build a new fire hall.

Assistant Chief Charles Koan took on the project of seeing that everything was done. "They've got a really nice hall down there to be proud of," Palmer said.

Fenton Fire Department covered a larger area when he was on the department, but it didn't handle medical emergencies as it does now. Ambulance companies used to handle the medical calls.

## Timeline

### 1875

A fire hall was built on South LeRoy Street, on the Fenton Community & Cultural Center property, after a series of serious fires prompted the town fathers to obtain better firefighting equipment. In the early days, teams of horses pulled the fire company's wagons and steamer. Meeting rooms for the village council, and firefighters, were on the second floor of the fire hall.

### 1876

A (secondhand) clock was installed, for \$750.

### 1900s

Fire trucks replaced the horse-drawn wagons and steamer. The new equipment took up more space and would hardly fit inside.

### Late '30s

The Rackham Foundation decided to give Fenton a community center. The first fire hall, and three other buildings, had to be razed to make room for it.

### 1938

The current "old fire hall" was open, and the clock from the old hall was reportedly moved there. The village offices were located on the left side of the building.

### 1939

The second fire hall in Fenton history was occupied, and the town had its first round-the-clock phone operator for fire and police.

### Circa 1995

The practice of sounding the fire whistle at noon ended.

### 1996

After 50 years, the Fenton Fire Department had outgrown its location. As the fire department's needs increased, the village administration, police and public works departments had vacated the building. CDPA, of Southfield, performed a needs assessment for the city's fire hall.

### 2000

The fire department's 125-year anniversary

### 2002

Fenton Fire Department moves to its new station, on Caroline Street.

Source: Fenton Historical Society



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ANNA TROPPENS

Michael Burns, assistant city manager and DDA director, rings the bell at the old fire hall.

### WHAT ABOUT PARKING?

Michigan Brewing Company will not be allowed to own or lease the city parking lot adjacent to the structure. It will receive 10 to 12 feet out from the building, for parking purposes, and the area at the front of the building, said Assistant City Manager/Downtown Development Director Michael Burns.

At a recent DDA meeting, Chairman Craig Schmidt said the old fire hall is in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay district, so all-municipal parking in the district can be counted toward parking requirements for the future restaurant. Patrons will be able to park behind the old fire hall, on the street, at the community center and behind city hall, for example.

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PLUNGE

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“It’s a good community to come out and support us,” said Jerry Daunt, area director for the Special Olympics. Daunt coordinated the event, which went smoothly without ice-related medical issues.

Participants had to raise at least \$50 to take the plunge, with the money going directly to the Special Olympics of Genesee and Lapeer counties.

By current counts, the event raised \$38,000 for Special Olympics, which serves more than 1,000 athletes in Genesee and Lapeer counties. This year’s event leaves last year in the dust, where 28 people took the plunge, and raised about \$7,000.

Daunt attributes the success to aggressive marketing, and some very dedicated participants, including the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. “We never dreamed we’d ever been so successful in our second year,” he said.

“Everybody played a big role in it,” said Fenton Moose Lodge administrator Matt Richmond, who served as liaison between the Moose Lodge and Special Olympics. Richmond said 25 Moose Lodge members also took the plunge.

A moose lodge member,

“I hope to raise twice as much money with twice as many people for the Special Olympics next year.”

**Matt Richmond**  
Administrator,  
Fenton Moose Lodge

Dan Brown, raised \$1,000, and took the plunge-as a paraplegic, Richmond said.

The largest single donation was from retired sheriff Keith Stowell of Davison, who raised around \$12,000, answering a challenge from local Fenton resident and attorney Suellen Parker.

She told Stowell he could not raise \$10,000, but if he did, she would shave her head. Parker reportedly had 90-percent of her hair shaved off following his success.

Pat Morris, of Fenton Township, took the plunge, and described it as, “the best experience ever,” she said. “It was for a great cause and I got to do it with some great people. I will definitely do it again next year.”

“If you cut the hole in the ice, they will come,” said Daunt. “I was so impressed with it.”

“I hope to raise twice as much money with twice as many people for the Special Olympics next year,” said Richmond.

After 27 minutes, all 167 jumpers had taken their plunge, paramedics and sheriffs were on hand for safety, and jumpers waited in a heated tent before their turn.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SCOTT SCHUPBACH  
Participants brave the icy water in the second annual Polar Plunge at the Fenton Moose Lodge on Saturday. Funds raised will benefit Special Olympics in Genesee and Lapeer County.



In this year’s event, 167 jumpers took the plunge into Lake Fenton.



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The mildest temperatures since November created perfect snowman-making conditions this past weekend for the Hamilton family in Fenton as they celebrated kindergartner Patrick’s birthday.

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## Computer-aided design snow fort



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Fenton High School sophomore Joe Foguth (left) and senior Josh Esch make a snow fort outside their school last Wednesday. It was a project for their CAD II computer-aided design class, with teacher Andy Cocagne.

## ONLINE

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### STORY: ITEM PRICING LAW

**“I believe repealing** the item pricing law will allow retailers to cheat customers while they boost their profits. Look at shelf pricing now. They put brand names next to private-label goods, in look-alike packaging. People pick up the wrong item by mistake, and if the price isn't marked on the item, the stores make out while the customer loses. I have been in stores where someone has an item in their cart and they pass a cheaper item. They pick up the cheaper item, leaving a more expensive item in its place. Shelf pricing doesn't help. Only item-pricing protects the consumer.”

— Steve

**“What the businesses** will save by this being repealed will never be passed onto the consumer. It will do nothing but pad corporate profits and corporate upper-management salaries. Leave the pricing law alone. Removal is a dumb idea that will benefit nobody but the corporations and their shareholders.”

— J. T. Smythe

**“If this bill** passes, then how will we enforce the scanner law? Will the grocery store clerk now have to walk back to the shelf to check every shelf to check the prices that ring up wrong?”

— VOR1994

## News briefs

### COUNCIL OBSERVES MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LATE JOURNALIST

Fenton City Council observed a moment of silence at Monday's meeting for late Tri-County Times Features Editor Jan Ryneerson. Ryneerson, 77, passed away last week. Mayor Sue Osborn said Fenton lost a cheerleader, and she saw Ryneerson at many council and downtown development authority meetings in the 27 years Osborn's been on council. “She's always been a promoter in our community,” the mayor said. “We do offer our condolences to the family. She loved this community and did well by us.”

### HOLLY VILLAGE MANAGER POSITION IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Interim Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker is one step away from becoming full-time village manager. Village Council President Jeff Miller and council member Don Winglemire will negotiate a contract with Walker. If the three agree, said Miller, the motion to officially hire him will be brought to a council vote. The contract was drafted following the most recent contract with former manager Marsha Powers, who was fired by the former council in September. The personnel and finance subcommittees left flexibility into the contract, to allow for changes in state revenue sharing, following the new state budget which will take affect in the summer. The new budget could leave funding gaps for municipalities like Holly.

### HOLLY POLICE CHIEF APPLICANTS NARROWED TO SIX

The Police Chief Selection Committee have narrowed the nearly 50 applicants to six, after each member chose their own top group, and then whittled the rest down as a group. On Feb 16, the selection committee will interview the six candidates in a closed session, and narrow them to three. On March 9, the final open interview with last three applicants will be conducted in the council chambers, by Interim Manager Jerry Walker.

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## FDIC

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Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) receiver. Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation (OFIR) Commissioner Ken Ross has announced that First Michigan Bank, of Troy, has acquired all the deposits and nearly all the assets of Peoples State Bank, of Hamtramck.

"This deal fully protects the depositors of Peoples State Bank and it allows customers to continue conducting their financial affairs as usual," Ross said. "Most Michigan banks remain strong despite a challenging economic environment."

The court order took place Friday, Feb. 11. The offices of the former Peoples State Bank opened for business as usual on Saturday, Feb. 12, as branches of First Michigan Bank. Checks drawn on Peoples State Bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.

The FDIC warns bank customers about possible "phishing" scams. Customers will not receive any e-mail notification to claim/unlock/unsuspend their account or to provide any private information.

As of Dec. 31, 2010, Peoples State Bank had \$390.5 million in total assets, \$389.9 million in deposits, and net loans of \$302.4 million.

### Questions?

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## FDIC warns of 'phishing' scam

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has created a webpage (<http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/alerts/phishing.html>) to warn consumers about a type of fraud called "phishing." The term "phishing" — as in fishing for confidential information — refers to a scam that encompasses fraudulently obtaining and using an individual's personal or financial information. It is common following the failure of a bank. This is how it works.

A consumer receives an e-mail, which appears to originate from a financial institution, government agency, or other well-known/reputable entity.

The message describes an urgent reason you must "verify" or "re-submit" personal or confidential information by clicking on a link embedded in the message.

The provided link appears to be the website of the financial institution, government agency or other well-known/reputable entity, but in "phishing" scams, the website belongs to the fraudster/scammer.

Once inside the fraudulent website, the consumer may be asked to provide Social Security numbers, account numbers, passwords or other information used to identify the consumer, such as the maiden name of the consumer's mother or the consumer's place of birth.

When the consumer provides the information, those perpetrating the fraud can begin to access consumer accounts or assume the person's identity.

It is important to note that the FDIC will never ask for personal or confidential information in this manner. See the FDIC website for further information.

## Calendar of events

### FRIDAY, FEB. 18

Members of Linden Free Methodist Church and Hope Lutheran Church are working together to host a **Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction** to raise funds for Joelle Winters, an employee of Wee Care Child Development Center. The dinner and silent auction takes place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18 at the Linden Free Methodist Church, 13274 South Linden Rd., Linden. The event is open to everyone in the community and admission is through donations only. Winters was involved in a snowmobile crash on Jan. 22 in Gaylord. She was airlifted to a hospital in Traverse City and spent eight days in intensive care. Winters, who is a single mother of three, is unable to work, has no insurance and has months of rehabilitation ahead. Organizers are seeking quality items for the Silent Auction. If someone has an item to donate, they are asked to call Holly Gaul at (810) 348-2610.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 27

Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts, JC's Broadway Dance Academy and Viper Apparel are hosting **Couture Fashion Show** on Sunday, Feb. 27 at Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts, 713 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Five percent of all the proceeds to Viper Apparel will be donated to Rory Shaddock, a Linden student who has cancer. Admission is free.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**NOT ONLY HAS** the federal government maxed out our credit cards to the tune of \$14 trillion-plus, guess what is going to happen very soon. States like California, New York, Illinois and many more will be asking the feds to bail them out because of under-funded pension plans and many extensions of unemployment benefits. When will the people realize that our elected officials aren't as smart as a fifth grader?

**I USED TO** think President Obama spent nearly a million dollars in attorney fees blocking access to his grade transcripts because they were less than stellar. Now, I realize that they were probably 4.0 or better, because in less than two years, he has made our country so dependent on the government, that calling him a genius does not do him justice.

**BRING ON THE** brewery. Nobody complains about The French Laundry being near two churches.

**TO THE PERSON** who said the food service is getting a 15-cents raise, you are wrong, they are only getting a 10-cent raise. Only a certain few got 15 cents and the custodians have gotten nothing. So, who should be complaining?

**CANADA, OPEN YOUR** doors, because the liberals are heading your way in 2012. God Bless Sarah Palin.

**IT WOULD BE** helpful if the sidewalks were kept clean in the LeRoy Street/Dauner Road area. I've seen disabled people in their wheelchairs in the road because the sidewalks have not been cleaned. I fear someone is going to be killed.

## Sweet treats



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Sweet Variations Chocolatier Carol Schuler paints chocolate on the shell for peanut butter-filled chocolate hearts on Tuesday. Hundreds of heart-shaped candies were made for Valentine's Day on Monday. "We just keep making, and making, and making them, when we need more," she said.

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Todd Duffy, of Holly Township, is painting the trim in the baby's room of his home.

## PAINT

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The first step is to move the furniture out of the way. Hall suggests moving it out of the room, to make the work area more comfortable. "When it is uncomfortable to work, it's harder," he said. If it is not possible to move the furniture out, move it to the other side of the room, or to the center, and cover it. Protect the floor with drop cloths.

Use spackle to cover nail holes and other surface imperfections. Let the spackle dry, and sand it down. Clean up any dust from sanding. Paint over the repaired areas with primer, and caulk in any areas of window trim that is cracked.

**"You're customizing  
your living space to fit  
your personality."**

**Todd Duffy**  
*Owner, All American  
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Most professionals including Duffy, do not use as much tape as a layperson, but both suggest using it around trim and moldings.

Hall and Duffy both suggest using paint with built-in primer. Cover the spot-primed walls with the paint, using a roller for the large areas, and a slimmer cut-in brush for trim.

"People tend to cheap out," said Duffy. Saving a few dollars on cheaper paint that is thinner than the name brand will probably need more coats, which will require double, or maybe triple the time. "What's your time worth?" he said.

Brushes made by Purdy are endorsed by both Hall and Duffy, and can be used repeatedly. "There's always painting jobs around the house," he said.

Duffy has also seen people rush through a painting project. "People want it done fast," he said.

Buying better tools and paint, and taking the right time to paint a room can ensure you will create a space you can be proud of, with a sense of accomplishment. "You feel a little more complete," said Duffy.

### Additional tips

Hardware stores like McKay's can help you color match and even make design choices. A seat cushion or a piece of fabric can be useful in choosing the right color.

### Quick Steps

- Buy the proper tools listed above.
- If needed, get help from a professional in choosing a color.
- Prepare the space by moving furniture out, or out of the way.
- Cover furniture and flooring with a drop cloth.
- Cover nail holes and other spots with spackle.
- Sand the spackle down and clean up the dust. Cover spots with primer.
- Tape around areas you wish to protect.
- Paint walls with color around tape with brush. Evenly paint large areas with roller.

# SWIMMING CLASSES

## Tiger Shark Swim Camp

February 24 - March 31 • 7-8pm

Fenton High School Swimming Pool

Ages 6-17

Thinking about joining the Tiger Shark Swim team? Need to fine-tune competitive swimming skills before making the leap to the team? Participants will focus on starts, turns, improving their strokes, learning how to follow a workout, and learning how to use a pace clock. The class will be taught under the supervision of the Tiger Shark Swim Team coaches. Goggles are required. Swim caps for long hair are strongly recommended.

## Triathlete Stroke Clinic

February 24 - March 17 • 7-8pm

Fenton High School Swimming Pool

Attention Triathletes! Are you hoping to improve your stroke for the upcoming Triathlon season? Looking to improve your efficiency as you swim laps? Then this program is for you! This class will include 4 one hour stroke clinics. Primary focus will be on Freestyle, developing a workout, and tips on swimming in Triathlons. Experienced coaches will teach this course, along with assistance from an experienced triathlete.

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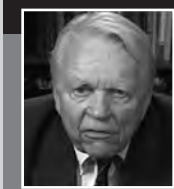
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Lessons learned

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, of New York City, has asked state legislators to repeal a law mandating that the last teachers hired are the first to be fired. Bloomberg insists that hiring and firing should be based on performance, not longevity. Is there anyone but a bad teacher who would disagree?



Andy Rooney

There's no organization of significant size that wouldn't be better off if the least efficient people on staff were fired. (There are just three of us in my office and I hope I'm not the first to go.)

When I was in college, I worked at a paper mill, with my friend Ring, who couldn't spell his own name, Wallace Ringer. But Ring knew how to do a thousand things about which I knew nothing. As uneducated and ignorant of the world as Ring was, I learned more from him than from any of my teachers.

One day, we were asked (told) to take down a generator that had been attached to a wall 30 feet off the floor. It weighed more than 1,000 pounds and I was at a loss as to how to start. Not Ring. Within a few hours, we had lowered the generator to the floor. Ring was a genius in an area that doesn't recognize genius.

Over the years, I've known a thousand people who knew how to do something I didn't know how to do, and I always tried to learn from them. I learned some very unusual skills during World War II.

I particularly remember an incident in Germany. When I first went overseas with the Army, I was assigned to a field artillery regiment. The job of rolling a 2,000-pound artillery howitzer into proper position for firing in the right direction took all the strength and skill our eight-man team could muster. I had to learn quickly how to get the job done. My superiors trained me on the job — and they did a good job.

Once the howitzer was in position, four of us had to load a 500-pound missile into the breech. After firing across the Rhine at what we thought were German positions, one bridge was left standing. The most frightening experience of my life was running across that wavering bridge with German artillery shells plopping into the water all around us. If one of them had hit the bridge, I wouldn't be writing this.

Several of us made it across the river successfully, but none of our troops had crossed and we were left alone with straggling elements of the Wehrmacht. We spent a bad night. The Fourth Infantry Division joined us the next day and we were safe. Once we crossed the Rhine, the Germans quickly retreated and there wasn't much opposition on the way to Berlin. We felt like we had won the war.

Diagnosed with foot drop

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I am 90 years old. About three years ago I developed foot drop. A neurologist diagnosed the condition. My general health is good, considering my age. This foot drop has become debilitating. Is there anything I can do to take care of it? —M.S.

**ANSWER:** Foot drop isn't really a diagnosis. It's an observation of what's

happened to your foot. You cannot raise the front part of your foot off the ground when you take a step. The drooping foot makes it hard to walk. You have to lift the leg very high so the foot clears the ground. Finding out what made the foot drop is going to be your diagnosis. Nerve damage, back problems, stroke, diabetes and muscle ill-



nesses are some of the causes of foot drop, and they are the actual diagnosis. Many times, the problem is nerve malfunction. Quite often, health cannot be restored to the nerve, but things can be done. One of those things is a lightweight brace that keeps the foot from flopping downward when you take a step.

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.

WednesdaySudoku

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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.

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JUMBLE

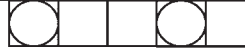
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Sunday's Jumble answers

Jumbles: RURAL WOMEN ESTATE TERROR

Answer: What the groomer lost on his wedding day — TWO LETTERS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

RELEASED THIS WEEK

DVDs&Movies

UNSTOPPABLE

A runaway train, transporting deadly toxic chemicals, is barreling down on Scranton, Pennsylvania, and only two men can stop it — a veteran engineer (Denzel Washington) and a young conductor (Chris Pine). Thousands of lives hang in the balance as these

ordinary heroes attempt to chase down one million tons of hurtling steel and prevent an epic disaster.

WAITING FOR 'SUPERMAN'

Every morning, in big cities, suburbs and small towns across America, parents send their children off to school with the highest of hopes. However, a shocking number of students in the United States attend schools where they have virtually no chance of learning — failure factories likelier to produce dropouts than college graduates. And, despite decades of well-intended reforms and huge

sums of money spent on the problem, our public schools haven't improved markedly since the '70s. Why? There is an answer. And, it's not what you think. From "An Inconvenient Truth" director

Davis Guggenheim, comes "Waiting for 'Superman,'" a provocative and cogent examination of the crisis of public education in the United States.



KING FEATURES

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- 24 "I'll take that as —"
- 25 Advance
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- 29 Rx safety grp.
- 30 Kreskin's claim
- 32 Stanza
- 34 Above all others
- 37 Round Table address
- 39 Tittle
- 42 "La Toilette" artist
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- 49 "Meet Me — Louis"
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# LF's Newman sparks Blue Devils past Linden Eagles, 42-39

By Al Zipsie

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**Lake Fenton** — Friendly neighbors Lake Fenton and Linden met in a non-league girls basketball game Monday.

The Blue Devils (10-5) got a big spark off the bench from freshman Jordan Newman, setting up a 42-39 non-league victory.

Newman scored 12 points, while Madison Nosek, a Linden transfer, chipped in nine points. Sophomore Sidney Scott added eight points and 10 rebounds, while Faith Weier had five assists.

The Blue Devils trailed 30-26 going into the last quarter and then outscored the Eagles 17-9 in the final period to pull out the win.

"We played sloppy early and picked it up in the second half," said Lake Fenton coach Dennis Lucius. "I think the turning point came when (Linden) was unable to score when we switched to the 1-3-1 defense. Karlie Dieck and Jordan (Newman) took turns covering their leading scorer (Sabrina Kinney), who didn't score."

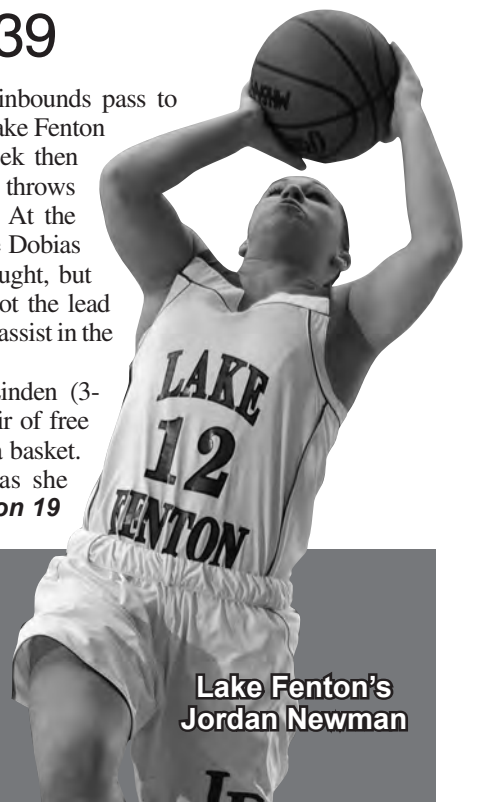
"It was (Newman's) coming out. She just started playing since around Christmas when she hurt her ankle. She looked comfortable on the ankle and played very well."

The game saw 11 lead changes and three ties. Trail- ing 30-26, the Blue Devils clicked off the first eight points of the fourth quarter. The Blue Devils tied it at 30-all when Newman dished an assist to Nosek with

4:23 left. A Makenzie Gottron inbounds pass to Nosek for another bucket gave Lake Fenton the lead for good at 32-30. Nosek then ended the run with a pair of free throws for a 34-30 lead with 3:38 left. At the 3:23 mark, the Eagles' Stephanie Dobias ended a five-minute scoring drought, but try as Linden may, they never got the lead back. Newman then scored on an assist in the paint from Scott to go up 38-34.

Maija Satkowiak, who led Linden (3-14) with 14 points, then hit a pair of free throws, cutting the lead back to a basket. Newman then answered back as she

See **NEWMAN** on 19



Lake Fenton's Jordan Newman

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** Who was the first African-American to win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics?

**A** Vonetta Flowers won the gold medal while teaming with Jill Bakken to win the women's bobsled event.

# Times sports

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SCOTT SCHUPBACH  
Fenton's Sam Moss won her fifth diving event against Holly. The Tigers defeated the Bronchos 111-74.

## Moss helps Tigers edge Holly

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — Fenton diver Sam Moss thought she could win some diving events during her freshman season.

However, being a girl competing against boy divers, she knew it would be a challenge.

So far, she has stood up to that challenge pretty well. She captured her fifth diving victory this season against Holly, earning herself a bid into diving regionals later this winter. Her performances are helping the Fenton varsity boys swim team win dual meets as well.

Aided by Moss' first in diving, the Tigers defeated arch rival Holly 111-74 at Fenton High School's pool.

"I'm really happy. I'm proud of myself," Moss said. "I was hoping to get a lot of wins this year, because last year I did win a couple of meets. They are boys and they do get a lot of power, but I really thought I was going to win, and I have a lot of determination to win."

Five wins qualifies a diver for diving regionals, which, in turn, gives them a shot at qualifying for the state meet. Moss won the diving event rather handily, with a score of 172.30, beating Holly's Thomas O'Connor's score of 147.20.

Moss is able to compete on the boys swim team because she played girls golf

See **MOSS** on 20

## Lucky 13 going to regionals for Holly

►Bronchos leave event with six champs

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity wrestling team is preparing for Team Regionals Wednesday at Madison Heights Lamphere High School.

But it seems the entire team will be busy on Saturday, too.

The Bronchos broke a school record, getting 13 of their 14 wrestlers to qualify for Saturday's individual regional at the Warren Lincoln individual district Saturday.

"We had a great day," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "Getting 13 of 14 out is amazing. And 10 of the kids were in the finals again. It wasn't the toughest district I've seen ever, but still our kids wrestled well, and that's the main thing."

The Bronchos had six champions and two all-Holly matches in the title round.

Mason Cleaver (112) defeated his own

See **LUCKY** on 20

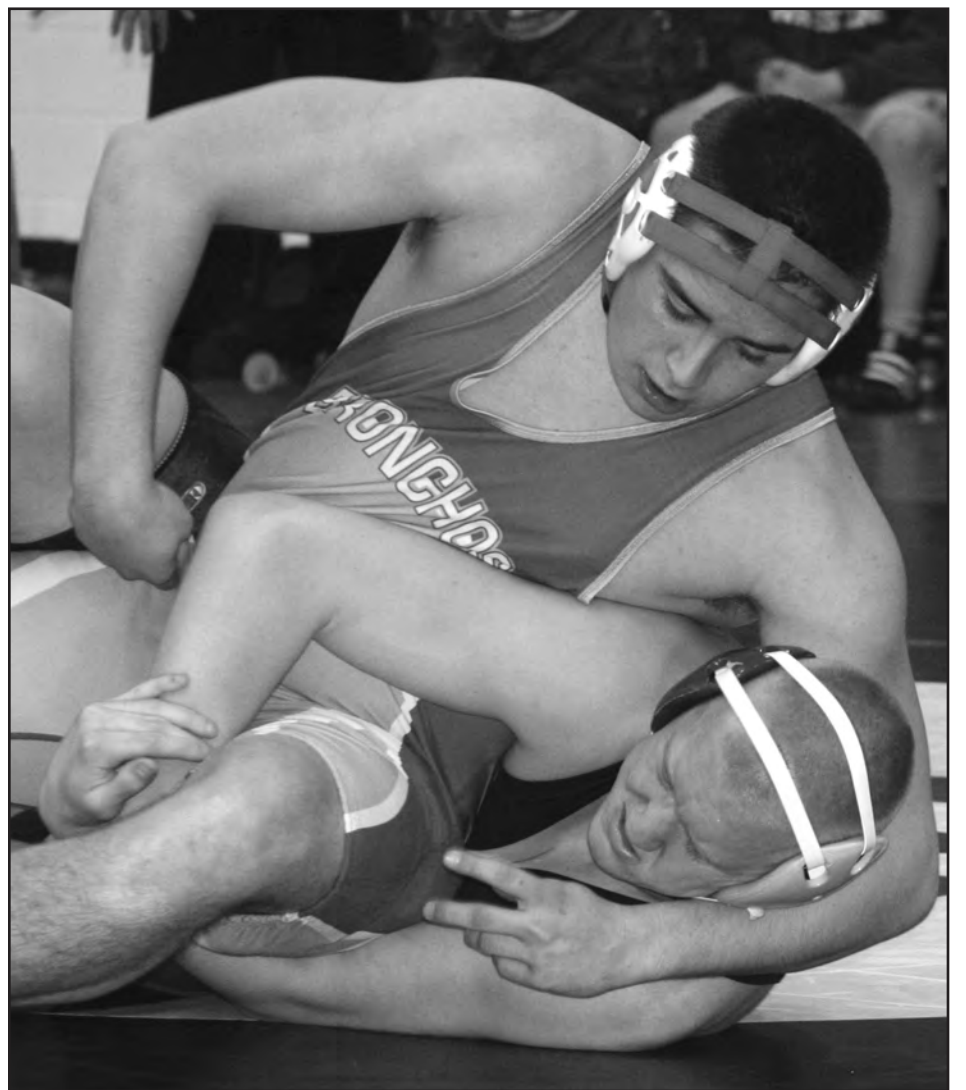
### District champs

► Here is a list of individual district champs from area schools.

► **Lake Fenton:** James Demember (103), Todd Melick (119), Buddy Poyner (125), Zach Corcoran (135), Justin Melick (145), Connor Brancheau (160), Drew Morris (171).

► **Holly:** Mason Cleaver (112), Anthony Gonzales (119), Esteban Gonzales (125), Zach Jones (130), Shawn Scott (171), Joe Piwowarski (215).

► **Linden:** Kyle Fisher (189).



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | DAVID TROPPEPENS

Holly's Joe Scanlon (top) is one of 13 Bronchos that placed at individual districts on Saturday.

## Blue Devils advance a perfect 10 out of district action

By Al Zipsie

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**Mt. Morris** — Lake Fenton's varsity wrestling team advanced 10 wrestlers to regional action at the Division 3 Individual District Saturday at Mt. Morris.

The Blue Devils will send the large contingent to the regional Saturday at Williamston, with wrestlers earning top-four finishes there earning state bids to the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Lake Fenton had seven champions —

James Demember (103), Todd Melick (119), Buddy Poyner (125), Zach Corcoran (135), Justin Melick (145), Connor Brancheau (160) and Drew Morris (171). Lake Fenton also advanced runner-up Christian O'Guinn (145), and third-place wrestler Nate Franks (285). Finally, Bryce Hopkins (119) placed fourth. Seven of the 10 were state placers last year, with Justin Melick a state champion.

In two weight classes, the Blue Devils had a pair earning a regional berth. At 119,

Todd Melick defeated Saginaw Swan Valley's Josh Flores 6-1 in the championship match, while Hopkins placed fourth. Justin Melick, then, had a 2-0 decision over teammate Christian O'Guinn in the 145 final. Hopkins is a two time-state qualifier at Lake Fenton. Corcoran is hoping for a fourth straight trip to state. He won the title with a 4:46 pinfall over Hemlock's Justin Tomasek by pinfall in 4:46. Corcoran is 47-1 and has 194 career wins.

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## Today's Birthday

Ex-Detroit Pistons player and television broadcaster Kelly Tripucka was born today in 1959.



# Tri-City Chiefs post two weekend victories

By David Troppens

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The Tri-City varsity hockey team played two thrillers during the weekend. And both ended up being victories.

In what were two defensive-minded games, the Chiefs defeated Mt. Pleasant 1-0 on Friday, and then defeated Jefferson 2-1 on Saturday.

In both games, Hanna Fremd proved to be the difference. She made 19 saves in the 1-0 victory on Friday, then stopped 22 shots in the victory against Jefferson.

Against Mt. Pleasant, Danny Jordan scored the game's only goal, with Evan Haller and Lucas Tunningley getting assists.

The Chiefs' first goal against Jefferson was provided by Haller. He scored with the co-op squad shorthanded. Later, Garrett Gormley earned the game-winning goal, even-strength.

Jake Stone, Haller and Luke Conner had assists for the victors. Tri-City returns to action on Friday with a contest against area rivals Fenton at Iceland Arena at 7 p.m.

The last time the two teams faced off, the Tigers won a defensive-minded and entertaining 1-0 contest at Hartland Sports Arena.



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Tri-City's Danny Jordan skates with the puck during a recent contest. The co-op program, which includes students from Lake Fenton, Linden and Durand, won two games over the weekend.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

The Fenton Tigers celebrate a goal during a recent contest. The Tigers defeated the Kearsley/Holly co-op hockey team 3-2 in a Metro League contest on Saturday.

## Johnson scores Fenton's clincher vs. Hornets, 3-2

By David Troppens

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Matt Krusniak knew if his Fenton varsity hockey team was going to have success this season, it would probably be in low-scoring games.

His prediction came true one more time on Saturday.

The Tigers (5-3,10-9) edged out the Kearsley/Holly co-op program 3-2 Saturday in a key matchup for the Metro League title.

The Fenton win sewed up the title for Swartz Creek, who has already completed the league season with 17 points. Fenton and the Hornets (6-2 in league play) remain in a battle for second place with two games left for each team.

"We played really well defensively," Krusniak said. "We led 29-16 in shots,

so we played well defensively. Ryan Delecki, T.J. Polakowski and all the defensemen have been playing really solid.

"I knew for us to be successful this year, we would be winning games 3-2 and 2-0, low-scoring games. And that's the way it has gone for us."

Fenton never trailed, but never led by more than a goal. The two teams finished the first period tied 2-2, but then the offenses went into a deep freeze. The only other player to score after the first period was Fenton's David Johnson, his second goal of the game, with 7:22 left in the third period. Tyler DeLong also scored for Fenton. The Hornets got goals from Brandon Csutoras and Max Lambert.

In net, Joe Foguth won the game for Fenton with 14 saves. Brent Smiles made 26 saves for the co-op program.

## Fenton girls ski team earns divisional title; Holly/Oxford boys place second

The weather may have warmed up on Saturday, but the Fenton varsity girls ski team was heating up Mt. Holly before that.

The team captured the Mt. Holly Divisional title last week, edging out second-place Grand Blanc 57-60.

The Tigers beat the field in the slalom, helping spark their title. Lauren Rhoads placed fifth (1:06.47), while Tori Hallwood was seventh (1:08.96) and Flannery Wise was 10th (1:10.46).

Meanwhile, in the giant slalom, the Tigers finished in second behind Grand Blanc, but were close enough to still win the title overall. McKenna Valley placed second (46.28), while Rhoads took fifth (47.8). Others finishing in the top 10 were Kelley McKay in eighth (48.66) and Wise in ninth

(48.75).

Holly/Oxford finished fourth overall. Rachel Harrington placed fourth in the giant slalom (47.67) and sixth in the slalom (1:07.68).

### BOYS SKI AT DIVISIONAL MEET

The Holly/Oxford co-op placed second, while Fenton took third.

Alex Schultz led Holly/Oxford by taking fourth in the giant slalom (45.29) and sixth in the slalom (58.56). Dalton Sink took sixth in the giant slalom (45.45), while Spencer McKay was ninth in the slalom (1:00.87).

Fenton's Max Weinberg took third in the slalom (56.77) and seventh in the giant slalom (45.52), while Julian Weinberg placed seventh in the slalom (59.41) and eighth in the giant slalom (45.86).

### NEWMAN

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made a steal and drove the length of the court for a layup. Nosek followed by hitting one-of-two charity tosses for a 41-36 lead with 2:03 to go.

"I read the pass, cut it off and took it down the court," said Newman. "Everything (Sidney Scott) gets as a rebound, she gets me the ball down court. She had some nice assists. We are going to have

the same team next season (playing all underclassmen), and I think we will be good."

Linden made one more push when Satkowiak converted a conventional three-point play with 1:15 left, cutting the gap to 41-39. However, Lake Fenton's Scott iced the game by hitting 2-of-4 free throws down the stretch. In between Scott conversions, Linden's Kinney had a three-pointer that could've tied it, but she missed the shot.

### Registration

Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>  
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## MOSS

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during the fall. That opened her winter so she could dive for the boys.

"It's been a real privilege to be on the team with the boys," Moss said. "I did golf, so they let me on the boys team. Because of that, I'm really excited to be here. I really enjoy it."

But the boys do have some advantages.

"It is a challenge because they are a lot stronger, and have more power to get up on the board," Moss said. "I do have to try hard to keep up. It's not an easy job."

So far she's made the job look easy.

Thursday's Tigers' win didn't come as easy as the score may indicate.

Holly took first in five of the first seven events, but Fenton won four of the final five to earn the win.

The key events were the 100 backstroke and the 100 breaststroke, where Fenton took the top three spots in each event.

David Congdon took part in three Fenton wins, including the 400 freestyle relay with

Adam Andreski, Ken Carbary, and Adam Ransom (3:45.79). Individually, he won the 50 freestyle (25.11) and the 100 back (1:07.51). Other individual winners for Fenton were Ransom in the 500 (5:12.57) and Chase Marcola in the 100 breast (1:12.73).

"It means so much (to beat Holly)," Ransom said. "Holly has been our rivals forever, and to know that we are that much closer to achieving the first Metro League title for Fenton ever is incredible."

Holly won many of the early events, including four in which Jake Quinnan competed. Quinnan won the 200 freestyle (1:53.70) and the 100 freestyle (51.56) and also helped two relays to firsts. He teamed with Garrett Pinagel, Dakota Gordon and Aaron DeHaven for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:53.40) and the 200 freestyle relay (1:39.31). Pinagel also won the 200 individual medley (2:20.46) and DeHaven won the 100 butterfly (1:03.14).

"We swam some decent times," Holly coach Danielle Gray said. "We just don't have the depth to beat them (in a dual meet setting)."



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Holly's Dakota Gordon (front) and Fenton's Ken Carbary compete in the 500 freestyle.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Linden's Kyle Fisher (top) won a district title on Saturday at Linden High School.

## LUCKY

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teammate Dominic Russ 7-0 to win his weight class' district title. Meanwhile, defending state champion Anthony Gonzales (119) pinned teammate Tyler Gibson in their final.

"Me and our assistant coach pick a wrestler beforehand and we try to help that one kid beat the other," Pluta said. "We tell the kids this is not an exhibition. They are going for the win (against their teammate)."

"I've seen it before when two kids from the same school exchange takedowns and play with it. That does a disservice to the sport itself.

We don't approach it that way."

Other champions were Esteban Gonzales (125), Zach Jones (130), Shawn Scott (171) and Joe Piwowarski (215). Piwowarski earned a pinfall win in the finals, while Scott cruised to a tech fall win.

Four others left with third-place finishes — Mike Neal (152), Cas Guzdziol (160), Mike Spencer (145) and Joe Scanlon (189). Andrew Scott (135) placed fourth.

Wrestlers that place in the top four of next week's regional, qualify for the individual state meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

But that's just half of the story for the Holly Bronchos. On Wednesday they compete in team regional action in a

semifinal match against Warren Woods Tower at 5 p.m. The winner of that match wrestles either Farmington Hills Harrison or Marysville in the regional title match with the winner going to the Team State Meet in Battle Creek.

Holly is favored to win the event.

"We wrestled (Warren Woods Tower) earlier and beat them pretty handily," Pluta said. "I don't know if they had kids out, but we feel we match up well with them."

"On paper, we are the favorite. But we have to wrestle like the favorite, like we have most of the season. If we do

that, we have a shot at going to states."

## DIVISION 2 DISTRICTS AT LINDEN

The Linden Eagles had one individual district champion and had two others qualify for regionals, while the Fenton Tigers also had three wrestlers move on to regionals.

The district champion was Kyle Fisher (189). He improved his record to 54-0 with a 42-second pinning of Lapeer East's C.J. Spencer in the finals.

Linden's Dallas Blank (140) also made it to the finals, but finished second after a 12-4 loss to St. John's Payne Hayden. Austin Golden (119) placed third.

Fenton's Sean Rusaw (160) placed third, while Preston Wetzel (152) and Jacob Wykes (135) placed fourth.

## Top Five

- The top five includes all events up through Monday.
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  4. Holly boys basketball
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## DEVILS

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Poyner (46-2) knocked off previously unbeaten Swan Valley's Chris Theile 2-0 for his title. Sophomore James Demember took the 103 crown with a fall in 1:40 over Carrollton's Mitchell McGee. Brancheau (47-2) had a 9-0 major decision over Swan Valley's Jerry Flores. Morris edged Mon-

trose's Jake Freeman 2-0 in his final match. Franks stepped up with a solid effort with a decision win against Bridgeport's Aaron Vickers.

Justin Melick wants another state title.

"I don't know if winning it last year puts more pressure on or less," Melick said. "It is a bit of pressure, but at the same time you have won it and know you can again."

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seconds East 360.00 feet; thence South  
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minutes 15 seconds West 360.00 feet to  
the place of beginning. Commonly  
known as 7070 E. Richfield Road,  
Davison MI 48423 The redemption period  
shall be 6 months from the date of such  
sale, unless determined abandoned in  
accordance with MCL 600.3241a(c),  
whichever is later. Dated: 1/26/2011  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
TRUST ADMINISTRATION**

**Estate of Matie E. Kieft**

**To all creditors:** The decedent, Matie  
E. Kieft, who lived at 109 Laurel Leah  
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SALE** - Default has been made in the  
conditions of a certain mortgage made  
by: Michelle A. Fletcher, An  
Unmarried Woman to Mortgage  
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,  
as nominee for America's Wholesale  
Lender, its successors and assigns,  
Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2005 and  
recorded March 22, 2005 in Instrument  
# 200503220032757 Genesee County  
Records, Michigan and assigned to:  
BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka  
Countrywide Home Loans Servicing  
LP, by assignment of mortgage dated  
December 28, 2010 and subsequently  
recorded in Genesee County Records,  
Michigan, on which mortgage there is  
claimed to be due at the date hereof the  
sum of Sixty-Two Thousand One  
Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and  
Five Cents (\$62,127.05) including  
interest 4.625% per annum. Under the  
power of sale contained in said mortgage  
and the statute in such case made and  
provided, notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale  
of the mortgaged premises, or some  
part of them, at public vendue, Circuit  
Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM  
on February 23, 2011 Said premises  
are situated in City of Burton, Genesee  
County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot(s) 502, Durant Heights, according to  
the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in  
Liber 11 of Plats, Page 15. Commonly  
known as 2237 Williamson, Burton MI  
48529 The redemption period shall be 6  
months from the date of such sale, unless  
determined abandoned in accordance  
with MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.  
Dated: 1/26/2011 BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP  
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02-09 2011-02-16

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the Military, please contact our office at  
the number listed below. **MORTGAGE  
SALE** - Default has been made in the  
conditions of a certain mortgage made  
by: Jeremy Jacobs and Marlene  
Jacobs, Husband and Wife to Mortgage  
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,  
as nominee for America's Wholesale  
Lender, its successors and assigns,  
Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2006  
and recorded December 13, 2006  
in Instrument # 200612130106267  
Genesee County Records, Michigan  
and assigned to: BAC Home Loans  
Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home  
Loans Servicing LP by assignment of  
mortgage dated December 27,  
2010 and subsequently recorded in  
Genesee County Records, Michigan,  
on which mortgage there is claimed  
to be due at the date hereof the sum  
of Two Hundred Three Thousand Five  
Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Ninety-  
Two Cents (\$203,551.92) including  
interest 6.875% per annum. Under the  
power of sale contained in said mortgage  
and the statute in such case made and  
provided, notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of  
the mortgaged premises, or some part  
of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court  
of Genesee County at 10:00AM on  
February 23, 2011 Said premises are  
situated in Township of Forest, Genesee  
County, Michigan, and are described as:  
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the North three quarters of the East half  
of the North half of the Northeast quarter,  
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8 East; thence North 225 feet; thence  
West 20 rods; thence 225 feet; thence  
East 20 rods to the point of beginning.  
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Road, Otisville MI 48463 The redemption  
period shall be 6 months from the date of  
such sale, unless determined abandoned  
in accordance with MCL 600.3241a(c),  
whichever is later. Dated: 1/26/2011  
BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka  
Countrywide Home Loans Servicing  
LP Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:  
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Ad #9841: 2011-02-09 2011-02-16,  
2011-02-23 2011-03-02

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Ad #9851: 2011-02-09 2011-02-16,  
2011-02-23 2011-03-02

Obituaries,  
Funeral  
Services and  
Memoriums**Carolyn Jean  
(Lopez) Waterhouse**  
1963-2011

Carolyn Jean (Lopez) Waterhouse - age 47, of Byron, passed away, Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Henry Ford Hospital, De-



troit. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, February 17, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation was held at the funeral home Tuesday from 6-9 PM and also will be held Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-9 PM. Carolyn was born September 20, 1963 in Swindon, England, the daughter of Dominic Lopez and Betty (Pittman) Hoban. She was a 1981 graduate of South Lyon High School. She married Jeffrey L. Waterhouse September 20, 1985. Carolyn was employed by VG's Food Centers in Fenton and Howell. She had resided in Byron for the past 16 years coming from Howell. Surviving are: husband, Jeffrey L. Waterhouse; 2 daughters, Allyson and husband Ryan Timlick and Victoria Waterhouse both of Byron; father, Dominic Lopez of Washington Township; 2 sisters, Debra Clufetos of Grand Blanc and Betty and husband Mark Weller of Allenton; 2 brothers, Donald and wife Denise Lopez of Sterling Heights and Anthony and wife Eva Lopez of Sterling Heights; 2 brothers-in-law, Mark and wife Trinh Waterhouse of Missouri and Kurk and wife Doreen Waterhouse of Clinton; sister-in-law, Karyn and husband Dan Newman of Decatur; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Hoban and sister, Barbara Glisson. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneral-homes.com.



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