

ONLINE  
COMMENTSSTORY: **FENTON  
STUDENT TO HELP  
LITERACY CENTER  
IN MEXICO**

**“I want you** to know how much I admire what you are doing. I ask God to bless your journey and efforts. God's blessings and love to you.”

— Terry S.

STORY: **FIRE  
DESTROYS HOME**

**“I feel so** bad for Shirley. She is a wonderful woman who has done so much volunteer work for MADD and her community. She of all people did not deserve this. I am glad she is OK and God bless her.”

— Christine

**“The firefighters** on the ladder, descending from the building are John Grigg, Jr. and Chad Watson from Mundy Township. The firefighters were amazing in their undaunting fearless attack to try to save her home.”

— Jan G.

STORY: **TWO  
FATHERS, TWO  
DAUGHTERS**

**“My thoughts and** prayers are with you both. We, as parents, shouldn't be burying our kids to a tragedy like this. Two young

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**Exercise  
balls**  
replace  
traditional chairs  
at school  
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**Spring  
cleaning**  
Do it yourself  
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Eliminate  
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bad breath  
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## Forecast: No cheap gas prices in sight

► Costs change daily, affected by myriad of factors



**TRI-COUNTY  
TIMES** | TIM JAGIELLO  
Malvin Walden, of Fenton, adds gas to his tank at Smitty's Exit-80 Sunoco in Fenton on Monday. Higher prices keep him from filling up his tank.

By **Tim Jagielo**  
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Doug Smith, owner of Smitty's Exit-80 Sunoco in Fenton, monitors gas prices. “I follow the news a lot on it,” he said.

Every morning, Smith tours the local gas stations he competes with and checks their prices. He said gas prices are currently averaging

around \$3.36 locally, and \$3.39 statewide.

Prices are higher than what the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) predicted for February 2011. With prices on the rise, most people are affected by higher per-barrel oil prices. The EIA projected that crude oil will stay about \$93

See **GAS** on 7

### Summary

► Gas prices are not expected to strike \$4 per barrel, according to the EIA. Prices are expected to be around \$3.17 for 2011, and \$3.30 for 2012.

## School, local officials vow to fight teen drug use

► Presentations planned for area schools

By **Sharon Stone**  
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**Lake Fenton** — In light of two recent fatal heroin overdoses involving teenagers, county and local officials have pledged to do whatever they can to help the schools educate families and rid the area of dangerous drugs.

Former students of Lake Fenton and Fenton, Briona Jawhari and Erika Schlosser died from suspected heroin overdoses. Police are awaiting autopsy and

See **TEEN DRUG USE** on 7

### Summary

► Local and school officials are joining forces to educate the public on the amount of dangerous drugs believed to be in this area.

“Drugs in schools are getting worse. It's rampant. If you have money, it's even worse. The heroin is a pretty bad batch, and in this area for some reason.”

**Dep. Rudy Lopez**

Genesee County Sheriff's Department

## Second in state



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | DAVID TROPPEMS

The Lake Fenton coaching staff and team celebrate just seconds after Blue Devils' wrestler Todd Melick (far right) won his Division 3 State Semifinal match against Dundee's Travis Sproles at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena on Saturday. Melick earned the pinfall win in 35 seconds, giving the Blue Devils a 34-33 lead in the semifinal match. Lake Fenton's Buddy Poyner would win the next match, propelling the Blue Devils into the Division 3 State Championship match for the first time in school history. The Blue Devils lost that match against top-ranked Richmond 33-22, but still finished the season with the second-place trophy.

See story and more photos on Page 13

## Housing survey: School must close

► Options: Holly Elementary, Sherman Middle School, or Karl Richter Campus

By **Tim Jagielo**  
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Difficult decisions are ahead for Holly Area Schools (HAS) as Steve Gaynor

with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) presented three options for closing school

See **SCHOOL** on 9

“The tooth fairy is not going to come along and give us \$5 million.”

**Superintendent  
Kent Barnes**

## Balancing the state budget

► Gleason wants input from local governments

By **Anna Troppens**  
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As state legislators hammer out issues with the budget, they are looking for input from local governments. Jared Welehodsky, assistant to State Sen. John Gleason, attended the Fenton City

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## Guest viewpoint

Brad Jacob  
Fenton City  
councilman



The year 2010 was quite a year. It was a year of tough choices, and amazing opportunities. However, 2011 is gearing up to have some challenges. Over the next couple of weeks, I would like to clear up a few misconceptions, mention some cost saving measures, and discuss some projects from the past, present and future. While some of the concerns the city faces are serious, we can face them by working together toward a common goal.

I believe that the mayor, city admin-

istrators, city council and downtown development authority (DDA) are generally on the same page. Working to create the type of atmosphere that supports our community's 'Shop Local' campaign, encourages development, and creates a healthy family atmosphere.

While there are, at times, varying thoughts on how this end is to be met, it is well understood that our city's prosperity lies in improving our local economy.

Part of this path involves improving our infrastructure. Our city administration works very hard to acquire outside funding for projects, which helps us stretch our own dollars.

Citywide, several projects have been completed. Projects completed include Silver Lake Road construction in 2008, and the Silver Parkway project, which was paid for by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) at a cost of \$1,127,000. The DDA contributed the engineering services. The Adelaide Street project was completed, which includes a new water main and a mill and resurfacing of the roadway, at a cost of \$2,690,000. The project is being paid for by the sale of Build America Bonds, and \$525,000 in grants from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). This spring, Walnut Street will undergo a mill and resurface project. Once again, work is being funded by ARRA in the amount of \$110,000, and \$74,000 from MDOT, with the remaining cost of \$28,000 provided by the DDA.

This spring also brings Phase 2 of Adelaide Street. Projects for North LeRoy Street are in the planning stages. Other projects are in the works and we will discuss those later. But, even with so much outside funding, we still have to work within a declining budget. Therefore, another priority has been reductions in expenditures.

The city has experienced a reduction in revenue since 2008 for \$816,475. And, this problem isn't going away. Losses, due to reduced state revenue sharing and property taxes, are going to continue.

In my next guest viewpoint, I will explain some cost-cutting measures that have been implemented and look at some present and future concerns.

## ONLINE

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girls are dead and it needs to stop. They say look for the warning signs. What signs? I heard about so many overdoses and the parents did not see any warning signs, including myself, as I have been talking to my son before it happens to him."

— Reader in Michigan

"My heart goes out to the family and friends of the young ladies who lost their lives to drug overdoses this month. We cannot bury our heads in the sand as these kids are suffering. Drug abuse is a very real issue that affects kids in every city and town, in every type of family and every walk of life. Let's find a way to offer better resources to kids and their families through the schools and community programs."

— Brenda A.

STORY: **CANEVER HONORED**

"Good job, Richard."

— Glenn S.

STORY: **ROSE TOWNSHIP  
FACES PENALTIES**

"I think someone ought to get the ball rolling to recall Susan Slaughter. What a ripoff — sitting at home collecting money and full benefits. Must be nice to have that kind of a job."

— Linda R.

COLUMN: **NEWT GINGRICH**

"For once, I agree with you."

— Reality

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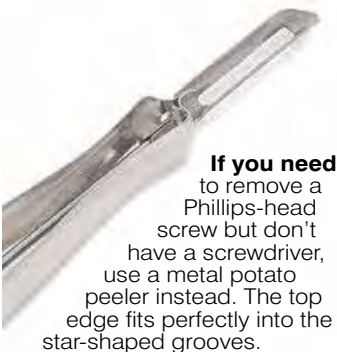
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### 1 Watch your fingers

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### 2 Remove Phillips head screw



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# Spring cleaning

## ► Do it yourself or hire a professional

By Anna Troppens

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Cleaning house is a rite of spring for many families. In earlier times, people kept their houses shut tightly against the ravages of winter, heating them with coal, oil or wood. Light came from candles, and people welcomed spring as a time to make the home fresh again (britannica.com).

On the first warm, dry day, everyone in the family who survived the cold season would help take the furniture and every scrap of cloth outdoors. Some would clean indoors, sweeping corners and

### Summary

► With spring approaching, many area residents are considering what spring cleaning chores they need to do at home. Experts recommend planning ahead to make sure the right supplies are on hand, and deciding what to do and who should do it.

washing walls, while others would air out linens, remove soot and ash from couches and chairs, dust books and paintings and mend.

Today, spring-cleaning remains a chance to enlist the whole family and get the home ready for warmer weather. One of the first steps is deciding what needs to be done, if the right supplies are on hand, and who is doing what.

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Spring-cleaning means it's time to pull out cleaning supplies and begin getting one's home ready for warmer weather.

## TIPS FOR pet dental health

### ► Avoid tooth loss, health problems, bad breath

By Anna Troppens

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Most people brush their teeth every day, but many pet owners don't think about their dog or cat's teeth. By the time they notice Fido or Fluffy has bad breath, there could be hundreds of dollars in dental problems.

It's not only a cosmetic issue. Periodontal

### How to help your pet...

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disease is a leading cause of poor health in older dogs and cats, said Dr. Gary LaBar, of Pointe Animal Clinic in Fenton. He sees around a half-dozen pets each week with health issues due to bad teeth. Back molars are usually affected.

See **PET DENTAL** on 10



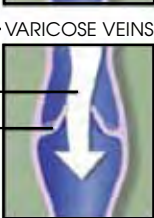
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Without preventative care, tartar can accumulate around a dog's teeth. Max, a teacup Yorkie owned by Dr. Gary LaBar, of Pointe Animal Clinic, shows what white teeth look like.

## VEIN DISEASE...



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### March is here, finally

March is here, finally, and I am so excited. Spring weather is on the horizon. I'm sure there will be more than one more blast of snow and ice from Old Man Winter, but that's OK. The worst is behind us.

There is so much to look forward to in the month of March. I can't wait to see the spring flowers in bloom. The first to pop up in my own flower garden are the bright yellow daffodils, red tulips and blue iris.

Daylight Saving Time begins the second Sunday in March (March 13) and our clocks will spring forward one hour. I love having it lighter longer in the evening, just in time for some warmer weather and outdoor activities.

There is, of course, one activity that I don't look forward to — spring-cleaning. Do it yourself or hire a professional? Associate Editor Anna Trop-pens has some tips on spring-cleaning on page 3 in this edition. I always do my own spring-cleaning and I have to admit, while it's a big job, it's nice to open the windows, let some fresh air in and have everything fresh and clean. It is also a good time to get rid of some of the unwanted items that have been taking up all that closet space.

This weekend, we have the Fenton Community Expo (Saturday and Sunday) to look forward to. With more than 100 vendors, there is something for everyone at the expo.

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Of course, there's lots of good food, entertainment, giveaways, shopping sprees (don't forget free admission) and so much more at the 27th year of this community event. Stop by and say hello, I'll be there Saturday afternoon.

The month of March is also Reading Month. It brings St. Patrick's Day (March 17) and the first day of spring (March 20). Yes, March is here, finally.

Enjoy your week!

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**PEOPLE ON PENSIONS** use government provided-services and need to pay their share of the costs. In spite of what the unions and liberals tell you, there is no free lunch. The 85-plus percent of the work force that are nonunion are tired of picking up your slack.

**AS IS ALWAYS** the case when a Republican governor succeeds a liberal Democrat governor, there is a mess to clean up. In this case, Granholm left a huge hole to fill after fulfilling her pledge to 'blow us all away.' Now, the unions will have to suck it up and pay back all that money they should have never gotten in the first place. You go, Rick.

**IT HAS BEEN** amazing that just in my lifetime we have seen the Berlin Wall come down, and Communism fall. Egypt has demanded freedom and finally we may see the breaking of unions. Hooray.

**HERE IS SOME** new math for you. Cost to take graduate classes to maintain my certification last year, \$10,000; increase of \$60 per pay for health insurance, 3-percent reduction in pay, \$200 increase in co-pay, and a 100 percent increase in cost for prescriptions. This is what a public teacher (me)

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has endured in the last year. But, I am greedy and unwilling to give my part.

**AS A PUBLIC** teacher, I have taken pay freezes and pay cuts. I pay more for my health care and have had a 3-percent tax imposed on my pay. I have given, but now you want to take away my right to bargain class sizes. Will you also blame the teachers when your kid can't learn because there are so many kids in their

class that the teacher can't give them personal attention?

**IT'S BEEN 15** years since I graduated from high school, and I see that teenagers interviewed in the Times are still saying that if they were principal, they would allow off-campus lunches. It definitely would have been cool if I would have been allowed to do this. But, now that I'm older and am aware of the safety and legal issues, I get to say to all you teenagers — it ain't never gonna happen.

**ALL YOU PEOPLE** clapping that the unions lost their rights to bargain and strike and want to get rid of unions, well put your hands in your back pocket and hang on, because you will be next. We will be back in the '30s, no unions and everyone works for \$5 a week and no benefits. Yep, there are going to be a lot of changes in how we live.

**THE TREASURER OF** Rose Township has been on sick leave since last April, and the financial records have been found to be deficient. This problem is being blamed on the clerk. Did the board think that she could do her own job and that of the treasurer as well? The board members should be looking in the mirror because they did not formulate a plan to do the work of the treasurer sooner.

**CONGRATULATION TO BETH** Charles for winning the 2011 Holland Tulip Time Festival poster contest. Her painting 'Drama Queens' will be featured on all banners, coffee cups, etc., for this year's festival. Check out the festival website to see her work.

**WHAT IS NEXT?** I have heard that the Fenton children's librarian has lost her job due to budget cuts. First, they cut parking, and then they cut hours. Now, the children's librarian? Each time I go to the library, especially the children's area, it is quite busy. I do not see how the library will survive with all the cuts being made. So sad to lose such an important position in the community.

**SO SORRY TO** read about the heart-ache of the Jawhari and Schlosser families, of having two beautiful women die way too young. Uplifting them in prayer and sending them warm thoughts.

**NEED A KIDNEY** transplant? How old are you? How healthy are you? The United Network for Organ Sharing contracted by the federal government is proposing new guidelines, that if you are older or in poor health, tough luck. Used to be who was on the list the longest. Not exactly a 'death panel' but essentially the government is making your health care decisions. Do you still like Obamacare?

**THANK YOU SO** very much to the tall gentleman who hiked out of the Byram Park woods at dark in the frigid winter to loan his gloves and help change my tire. Your help was appreciated. Thanks a million. I wish I knew your name.

**A BIG THANK** you to the young man who paid for my coffee and doughnut on Saturday. Your kindness was greatly appreciated, thank you.

**WOW, I BET** all those people who voted Republican are wishing they could have their votes back now. No big oil, no taxes on the rich. Nobody is going to be punished in the banking industry. We need to balance the budget on the backs of our children and elderly. Now, they are going after the unions. They want us to work for peanuts like the third-world countries.

**IF THE LOOSE** Senior Citizen Center wants my money, show me a financial report, please.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, Staff Reporter

## How are you dealing with higher gas prices?

## streettalk



"Staying home more, how else can you deal with this?"

— Gary Nagel  
Fenton Township



"Not so much traveling. If I do go out, I get as much done in one trip as possible. The next car I buy, I'm going to be able to plug into a wall socket."

— Joyce McClintock, Linden



"I'm traveling by plane. I drive a big SUV. I come up (to Michigan) three times a year and I'll be flying instead of driving."

— Cindy Emiry  
Statesboro, Georgia



"Actually, I don't drive. We don't have any control over it. Gas prices affect everything."

— Bob Emiry  
Holly



"I don't drive my truck as much. We use the car more, we drive together a lot. Ninety percent of the time, we take the car."

— Earl Peters  
Tyrone Township



"Not traveling as much, for sure. I used to go up North three to four times per year. I've cut trips down to two at the most."

— Richard Johnson  
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# Walker to sign contract

►Holly interim manager to be permanent manager

By Tim Jagielo

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**Holly** — Interim Manager Jerry Walker is a signature away from becoming the permanent village manager. Following positive contract negotiations between Walker, Village Council President Jeff Miller and Council member Don Winglemire, the council voted unanimously to approve the figures for a contract for Walker at last Tuesday's

## Summary

►A contract for Interim Village Manager Jerry Walker has been approved by the Holly Village Council.

meeting. "It is a good contract," said Miller.

Walker was on vacation at the time of the meeting, and the last step in the process is for him to sign the contract. He will be receiving \$80,000 per year in compensation and a small car allowance.

Walker has agreed to a six-month evaluation, and to consider concessions, should the reduced state funding require it.

## SPRING CLEANING

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If there are young children, they can receive a small job to perform (ehow.com).

While performing the actual cleaning, it might be helpful to set aside unwanted/unneeded items to donate to a charity, give away or sell at a future garage sale. This helps bust clutter and leaves fewer items lying around to collect dust later. Also, this extra "stuff" helps someone else who can use it, instead of taking up space in a landfill.

Sherri McArthur, owner of The Cleaning Authority in Fenton, suggests keeping it simple and using simple products. This can include baking soda and vinegar, to clean a drain. Dishwashing soap, water and a Scotch-Brite netted sponge are her favorite all-purpose cleaners. Inexpensive products tend to have less perfume and be more environmentally friendly. Kitchens and bathrooms are key areas to target for spring-cleaning. These rooms get a lot of use, and they have many areas

to address when cleaning, she said.

Or, if spring-cleaning appears too time-consuming, area residents can hire a professional. A Cleaning Authority slogan is, "Life's too short to clean your own home." The Cleaning Authority has many one-time clients in the spring, said McArthur.

A team of professional housecleaners trained and employed by The Cleaning Authority, clean the home. They are uniformed, fully insured, and bonded.

In addition, The Cleaning Authority uses environmentally friendly, Green Seal cleaning products and HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) vacuums and dusting cloths. This reduces the impact on the environment, and people's health. It is an especially important consideration when someone is allergic, or has breathing difficulties.

So, grab a piece of paper and a pen to make a list of what you need to do and supplies you'll need. Divide the work between family members, or check out local businesses that will do the work for you.

## Police&Fire report

### SNOWMOBILERS TICKETED

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, a Fenton police officer spotted two snowmobiles traveling on the wrong side of Dauner Road. A 34-year-old Grand Blanc man was driving with a revoked license and had marijuana in his possession. He was ticketed for those offenses. A 35-year-old Grand Blanc man was ticketed for possession of marijuana. The snowmobiles were impounded.

### DRIVER'S TRUCK IN DITCH

At 2:20 a.m. on Feb. 24, Fenton police were sent to the entrance ramp on Silver Lake Road to northbound U.S. 23. The caller/driver said his truck had been stuck in the ditch. Officers located the 20-year-old Swartz Creek man and his truck. Under suspicion of drinking, the driver performed field sobriety tests and blew a .180 on the breath test. He was arrested for drunk driving and underage drinking.

### HOME INVASION

On Feb. 25, Fenton police investigated a home invasion complaint at an apartment building on North Road. The couple said they were asleep and awakened when they heard their front door slam shut. The woman's purse was stolen. Police determined that the suspect entered an unlocked sliding glass door and exited out the front door. The home invasion complaint remains under investigation.

### SHOPLIFTER

On Feb. 25, Fenton police responded to a store on North LeRoy Street for a shoplifter. A Fenton woman was seen concealing pain medication in her purse. She paid for several items, but not the medication. The woman was arrested and given a court appearance ticket for shoplifting.

### FUGITIVE FROM CALIFORNIA

On Friday, Feb. 25, a Linden police officer detected the odor of marijuana on two juveniles entering a downtown business. The juveniles entered a vehicle. The driver of vehicle of the vehicle, a 38-year-old male, was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs. The man had several misdemeanor warrants and was a fugitive out of California. California authorities requested that the man be extradited back to them to face charges. The juveniles were released to a relative.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

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## We have returned

On Labor Day 2010, our 67th District Court Central Court facility in downtown Flint suffered extensive damage from a water-main break inside the McCree Building. The resulting floodwaters caused the closure of our Central Court to the public.

I wrote a column describing this last September and told of how our court would have to make extensive scheduling and location changes until everything was repaired downtown.

The reason for these changes was that our Central Court is the site for a wide variety of court proceedings including most of the felony arraignments, all of the felony preliminary examinations, misdemeanor pre-trials where the defendants have had bench warrants for their arrest and have posted bond and defendants in custody, jury trials and a number of other matters.

All of these cases were reassigned to a combination of our six outlying courts in Burton, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, Grand Blanc and Mount Morris, a temporary courtroom at another county-owned facility in Flint and the courtroom in the Genesee County Jail.

To say that this was a challenge to everyone concerned would be an understatement of mammoth proportions, as our court literally had to reschedule and schedule thousands of cases. Certainly for those who use and depend on our court it was difficult including the attorneys, law enforcement, litigants, witnesses and everyone else.

As is sometimes said, the 'latest and greatest' on our challenge is to report that our 67th District Central Court facility reopened to the public on Feb. 28, and every case that was reassigned to the other locations will now be back at Central Court.

I was confident when all of this first started that everyone from our court would give 100 percent or more to make our temporary plan work and serve the public in the best way that we could. I am gratified and humbled to say that I believe that this is just what happened.

Additionally, I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped get us through this challenge and also thank you to everyone who patiently accepted and understood what we had to do.

To paraphrase a line from a famous World War II speech by General Douglas MacArthur — "We have returned."

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## Linden grad to perform in musical drama

Linden High School graduate Nicholas John Paul (Class of 1996) will play Peter in the upcoming musical drama, *The Living Stations of the Cross*, April 1-17, at Detroit's Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (livingstations.org).

Paul has a bachelor of arts degree from Alma College and a master of music from the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music.



Nicholas Paul

His roots are in musical theater, with leading roles in *Damn Yankees* and *My Fair Lady*.

A tenor, Paul splits his time between his home in Novi and Germany. In May 2010, he made his German church concert debut near Frankfurt, and he will perform a recital in Mainz this May.

His parents, Jane and Bernie Paul, live in Linden.

## GAS

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a barrel in 2011, which should keep gas from costing more than \$4 a gallon.

Smith points out that when gas prices reached \$4, barrels of crude oil were around \$140.

The EIA expects gas prices to stay around \$3.17 in 2011, and \$3.30 in 2012. "There is regional variation in the forecast, with average expected prices on the West Coast about 25 cents per gallon above the national average," said the same article by the EIA. The EIA also says that gas prices peak in July.

The recent political upheavals in Egypt and Libya have also caused an increase in short-term prices.

On Presidents Day, when the U.S. stock market was closed, Smith was surprised to see prices change based on a foreign market.

"It's the first time ever that I've seen on Presidents Day that the oil companies came up with a price raise because of the foreign stock markets," he said.

As a supplier, Smith still does not have much better information than the public about the prices of gas. "I watch

"I watch the stock markets a lot and that's where it all starts."

**Doug Smith**

Owner, Smitty's Exit-80 Sunoco

the stock market a lot, and that's where it all starts," he said.

According to Smith, the cost of gas starts with the oil companies themselves, and that oil refineries affect the cost.

With gas prices being up, he has seen fewer customers fill their tank, instead, they spend between \$10 and \$20, waiting for prices to improve.

"People don't want to see high gas prices before summertime," he said.

This is what Malvin Walden of Fenton did Monday afternoon at Smith's gas station. He does not routinely fill his Suburban's gas tank all at once. "I can't afford to," he said.

Walden said he thinks gas prices could reach \$4, again. "It's possible," he said. "It wouldn't surprise me."

Businesses, like Smith's, depend less on profits from gas, and more on in-store sales. He runs a bait shop, and sells propane. "That's basically my business in the wintertime," he said.

In his store, food prices do not change much, but the price of soft drinks can increase with the prices of gas.

Smith suggests buying gas before 10 a.m. on Mondays, because prices are circulated to gas stations around 10 a.m.

## TEEN DRUG USE

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toxicology results, to confirm their suspicions.

On Monday, County Commissioner Joseph Graves, State Senator John Gleason, Rep. Paul Scott, Dep. Rudy Lopez, Fenton Township Clerk Robert Krug and Fenton Township trustees Tony Brown and Rob Kesler attended the Lake Fenton School Board of Education meeting to offer their assistance.

Brown, who is a parent in the Lake Fenton school district, told board members that the local schools need more police and ambulance presence during the day and evenings. He suggested local officials, law enforcement and school board members form a consortium and work together.

"We want to provide a venue for that aftershock of deaths, one I have known for so long," Brown said.

Graves said he has spoken at length with Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell about the drugs in this area. "I was shocked," said Graves. "It's here and we need to address it." He and the other officials want to bring a one-hour program into the schools, starting with Lake Fenton, to educate the students and their parents.

Gleason said, "You have my full effort behind this. I think we can remedy some of it. I'm here to help your families and this cause. It's everywhere."

Krug said it was a shame that it took

the deaths of two local females to do something about drugs in the Fenton area. He believes a liaison officer at the schools would increase communication.

Scott, who attended Grand Blanc schools, said he first saw drugs when he was at the middle school level. Later, two of his friends died from drug use. "We have to be vigilant on it," he said.

Lopez said these two recent deaths have been a shock to many people. In relation to the Jawhari case, one tip came in and the sheriff's department raided a house in the Carpenter Road/I-475 area. During the search, about 2 ounces of heroin was recovered.

"The sheriff is putting his best foot forward, but we're not getting many tips," said Lopez. "It's a severe problem, everywhere."

School board president Robert Grubbs, athletic director/assistant high school principal Tony Simmons, and school board members Sandra Dailey and Dave Foerster volunteered to participate in the consortium.

Arrangements for the presentation during school hours are in the works. Parents will be notified and invited to attend.

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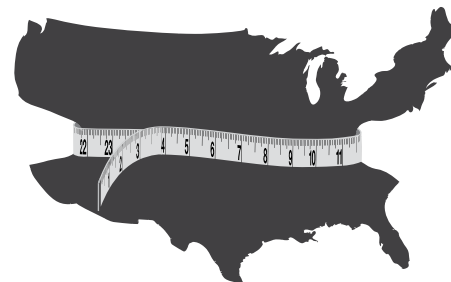
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(Right) Carter Owen, 9, and his Torrey Hill Intermediate School classmates enjoy a round of "brain gym," with teacher Patti Sabourin on Monday. Brain gym allows students to stretch and move around on their unique exercise balls in class.

## Exercise balls replace traditional chairs at school

By Sharon Stone

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**Lake Fenton** — The arrival of new seating, for a classroom of third-graders would normally produce a ho-hum response. That is, until one walks into Patti Sabourin's class at Torrey Hill Intermediate School and sees a sea of bright yellow exercise balls that will be used in place of chairs.

A grant from the Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation

covered the cost.

In addition to sitting on the exercise balls to do school work, the class also does brain gym twice a day. "The kids are loving them," said Sabourin, who is thrilled that her class is the first in Genesee County to use them.

Student Colin Curtis said after a full day of using it, he could feel a little soreness in some of his muscles. "The best part is you can read better and quicker," Colin said.



Torrey Hill Intermediate School third-grade teacher Patti Sabourin works with Dillon Byers, 9, during a social studies lesson. She said switching regular chairs to exercise balls has helped with focus in class.

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## BUDGET

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Council meeting on Monday to gather input and answer questions.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said politicians need to pay their own health insurance, instead of receiving it from the state of Michigan. Other people have to pay for their own, and politicians already receive a lot of money for doing their job. If they paid for their health insurance, they would want to sit down at the table and look at health insurance issues, she said.

In addition, King said she would like to see the city keep its own money, instead of sending it to the state to balance Michigan's budget. She believes Fenton could do more with its own money, and that many people feel the same way.

Welehodsky said legislators have taken a 10 percent pay cut. It's not enough, King said. City employees' health insurance costs have risen to more than that.

Mayor Sue Osborn asked whether the legislature is working on any type of state insurance plan, to provide health insurance for state employees and create a pool for local governments to pull from. Welehodsky said he hasn't heard that mentioned this time. There was a big push for it in the previous legislature.

King said Democrats and Republicans need to work together and get the job done.

Councilman John Rauch agreed, saying he hears politicians from one side or the other say they were elected for the same thing. Welehodsky's boss (Gleason) was elected to take care of Michigan's problems. "They aren't doing that," Rauch said. "They haven't done that in 10 years."

There is no such thing as one side of the aisle or another when people are working with taxpayers' money, he said.

## SOME OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSALS

Gov. Rick Snyder, in his proposals for 2012 and 2013, said the state government has been spending more than it takes in for far too long, creating a gaping deficit and serious problems. His budget recommendations include restructuring Michigan's tax system to make it more fair, efficient and simple. Taxing public and private pension income and eliminating the Michigan Business Tax are part of these plans, along with making a flat Corporate Income Tax of 6 percent.

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- **A Medicaid budget** funded at \$11.2 billion, reflecting a new 1 percent health care insurance assessment on all paid health care and dental insurance claims.
- **Elimination of statutory** revenue sharing for cities, villages and townships in fiscal year 2012 to be replaced with a new incentive-based revenue sharing program.
- **Dedication of \$2.6 billion** in both 2012 and 2013 to state and local bridge construction and maintenance projects.
- **Restructuring of Department** of State Police field services, allowing strategic closure of police posts across Michigan and consolidation of dispatch centers and forensic labs.
- **Expansion of self-service** options within the Department of State.
- **Employee concessions** to be negotiated, resulting in savings of \$180 million.
- **Eliminating of the Michigan Film Credit**, to be replaced with a \$25 million grant program recommended for appropriation in the Michigan Strategic Fund budget.
- **Allocation of \$134 million** to local governments as grants and loans for environmental cleanup and pollution prevention, including \$25 million for Great Lakes restoration.
- **\$670 million** for work force training and development programs.
- **\$340 million** for regulatory and consumer protection.
- **\$75 million** for the 21st Century Jobs Fund.
- **\$25 million** for the Pure Michigan campaign.

SOURCE: STATE OF MICHIGAN

## SCHOOL

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buildings in the Holly school district, based on the housing survey that was concluded in February.

"This is just one small part of getting the money that is needed to balance our budget," said HAS Superintendent Kent Barnes. "This is the tip of the iceberg."

The first option would be to close Holly Elementary School, and distribute the students to the other elementary schools in the district.

This plan would save the district about \$350,000 per year, and would include a reduction in four teacher positions.

The second option is to close Sherman Middle School. This plan saves less money but affects fewer students. Grades seven and eight would be housed at the Karl Richter Campus on Baird Street, and all of the elementary schools would become kindergarten through grade six (K-6). This plan would save the district more than \$200,000 annually.

The third option is to close Karl Richter Campus and move the central administration to other buildings, and each elementary building becomes a K-6 building. This option would save about \$200,000 annually.

Gaynor also presented options that include closing two schools at once, but quickly added that HAS simply does not have the extra space for that

to be possible. There are also several other variations on these basic plans that include slight changes to the fine details of closing each building.

After a building is closed, there could be still another \$4.9 million in funds for HAS to make up. Staffing reductions will also be looked at. "The tooth fairy is not going to come along and give us \$5 million," said Barnes.

The March 14 school board meeting will be held at the Holly High School Auditorium, and the MASB will offer a final recommendation.

Over the next two weeks, the three basic plans will be discussed and explored, but a decision won't be made until the March 28 meeting.

"It's just hard. It's hard that a school will close and kids will have to move," said Tracey Jensen, a math and science teacher at Sherman Middle School. "And, parents don't like that as well."

"The elementary (schools) have a lot of community, and they feel very, very strongly about it," said Christine King, second-grade teacher at Patterson Elementary School.

Both felt that closing Sherman Middle School would be the best option for the students. "It's hard to step back from the emotion of it, though," said Jensen. "I also know that sometimes in this economy you have to put aside the emotion and do what's going to be best."

## Summary

► On March 28, a decision will be made by the HAS Board of Education to close Sherman Middle School, Holly Elementary, or the Karl Richter Campus to help cover a budget gap for the 2012-13 school year.

"I also know that sometimes in this economy you have to put aside the emotion and do what's going to be best."

**Tracey Jensen**  
teacher, Sherman Middle School



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- **Pet dental supplies** are available from a veterinarian or a pet supply store.
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- **Owners should** begin by getting their dog or cat used to having its face and teeth touched. Praise and reward it. When that goes well, rub a couple of teeth with a finger, using praise and a reward for good behavior. The next step is adding a little toothpaste to the finger, rubbing the outer tooth surfaces. Then use a finger cot, with rubber tips.
- **Certain treats, bones** and dental foods for pets can help. Anything that promotes chewing can help wear off plaque and keep it from turning into tartar.

## PET DENTAL

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In addition, no two pets are the same and animals only 6 months old can have plaque buildup.

When plaque builds up, it erodes gum tissue. Once the roots of the teeth are exposed, periodontal disease can follow. Bacteria can enter the animal's bloodstream, which can result in issues with major organs such as the heart, kidney and liver, he said. "It originates in the mouth."

It's important for pet owners to take their dog or cat to a vet at least once a year for a general physical, LaBar said. This should include an examination of the teeth. A veterinarian can examine the animal and recommend a course of action, including how often a pet owner should check — and clean — his or her pet's teeth.

Oral health for dogs and cats is one of the biggest things staff at Pointe Animal Clinic goes over with clients, because it's such a problem, he said. People can look at their dog or cat's mouth at home. The teeth should be white.

In extreme cases, a dog or cat needs its teeth "scaled" at a veterinary office. This requires blood testing, to make sure the anesthetics needed for this are appropriate. "We take that very seriously, because there are always some risks with anesthetics," said Dr. Heidi Kern, of Companion Animal Hospital, in Linden.

Along with anesthetics to get the dog or cat to "hold still and say ahh," tooth scaling includes monitors and IV drips for safety. The process includes removing the plaque that is visible, and under the gum line, Kern said. Each tooth is examined for gum pockets or bad teeth, which need to be addressed individually.

"We see quite a few little dogs who have very bad mouths. I don't know if it's financial or denial, but people wait until the damage is too far gone. We end up having to pull most of their teeth."

**Dr. Heidi Kern**  
Veterinarian, Companion Animal Hospital, Linden

There are some veterinary dental specialists in the area, she said. It is possible to have a root canal performed on a dog or cat, and some pets are referred to a specialist. Normally, though, a regular veterinarian ends up pulling the problem tooth or teeth.

Small dogs are much more susceptible to periodontal disease, Kern said. Part of it is genetics, and another factor could be small dogs often don't chew harder toys and treats like bigger ones do. In small dogs, the teeth can become bad quickly,

and the veterinarian might have to "pull" a lot of them. "It's very sad when we have to do it that way," she said.

In the case of cats, some have perfect teeth, while others experience more problems. Most cats don't have it, but some have enamel defects in their teeth, she said.

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## News briefs

### ROAD CLOSURE IN ROSE TOWNSHIP

Terrace Road, between Rattalee Lake Road and Davisburg roads, will be closed from Monday, March 7 until Friday, March 11 due to a 30-inch pipeline installation project. This project is part of Enbridge Energy's maintenance project. Additional information about the project is available at the Rose Township office.

### FENTON TO DISCUSS REPLACING TOTALED VEHICLE

This month, Fenton City Council will discuss the issue of replacing a totaled police vehicle. The recent accident was not the police officer's fault, City Manager Lynn Markland said. Fenton's insurance company has totaled the vehicle, and the city is looking at replacing it.

### HOLLY POLICE CHIEF SEARCH NARROWED TO THREE

Three finalists for Holly Village police chief have been selected. Interim Village Manager Jerry Walker will interview the finalists when he returns from vacation, the first week of March. The Holly Village Council has agreed to keep the three finalists anonymity until a final applicant is selected. The interviews will likely happen next week, and a new police chief may be in place by the second week of March.

### COUNCIL HOLDS MOMENT OF SILENCE

Fenton City Council held a moment of silence during Monday's meeting, for former city attorney Albert Callahan, 92, who died Feb. 23. Callahan assisted with the process of the village of Fenton becoming a city, in 1964. "Mr. Callahan did a lot for this city," Mayor Sue Osborn said. On behalf of the entire council, she offers condolences to his family.

### FENTON TO MEET WITH OTHER LOCAL LEADERS

Fenton City Council is hosting a dinner for other local government leaders, on Thursday evening at the fire hall. They will get to know each other and begin discussing issues of multiple concern, City Manager Lynn Markland said.

### BIKES FOR BOOKS UNDERWAY

The annual Bikes for Books program, sponsored by Linden Masonic Lodge 132, is underway. The program, for boys and girls in grades three to five, includes the elementary schools in Linden and Lake Fenton. A boy and girl from each of the four schools will be eligible to win a bike. Teachers and parents will monitor the children to see that the children are reading the books that the teacher has approved. Any student that meets the requirements and turns in a form will have their name placed in a drawing.

## Calendar of events

### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

On the first and third Fridays of each month, Forgotten Harvest offers an Angel Food program, with **First Baptist Church of Holly**, 15030 N. Holly Rd. For more information, contact Forgotten Harvest at (248) 807-3992. Participants must bring a photo ID and sign a waiver, releasing the church from any legal liability in case of a slip and fall, etc. In addition, there is a TFAP emergency food assistance program, which does have financial criteria.

## Washington Club



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Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson chats with the Holly Washington Club attendees, including longtime friend Dale Smith (right) of Holly Township. About 120 people attended the annual luncheon in honor of President George Washington, which included a ham dinner and cherry pie.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**SO, THE TYRONE** Township board cut all of the employees' pay salaries, not their own. Now, you have enough money to hire a deputy treasurer and a meeting for a property tax increase. Is anybody watching them?

■■■■  
**MICHELLE OBAMA CAN** eat choice foods because we are paying for it. Does she think parents are stupid? We know as much about food as she does. I'm glad there is McDonald's. Us poor people can treat ourselves to it once in awhile.

■■■■  
**MICHIGAN IS ONE** of only 19 states that do not tax pensions. In a state with an aging population and fewer and fewer younger workers to pay taxes to help pay for services used by seniors, taxing pensions was inevitable. Seniors in the other 40 states that tax pensions are just fine. You will be, too.

■■■■  
**LAST MONDAY, WHEN** we had the bad snow, a young lady stopped with two children to help me get out. She shoveled the snow, pushed my car out and got me on the road. No one else stopped. I just wanted to thank her somehow. She was a beautiful blonde lady with two kids. Thank you so much.

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# Living and dealing with AIDS

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** How does someone with AIDS die? How long does one live after being diagnosed with AIDS? Can a person with AIDS cook for his or her family without fear of giving the virus to loved ones? — D.R.

**ANSWER:** AIDS kills in a number of ways. It so weakens the immune system that an infection brings

death. Or the weakened immune system allows the growth of a cancer that proves fatal. AIDS also can interfere with the production of proteins and other body materials needed for life, and the person wastes away. The incredible progress made in the treatment of AIDS allows most infected people to live 30 to 40 years after the diag-



nosis is made, very close to a normal life span. This is possible in countries where people have ready access to the many AIDS medicines. People with AIDS can cook for their family without any fear of transmitting the virus.

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

## Wednesday Sudoku

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

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

## JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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## Food For Thought

We often eat dinner at restaurants in New York, and while there are several we go to repeatedly, we tend to go to a lot of different places. As in most big cities around the country, there are always new restaurants opening up — more than I could ever try.

One of the great things about New York City is the number of good restaurants. There's a wide range of cuisines to choose from. I think New Yorkers and Californians probably eat out more often than people in other states, probably because they have so many more choices.

For more than two years, I ate out in London, and pardon me for saying so out loud, but cooking is not one of the things the British do best.

Most big cities around the world have some good restaurants but they serve primarily food familiar to their patrons. The food in a restaurant in Berlin or Cologne may be pretty good but it's still German food. The food in France is almost invariably great and always French.

There are many more gourmet restaurants everywhere these days, especially in New York. When you think of American food, you probably think of steak, though, which is not what I think a chef considers a gourmet item.

Several years ago, I traveled across the country in a helicopter. Every night, after we landed, we checked into a hotel and tried to find the best restaurant in town. Quite often, local people told us the best restaurant was in the hotel where we were staying, and we knew we were in trouble. We have great food in this country, but we're short of great hotel chefs.

When I was a kid, I used to get a chocolate shake made with ice cream at Graves Drugstore and a toasted cheese sandwich at Walters Bakery, all for 35 cents. The drugstore also sold drugs but I think they made more money on ice cream. Walters Bakery sold jelly doughnuts for a nickel.

I don't remember eating out in many restaurants growing up. In those days, there weren't many restaurants close to my home in Albany that prepared French food.



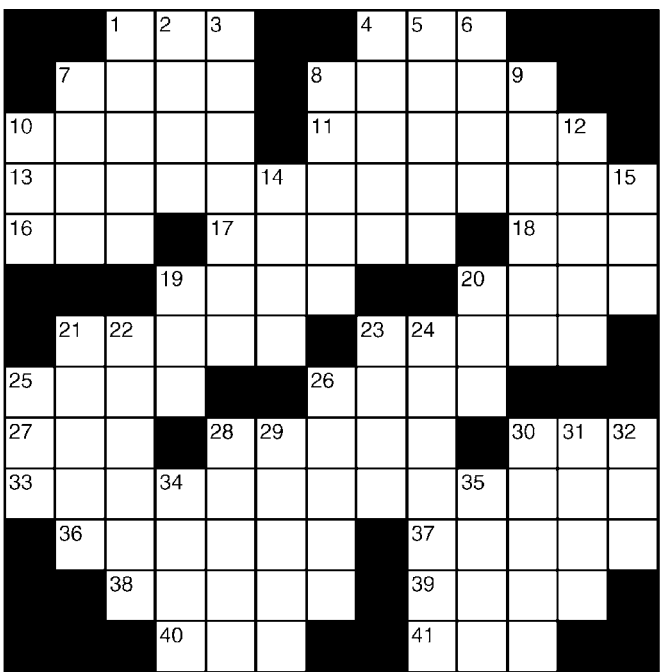
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## KING FEATURES

## Crossword Puzzle

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- 10 Sports venue
- 11 Science of light
- 13 Body of water in Utah
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- 18 U.S. spy org.
- 19 — support
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- 25 Corral
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- 29 Hotel room posting
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- 32 Request
- 34 Authentic
- 35 Curved paths

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## RELEASED THIS WEEK

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### 127 HOURS

The true story of mountain climber Aron Ralston's (James Franco) remarkable adventure to save himself, after a fallen boulder crashes on his arm and traps him in an isolated canyon in Utah. Over the next five days Ralston examines his life and survives the elements to finally discover he has the courage and the wherewithal to extricate himself by any means necessary, scale a 65-foot wall and hike over eight miles before he is finally rescued.

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# Linden's Fisher, area wrestlers ready for individual state meet

By David Troppens

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Nothing comes easy when a wrestler wants to win a state title.

And for Linden's Kyle Fisher, the story isn't any different.

True, he's 56-0 and already has won league, district and regional titles. He's also been at the state meet before, placing fifth at last year's tourney.

But he won't even be the only undefeated 189-pound Division 2 wrestler in his state bracket when the state tourney begins Thursday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"It's a pretty tough bracket," Fisher said. "There are quite a few state placers in there, and there's a kid ranked eighth in the country (Lowell's Gabe Dean). I'm 56-0 and he's 34-0. I've never even seen him wrestle."

Fisher is one of 23 tri-county wrestlers who will be among the nearly 900 Michigan prep wrestlers, looking to win a state title at the Individual Wrestling State finals to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills, starting March 3.

Ten of those wrestlers will be headed to the tourney with regional championships.

Two were state champions a year ago. Lake Fenton transfer Justin Melick (145) won a state title a year ago at Detroit Catholic Central, and begins his quest of winning another against Allendale's Bryce Brown.

Holly's Anthony Gonzales (119) became the first Broncho to ever win a state title as a freshman last year. This season, he opens tourney action

against Cedar Springs' Nic Baird. Gonzales is 30-2 entering Thursday's state tourney action.

Along with Fisher, who wrestled

**See FISHER on 15**



Linden's  
Kyle Fisher

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** When was the last time a tri-county prep wrestling team won a team state title?

**A** Fenton won it in 1990. It remains the only tri-county team wrestling state championship since the format to get a state champion was changed in 1988.

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## Dream season ends one match short of state title

► Blue Devils fall just short in championship match against top-ranked Richmond, 33-22

By David Troppens

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**Battle Creek** — It was a weekend of many storybook endings for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team while they competed at the Division 3 Team State Tournament at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena last weekend.

But the final chapter came just a tiny bit short of the ultimate fairytale ending.

Competing in the first-ever Team State Championship match in school history, the third-ranked Lake Fenton Blue Devils

gave top-ranked Richmond all it ever wanted before losing a 33-22 verdict in the state championship match Saturday.

In a match that the Blue Devils needed not only everything to go right but also needed a shocking upset or two — just as they needed in their semifinal victory against Dundee hours earlier that same day — all those things couldn't happen for a second straight match. Instead, the Blue Devils (28-6) had to be satisfied with being "just" the greatest team in school history, and the second best in the state.

And, yet, they still wrestled pretty good, winning six of the 14 matches.

"We wrestled good," Lake Fenton senior captain Zach Corcoran said. "Everyone tried their best, and you can't ask for anything more. We could've gotten a couple of bonus points here or there, and that's all. It just happens."

"I'm disappointed," Lake Fen-

ton coach Vance Corcoran said. "We had the team to beat those guys, but we have some holes here and there, and they capitalized on them. And our big dogs didn't get the pins we were looking for. All in all, we made it to the state finals, and no one really thought we'd make it past the semis. I'm very proud of these guys."

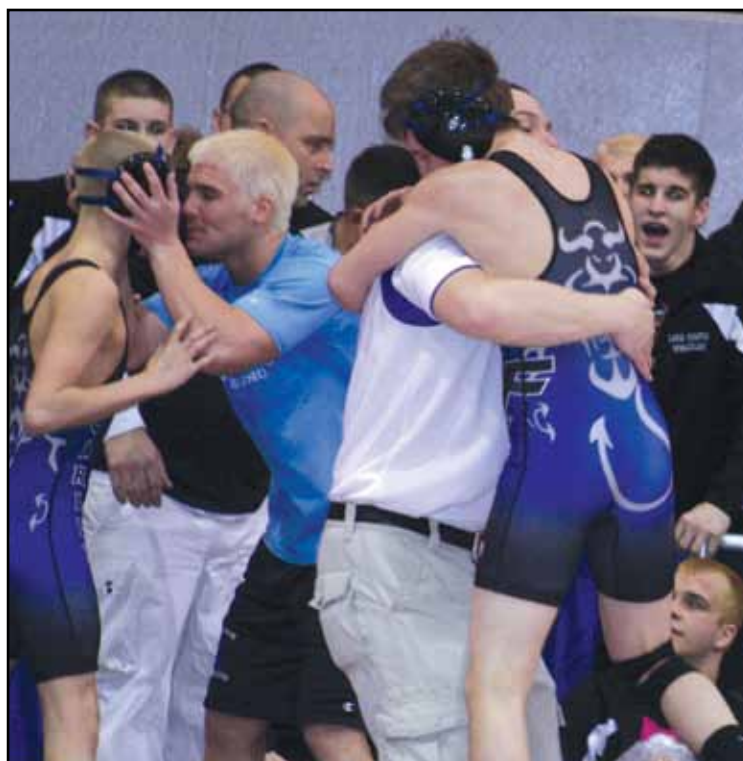
Lake Fenton opened the tourney on Friday with a 36-27 victory against Otsego in the quarterfinals and then

**See DREAM on 16**

"This season has been awesome. All of us came together, and we made it. No one thought we would. We shocked a lot of people. We would've loved to have that state title, but I'm proud of what we did. We came together and did a good thing this year."

**Zach Corcoran**

Lake Fenton senior wrestler



(Top) Lake Fenton's James Demember (right) gets a hug from coach Vance Corcoran, while other teammates celebrate his pinfall victory in the state semifinals. (Immediately above) Corcoran and assistant coach Amos Rinks watches Lake Fenton wrestler Christian O'Guinn (right) during a match.

► Poyner, O'Guinn spark memorable semifinal victory

By David Troppens

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**Battle Creek** — Buddy Poyner has never been a very good takedown wrestler.

And he's never had much success with Dundee's Joey White, losing each of his two previous matches with him.

But when it mattered most, the Lake Fenton senior had the match of his life, leading the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team to its first-ever Division 3 Team State Championship match Saturday at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena with a 37-33 semifinal victory against second-ranked Dundee.

With Lake Fenton leading just 34-33, and the final match of the semifinal tied at 2-all entering overtime, the Lake Fenton 125-pounder had to stave off a tenacious White takedown attempt. He then snuck to the side and got his own takedown, earning the 4-2 decision victory and giving the Blue Devils their first-ever trip to the state title match against Richmond a couple of hours later.

The Blue Devils celebrated like no other Lake Fenton wrestling team had ever before when Poyner got his takedown, against White, a wrestler that beat Poyner in the regional finals and the state tournament a year ago.

"I've never been the strongest wrestler on my feet, but I have a lot of funk rolls and stuff," Poyner said. "I knew he was going to come in hard, (and) that's when I can roll usually."

"It was pretty nerve wracking because he was the one that beat me in the state semifinals last year, and beat me at regionals. He beat me by one point both times. I always knew it was going to be close."

**See POYNER on 16**

**did you know?**

The Fenton wrestling team won back-to-back team state titles in 1972 and 1973.



# Holly wrestling team's state run ends in quarterfinals

►No. 3 Greenville proves too powerful for Bronchos, 37-24

By David Troppens

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**Battle Creek** — It was a day of lessons learned for the Holly varsity wrestling team at the Division 2 Team State Wrestling Meet held at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The sixth-ranked Bronchos (27-6) were the underdogs against third-ranked Greenville in the quarterfinals, and looked that role in a 37-24 Bronchos' loss. Try as they might, not much went right for Holly during their second-ever trip to the Team State Wrestling Tournament.

First, the Bronchos lost the coin-flip, probably putting them behind the eight-ball already in terms of creating matchups during the meet. Secondly, after Holly's Zack Jones opened the meet with an 8-6 victory against Devon Lehman, the Bronchos lost eight of the next nine matches resulting in the loss.

"We learned we can't take a team lightly and we have to go 100 percent all the time," Holly junior wrestler Tyler Gibson said. "I feel really good about the season. We've done a lot of things that have never happened in the past. We were district champs, regional champs and had 11 guys qualify (for the individual) state meet this year. We made improvements by leaps and bounds. It was a good year."

"We needed to wrestle better," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "We had our chances, but didn't step it up."

"The experience of being here and elevating your game to another level when



Holly's Anthony Gonzales (top) earns a pinfall victory against Greenville's Mike DeFuentes during the Bronchos' 37-23 quarterfinal loss at the State Team Wrestling Championships Friday.

you are here, are two different things. It's one thing to beat Warren Woods Tower and the teams we faced in regionals and districts, but at this level, they are all good. They are coming with a higher intensity, and we need to learn how to match that intensity. We just didn't do that today."

The night's marquee matchup was a battle of undefeated wrestlers — Holly's

Shawn Scott against Greenville's Jordan Thomas. It remained a close matchup, but Thomas won the battle at 189.

The Bronchos trailed at one time 37-6, but then won the final four matches. Mason Cleaver (112) began the run with a 7-3 decision against Alec Ward, followed by Gibson's 5-2 decision loss to Will Parmelee. Anthony Gonzales (125) won by pinfall in 30 seconds, and brother Stevie

Gonzales (130) followed with a 17-2 tech fall win, capping the match. Holly's only other win was posted by Mike Neal (152), a 7-3 decision win against Teagan Boni.

"It's been a lot of fun coming here, wrestling and showing we are good enough to be here," senior Joe Piwowarski said. "This is one of the best seasons that we've had, and hopefully we'll come here again every year."

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## LF defeats Otsego in opening round

By David Troppens

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**Battle Creek** — Nathan Franks was a little bit nervous.

He had every right to.

After all, when he took to the wrestling mat on Friday night at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, he became the first Lake Fenton wrestler to ever compete in a Division 3 Team State Wrestling Tournament match.

But he did pretty well. Lake Fenton's 215-pounder won a 7-3 decision against Otsego's Andrew Laylon. And that match became a pretty symbolic representation of the Blue Devils' state quarterfinal match against Otsego, as the third-ranked team defeated their foes 36-27, earning Lake Fenton's first-ever team victory in their first-ever team state trip.

"There were a lot of jitters," Franks admitted about his match. "I am not used to doing that stuff."

"Overall, we did really good. We weren't looking past them or anything. We had a good team performance."

Lake Fenton won nine of the 14 matches, including seven by decision.

Lake Fenton trailed

11-7 after a techfall loss at 112, but then went on to win seven of the next nine matches. Todd Melick (119) opened the run with a pinfall win in 58 seconds, while Connor Brancheau (160) capped the run with a pinfall in 4:40, but in between were tough matches that the Blue Devils had to fight for tough decision wins. The list of decision winners were Buddy Poyner (125), Bryce Hopkins (130) and Zach Corcoran (135). Justin Melick (140) and Christian O'Guinn (152) had major decision wins as well.

Earlier in the match, James Demember (103) also had a major decision win.

"We knew they were going to be pretty tough, but we were pretty confident we were going to win," Poyner said. "We don't overlook anyone. Everyone is good at the state meet."

"That was a very tough team," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "We never got out of position and just kept winning. I think we only had two pins all day. That was a very tough team."

The Friday night win earned the Blue Devils a spot in Saturday's semifinals. For more on Saturday's action, read other stories elsewhere in this publication.

### LF Top 4 moments at team state meet

► **No. 4 - LF's Todd Melick posts three pins:** Melick scored 18 team points with three pinfall victories at Battle Creek.

► **No. 3 - LF's James Demember vs. Dundee's Sean Keilitz:** Demember earned a pinfall with eight seconds remaining, tying the team score at 28-all with three matches remaining.

► **No. 2 - LF's Christian O'Guinn vs. Dundee's Chris Rau:** Facing an undefeated foe, O'Guinn overcame a one-point deficit in the final seconds to win a pivotal match.

► **No. 1 - LF's Buddy Poyner vs. Dundee's Joey White:** Perhaps the greatest match in Lake Fenton history, Poyner defeated Joey White with a takedown in overtime during the last match of the semifinals, putting the Blue Devils in the state title match.

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# Fenton swimmers take second at Metro Meet

►Holly's Quinnan breaks two league records

By David Troppens  
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Taking over Brandon's top spot in the Metro League wasn't going to be easy for the Fenton varsity boys swim team this season.

Heck, with 19 first-year swimmers, it looked like competing could be a challenge.

But the Tigers ended up having an outstanding Metro League season, by taking second at the Metro League meet and second in the final overall standings. Holly finished third at the meet and tied for third in the overall standings.

"With 19 out of my 30 swimmers being first-year swimmers, and only one fourth-year senior, we were more than pleased with our performance," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "This was a building year for us. I only have three swimmers with at least three years experience, and no year-round swimmers. This group of boys has worked harder and shown more improvement than any group I have

ever worked with. Out of our 45 entries (in the meet), 43 came back on Saturday to score."

The area had five event champions, with Holly's Jake Quinnan taking part in three of them. Quinnan broke a Metro record while winning the 200 freestyle (1:48.62) and the 100 freestyle (49.87), individually. He also teamed with Garrett Pinagel, Aaron DeHaven and Dakota Gordon to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:37.49).

DeHaven also won the 100 backstroke for Holly (1:01.36), while Fenton's sole champion was Adam Ransom. He took first in the 500 freestyle (5:10.64), while taking second in the 200 freestyle (1:53.87) as well.

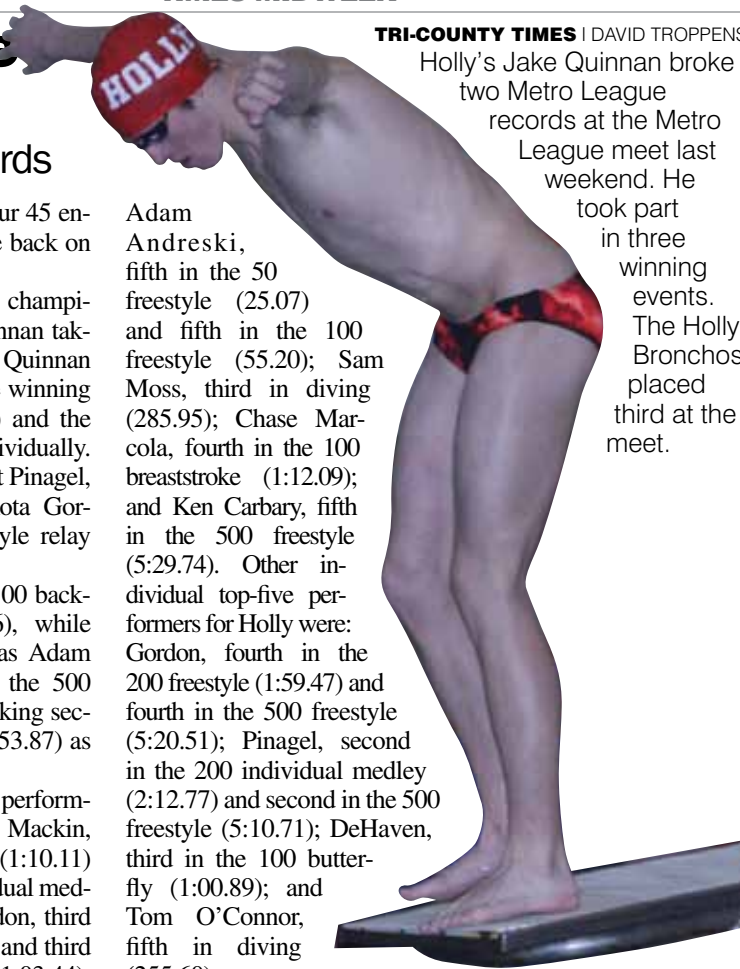
Other individual top-five performers for Fenton were: Zahne Mackin, third in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.11) and fourth in the 200 individual medley (2:21.79); David Congdon, third in the 100 freestyle (53.22) and third in the 100 backstroke (1:03.44);

Adam Andreski, fifth in the 50 freestyle (25.07) and fifth in the 100 freestyle (55.20); Sam Moss, third in diving (285.95); Chase Marcola, fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.09); and Ken Carbar, fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:29.74). Other individual top-five performers for Holly were: Gordon, fourth in the 200 freestyle (1:59.47) and fourth in the 500 freestyle (5:20.51); Pinagel, second in the 200 individual medley (2:12.77) and second in the 500 freestyle (5:10.71); DeHaven, third in the 100 butterfly (1:00.89); and Tom O'Connor, fifth in diving (255.60).

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Holly's Jake Quinnan broke two Metro League records at the Metro League meet last weekend. He

took part in three winning events. The Holly Bronchos placed third at the meet.



## Fenton girls hoops wins district opener, 61-26

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity girls basketball team knew it was the favorites entering its Class A district quarterfinal contest against Brandon, even if it was at Ortonville-Brandon High School.

And the Tigers didn't disappoint.

The Tigers had 12 girls score points in what was a 61-26 victory Monday night.

The win earns the Tigers what will be a much tougher contest in the semifinals, against the district favorites Clarkston

today. That game starts about 20 minutes after Holly's 6 p.m. semifinal game against Grand Blanc. Both games will be at Ortonville-Brandon High School.

"It was a nice way to start (the tournament)," Fenton coach Brad DeWitt said. "It's good to have a win like that where everyone plays, but at the same time we know it will be a much tougher game against Clarkston. We have to play better than the way we played in this game to beat Clarkston."

The Tigers were paced by Gabrielle

Rivette's 11 points, while Sam Granger had nine points. Hannah Evo chipped in eight points, while Alessandra Kozlowski and Julie Gilbert had six points each. Rachel Ambler led the team with seven rebounds.

The winners of tonight's semifinal games will play in the district title contest Friday at 7 p.m.

### PREP REPORT

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Fenton 77, Flushing 60:** The Tigers (17-2) are a perfect 3-0 against non-league foes after beating Flushing. Dylan Hickoff and Ryan Hickoff had 16 points each, while Eric Mowery added 14 points. Conor Muntin had nine points.

► **Lake Fenton 64, Durand 37:** The Blue Devils scored at least 15 points in every quarter to earn the win. Sean Canning led Lake Fenton with 25 points, while Mitch Kirk had 14 points. Spencer Quick chipped in 10 points.

► **Linden 65, Brandon 58:** The Eagles got a game-high 21 points from Brad Farthing, resulting in the win. Kevin Baker had 13 points, while Dylan Nash had 11 points.

► **Swartz Creek 73, Holly 57:** The Dragons outscored Holly 36-17 in the second half to earn the win. Josh Fugate led Holly with 25 points, while Brent Staffne had 14 points.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Fenton 50, Flint Southwestern:** The Tigers outscored Flint Southwestern 14-2 in the opening quarter, leading to the win. Gabrielle Rivette led Fenton with 24 points, while Sam Granger had 11 points. Hannah Evo chipped in nine points.

► **Lake Fenton 64, Durand 37:** The Blue Devils outscored Durand 32-9 during the middle two quarters, earning the win. Sidney Scott led Lake Fenton with 15 points, while Makenzie Gottron had 13 points. Hannah Rummel chipped in eight points.

► **Holly 53, Swartz Creek 46:** The Bronchos got 15 points from Allyssa Copley and 14 points from Lauren Maher, resulting in the win. Ashley Xiong also had 10 points.

► **Linden 39, Brandon 28:** Kelsey Brecht had 12 points, while Sabrina Kinney chipped in seven points and five steals, leading Linden to the win. Jordan Sargent led the team with nine rebounds, while Megan Harp had four assists.



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Holly's Mason Cleaver (right) is one of 23 tri-county wrestlers that are competing in the MHSAA's Individual State Wrestling Tournament, which begins Thursday.

### FISHER

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Bloomfield Hill Andover's Brody Wageron in the first round, Holly's Stevie Gonzales (125) is 50-0 and was a state runner-up two years ago at the state meet. This will be the senior's final chance to come home with a state title. He opens against Byron Center's Cody Burgess.

Unlike the Holly and Lake Fenton qualifiers, Fisher didn't wrestle at the

team state tournament last week. However, he's been working hard in the wrestling room preparing for the tourney.

Fisher likes his chances.

"The season is going great. I'm wrestling pretty strong," Fisher said. "I'm wrestling to the top of my potential."

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# LF wrestlers enjoy first-ever trip to Battle Creek

By Al Zipsie

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**Battle Creek** — There is a first time for everything.

For Lake Fenton's varsity wrestling team, they made their first trip in school history to the MHSAA Team State at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek Friday and Saturday. The Blue Devils brought home a state runner-up finish in Division 3 after falling to Richmond in the championship match.

The Blue Devils had a remarkable season, the best wrestling season ever. The team broke a school record with a 28-5 record, and the team still has 10 more wrestlers headed to the Palace of Auburn Hills for the Individual State Meet. But the trip to Kellogg Arena symbolized just how far this

team has come in just one season. And because of it, the Blue Devils are learning a bit about themselves, like what it feels like when you wrestle for more than yourself, but also your team.

"The trip to state is nice," Lake Fenton wrestler Buddy Poyner said. "Of course, it is big for the program. They just need to keep getting better. No one has ever heard of us in some parts of the state until this year.

"I am not nervous in my own matches, but because it is a team thing and everybody relied on me make it stressing."

Poyner provided the team's biggest heroics of the weekend, with a 4-2 overtime thriller over Joey White in the winner-take-all final match for the team semifinal victory against Dundee. That match probably was the highlight of the

state tourney experience.

"When we won the Dundee match with Buddy's win and it sunk in we were going to the state championship (match), it was electric and everyone was just jumping up and down and going crazy," Zach Corcoran said. "I had goose bumps."

Lake Fenton's second-place performance was key.

"Being the first time here we opened some eyes," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "With all the great programs here, I think we were underestimated a little."

It was the first time at Team State for everyone except for brothers Justin and Todd Melick and James Demember, who all won a Team State title last season with Detroit Central Catholic.

"I won an individual and team state championship last year. I just am happy for these guys having a chance to experience (the team state tournament) as well," Todd Melick said.

Many Blue Devils were making their first appearance in front of a big crowd including Chase Hull, who is just a freshman.

"It feels really rewarding," Hull said. "I have been working my whole life on football and wrestling and have looked forward to big time games."

"This has been so cool, such a great experience," sophomore Jake Carley said. "It makes you want to work 10 times harder to get here again."

"I have been to (individual) states, this will be the third straight year. But to be here as a team for the first time is nice," said senior Bryce Hopkins.

## Season of records

Here is a list of some milestones that Lake Fenton's wrestling team has accomplished this year.

- ▶ Most wins in school history with 28.
- ▶ Captured first-ever team regional title.
- ▶ Made first trip ever to the Team State Wrestling Meet, finishing second.
- ▶ Has qualified a school-record 10 wrestlers to this week's individual state meet.



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Lake Fenton's Zach Corcoran (right) comforts teammate James Demember just minutes after the Blue Devils lost in the finals against Richmond at the State Team Wrestling Championships on Saturday.

## POYNER

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The Blue Devils' semifinal match probably ranks as the greatest team match in Lake Fenton school history, as the Blue Devils came up with many heroes. The first was Christian O'Guinn (145). Wrestling previously undefeated Chris Rau, O'Guinn trailed most of the match but forced Rau into a locking of the hands violation and then got an escape in the final eight seconds, leading himself to an improbable 3-2 decision victory. That win put Lake Fenton up 10-6, but more importantly, gave the

Blue Devils three team points in a spot no one was expecting them to win.

"He's ranked ahead of me, No. 1 in all divisions at 140, and going in there I was a little nervous," O'Guinn said.

"I was just focused and I was pretty nervous. Being down one with nine seconds left is pretty bad for most wrestlers, but I knew if I could set up my one good move, I could hit it. He locked up his hands, so I knew I could get out of there with a couple of seconds left, and I did."

Finally, another huge victory was posted by James Demember (103). Leading the match, he got a pinfall win at 5:52, earning

Lake Fenton some valuable bonus points.

Mixed in those wins were several other clutch performances. Zach Corcoran (135) posted a 3-2 win against Brandon Trehanre, followed by Justin Melick's (140) 9-1 major decision win against Liam Grantham.

O'Guinn's win was next, but Lake Fenton's Jake Hosking (152) lost a 9-1 major decision, tying the match at 10-all. Connor Brancheau (160) and Drew Morris (171) responded for Lake Fenton with pinfalls in 5:43 and 4:12, respectively, but Dundee bounced back with two pinfalls and a void victory in the next three matches.

Lake Fenton trailed 28-22 with three more matches left. However, they won three of the final four matches, with Demember's pinfall beginning that run. Todd Melick (119) had a pinfall win in 35 seconds in the second-last match, giving the Blue Devils the 34-33 lead, and setting up Poyner's dream finish.

"When I knew I got that two, I was so happy," Poyner said. "That's because I knew we moved on and I got revenge against a kid that's beat me that I've never beat. It was probably the best match of my life."

No one's disputing that.

## DREAM

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followed that with an outstanding 37-33 upset victory of No. 2 Dundee Saturday morning. The third-ranked team hoped they could show some of that semifinal magic Saturday afternoon, and actually had the lead for most of the match. However, Richmond was able to win each of the final four matches — from 189 to 103 — erasing the Blue Devils' lead en route to the win.

Trailing 6-0 after one match, the Blue Devils tied it with Todd Melick's (119) pinfall victory against Nate Henke in 1:31, and took the lead after Buddy Poyner's (125) 6-4 decision win against Dustin Pitcel.

Lake Fenton actually had seven-point leads twice in the team score. The first time came when Justin Melick (140) earned a

5-0 victory against Pat Baruth at 16-9. The second time came when Drew Morris (171) won a 6-4 decision against John Gaffney, making it 22-15. However, that's when Richmond, who are also the Blue Devils, ran off the final four matches.

Zach Corcoran (135) also won a match for Lake Fenton, a 10-0 major decision win against Garrett Edwards. Lake Fenton's Bryce Hopkins (130), Christian O'Guinn (145), Jake Hosking (152), Chase Hull (189) and James Demember (103) each lost tight decision matches. Three others lost by pinfall.

"This season was awesome," Corcoran said. "All of us came together and we made it this far. No one thought we would. We shocked a lot of people. I would've loved to have that state title, but I'm proud of what we did. We came together and did a good thing this year."

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**FORECLOSURE NOTICE** In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 70c of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.70c please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. 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: Robert D. Worley, a Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Marathon Financial Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2003 and recorded October 30, 2003 in Instrument # 200310300145659 Genesee County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated January 28, 2011 and recorded February 4, 2011 in Instrument # 201102040006286 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$132,913.16) including interest 6.25% 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 Grand Blanc, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit(s) 10, of Sandalwood West Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 1552, page 448-501, Genesee County Records, and designated as Genesee County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 136, and any amendments thereto, together with an undivided interest in the common elements of said condominium asset forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as 5028 Sandalwood Ct, Grand Blanc MI 48439 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 CitiMortgage, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-35220

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

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Ad #10155: 2011-02-16 2011-02-23, 2011-03-02 2011-03-09

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An action seeking money damages regarding in part certain real estate appraisals has been commenced by Plaintiff Bank of America, N.A. against Defendant Freedom Financial Mortgage Lending LLC in the Oakland County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan. Defendant must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication. Defendant's answer or other action should be sent to RJ Landau Partners PLLC, 5340 Plymouth Road, Suite 200, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. If Defendant does not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against him for the relief demanded in the complaint. Case No. 10-114319-CK.

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

**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 Ameriquet 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 Ameriquet 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 Ameriquet 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

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

## HOLLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

DATE: MARCH 14, 2011  
TIME: 6:30 PM or as soon as possible thereafter  
PLACE: HOLLY TOWNSHIP HALL  
102 CIVIC DRIVE  
HOLLY, MI 48442  
PHONE: 248-634-9331 Ext. 301

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the proposed text amendments to the Township of Holly Code of Ordinances to:

Chapter 32 Zoning, Article I Definitions: Amendment to Definition of Assembly and  
Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 138 Fences and  
Chapter 32 Zoning, Article VI Site Plan Review, Section 32-231, Site Plan Review Required In Specific Districts

Any person having an interest is encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing. Written comments addressed to the Holly Township Zoning Administrator may be mailed to Holly Township, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442 prior to the scheduled meeting.

A copy of the proposed ordinance revisions may be reviewed at the Clerk's office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. except holidays.

Handicap persons needing assistance to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact the Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 x 301 or by writing to the above-mentioned address at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.



## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

### Victor A. Brugger 1918-2011

Victor A. Brugger - age 93, of Fenton Twp., died February 24, 2011 at Genesys Regional Medical Center. He is the beloved husband of the late Sophie Brugger; loving father of Tom (Kathy) Brugger and Bill Brugger; devoted grandfather of Kristina (Brandon) Smith and Matt Brugger; and dear brother of Robert (Helen) Brugger. A memorial service will be held Saturday, 12 noon, at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Friends may gather from 10 AM until noon. Share memories at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).

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### James Walter Kuhn 1945-2011

James Walter Kuhn - age 65, of Fenton, died Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Crestmont Health Care Facility. Services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 806 Main St., Fenton with Pastor Dean Dumbrielle officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation was held 5-9 PM Monday and 2-4 and 6-9 PM Tuesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will also be held from 10 AM until the time of service Wednesday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church. Jim was born December 16, 1945 in Detroit, the son of Walter and Arletha (Jensen) Kuhn. He graduated from Cody High School in De-



troit and earned an Associates Degree from Detroit Lutheran College. He also attended Genesee Skill Center in Flint. Jim owned and operated Kuhn Printing Service from the family home in Linden for several years. He was an active member of the Linden Jaycees and Trinity Lutheran Church. He enjoyed traveling to the Holy Land twice and Alaska three times. Most of all he enjoyed his yearly summer trip to Oscoda with his nephews. Surviving are: sister, Sandra Shoemaker of Fenton; three nephews, Tim Shoemaker and wife, Shannon and their three children, Adam Shoemaker and Jeff Shoemaker; cousins, aunts and uncles also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Luther Shoemaker. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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### 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of the Charter Township of Fenton will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan

Monday, March 14, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon  
Wednesday March 16, 2011 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday March 17, 2011 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For the purpose of reviewing and hearing any objections or corrections needed to the assessment roll.

Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided they are received by the Board of Review no later than March 17, 2011.

Property owners wishing to appeal in person may do so on a first-come-first-served basis on the dates and times indicated above. **APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED.**

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### PUBLIC HEARING ON MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT APPLICATION

The Village of Holly Council will hold a public hearing to receive written and verbal comments from citizens regarding THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT APPLICATION (known as the Adaptive Reuse Study) for 202 S. Saginaw St. Holly, MI 48442 on March 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM as part of the regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 315 S. Broad Street, Holly, MI.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248)634-9571 during regular business hours.

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