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“What’s worse,
paying for part of an
electric car or paying for
the direct results of our



involvement in the Middle East because they have oil and we need it? What we’re paying in tax subsidies to attempt to break our addiction to foreign oil pales in comparison to the price we’ve paid to maintain it. How much more do we as a country have to pay before people begin to figure out that cheap gas costs way more than the price we pay at the pump?”
— John T.

**STORY: MEDICAL
MARIJUANA
DISPENSARIES**
“I think it would best serve communities to get over the phobia of pot and let it be a free for all, period. The last thing we need is more stinking regulation of anything. The law enforcement community needs to get over it. They lost. Suck it up and deal with it.”
— G. T. Stone

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“We all need a common day together, whether we attend church services or not. We should be given that choice. Sundays were once considered family days. It’s time to bring back those days.”
— Tony L.

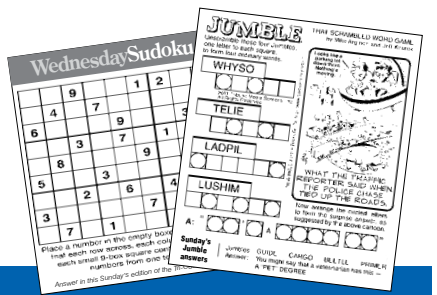


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Michigan 18th in nation for identity theft complaints

“Each time we hand over these key pieces of our personal information, we increase our vulnerability to identity theft.”

Todd Davis, chairperson
and CEO of LifeLock, Inc.

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Protecting yourself against identity theft is just like riding around on the bumper car ride at the amusement park — after you make evasive moves to avoid being hit by one car, you’re hit by another.

As technology advances, so does the chances of becoming a victim of identity theft. If one has become a victim, they are not alone. According
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Summary

Identity theft is on the rise. Police and experts offer ways to prevent becoming a victim.

“I would cancel all of my credit cards or at least put a hold on the account so nothing can be charged against those accounts.”

Rick Aro
Fenton police chief



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Identity theft involving credit cards and personal identification numbers tops the list of complaints.

Fenton business reopens, creating 50 new jobs

► Manufacturing plant to be processing and technical center

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — Acument Global Technologies is a Fenton — and a Michigan — success story. After closing its doors in early 2009, due to the recession and downturn in the auto industry, the business has reopened its doors at 2480 Owen Rd.

The facility will have a new name, and new functions. It will be Acument’s North American Technical and Processing Center. The firm is investing \$5.1 million this year, to expand its facilities in Fenton, Grand Blanc Township and Sterling Heights and to retain its headquarters in Michigan.

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“There will be a dozen engineers at the technical center in Fenton.”

Bob Waligora
Director of Engineering

Paper or plastic?

Kindles closing gap on traditional books

By Sally Rummel
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Cheryl Herzog, of Linden, loves nothing more than reading a good book, with the relaxing turn of each page and the comfort of having the book at her side or nearby on a night table.

For Denise Roberts, a Barnes & Noble e-reader “Nook” fills her need for a good story that can be downloaded, then deleted, as she finishes the book — eliminating the worry about what to do with the book once she is done reading it. “I love books, but I only read them once,” said Roberts, a nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Deb Sarosy, of Fenton, appreciates the pros and cons of both traditional reading and e-reading with her Amazon “Kindle,” which she loves to take with her when traveling, so she doesn’t have to carry a load of books with her.

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Deb Sarosy and Cheryl Herzog are both avid readers, each in their own way, Sarosy with her “Nook,” at left, and Herzog with her traditional book.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Potholes cost each Michigan motorist \$370 a year

A new online system will make it easy for the public to report and avoid potholes during the dreaded pothole season, which began with warmer temperatures this weekend.

Potholes are expected to get worse as temperatures fluctuate over the next few weeks.

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Fluctuating temperatures are causing potholes to form, seemingly overnight.

Heavy snowfall to blame for nine car crashes in city

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — Fenton police were busy handling snow-related automobile crashes from this latest snowstorm. Local areas received nearly 10 inches of snow that began falling Sunday afternoon and continued through Monday morning. In February, Fenton

has received more than 24 inches of snow.

Area school superintendents announced Monday night that Tuesday was an official snow day. The schools would likely have made Monday a snow day too, however, they were already closed for scheduled in-service days.

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Community weighs in on budget shortfall

►Holly schools could see \$2 million less in federal funds

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — After several focus groups and more than 500 online responses, the Holly Area Schools (HAS) Board of Education is starting to get an idea of how the community feels about various cost savings measures.

HAS is projecting at least a \$2 million budget shortfall in federal funding in the 2012-13 school

“They offered a wide range of thoughts in a very well meaning effort.”

Kent Barnes
superintendent,
Holly Area Schools

year. The study was conducted to explore several cost-saving options, including closing an elementary school. “Calling it a housing study probably doesn’t do it justice,” said Trustee David Rath.

The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) conducted the cost-savings study most identified with the question of elementary student housing in January, and presented the synopsis and results at the most recent meeting last Monday.

Rath said some of the community suggestions weren’t new to the HAS board, and some were genuinely creative.

“They care about the community and their schools,” said Superintendent Kent Barnes via e-mail. “They offered a wide range of thoughts in a very well-meaning effort.”

Barnes said the community understands the impact the new statewide budget has on the school district. “Individuals want to minimize any negative effect on students, but they also wish to sustain programs,” he said.

The board of education also voted on guiding principles that the community offered via the study.

These principles will inform the MASB on cost-saving suggestions that could be presented at the next meeting.

Summary

►The results of the Housing Study were presented to the Holly Area Schools Board of Education. Some suggested courses of action may be presented at the next board meeting.

Holly Area Schools Guiding Principles

1. Should maintain or improve the quality of education.
2. Should have a positive impact on students, parents, and the community.
3. Should fully consider best use of existing facilities.
4. Should seek to maintain or increase student enrollment.

GET ONLINE

To see the full presentation, go to **www.has-k12.org/** and look under “quick links.”

Academic achievements

Kirk Waligora, of Fenton, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester at the University of Montevallo.

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Lauren Campbell and **Jordan Harris**, of Fenton, have been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester at Olivet College.

■■■

Emily Cowdrey has been named to the Dean's List at the College for Creative Studies for the fall semester. She is a 2005 graduate of Fenton High School and is the daughter of Jim and Karen Cowdrey of Fenton.

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Lawrence Technological University has announced the following students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2010 term, **Alicia Mickler** (Fenton), **Eric Stallcup**, **Kendall Stevens** (Holly), and **David Menzies** (Linden).

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Sarah Rinks (Fenton) has been named to the Dean's List at Gannon University for the spring 2010 semester.

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Lake Fenton graduate brings home the bronze from Italy

► U.S. skating teams take first, second and third place

By Sharon Stone

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U.S. teams swept away the competition at the Spring Cup synchronized skating competition last week and Lake Fenton graduate, Morgan Rickert, is the proud recipient of a bronze medal.

Summary

► Morgan Rickert, a graduate of Lake Fenton High School, competed last week with her synchronized figure skating team in Milan, Italy. Her team brought home a bronze medal.

Rickert, 18, was still feeling the jet lag as she talked about her trip to Italy and Paris while she attended the high school varsity hockey game between Fenton High School and Lake Fenton/Linden/Durand Friday evening.

A figure skater since the age of 3, Rickert has been working with her synchronized skating team for the past couple of years. She also attends Mott Community College with plans of going into a career of radiology.



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Morgan Rickert and her synchronized figure skating team, the Hockettes, received the bronze medal at the Spring Cup in Milan, Italy last week.

At 18, she's the oldest on the team, which practices in Ann Arbor year round. There are 18 girls on the team and 16 are allowed to compete, with two alternatives, in the event of injuries.

As Rickert was growing up, she used to perform individually. However, she found that being part of a team was much more fun. When they travel, they

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Public vs. private school



90%
of American
children attend
public schools

► Which is best for my child?

By Sally Rummel

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Approximately 46 million students are enrolled in public schools in the United States, while another six million attend private schools. However, the question of what is the best education for a student becomes even more complex when one adds in other options such as charter schools, magnet schools, etc. As local parents try to decide which is the best option for their own child and family, here are the definitions of each type of school and an example of local schools that fit in that category.

Public schools

Public schools are financed from local, state and federal government funds. In most cases, they must admit all students who live within the borders of their district. Because they are funded by taxes, public schools tend to be the most affordable option for education.

With federal funding, there are stricter teacher certification rules, as well as expanded services for students at both ends of the learning spectrum—from special education to gifted programs. Approximately 90 percent of American children attend public schools, according to recent reports.

Class sizes tend to be larger at public schools because they are required by law to admit all students. However, there is usually an effort made at the lower end of the grade levels, kindergarten through third grade, to keep class sizes smaller.

Examples of local public schools are Fenton Area Public Schools, Lake Fenton Community Schools, Linden Community Schools, and Holly Area Schools.

Charter schools

Charter schools began to show up on the educational landscape in the early 1990s. They are independent, autonomous schools started by parents, teachers, community

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President not 'walking the talk'

President Obama said last week he wants Washington to do some kitchen-table style budgeting. In his weekly address last week, he discussed a letter from an American family and commented, 'Families across this country understand what it takes to manage a budget. Well, it's time Washington acted as responsibly as our families do.'

The Obama Administration seems to have a serious problem with 'walking the talk.' Last November, the voters said loud and clear that government is too big and spends too much, but a mere three and a half months later, the White House has forgotten that crucial mid-term election message. Under President Obama's recent budget, government spending will rise to nearly \$4 trillion a year, and the budget deficit will jump to a record \$1.6 trillion this year and nearly that much next year.

That, my friends, is fiscal insanity. What stands out in the Obama budget proposals is its estimate of \$1.6 trillion in new tax revenues, largely through higher taxes on the wealthy and businesses. Any business in the world will tell you that is counterproductive to what we need most — jobs, jobs and more jobs.

The Democrats took control of Congress in 2007 and used the recession as cover to permanently increase spending on federal entitlements, regulatory bureaucracy and silly industrial policies that hinder, not help, business.

No family would ever sit around the kitchen table and budget this way. It's fiscal suicide. The fact is that the budget could be balanced in one day if the government actually did do some 'common sense, kitchen-table budgeting' and got rid of the thousands of expensive, outdated and worthless special-interest programs.

It's time for President Obama to 'walk the talk,' not just talk the talk.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO the Dragon Pearl restaurant? When I came home from Florida, it was gone.

■■■
IF YOU READ the Hot lines and watch the news, all you see are people divided, everyone crying about some people making too much money and having benefits. This world economy and free trade have killed the middle class, but it has made corporations and our politicians very wealthy. We should be fighting together to bring up our neighbors' standard of living, not taking it away. We need to think America, first.

■■■
IN RESPONSE TO 'big talk from tail-gaters,' you are wrong. If you get rear ended in Michigan, or any other state, you can be at fault. Trust me; I know this for a fact.

■■■
SHAME ON EVERYONE involved in taking away open gym in Lake Fenton to the high school students. This is good, clean wholesome fun for these kids. For the board to cower to the wishes of one loudmouthed individual shows once again no one on that administration has a backbone. Count on me to vote no on any future millages, and I will spread the word. You should all be ashamed.

■■■
I AM MORE irate, concerned and upset about teenagers dying from heroin overdoses than I am about a medical marijuana dispensary opening in the area.

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lines

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SHAME ON YOU, Fenton police. For the fourth time this year, you have pulled over my working college student, this time for going through a yellow light a day after a major snow storm. You frisked him, and put him in the back of the squad car, searched his car, and gave him a ticket. You would probably give your own mother a ticket. What a rewarding job.

■■■
I HOPE ALL the parents in Linden get behind the custodians who just had the administrators and board cancel their contract so their jobs could be outsourced. I also noticed that Linden schools has a director of operations making six figures, who, if this keeps up, will be doing nothing more than ordering toilet paper. Talk about a place to start cutting the fat.

■■■
RICHARD ROCKMAN, YOU said it all in 'Straight from the Shoulder' on Feb. 16. Newt Gingrich is right on the money. The problem with this country is that freedom has gotten too free.

■■■
AS A UAW member, I received a bonus this year of \$750, of which \$395 went to taxes. I also took a 15-percent wage cut and doubled all my co-pays last year. Did car prices fall 15 percent? If you don't make good money, I guess no one should. That's the American way? How sad for you.

■■■

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

From the
editor

Heroin in the suburbs

Years ago, when I was working in the north area of Flint at a Social Security office, it wasn't unusual to walk out of the back door of the building, and see someone shooting up drugs or drinking alcohol from a bottle in a brown paper bag. It was a very poor area of town. Drug use and crime were prevalent.

It was disturbing to me, of course. But, the news of two suspected heroin overdoses killing two local teens in the small town of Fenton in less than one week is more than disturbing.

My heart goes out to the families of these young women, whose vibrant and promising lives ended way too soon.

Heroin use in the suburbs is on the rise according to recent national news reports. Is it a problem here? Look for a story about heroin use in this Sunday's edition of the Times, by Reporter Sharon Stone.

Spring is right around the corner

On a lighter note, can you believe it? It's almost March. Yes, spring is right around the corner, or is it? Residents in the tri-county area enjoyed a brief period of spring-like weather last week. But, it was just a tease. Mother Nature dumped almost a foot of the white stuff Sunday afternoon through Monday morning, closing schools and making travel a nightmare. Out came the plows and the snow shovels, once again.

I'm an optimist and I'm hoping that's the last real snowfall we'll see this year.

But, this is Michigan, you never know.

It's Oscar time

It's time for the Academy Awards and the Best Picture of the year will be announced this weekend. I'm always surprised, that the movies that are on the list are oftentimes those I haven't seen (or even heard of).

One thing for sure, if a kid's movie makes the list, it's a guarantee that I've taken my grand kids to see. Holds true this year, with 'Toy Story 3.'

Vote for your favorite movie, actor and actress on Tri-County Times Facebook.

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What are your thoughts about medical marijuana dispensaries in your community?

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"That's a hard one. I wouldn't use it because it triggers my asthma."

— Jane Dorow
Holly



"I don't like it. I think it changes kids' mindsets. I know kids who are getting it for depression."

— Gabriella Falvo
Fenton



"Under certain restraints, I think it's fine. The people who are getting it (should) actually need it."

— Bonnie Little
Fenton



"I'm totally against it, because I don't believe it's for medicinal reasons. It's just a front for smoking pot."

— Denae Harding
Fenton



"I'm hesitant on who would be regulating them. My sister living in Los Angeles said there's one on every block. I don't want to see it here."

— Michele Stocel, Fenton



"I know some people that are using (marijuana) are almost abusing (it), but it does have a very good medicinal purpose to it."

— Pat Thomas
Byron

Township faces penalties if financial records not corrected

►Treasurer on leave since April 2010

By Sharon Stone

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Rose Twp. — Auditors found several violations in Rose Township's finances and the state treasury department has asked the township to submit, within 30 days (by March 2), a detailed corrective action plan to resolve the violations, including other deficiencies noted in the audit report.

Summary

►Rose Township must submit a corrective action plan to the state's treasury department for multiple violations, found during an independent audit of the township's financial records.

The violations were found in the township's fiscal year 2010 audit, completed by the certified public accounting firm, Pfeffer, Haniford and Palka. The issues are violations of state statute or are deficiencies of the local unit that may impede the local unit's ability to comply with state statute.

If the township fails to respond within 30 days, or it is unable to demonstrate that it has started corrective action, the treasury department may take any or all of the following actions:

- Deny or revoke qualified status under Public Act 34 of 2001, the Revised Municipal Finance Act (possibly preventing the township the ability to borrow money).

- Report the failure to file to the county prosecuting attorney or attorney general pursuant to Public Act 2 of 1968, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, as amended.

- Subject Rose Township to an audit and/or review performed by Department of Treasury auditors at the expense of Rose Township.

During the Jan. 12 meeting, a resident questioned when Treasurer Susan Slaughter would return to the office. The treasurer claims she fell down a flight of stairs at the township office in June 2009. She said surgery was required for her injuries and her return would be up to her doctor and the status of the building.

According to Supervisor Alison Kalcec, the treasurer has not been at the office since April 2010. Kalcec believes Slaughter's absence has hindered the township's ability to have accurate financial records. While on leave, Slaughter continues to draw her \$45,000 annual salary and full benefits for herself and her husband.

Since Slaughter was elected to office, it would take a voter recall or an act by the governor to remove her from office. "We can't fire her," said Kalcec. She added that an elected official's salary could not be reduced during their term either.

Kalcec explained that the deputy treasurer, Linda Kerr, is attempting to handle everything. "She does as much as possible," said Kalcec.

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Material weaknesses that need to be rectified this year include:

- Interim financial reports to township board (not accurate),
- Bank reconciliations untimely,
- Proper receipting procedures (cash register never put into use),
- Current tax fund not posted by detail into general ledger,
- Trust and agency fund not showing reconciliation
- Interim updating of investment and cash balances not being posted.

Issues of concern noted in audit report

- Actual expenditures exceeded the amounts authorized in the budget.
- There were repeated reported deficiencies from previous years.
- Bank reconciliations were not performed timely.
- There were reported deficiencies included with the audit report.

Holly Township mulls ordinance for medical marijuana dispensaries

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly Township has joined other local municipalities, including the village of Holly, in discussing medical marijuana. In 2008, medical marijuana became legal in the state of Michigan, but the new law left a gap in how dispensaries can be legally operated.

The Board of Trustees discussed a possible medical marijuana dispensary ordinance at its February meeting. After 45 minutes of discussion, the board chose to table the issue, and come back next month with more information.

"It's a preliminary discussion," said Supervisor Jesse Lambert.

"This is just the beginning of the process."

During public comment, Lambert said there were opinions expressed for and against medical marijuana dispensaries in Holly Township.

"This is a social ordeal as well," said Lambert. "We want to make sure we get it right."

Part of the research includes looking at ordinances from other municipalities, including the village of Holly, and the cities of Burton, and Walled Lake.

A new ordinance has not been drafted, and won't be approved at the March meeting either, according to Lambert.

No one was appointed to draft an ordinance, but the township's attorney, Gregory Need, will be present at the next meeting and the board will discuss a possible ordinance with more research.

"This is just the beginning of the process."

Jesse Lambert,
Holly Township supervisor




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The Miranda Warning rights of a prisoner

In past columns, I have mentioned that I take special interest when the U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear a case from Michigan.

On Jan. 24, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case of *Howes v. Fields*, which is a Michigan case and involves a determination of the rights of a defendant to 'Miranda Warnings' when he was already incarcerated for a different offense.

The term Miranda Warnings is taken from the now famous 1966 U.S. Supreme Court case of *Miranda v. Arizona* where it was held that for an in-custody criminal defendant's statements to be admissible against them at trial, it must be shown by the prosecution that certain warnings have been given, which generally are as follows. 'You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to speak to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you. Do you understand these rights as they have been read to you?' In order for the statement to be used, it must also be shown that the defendant waived his rights.

In *Howes*, the defendant Randall Lee Fields was serving a 45-day sentence for disorderly conduct in

Lenawee County. During his incarceration, two sheriff's deputies had him taken to a conference room at the sheriff's department and began questioning him about allegations concerning an alleged improper sexual relationship between the defendant and a minor. The questioning lasted about seven hours, and the defendant was not read his Miranda Rights. However, he was told that if he did not want to cooperate, he could leave the conference room at any time and return to his cell. The defendant did not ask for an attorney or to go back to his cell. He also told the deputies more than once that he did not want to speak with them anymore. Ultimately, the defendant confessed to the sexual relationship and was convicted of two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

On appeal, the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the admissibility of the confession and the conviction and the Michigan Supreme Court did not grant leave to appeal.

The defendant then went to federal court, and ultimately the federal appeals court held that the Michigan court erred and the confession was inadmissible because Miranda Warnings should have been given to the defendant as he was in custody, even though it was for an unrelated offense.

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case concerning the requirements for Miranda Warnings for the defendant under these circumstances.

This is a case that could have ramifications, both for the jurisprudence of the state of Michigan and nationally. It will be interesting to see what the final decision is, as there are strong arguments on both sides.

Schools receive money for saving energy

►Linden receives \$42,150 incentive check, Holly \$3,290

By Sharon Stone

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Two area school districts received a combined \$45,440 from Consumers Energy in response to them completing projects to become more energy efficient.

Linden Community Schools received an incentive check for \$42,150 for boiler replacements because it saved 2,714 thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of natural gas annual.

Holly Area Schools received an incentive check for \$3,290 to install efficient lighting in the Sherman Middle School gymnasium because it saved 39,104 kilowatt hours (kWh) annually.

In the first full year of the program, Consumers Energy's Business Solutions program exceeded savings goals set by the Clean, Renewable and Efficient Energy Act of 2008 by 17 percent.

Statewide, these projects are saving the participating customers an estimated \$15.4 million per year in energy costs annually. In addition, they are saving 124.7 million kWh of electricity and more than 322,000 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of natural gas, annually. That is enough energy to serve about 14,650 residential electrical customers and about 3,350 residential natural gas customers.

"The payback of the high-efficiency boilers keeps giving even after the rebate/incentive."

Ed Koledo

Linden Community Schools
superintendent

Ed Koledo, superintendent of Linden schools, said, "By replacing the boilers to high efficiency models early, we were able to receive that rebate/incentive money," said Koledo.

The \$42,000 will go into the general fund to help with the overall budget, said Koledo.

Steve Lenar, assistant superintendent, administrative services for Holly schools, said that during last school year the Holly school district participated in several energy projects similar to the Sherman Middle School project. "Last April we removed 40, 400-watt

metal halide lights that were replaced with fluorescent light fixtures," he said. "The total cost of the project was \$16,100, including occupancy sensors.

"Our annual on-going savings is calculated to be \$4,270."

Holly reduced its overall consumption throughout the district, and five of its six instructional buildings qualified for Energy Star certification.

"We are very proud of this accomplishment," said Lenar.

Incentives...

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Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid meeting and project walk-through will be on March 2, 2011, at 3:00 PM (local time) at the Lake Fenton Middle School Board Room.

Bid Information

Proposals must be received prior to 2:00 PM (local time) on March 15, 2011 at the Lake Fenton Community Schools Administration Office. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:05 PM in the Lake Fenton Middle School Board Room. All bids received after 2:00 PM on the bid date will not be accepted and will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

Proposals and Award

The Owner will award contracts on or about March 28, 2011.

Plans and Questions

Interested Bidders should contact Wolgast Corporation at (989) 790-9120.

Bid Security

A Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located and in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid shall accompany each proposal or proposal combination.

Familial Disclosure

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid. The bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or the employee of the bidder and any member of the board, intermediate school board, or board of directors or the superintendent of the school district, intermediate superintendent of the intermediate school district, or chief executive officer of the public school academy. The District shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Owners Rights

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, accept a bid other than the low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and/or errors in the bid proposals, which they feel to be in their own best interest.

LFHS principal to retire at end of year

►After nearly three decades, Jerry Kramer saying good-bye

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton — As the Lake Fenton Community Schools district was in the midst of celebrating Principals' Week, the school board also released its timeline to find a replacement for its retiring high school principal.

Jerry Kramer announced that he would be retiring at the end of this school year. He has been with the school district for more than 26 years and has served it in several capacities, including teacher,

principal, assistant principal, athletic director and assistant superintendent.

Most recently, he was appointed as interim principal in October 2008 when former principal John Spicko resigned to go elsewhere. In May 2009, the Lake Fenton Board of Education voted unanimously in favor of keeping Kramer on as principal for the next two school years.

The school board expects to post the principal position from Feb. 18 to March 18 and review applications from March 28 to April 1. Interviews are to take place in April and the board hopes to vote on a new principal at its meeting in May.



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Police&Fire report

SMASH AND GRAB

Linden police received a larceny from an auto complaint on Feb. 12. Chief Scott Sutter said a woman reported that the rear passenger window was broken out of her car and several personal belongings were stolen while she was at a local business late at night on Feb. 11.

WARRANT ARREST

On Feb. 19, Linden police picked up a 22-year-old Linden man on outstanding arrest warrants out of Linden and Clawson. He was temporarily lodged at the Fenton police station until he could be transported to court the following day.

POT FOUND IN CAR

Fenton police stopped a Chevy Cavalier on Feb. 17 for an equipment violation. A search of his car revealed 2½ grams of suspected marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The Fenton Township man was arrested.

FIFTH OWI

At 12:20 a.m. on Feb. 17, Fenton police were alerted to a possible drunk driver on Donaldson Drive. The driver blew a .178 on the breath test. He refused the chemical test at the police station and later had blood drawn at the hospital. Police learned that the 64-year-old Grand Blanc man had four prior alcohol related offenses. Police are seeking warrants for felony drunk driving and driving with a revoked license.

OFF-DUTY COP SPOTS DRUNK DRIVER

On Feb. 16, an off-duty Holly police officer followed a possibly intoxicated driver on westbound Grange Hall Road and notified Fenton police. Fenton police initiated a traffic stop on Silver Lake Road. The 34-year-old Linden man blew a .198 on the preliminary breath test and a .20 on a chemical test.

SHOPLIFTER HAS CASES PENDING

At 2:20 p.m. on Feb. 21, Fenton police responded to a retail fraud complaint from a department store on Silver Parkway. A 28-year-old Linden man was arrested for exiting the store with \$300 worth of video games and a Wii controller concealed underneath his clothes and in a diaper bag belonging to his small child, accompanying him. Police learned he has several similar cases pending in circuit court. First-degree retail fraud charges are being sought.



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The Argentine Township Police Department expects to move out of their cramped office, located in the basement of the township hall.

Police get nod to move back to former location

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Twp. — The Argentine Township Police Department will be moving out of the township hall basement and into its former building, about a half-mile east on Silver Lake Road.

During a special meeting Saturday morning, the Argentine Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of the amended three-year, lease-to-own contract that Police Chief Dan Allen and Ferrellgas worked out.

Clerk Denise Graves said the township attorney was satisfied with the lease. The police department moved into the basement of the township hall in September 2007, to save the township

from paying the \$1,000 monthly lease.

Although the move saved the township \$12,000 annually, the police department had to adjust to half the space. Interviewing victims and suspects was difficult at times, with the township office located just feet away. Storage was also an issue.

Since the 2007 move, the building owned by Ferrellgas has been vacant. The police chief worked out a lease, at \$500 per month. The police department will also have the use of a portion of the property, which it will use as an impound lot,

a source of revenue for the department.

Police are looking forward to the move, which is expected to occur in March, after some minor renovations are completed, such as painting. A fence is also needed to secure the impound lot.

Allen said, the morale of the department has definitely been lifted, knowing they will have more breathing room. He's been working out the last few details, such as getting a new sign out front, interior painting and the fence. As soon as the interior has a fresh coat of paint, he expects to start moving in.

"Revenue (from impound lot), will offset the move."

Daniel Allen
Argentine Township
police chief

POTHoles

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Michigan drivers can visit www.drivemi.org and submit pothole locations, photos and comments to the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA), the road industry group sponsoring the new reporting system.

MITA will gather the information to create a new statewide Google Map containing user-submitted pothole locations, photos, and comments. User-submitted pothole locations will appear on a map at MITA's website. The map will appear this week when MITA receives pothole submissions from residents around the state.

In addition to collecting the pothole data, MITA will report the pothole locations to state and local road agencies as a public service.

"Driving on pothole-riddled roads costs each Michigan motorist an average of \$370 a year, and the average pothole repair can run even higher."

Mike Nystrom
executive vice president of MITA

CRASHES

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Lt. Jason Slater said that between 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20 and 8 a.m. on Feb. 22, police responded to five crashes on U.S. 23, or its ramps, and four crashes on city streets.

Because of the quickly accumulating snow, drivers found themselves losing control of their vehicles. Slater said no injuries were reported with the slide-offs and vehicles were towed from the ditches.

The last snow-related crash was Tuesday morning on Shiawassee Avenue. The driver lost control on the slick road surface and ran into a street sign. The vehicle was gone by the time police arrived.

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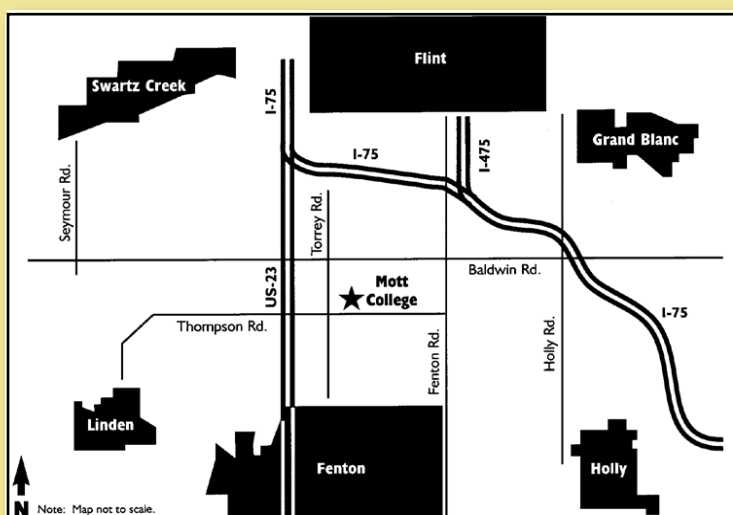
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SCHOOL

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organizations, and for-profit companies. They receive tax dollars, but the sponsoring group must also come up with private funding. Charter schools must adhere to the basic curricular requirements of the state, but are free from many of the regulations that apply to conventional schools and the day-to-day scrutiny of school boards and government authorities.

Some charter schools offer specific programs targeting a particular type of student. They usually offer smaller classes and more individual attention than conventional public schools.

Examples of local charter schools are Holly Academy in Holly and Charyl Stockwell Academy in Howell.

Magnet schools

Magnet schools were first launched in the late '70s, to help desegregate public school systems by encouraging children to attend schools outside of their neighborhoods.

They are highly competitive, highly selective public schools, renowned for their special programs, superior facilities, and high academic standards. They may specialize in a particular area, such as science or the arts.

Students who apply to these schools go through a challenging testing and application process. Student diversity is usually a major goal of most magnet schools.

The International Academy of Flint is just one local example of a magnet school.

Private schools

Private schools rely on tuition payments and funds from non-public sources such as religious groups, endowments, grants, and charitable donations. These schools select from students who apply for admission. They may be co-ed or single sex. About 25 percent of the elementary and secondary schools in the United States are private.

Parochial schools

The majority of private schools in the United States are parochial schools, such as St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Fenton. The academic curriculum at these schools is supplemented with required daily religious instruction and prayer. It is not required for children who attend a parochial school to be of that particular faith, but all students are required to attend religious education classes and prayer services.

Private/parochial schools, such as St. John, offer many opportunities for the education and practice of the Catholic faith, along with multiple opportunities for Christian service, according to Principal Katherine "Kit" White.

"We are a community whose mission is to educate students to become their best so that they can serve God by serving others," said White. "We offer a strong core curriculum as well as visual and performing arts, vocal and instrumental music, Spanish, integrated technology, library and physical education classes. Students can participate in debate and drama in addition to sports programs."

"We are a close-knit community of students, staff and parents," added White. "Our common goals of academic and spiritual growth are accomplished by learning together, worshipping together and serving others. Students of all faiths are welcome at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School."

For parents who are trying to make the decision between public and private schools, the best predictor of academic success of one's child is parental involvement. Visit the schools and ask questions. Read school profiles on GreatSchools.com.

When it comes right down to it, the best school setting for one's child is the one based on personal decisions made by the family, based on their values, and the needs and interests of their child.

Scholarships and grants

► Find the right funding for your college education

By Sally Rummel

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Lauren Reynolds, a senior at Fenton High School, already knows what she wants to do with her life. Now, she's just figuring out how she is going to make it work financially.

Reynolds plans to attend Grand Valley State University this fall, to pursue a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation, followed by a master's program in physical therapy (PT) at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

"I can relate to physical therapy because of my interest in sports, and also because my dad recently had open-heart surgery and had to use PT services," said Reynolds.

She is right on track in turning in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA), which is due March 1, which will determine her eligibility for federal student financial aid. She is also anticipating a local scholarship package from Fenton schools in April, which will contain a number of local "random" scholarships that she will apply for.

As a student athlete with a 3.85 grade point average, Reynolds is also hoping to earn the Scholar-Athlete Award from Fenton High School. She is also applying for scholarships through her mom's employment at Spartan Stores through the local VG's store, as well as her dad's work through a local union.

"Our plan is for my parents to pay a third, loans and scholarships to fund a third and for me to contribute a third through work at school and savings from my job at Mancino's," said Reynolds.

With public, four-year colleges charging on average, \$7,605 per year in tuition and fees for in-state students, plus the costs of room and board, books and other fees, making a financial plan for college is a necessity. Private colleges are even more expensive, charging, on average, \$27,293 per year in tuition and fees.

Most college students do receive financial aid, according to www.collegeboard.com. In 2009-10, more than \$154 billion in financial aid was awarded to undergraduate students. The average amount of aid for a full-time undergraduate student was about \$11,500, including more than \$6,000 in grants that don't have to be repaid.

Scholarships and grants

Apply for as many scholarships and grants as possible, because this money will not have to be paid back, reducing the amount needed for student loans and out of pocket.

Visit your guidance office to find local scholarships, or search on StudentScholarshipSearch.com for national and regional scholarships and grants.

Federal student loans

The next step in paying for college is securing as much federal financial aid as possible, in the form of federal student loans. Federal loans are the most abundant type of student loans, and usually have the best benefits and the lowest interest rates.

The Stafford Loan is the first federal student loan that you should apply for. The undergraduate Stafford loans have interest rates as low as 4.5 percent, no application fee, and no payments until six months after you graduate. In order



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to be approved for this loan, you must file a FAFSA form.

Another federal student loan option is the PLUS loan. This loan is taken out under the parent or guardian's name, and has many great benefits allowing a parent to borrow the entire cost of education at a low-interest rate.

Private student loans

If scholarships and federal financial aid fall short in providing the funds you need for college, the next step is obtaining a private student loan. Private student loans allow a student to borrow from \$500 up to

the cost of education, no repayment until after graduation, and you do not need to complete the FAFSA.

To find and compare lenders, visit PrivateStudentLoans.com. To better inform yourself about the amount you will have to repay after school check out the student loan calculator. This will calculate monthly loan payments for a given loan amount and rate. If you have questions, visit the financial aid forum at financialaidforum.com to discuss options with students and financial aid experts.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I AM SO disappointed in the Fenton Police Department, for waiting two years to reveal the picture of the two-tone, dark car that was on a video tape (regarding Randa Jawhari). What good does it do now? Maybe two years ago someone would have had a fresh memory of it. My prayers go out to her family.

WHAT A GREAT thing could happen downtown, if the old Topps building was razed and a new nonprofit center built to serve the families of Fenton. A coffee shop, kayak/canoe livery, fitness center, ice-cream shop, indoor/outdoor entertainment area, a fire pit by the river, an outdoor basketball court and maybe a skateboard park that could be an ice skating rink in the winter.

IDENTITY

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to LifeLock, Inc., more than 11 million Americans were victimized by identity theft. People hand over personal information every day, and thieves know who gives it out and to whom. This is why 590 data breaches in 2010, affecting a reported 11 million Americans, were made public by the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse.

"From account passwords to phone numbers and Social Security numbers, we are asked to share our personal information nearly every day," said Todd Davis, chairperson and CEO of LifeLock, Inc., the nation's provider of proactive identity theft protection. "Each time we hand over these key pieces of our personal information, we increase our vulnerability to identity theft."

The increase in breaches from 2009 to 2010 can be seen in government and/or military agencies doubling the number of reported data breaches and financial and insurance institutions tripling the number of reported breaches.

"Just like thieves rob banks because that's where the money is, identity thieves target government, military, fi-

nancial and insurance agencies because of the large amounts of personal information they hold," said Davis.

"In order to bring to light these issues where consumers are vulnerable, LifeLock has made a significant investment in educating consumers, law enforcement and our elected officials to the risks and solutions surrounding this crime."

According to the report "2009 Annual Study: Cost of a Data Breach" published by the Ponemon Institute in January 2010, the average organizational cost of a data breach was \$6.75 million, or an average of \$204 per record lost.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro sees many of these cases and offers advice for anyone who is trying to repair the damage. The first step is to run a credit report and find out what is out there. Next, contact each creditor that has an unknown account in the victim's name. The victim will have to work through the process of documenting that it is an identity fraud.

"I would cancel all of my credit cards or at least put a hold on the account so nothing can be charged against those accounts," said Aro. "They should contact their bank and advise them of the problem also."

Det. Scott Townsend said the only

DID YOU KNOW ?

- **Michigan** was ranked 18th nationwide for the number identity theft complaints.
- **In 2009**, there were 7,525 identity theft complaints in Michigan.
- **The top** three identity theft types are credit card fraud, government documents or benefits fraud and phone or utilities fraud.
- **Florida** ranked first in identity theft complaints in 2009 — highest in the nation, per capita.
- **In 2009**, 1.3 million consumer complaints, 25 percent, which are identity theft related, were received by the Federal Trade Commission.

Source: LifeLock.com

way a victim will learn they have become a victim of identity theft is by running a credit report or when they have a loan or credit card application denied. "That's true identity theft," said Townsend.

Credit card fraud involves someone using another's credit card number to make purchases without their authorization. "By the time you know about it, they're long gone and your credit is damaged," he said.

Prosecuting identity theft suspects is difficult, especially when it occurs across state lines.

Reporting the crime to the local police department is important as quickly as possible to slow down any future action and further damages. Victims can also go to www.consumer.gov/idtheft for additional assistance. Townsend generally calls credit card companies directly when he helps victims.

One of Townsend's most serious cases is pending. This case involves a suspect living in North Carolina and a victim from this area who has lost between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

How to protect yourself:

- **Watch your** credit score.
- **Shop smart.** With online shopping, be sure to look for a security seal and https in the URL.
- **Don't share** personal information. Before providing personal information, especially at doctors' offices and other places of business, ask why the information is needed.
- **Strengthen your** passwords. Changing passwords often and using numbers, symbols, and uppercase letters can help protect accounts from being hacked.
- **Stay alert.** High-tech thieves are busy coming up with inventive ways to get at your personal information, including skimming your credit card during check out, shoulder surfing to snap a picture of your account, and phishing for your identity via e-mail, websites, texting, or phone calls.
- **Shred and** destroy your documents. Dumpster diving is a proven method for thieves to gain access to your personal information.
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Eighty volunteers, 10,000 meals



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Nick McDonald, 11, (left) Miranda Day, 16, and Jerry Cadreau were among 80 participants in the Volunteering Across the Ages project at Linden High School. Ten thousand meals were mixed and sorted by volunteers. The projects were sponsored by the LHS Student Council and the South Lake Youth Initiative Program Fund of Greater Flint.

KINDLES

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All three women have in common the love of reading, and even belong to the same book club, which allows them to share their passion with other women in the group. However, like the rest of the world, times are changing in the world of books and this trend shows every month when the women get together for books and conversation.

"We've got about 15 active members in our book club, and I'd guess that about four women out of this group have e-readers, either Kindles or Nooks," said Herzog, who admits to being non-technological, not even using a cell phone. "But, technology hasn't changed the books, or our love of reading, I just can't borrow their books," she adds, with a smile.

This local group of readers recently celebrated their 10th year of sharing books together as a club, including the special milestone of completing their 100th book, "The Kitchen House." They didn't just celebrate with a "good book," they spent a long weekend at Boyne Mountain last month, enjoying book-related games, an anniversary cake, even pecan turtle candies shaped like an "open book" painted with edible gold leaves.

Their experience in the last 10 years as books have expanded from traditional books to electronic readers mirrors what is happening in the world of books, with e-readers gaining market share and popularity — even in traditional settings like local libraries.

"The usage of digital reading is definitely growing," said Ronnie Morgan, informational technology head of the Genesee District Library. "The digital branch of the library is called 'Overdrive' and can be accessed through digital.thegdl.org. All of the instructions specific to a patron's own device can be found on this web site. Once you've obtained a library card, you don't even have to leave your house to access our books."

Morgan adds that because Barnes & Noble's "Nook" and Apple's iPad are more open to other vendors, e-books from these companies are available through the library, while Amazon's "Kindle" is more proprietary and only available through Amazon. All that may be changing, too, as these companies compete for more market share.

But, the gold standard of reading traditional books compared to e-books hasn't changed the daily flow of customers in and out of Lizz's Used Bookstore in Fenton.

"People spend so much of their work day on the computer, that we are finding many customers still appreciating the joy of reading traditional books," said storeowner Liz Henderson. "I hear comments from people all the time about how expensive e-readers are, plus the expense of downloading e-books. They can't buy them used, nor can they pass the book on."

What makes e-books so popular?

- The ability to carry a near unlimited amount of books.
- The sharp E-Ink screen, which reads like a real book (so you don't get eye fatigue and you can read under any environment).
- The long battery life (most eBook readers can get more than two weeks of use).
- The ability to purchase books from the device (available on the Kindle, Nook, Bebook Neo, for example).
- The ability to load up any pdf, pre-purchased eBook, or document into the device for reading later.
- The compact form factor.
- Varying price points (you can pick up an eBook reader for as little as \$100, and as much as \$500).

Source: E-book Review Club

BRONZE

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room together and become like family. Rickert's team performed two programs, a short, 2½-minute program and a long, 4-minute program. They took fifth place out of 12 in the short program. Overall, her team, comprised of girls from across Michigan, took the bronze. Teams from New York and Ohio took the gold and silver medals.

"It was a U.S. sweep," said Rickert.

The eight-day overseas trip was thrilling and Rickert said she was excited to sightsee and watch the other teams perform. Having the other U.S. teams at the competition provided for a large cheering section. They cheered each other on and had flags.

As a synchronized team, every member must work in unison to form one entity. "I'll remember how hard we worked to get there," she said. "We worked really hard."

Rickert is preparing for nationals, which are taking place in Ontario, California and another show in Ann Arbor. Because of her age, she's now too old to keep competing with the team. "I'm probably done, she said. "It will be sad."

"It was a U.S. sweep."
Morgan Rickert
Figure skater



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Morgan Rickert holds up the trophy that she and her synchronized skating team won last week.

Though her days competing with the team are over soon, she still expects to skate freestyle.

Spring Cup 2011

is an international synchronized skating competition under the auspices of the International Skating Union and the Federazione Italiana Sport Ghiaccio. It began in 1995. This year's competition was held in the PalaSesto ice rink, in Milan, Italy, from Feb. 11 to 13.

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Amazon's Kindle has become the breakthrough e-reader since it was introduced only three years ago, fueling a nearly \$1 billion business that Forrester Research says will triple in the next five years.

NEW JOBS

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The \$5.1 million investment includes \$3.4 million — and 150 new jobs — in the Genesee County area, said Timothy Weir, director of corporate communications and public affairs. It will be divided among Acument's facilities in Fenton, Holly and Grand Blanc Township, over a three-year period.

A \$875,000 Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credit, from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) in December 2010, is making it possible. The tax credit the MEDC recommended enabled Acument to make its investments in Michigan, rather than at competing sites in Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Mexico.

Acument had local support as well, in the form of tax abatements from the city of Fenton, Sterling Heights, and Grand Blanc Township. Local support is a requirement for receiving a MEGA tax credit.

Fenton City Mayor Sue Osborn and City Manager Lynn Markland played an instrumental role in educating members of Congress about the importance of the auto industry to Michigan's economy, and across the country, Weir said in a Feb. 4 letter to Osborn. "I am convinced that your personal work in Washington with the Mayors Automotive Coalition provided real-life examples to legislators of the failing auto industry's impact on local communities."

Markland said Acument and Creative Foam, another MEGA recipient from Fenton, did excellent jobs of being able to sustain the economic

downturn and coming back as automotive suppliers. The auto industry is very important to the state, he said.

Acument's location in Fenton will no longer be a manufacturing one. Instead, its functions will be processing and serving as the company's technical center. The technical center is being moved from Sterling Heights to Fenton. There will be a dozen engineers at the technical center in Fenton, said Director of Engineering Bob Waligora. Rhodes & Johnson remodeled the office and technical areas.

Plant Operator George Salas said there would be around 50 employees at the center by the end of this year, growing to approximately 100 in 2012. The processing capability will have doubled from this year's capacity.

Acument expects to create more jobs than the targets it submitted to the MEDC in its MEGA tax credit application, Weir said.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ANNA TROPPENS

An Acument Global Technologies employee, Layne Joss, sets up Zinc electroplating equipment in the new Fenton plant.

What will be happening at Acument's North American Technical and Processing Center in Fenton?

It will handle processing for the company's North American plants in Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois and Mexico. Processes will include heat treatment, zinc electroplating, staking (an assembly process), part sorting and other processes previously performed out of state.

The zinc electroplating equipment was moved to Fenton from a supplier in Rockford, Ill. that was downsizing, said Director of Engineering Bob Waligora. In addition, because of the zinc electroplating that will take place, wastewater treatment equipment is being added at the center, to clean water before it enters Fenton's wastewater system.

By the end of March, a technical resource center will be in place, with fastener testing equipment, a scanning electron microscope and spectrometer for metallurgy, Waligora said. Engineers will be moving from other Acument locations to the one in Fenton.

The North American Technical and Processing Center will cut transportation time and help get finished parts to customers faster, said Timothy Weir, director of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs. In addition, customers like Acument having direct control over all of the processes involved in treating the parts. It's the best way to maintain quality, he said.

This goes for the in-house testing and other engineering work as well, Waligora said.

Guest viewpoint

By Alison Kalcec
Rose Township
supervisor



As all who keep up with Rose Township government know by now, the financial reporting for your government has been found deficient. And, because responsibility for the fiduciary health of the township falls on all of the board members, the majority of the board believes it is important to identify the source of the issues and address them.

The board and members of the public have repeatedly asked the clerk and treasurer, the officials responsible for financial record keeping, management and reporting, if issues that were identified in the fiscal year 2009 audit were being addressed. The trustees, supervisor and the public in attendance were assured that all of the issues were resolved.

This, apparently, is not the case. The following points are, I believe, important to every taxpayer:

The fact that the serious issues noted in the fiscal year 2009 audit were not resolved is unacceptable to the rest of the township trustees and supervisor.

Ken Palka, of Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka, informed the board at its Jan. 12 meeting that the township will be contacted by the Michigan Department of Treasury, which will require the township to provide a plan for correcting the material weaknesses noted in the fiscal year 2010 audit documents.

Accurate budget amendments and financial planning cannot be accomplished by the end of the fiscal year unless the information contained in the township's general ledger is accurate and is completed in a timely manner.

Tax collection and disbursement information has not been recorded in the township's general ledger so periodic financial reports cannot be provided to the board or the public for this fund. The treasurer has continually resisted accounting for your tax dollars in a transparent manner through the township's general ledger.

Bank statements have balances that have not, or cannot, be reconciled to the amounts recorded in the township's general ledger.

Over the last two years, the township has expended more than \$18,000 on CPA services to train and assist the new clerk and the township treasurer with performing the statutory duties of their respective offices. Even with that assistance, those duties have not been performed adequately.

It appears that the services that were provided by those CPAs were bookkeeping services, which could and should have been performed by the clerk and treasurer or a bookkeeping assistant at a much lower cost to citizens.

The township adopted the "Uniform Accounting Procedures Manual" provided by the Michigan Department of Treasury as its policy and it is time for elected officials to do whatever is necessary to adhere to that policy.

As such, I am recommending that township elected officials come to the table immediately to formulate a plan for obtaining the services of a qualified bookkeeper within the confines of the budget. In addition, the township board must take all necessary steps to conduct the business of the township in accordance with policies and procedures that protect the citizens that we serve.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ON BEHALF OF the Linda Ward family, we would like to thank the Holly and Fenton business owners for their generous donations to the fundraiser.

I'M JUST HEARTBROKEN. I still haven't been invited, to the royal wedding. This, after all we've done for the English.

IF WE COULD cut all of the Republicans' wages, and give them the option of union wages or minimum wage, there would be a heck of a lot more pro-union Republicans. I guarantee it.

WHAT, GM EMPLOYEES aren't entitled to a bonus for doing a good job, but restaurant servers are? How does the GM bonus come from 'Joe the Plumber's' brother, 'Joe the Taxpayer'? I pay taxes and have never seen that deduction as part of my taxation. And, no, I have never worked for GM or any other auto company, so I owe them nothing. The only solution, stop all bonuses and tips.

SHARED SACRIFICE, HUH? Where was the shared 'gain' when the Republicans outsourced our jobs to get another few million in bonuses? Where was the shared 'gain' when Bush's tax cuts gave millions

to the rich and pennies to the working man? What's being shared about teachers losing jobs and administration retaining six-figure salaries? The common worker pays for the rich's greed. No shared sacrifice, without shared gain.

DEMOCRATS BELIEVE UNION members want to belong to their union, so both groups should support a right-to-work law in Michigan. Employees could make their own decision to join, or not to join the union, and the question would be answered, once and for all. The Michigan people should push that issue to a vote.

TO ALL PARENTS, myself included, we brought these beautiful gifts from God into this very scary, stressed-out world. We have to remind ourselves to try hard not to live through them. Let's face it, times are much different. I remember when I was accepted for my own talent, not by who my parents were or what school I went to, or even if I was college material. What matters are tolerance, respect, and good examples.

IRS Property Tax Deduction:

Currently a Federal deduction for Property Taxes paid can only be taken by filing Schedule A (itemizing). For the last 2 years a deduction had been allowed when taking the standard deduction. IRS allows a deduction for actual property taxes PAID. The deductible taxes may be for prior years.

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PENALTIES

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In response to the state's request for action, township officials voted, Feb. 9, in favor of hiring a bookkeeper, instructing officers to draft a response to the treasury department and to have the state treasury department audit the township's books. "The motion passed, we should move forward," said Kalcec.

Kalcec has released a statement about the situation (see Guest Viewpoint at right).

Slaughter did not return comments by presstime.

Team state wrestling meet

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

D3 QUARTERS (5:30 p.m.)
Lake Fenton vs. Otsego
Richmond vs. Roscommon
Allendale vs. Lakewood
Dundee vs. Mid. Bullock
Crk.

D2 QUARTERS (7:45 p.m.)
Greenville vs. Holly
St. Johns vs. Crestwood
Lowell vs. St'sville
Lakeshore
Tecumseh at Allegan

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

SEMIFINALS

Div. 3 semis (11:45 a.m.)
Div. 2 semis (11:45 a.m.)

FINALS

All divisions start at 4 p.m.

NOTE: All matches for the state meet on both days will be at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

Third-ranked Lake Fenton prepared for trip to Kellogg Arena

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — Bring up the Division 3 Team Wrestling State Meet to Bryce Hopkins, and instantly he'll put a happy grin on his face, almost looking giddy.

Who can blame the senior for it? After all, he's part of the first Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team headed to the Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena for the Division 3 Team State Meet.

"It's great. It'll probably be one of the greatest experiences in my

life," Hopkins said. "It's going to be one of the best memories of my high school career. I'm excited, really excited."

Hopkins isn't the only one. While snow kept most kids away from area schools on Monday, the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team had to be at the school at 3 p.m. sharp, preparing for what could be the team's biggest match in school history on Friday. The third-ranked Blue Devils open the state quarterfinals with a match-up against sixth-ranked Otsego. The

winner of that match, will advance to the final four on Saturday, wrestling against the winner of another Friday quarterfinal match — No. 2 Dundee vs. No. 7 Midland Bullock Creek.

"It means a lot," senior Zach Corcoran said. "I've been wanting to do it forever. You go to team states, and you

always watch all the good teams go wrestle. And you watch your friends that are on those teams and wish that you were there. This year, we get to go, so I'm really excited about it.

"It's super loud. You just
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Lake Fenton's Connor Brancheau

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Twenty-three area wrestlers headed to state meet

►Bronchos record 11 Palace-bound grapplers

By David Troppens
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Holly — Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta doesn't want to use the word "overwhelming" to describe his team's performance at the Division 2 individual regional held at Holly High School, but he really has no choice.

After all, his team shattered all school records, qualifying 11 of 12 wrestlers for the Division 2 Individual State Wrestling Championships to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills, starting March 3. The old record, well, that was six wrestlers.

"It's been amazing. I'm so sky high," Pluta said. "I don't want to say I'm overwhelmed, but it's overwhelming, the success we've had."

The Bronchos had three regional champs out of their 11 wrestlers to qualify for the state meet. Stevie Gonzales (125) remained a perfect 50-0, defeating Harrison's Andre

Sanders 13-9 in the championship match. Meanwhile, Holly's other 50-0 grappler, Shawn Scott (171) won his title by defeating Ferndale's Chavez Farris 6-2. The third champion was defending state champion Anthony Gonzales (119). He defeated Riverview's Chris Carroll by pinfall in 1:11.

"We were all pumped up," Gonzales said of the meet. "Everyone was getting ready. Everyone was focused and in their zone. Being at home was a major advantage. We had a lot more people come out and support us. That was great."

Two others lost title matches, coming home with runner-up performances. Mason Cleaver (112) lost to Crestwood's Joey Golani 3-1. Meanwhile, Zack Jones (130) was edged by Allen Park's Calib Riley 10-5 in their title match.

Dominic Russ (112), Tyler Gibson (119), Cas Guzdzoil (160) and Joe Piwowarski (215) earned

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REGIONAL CHAMPS

Here is a list of tri-county wrestlers who won regional titles on Saturday.

► **Lake Fenton (6):** 119 - Todd Melick (41-4); 125 - Buddy Poyner (51-2); 135 - Zach Corcoran (53-1); 145 - Justin Melick (49-5); 160 - Connor Brancheau (52-3); 171 - Drew Morris (50-3).

► **Holly (3):** 119 - Anthony Gonzales, 30-2; 125 - Stevie Gonzales, 50-0; 171 - Shawn Scott 50-0.

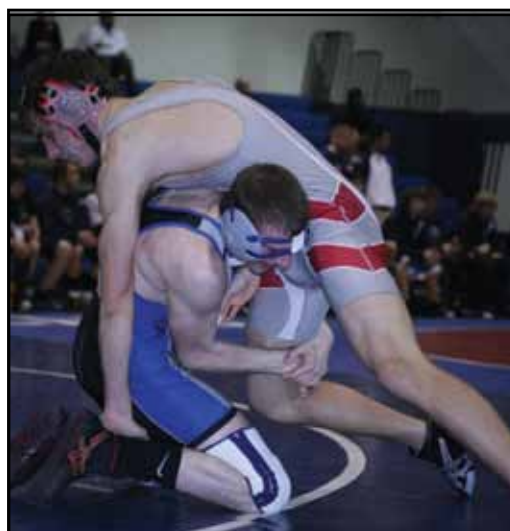
► **Linden (1):** 189 - Kyle Fisher, 56-0. Morris (50-3).



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(Above) Lake Fenton's Justin Melick (top) pins an opponent during a recent match. (Right) Holly's Cas Guzdzoil (top) tries to takedown a foe. They are two of the 23 tri-county area wrestlers that qualified for the MHSAA Individual State Wrestling Championships on Saturday.



►Blue Devils place a perfect 10 for state

By Al Zipsie
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Williamston — Already one of the most feared wrestling teams in the state, it seems the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling squad is only getting stronger at the right time of the season.

Already qualified as for the Division 3 Team State Meet for the first time in school history, the Blue Devils advanced a perfect 10-of-10 wrestlers out of individual regionals into the Division 3 Individual State Wrestling Championships to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills starting on March 4.

"We are stepping up at the right time and showing they are a talented group," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "We had 10 wrestlers at regionals and all of them advanced to state, which is amazing."

Lake Fenton had six individual regional champions — Todd Melick (119), Buddy Poyner (125), Zach Corcoran (135), Justin Melick (145), Connor Brancheau (160) and Drew Morris (171), all going 3-0. Christian O'Guinn (145) was a runner-up (145), while James Demember (103) and Bryce Hopkins (119) placed third. Nate Franks (285)

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Fenton girls ski team headed to state meet

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity girls ski team wanted to qualify for the team state meet at regionals, and did just that on Thursday at Mt. Holly.

The Tigers qualified for state by taking third place at the Division 1 regional held at Mt. Holly, scoring 133 points. Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Central took first and second, re-

spectively. The Tigers edged out White Lake Lakeland (144) for third, earning the state spot in the state meet to be hosted at Marquette Mountain on Monday. The Fenton boys placed eighth.

"Our team feels incredibly proud," said Fenton ski coach Woody Brackney. "We have worked so hard to get to one of our goals, the state finals, from all of our athletes and our coaching staff. Our team theme this

year is 'One team, one dream.'"

The girls earned their state position on the strength of their outstanding team effort in the slalom. The Tigers led the field in that event, scoring just 48 points, doing 20 points better than the team they beat out for third, Lakeland.

McKenna Valley had the strongest showing by Fenton, taking eighth overall with a combined

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Fenton's McKenna Valley placed eighth in slalom at regionals.

did you know?

The first family to win three generations of NASCAR races was the Petty clan — Lee, Richard and Kyle.

Bronchos hope to pull off upset in state quarterfinals

By David Troppens

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Holly — Senior Joe Piwowarski is nearing the end of his Holly varsity wrestling career.

Yet, the team seemed as busy as ever Monday.

But he's not complaining. The Bronchos remain one of just eight Division 2 wrestling teams headed to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena for the Team State Wrestling Championships, only the second time the Bronchos have qualified in school history.

"It feels great," Piwowarski said. "It's been our goal all season, and it's awesome we are finally going. Being one of two Holly teams to ever go is great."

"When you are a freshman, you never expect to be here. But now that we are here, it's just so much better. Looking back, we've gone through so much, and it's good that we get to go through it as a team."

The Bronchos are ranked seventh in the Division 2 field, and will begin action against No. 2 Greenville at 5:30 p.m. If they win that match, they'll compete in the semifinals with a chance to compete in the title match, both of those matches coming Saturday.

The senior class is a big reason why the Bronchos are at the state meet. Seniors like Mike Spencer, Mike Neal, Joey Spencer, Cas Guzdzoil and Piwowarski stepped up their performances this season, giving the Bronchos a deep team. Combine those wrestlers with the Bronchos' given studs — senior Stevie Gonzales, defending state champion Anthony Gonzales, Mason Cleaver, Tyler Gibson, and Shawn Scott, among others, and Holly has become what may be the best team in school history. Others that have seen strong showings are young wrestlers



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Holly celebrates its team regional title last week. The Bronchos go to the team state meet for the second time in school history on Friday.

Dominic Russ and Zach Jones.

"Last year we had a couple of standouts like Josh Houldsworth, but up and down the lineup we were not as solid in some places where we needed to be," Anthony Gonzales said. "We've progressed with our freshmen and younger guys stepping up. Now we have that team depth, and seeing it is amazing."

Beating Greenville won't be easy. They are the second seed for good reason, posting seven wrestlers into the individual state meet. The team has at least 10 wrestlers that have won at least 30 matches.

"I was hoping we'd draw Tecumseh, but this is only the second time we've been here

and we haven't had any signature wins," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "We'll take a look at Greenville and give it our best shot. We know they are very good, but maybe we can steal a win here and there and pull up the upset. We, certainly, aren't going to tap out for them. That's not our style."

"We need to get as many pins as we can and not give them any more points than we can," Gonzales said. "We have to go out there firing as hard as we can. We can't give Greenville any credit. Even if they have been ranked higher than us the whole season, we are going to make them remember Holly. And if we beat them, that'll be great."

Holly at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena

► **Friday's opener:** The seventh-seeded Bronchos face No. 2 seed Greenville at 7:45 p.m. for a quarterfinal match.

► **Last time:** Greenville lost in the semifinals of last year's D2 state tourney. Holly hasn't been to the state meet since 2005.

► **The favorite:** St. Johns returns as the defending state champ and the No. 1 seed in the tourney.

► **The rest of the field:** It's a field loaded with state experience. Allegan lost by a point to St. Johns in the title match a year ago, while Stevensville Lakeshore and Greenville were at Battle Creek last season as well. Besides Holly, only Dearborn Heights Crestwood hasn't been at the state meet in either of the last two seasons.

► **Quarterfinal outlook:** This will be a tough matchup for Holly. Greenville has seven state qualifiers, and three others that weren't state qualifiers that have won at least 30 matches. They are really strong at 160 and up, starting with Adam Bonner (160), who was a runner-up at state last year, and following with defending state champ Jordan Thomas (171).

► **Holly outlook:** The Bronchos are the underdogs against Greenville, but if they can get their first-ever state quarterfinal victory, they'll probably have a bit easier time of it with Tecumseh or Allegan in the semifinals. St. Johns will be tough for anyone to beat.

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get one takedown and the place goes nuts. It's going to be fun."

The Blue Devils will be the favorites in their quarterfinal match, but probably won't be in any match they may compete in the rest of the way. But it's not like Otsego is a pushover. The Bulldogs have seven state-qualifiers, including Turner Gott (145), who is 57-1. Still, the Blue Devils should be favored against the squad that hasn't been to the state meet since 2002. So while, the event may be a first-time experience for most of Lake Fenton, Otsego finds itself in much the same situation. And, in fact, the Blue Devils do have team state tourney vets — transfers Justin Melick and Todd Melick and James De-member each have competed in Battle Creek before.

"I doubt it will bother us. We have never been there, but we have kids that have," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "One thing that has helped us a ton is that we have parents that have been there and they are telling us what we have to do this and get this done. Their experience is helping out more than anything."

"But like I've said, our schedule is one of the toughest around, so it's not like we are going in there worried like, 'Oh, God, these teams are awesome.' We've already wrestled teams that are just as good, if not better, than the teams that are here. We'll go there, wrestle and see what happens. These kids aren't scared. They just want to wrestle."

If Lake Fenton wins on Friday, Saturday's semifinal match begins at Kellogg Arena at 11:45 a.m. The finals for all divisions start at 4 p.m. No tri-county team has ever won a team state title with the current format.

Lake Fenton at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena

► **Friday's opener:** The third-seeded Blue Devils take on No. 6 Otsego at 5:30 p.m. for a quarterfinal match.

► **Last time:** Lake Fenton has never been to the team state meet, while Otsego last went to Battle Creek in 2002.

► **The favorite:** Richmond is the No. 1 seed for a reason. They are the defending champs and are loaded this year as well. But Dundee is pretty loaded as well.

► **The rest of the field:** The Blue Devils may be the best of the rest of the field, and probably on any given day can beat any team in the field. Still they aren't the favorites. Four of the teams return from last year — Richmond, Roscommon, Allendale and Dundee.

► **Quarterfinal outlook:** Otsego has its fair share of very strong wrestlers, mainly in the lighter weights, but will be the underdogs against the Blue Devils and their 10 state qualifiers. There could end up being some pretty good matchups in those lighter weights, though, and the Blue Devils need to win their share of them. Neither team has any real state tourney experience, so that becomes a wash. However, the Blue Devils do have wrestlers like Justin and Todd Melick who have experienced this scenario at Detroit Catholic Central in the past.

► **Lake Fenton outlook:** Getting out of Friday's quarterfinal is a very realistic possibility. A Dundee vs. Lake Fenton semifinal match would be a huge challenge. Dundee returns three defending state champs and a runner-up.

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The 2011 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:

March 8, 2011 2:00pm Organizational Meeting (No Appeals Heard)

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NO LATER THAN 5:00PM MARCH 14, 2011.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE NOTICES OF ASSESSMENT HAVE BEEN MAILED.

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES.

PROPERTY OWNERS MAY APPEAL BY LETTER IF RECEIVED BY 5:00PM MARCH 22, 2011

All agents protesting values on property other than their own **MUST** have written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION RATIO'S

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Agricultural	54.38%	0.91950
Commercial	56.33%	0.88760
Industrial	58.32%	0.85730
Residential	56.55%	0.88420

Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting are asked to contact the Rose Township Clerk (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk

DEVILS

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took fourth.

Corcoran had a 7-2 decision over Onsted's Wes Pieper for his title. He's only two wins short of 200 for his career. Poyner beat Saginaw Swan Valley's Chris Thiele 4-2 for the second straight week to capture a championship. Poyner has 193 career wins.

"No matter where we end up with wins, Zach and I just need to come out and wrestle hard," Poyner said. "Of course, getting to 200 career wins would be great. It is nice to give (Thiele) his only losses, and we will most likely meet again at state."

Todd Melick and Hopkins took two of the top three places at 119. Todd Melick (41-4) had a 6-0 decision over Swan Valley's Josh Flores, and Hopkins (38-16) blanked Hemlock's Chance Lisik 5-0 for third place, qualifying for state for Lake Fenton for a third straight year.

Justin Melick beat O'Guinn in an all-Lake Fenton final at 145. Justin Melick (49-5) is on a hot winning streak after his rare losses came early and is looking for his second straight state crown.

"After a slow start, I have been wrestling well lately and at the right time," said Melick.

Brancheau (52-3) knocked off Swan Valley's Joey Flores and has won two-of-three head-to-head battles in the last few weeks. They could run into each other at the state meet once again.

Morris (50-3) won by disqualification in the final over Montrose's Jake Freeman. Demember, who had a major decision win over Birch Run's Adam Bishop at Team Regionals, had a 9-6 setback against him in the semifinal. Demember bounced back with a fall over Onsted's Mike Lobbestael



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Linden's Dallas Blank (top) qualified for the Division 2 Individual Wrestling State Championships, to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills by taking fourth place at regional action on Saturday.

in 3:55 to earn third place.

DIVISION 2 REGIONAL AT DEWITT

The Linden Eagles had two wrestlers advance out of regionals, including one wrestler that remains perfect.

Kyle Fisher (189) improved to 56-0 by cruising through his weight class.

He won his first two matches by pinfall and then won the final by injury default

against Sparta's Paul Dunneback due to an early injury. It was short-lived, but that's what happens.

"Dunneback was ranked third (in the state) and Kyle second, so we really wanted to see that match," Linden coach Todd Skinner said.

The Eagles had one other wrestler advance out. Dallas Blank (140) placed fourth.

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time of 59.04 seconds during her two runs down the slope. However, her teammates weren't much slower, with three more finishing within the top 16. Lauren Rhoads (1:00.48) took 11th, while Marina Nimmo was 13th (1:03.87). Kelley McKay captured 16th (1:04.59).

The Tigers only finished sixth in the giant slalom with 85 points, but that was only nine points less than Lakeland's fifth-place performance.

Rhoads had the Tigers' best performance overall on any event, taking seventh in the giant slalom (44.60), while McKay placed 18th (46.40).

"On the girls side, I would like to say the entire team (stepped up)," Brackney said.

The Fenton boys didn't qualify as a team, but one individual will be headed to the state meet. That is Seth Thompson. He qualified individually, by taking 10th overall in the giant slalom. He recorded a combined time of 43.11 seconds in the giant slalom. During his second run, he posted a time of 20.81 seconds, one of just five sub-20-second runs in the event during the day.

Thompson also was Fenton's top performer in the slalom, placing 17th with a combined time of 53.64 seconds.

"We tried and stayed together as a team, plus we have had some serious injuries in the past week going into regionals," Brackney said. "So our boys team's objective was to stay focused and go as fast as they can, and ski everything smart."

All of Fenton's top skiers could be making repeat performances in the near future to the state meet as well. Of Fenton's five girls that placed in the top 24 in the slalom, none are seniors and three are sophomores. For the boys, Thompson is a freshman.

"(We just want) to have a lot of fun and to see how far we can place at the premier meet for high school alpine ski racing," Brackney said.

HOLLY/OXFORD CO-OP SKI TEAM AT REGIONALS

The Holly/Oxford boys placed fifth with 202 points. Holly/Oxford's Alex Schultz qualified for state in the slalom, by taking ninth (52.51). The top 10 individuals in each event on non-state qualifying teams also earn state bids. In the giant slalom Schultz placed 13th (43.40).

The girls took ninth place. Rachel Harrington placed 15th in the slalom, with a time of 1:04.36.

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third-place performances, while Mike Spencer (145), and Mike Neal (152) earned fourth-place efforts.

"It was one of our biggest meets of the year, and it was at home," Piwowarski said. "It was like a home-field advantage."

Pluta was happy with the performance.

"We have kids that are peaking at the

right time as far as team and individual stuff," Pluta said.

"It's crazy how it snowballed on us. First, we had six, then eight and then we wondered if we could get 10. It just kept on building. And we did it at home with so many former wrestlers and parents. It was a total family atmosphere."

The MHSAA Individual Wrestling Championships begin on March 3 and continue through March 5. All rounds are hosted by the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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8:30 a.m. Registration, coffee and donuts
A light lunch will be provided during the noon break

Location: Springview Community Church, 12881 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, MI
Website: www.springviewCC.org

The cost for the seminar is \$20 for couples, \$15 for singles.
Seating is limited so please call the church (248-634-9225) to make a reservation.
If you are interested in the seminar but unable to attend, please call Mr. Cary at (248) 431-3273 to schedule a complimentary personal appointment.

PREP REPORT

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Holly 67, Lapeer West 54:** The Bronchos outscored Lapeer West 45-25 in the second half to earn the win. Josh Fugate led all scorers with 26 points, while Brent Staffne had 15 points. Austin Hopkin netted 13 points. Holly made 28-of-43 free throws during the contest.

► **Linden 68, Clio 57:** Brad Farthing scored a game-high 23 points, leading Linden to the win. Jack Plasters had 12 points, while Dylan Nash chipped in 10 points. Linden scored at least 11 points in every quarter.

► **Lake Fenton 69, Mt. Morris 63:** Sean Canning netted a game-high 30 points, leading the Blue Devils to the win. Mitch Kirk had 18 points. Austin Gottron, Spencer Quick and Devin Evans had seven points each.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Lapeer West 36, Holly 33:** No Broncho had double-digit points, resulting in the loss. Allyssa Copley had nine points and 17 rebounds, while Ashley Xiong had seven points. Marisa Liburdi scored 23 for Lapeer West.

► **Clio 49, Linden 36:** Maija Satkowiak led the Eagles with nine points, while Kelsey Brecht had seven points.

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NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF GROVELAND TOWNSHIP 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of Review of the Township of Groveland will meet at the GROVELAND TOWNSHIP HALL, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, Michigan, Lower Level, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereof, at the following dates and time:

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Monday, March 14, 2011 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Additional days will be scheduled, if necessary, to give everyone an opportunity to appeal their assessment.

Property owners may file their protests by letter provided they are received at the Township Hall by Monday March 7, 2011.

For those wishing to protest in person, please schedule an appointment by calling:
OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION
248-975-9611

If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call
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Groveland Township

Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate of Matie E. Kieft

To all creditors: The decedent, Matie E. Kieft, who lived at 109 Laurel Leah in Fenton, Michigan, died on August 3, 2010. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Lewis D. Kieft, Successor Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Ad #10349: 2011-02-23 2011-03-02, 2011-03-09 2011-03-16

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Ad #9841: 2011-02-09 2011-02-16, 2011-02-23 2011-03-02

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in 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: Lutullus S Penton and Yvonne M Penton, His Wife to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 2005 and recorded November 16, 2005 in Instrument # 200511160110108 Genesee County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-R1, by assignment dated November 19, 2010 and recorded November 29, 2010 in Instrument # 201011290079324 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$324,755.97) including interest 3.365% 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 March 9, 2011 Said premises are situated in Township of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 5 acres of the East 10 acres of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 17, Township 7 North, Range 6 East, Township of Flint, County of Genesee and State of Michigan. Commonly known as 5427 Calkins Road, Flint MI 48532 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 2/09/2011 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-R1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-32178

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Dale Edward Neil

1947-2011

Dale Edward Neil - age 64, of Fenton, passed away



Saturday, February 19, 2011 at Beaumont Hospitals, Royal Oak.

Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Thursday, February 24, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Dale Swihart officiating. Visitation was held 2-8 PM Tuesday and will also be held 2-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army. Dale was born January 11, 1947 in Flint the son of the late Leroy and Violet (Klinger) Neil. He was a 1965 graduate of Fenton High School. Dale married Marilyn Pass in Fenton on December 6, 1980. He was employed for 40 years by Consumer Energy in quality control until his retirement in 2006. In addition, Dale was a member of Utility Workers Union, Local #119, Burton. He was a collector of many things, jukeboxes, vinyl records and miniature classic cars. He played and coached softball, was a great sports fan, especially Red Wings Hockey and Tiger Baseball. Dale will be remembered as a great negotiator for family and friends. He was a helpful man who loved a good challenge. Dale will be missed dearly, and remembered forever. Surviving are his loving wife, Marilyn; 4 children, Denise Congdon (Jeff) of Montrose, Angie Silver (Chuck) of Dearborn, Jarrod Becker of Delray Beach, FL, Brandi Neil (Brian Webb) of Fenton; grandson, Garrett Congdon; sister, Linda Behrendt (Jim) of Swartz Creek; 3 brothers, Michael Neil of Arizona, Robert Neil of Flint, Marty Neil of Fenton; very dear friend, Charlie Miller of Flint; his pet parrot, Rocky; and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by 2 brothers, Butch and Gerry Neil and sister, Marcia Bates. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Erika Michele Schlosser

1991-2011

Erika Michele Schlosser - age 19, of Fenton, died Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at Genesys Health Park. Funeral services



will be held 11 AM Wednesday, February 23, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Fr. David Harvey officiating. Visitation was held at the funeral home Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Erika M. Schlosser Memorial Fund. Erika was born February 20, 1991 in Royal Oak, the daughter of Ronald C. Jr. and Beth Schlosser. She attended Fenton High School. Surviving are: her parents, Ronald and Beth Schlosser of Fenton; sister, Danielle Schlosser of Lake Tahoe, CA; grandmother, Stella Schlosser of Trenton; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William E. Leighty

1940-2011

William E. Leighty - age 70, of Holly, passed away February 19, 2011. Loving husband of Sharon. Devoted father of Holly (Dan) Hobson, Hope (Phil) Copeland, and Greg (Lisa) Leighty. Dear grandfather of Grey, Sawyer, Drew, Chase, Alec, Blane, Luke, Anna, and Michael. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Sally Leighty (Hall). He retired from General Motors in 1992. Bill enjoyed spending time with his family who treasured him. www.dryer-funeralhomeholly.com.



James Leroy Swerdan

1943-2011

James Leroy Swerdan - age 67, of Holly, made his transition February 19, 2011. Survived by his wife, Paula; children, Kristine (Jim) Seymour, Robin (Ed) Gamache, Randy Ketzler; 6 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and sister, Janet (Jim) Neddermeyer. Jim was a retired supervisor with 37 years of service at GM V8 Engine-Flint and a member of Holly Moose Club. He enjoyed golf, music,



Deborah Elizabeth Smith-Westrum

1963-2011

Deborah Elizabeth Smith-Westrum - age 47, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Fenton, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2011 at St.



Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Funeral Services will be 3 PM Thursday, February 24, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Deacon Ron Kenney officiating. Visitation will be 1 PM Thursday until time of service at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Deborah Smith-Westrum Memorial Fund for her children's education. Deborah was born December 10, 1963 in Flint the daughter of Gary and Beverly (Whitworth) Smith. She graduated from Fenton High School in 1982 and later earned Bachelor Degrees from Alma College and Eastern Michigan University. Deborah was employed as a caregiver at Columbiere Elder Care Center, where she provided devoted, tender care for retired clergy. She was also a skilled artist, who created many fine works of art. More than anything, Deborah was a homemaker and loving mother who cherished her children. Surviving are her two children, Maxwell Cord Westrum, Piper Lauren Elizabeth Westrum and their father, Ron Westrum; parents, Gary and Bev Smith of Fenton; sister, Chris Ann Smith of Fenton; brother, Gary Paul Smith and wife Deana of St. Clair Shores; two nieces, Amanda Tougas, Danica Smith; two nephews, Gavin Smith, Dalton Smith; grandmother, Mary Niedzwiecki of East Tawas. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Nora Ebel; great-grandparents, Victor and Justina Smith. The family extends heartfelt thanks to Ron Westrum for his unconditional love and kindness. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



MSU sports, car collecting and spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by parents, Marge (Nimphie) and Andrew Swerdan. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 2 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Family and friends may gather from 12-2 PM. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the family to be used for Jim's favorite non-profit organizations.

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

Approved: Consent Agenda as Amended.

Presentations: Mr. Mike Kowall, State Senator – Introduction.
Mr. Kent Barnes, Holly Area Schools Superintendent – School Budget Update

No Action: Shared Services.

Postponed: Medical Marijuana.

Approved: Acceptance of Resignation.

Approved: Board Appointments – Appoint to Board of Review - Diane Ducat, Cindy Kriener and Lynn Coulter – St. Pierre. Appoint to Planning Commission - Peter Deahl.

Approved: E-Commerce Contract – Proposed Resolution 2011-02.

Approved: Poverty Exemption Guidelines – Proposed Resolution 2011-03.
Approved: Amendments to Policies and Procedures – Proposed Resolution 2011-04.

Approved: Proposed Contract with Oakland County for Ballot Layout and Programming Services.

Approved: Consider Closed Session to Discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Information.

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 <p>Totino's Party Pizza 9.8 - 10.9 oz.</p>	 <p>Spartan Cream Cheese Regular or Neufchâtel 8 oz. box</p>	 <p>Spartan Hot Dog or Hamburger Buns 8 ct. (excludes wheat)</p>	 <p>Spartan Snacks Pretzels (10 - 15 oz.), Cheese Balls (9 oz.), Cheese Puffs (10 oz.), Cheese Popcorn (6 oz.), or Traditional or Cheese Party Mix (8.5 oz.)</p>	 <p>Powerade 32 oz.</p>
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VG's Angus Beef

Chuck Roast MEAL DEAL!

BUY

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Boneless Beef
Chuck Roast
(3.5 lb. or larger) *and Get...*

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