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# ONLINE **COMMENTS**

#### HOT LINE: REPUBLICANS

<sup>44</sup>Please stop your vicious lies and making stories up about Republicans. It is getting tiresome and



gusting and evidence of way too much pot smoking or whatever it is you people do." — Tyrone Township resident

# STORY: SCHOOLS **TAKE BIGGEST HIT 44**This is going to

result in disaster. Our country will crumble. Our

children

are our

and we

are plac-

ing them

last

future



Engineering, technology, and our children are the key. We will become the last nation instead of the first." — Monica H.

# STORY: BACK **TO THE BRICKS**

441 think this is a fabulous idea. The Lake-

shore

Drive

Cruisers

ing a part

would enjoy be-



of this occasion. Can we help you in this endeavor? – Wayne Simons

#### STORY: TWO DADS, **TWO DAUGHTERS <sup>44</sup>**My family moved

to Fenton (from Detroit) in 1968, and, much to my surprise, there were

more

drugs

in this

than I

little town

was ever



exposed to in Detroit. My heart breaks for the families."

- Always has been See ONLINE on 14A

# HOT LINE

**OF THE WEEK** 

**661 JUST DROVE** down State Road and over something yellow in a pothole. I think it might be a school bus. **99** 





Shop Local Section Special sections dedicated to the benefits of shopping local





**Younger students** 

get behind the

wheel for

# SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011

# **Understanding addiction**

# Recovering heroin addict helps others

# **By Sharon Stone**

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sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 The recent deaths of two teenage girls, from suspected heroin overdoses, have brought to light a growing epidemic in this area drug abuse.

Briona Jawhari, 17, of

Fenton Township, died on Feb. 14. Her friend, Erika Schlosser, 19, of Fenton, died two days later. Their drugrelated deaths have shocked many, but not all, in the community. Law enforcement has been battling with See ADDICTION on 13A **66** By the time you see track marks, they've been using it (heroin) for some time. 77



certified addiction physician, Brighton Hospital www.brightonhospital.org

# **Animals of the rainforest**

# TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Jennifer Badley lets Kelly, a macaw, borrow a dollar during the "Live on Stage, The Rain Forest" performance Thursday afternoon at Hyatt Elementary School in Linden. The event attracted hundreds of visitors. Besides exotic birds, attendees saw a 100-pound python, alligators and other exotic animals.

# Fenton expecting more than \$2.2 million in funding cuts

# Michigan and U.S. school districts struggle with budgets

# **By Anna Troppens**

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Fenton Area Public Schools is looking at more than \$2.2 million next year. All of the school districts less in funding next year. Super- in Michigan are struggling with

Class sizes are an issue, teachers say.

intendent Dr. Timothy Jalkanen said, "We are looking at really significant budget reductions for

their budgets from year to year." Gov. Rick Snyder is proposing school funding cuts, and there are increases in school employees' retirement costs, he said. In addition there are rollover costs See BUDGETS on 6A

# Teacher contract negotiations continue

#### **By Anna Troppens** atroppens@tctimes.com

**Fenton** — Fenton teachers have made sacrifices to help Fenton Area Public Schools balance its budget for 2010-11, according to union President Lynn Thompson.

Negotiations continue on

their contract.

Superintendent Dr. Timothy Jalkanen said most of the district's budget pays for people. "That's how our budget is, but we value our employees here very, very much."

# Mother of two heroin addict sons speaks out

\$1.00

# Family now healing

**By Sharon Stone** 

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Nobody would have ever guessed their family would be healing from the affects of heroin addiction, not with just one, but both of their sons.

This local mother and her two sons are sharing their painful experiences of drug addiction with the hopes of helping other families, and they've asked that their identity not be disclosed.

# **Oldest son**

The mother (whose name is Susan in this story) said she heard through a friend last April that her son, now 21, was using heroin. She had him drug tested. Results came back negative and the doctor said her son was just experimenting and not likely to use heroin again.

# See MOTHER on 12A

# Summary

A Fenton area mother shares how her family's world was turned upside down when her two sons became addicted to heroin.

"A lot of parents don't want to think kids are doing it. They need to wake up. It's here." **Mother of recovering** heroin addicts

# **Times publisher Rick Rockman** passes away in Florida

# **By Cheryl Dennison**

cdennison@tctimes.com; 810-433-6787 Rick Rockman, 81, publisher of the Tri-County Times, passed away

early Wednesday morning in Boynton Beach, Fla., after a brief

illness. He was born



Catholic Parish and attended Fenton schools. At Fenton High School, he was a football star and later a See RICK ROCKMAN on 14A

and raised in Fenton. Rockman loved "his town." He grew up in St. John

**Rick Rockman** 





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# Younger students behind the wheel

This is not your father's driver training

# By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 Driver training begins early Wednesday morning for Ellie Cowger, 15, of Fenton Township. She is in

#### Summary Driver training

can start at

the earliest for

students who

are 14 years, 9

months old, and

license at age 17.

ends with a full

Segment 1, of her driver training. "I'm mostly looking forward to getting my license," she said. "I like the driving

part."Learning how to park is the hardest part of driver train-

ing for her. Next, is Segment 2, which she will take next year.

Her Ace Driving School instructor, Dwight Fitzgerald, said, "You never back up any faster than you walk. That way, you don't get into a lot of trouble."

See DRIVER TRAINING on 11A

<image>

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Ellie Cowger, 15, of Fenton Township, checks traffic on Owen Road in Fenton before making a turn from Fenway Drive, with instructor Dwight Fitzgerald of Ace Driving School Wednesday morning.

# Holly student is Teen Mr. Dance of Michigan



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Gage Crismond, 15, a freshman at Holly High School, practices with his modern dance class at the Fenton School of Dance in Holly on Wednesday. Gage recently won Mr. Teen Dance Michigan with his modern-style dancing.

# By Sally Rummel

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Gage Crismond, 15, may be one of only a few male dancers at Fenton's School of Dance, but his dancing has already earned him two consecutive wins as Teen Mr. Dance of Michigan.

He'll have a chance at national competition for the Teen Mr. Dance of America title again this year during the Fourth of July weekend at Orlando, Fla. The winner will earn scholarship money and earn another free trip to next year's national competition.

"When I'm on stage, I feel happy and excited to be there," said Crismond, who takes classes in hip-hop, jazz, ballet, tap and modern dance. "It takes a lot of my energy, but relaxes me at the same time." While most of his dance classes are

filled with teen girls hoping to achieve See MR. DANCE on 11A

# Summary

► Holly High School freshman Gage Crismond has earned the title Teen Mr. Dance of Michigan for two consecutive years. A student at Fenton School of Dance, he is the son of Floyd and Robin Dennie, of Holly. He will compete for the national title in July.



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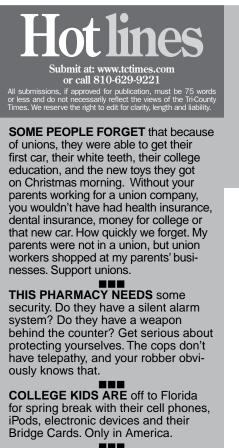
# **Buy American or bye America**

• If I Were

When did America change from the land of the free to the land of the selfish?

Selfish. It's a word we use everyday but do we ever stop to think about what it really means. Webster's dictionary defines it as 'devoted to or caring only for oneself; concerned primarily with one's own interests, benefits, welfare, etc., regardless of others.'

Based on what we all see every day, Mr. Webster nailed it. Arrogant drivers that cut in front of us. Young adults that sneer at the thought of enlisting in the military. Greedy CEOs that pay themselves undeserved billions at the expense of the workers. Politicians that sell their votes to lobbyists. Politicians that put the needs of their



I AM AN active Tea Partier and can honestly say I am OK with Snyder taking money from my pension if it will get Michigan moving again. Really, folks, it's not going to break us.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO in sick-ness and in health in a marriage? I guess greed and selfishness took over but the kids always suffer.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, Staff Reporter

party over the needs of their country. Yuppies buying Japanese and German

cars that feed their egos, but By Foster Childs destroy the jobs (and lives) of their fellow Americans.

It's time for all Americans to realize that our standard of living is going to continue to decline as long as we continue to spend our dollars on imported goods. Each time we make the decision to buy 'foreign,' we create a job in another country and eliminate a job in our country.

If we don't start taking responsibility for our buying behavior — behavior that contributes so much to the problems our nation is facing today — our country may never be the same. Our jobs, and thus our wealth, will simply disappear and we will cease to be the

NUMEROUS HOT LINES complain about national debt. How many people know the history and the actual numbers? How many know which administration ran up how much debt? The Times should print a graph showing each administration's debt.

IT'S SO EXCITING to think of a new restaurant coming to downtown Fenton, a sure winner for our city.

GOV. SNYDER SAID that with his new budget, there must be a shared sacrifice for great nation that the selfless generations before us created.

People have to understand that buying American is the answer to nearly every problem we face today. It really is that simple.

There are no accolades when we make the selfless, not selfish, decision. When we hold two seemingly identical wrenches in our hand at the hardware store, one made in China, and one costing 30 percent more made in the USA, we have to consciously decide to do our part and not let 'somebody else' do it. That's a tough sale to today's entitlement mentality. Many simply don't have the mental discipline, morals or patriotism to do what they know in their heart is right. They want 'somebody else' to do the heavy lifting.

But here's the good news — it can be done. The proof of that is our area's embracing of the 'Shop Local' culture that has had a visible, measurable impact on every business, and

all. I noticed that again there were no tax increases for beer, wine, liquor or any beverages. I guess a strong lobby trumps all.

TO THE POTHOLE and school bus Hot liner, priceless. Keep 'em coming. 

YOU PEOPLE DO realize that by taking away binding arbitration rights, police and firefighters can strike. When the municipalities slash pay and benefits, it will happen in more than a few areas. I don't think that situation would be good for anyone.



thus every citizen, in our communities. It works because we don't wait for 'someone else' to do it. We each make the conscious decision to do our part for the betterment of the community — not the individual.

In 1960, only 8 percent of our and we ruled the world. Today, that number has risen to 60 percent and is still growing — and our country is in the crapper.

We are killing our children's and our grandchildren's future.

We need to take responsibility for our own actions — our own buying behavior. And we need to do it now. It's time to stand up, man up and speak up — with our voice as well as our wallet. Our kids' future depends on it.

The choice is clear. Buy American. Or bye America.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not neces-sarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staft. E-mail the King at king@tctimes.com. Some information reprinted from the Internet.

YES, I DO still like Obama care, because that thing about kidney transplants is yet another GOP lie about it. It's another example of why Republicans want Obama to fail so bad that they don't care who gets hurt and what they destroy in the process.

AT ONE POINT in our country's history, unions served a purpose. Today, its members receive little for their dues, are told whom they should support with their vote, and only the incompetent members are protected.

JOE TAXPAYER MIGHT have bailed out GM, but they also bailed out Wall Street. Is Wall Street employing anyone you know personally? Are Wall Street employees purchasing vehicles built by American automakers? With Wall Street bonuses, I don't thing so. So, next time you think about bailouts, think about Wall Street bending the American people over a barrel for the last 20 or so years.

**THE HYPOCRISY OF** the DDA is unbelievable. The Tri-County Times spends its own money to promote Shop Local, while the DDA wastes our tax dollars on out-of-town firms, developing worthless campaigns that run on out-of-town television and radio stations. Wake up, people of Fenton.

WHEN THE GOVERNOR of Wisconsin is told by the unions that he will get all the concessions that he asked for, yet he still wants to get rid of collective bargaining, that tells you something right there. People of Wisconsin, you are getting what you voted for. Good luck to the middle class there.

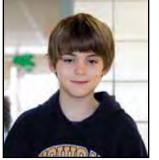
See HOT LINE throughout Times

streettalk

How do you know it's spring?



"The bugs start coming out, the bees start coming out, and the snow melts so everything is slippery." Emma Smith



"Because of our 'Spring Fling,' it's music. You go on stage and say where you are and sing."





"You don't see your shadow on the snow anymore, sometimes, but not usually."



First-grade students at West Shore Elementary School

"The snow's getting all small and it's melting, and you can see the road. If it was winter, there'd be a lot more snow." — Jamison Schemet



"The snow is melting."



"Because the groundhog saw its shadow, and I know it's six weeks of winter."

# **Newcomers fill four DDA seats**

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Fenton — There are four new members on Fenton's 13-member downtown development authority (DDA) board. City council approved Mayor Sue Osborn's appointments Monday.

There were two empty seats for Fen-

# Summary

► The city of Fenton has four newcomers on its downtown development authority (DDA) board. Council approved four new appointments to the 13-member board, on Monday.

ton business owners, which will be filled by Chris Bayer of A Joyful Noise Music Studio and Jeff Canever, of Vic Canever Chevrolet, Osborn said. Members who

do not own a business in town will fill two vacant

at-large seats. They include Bobbie Sweetman, Jack R. Winegarden Library board president and a Friend of the Library. In addition, John Strayer, of Tanglewood Assisted Living, which is outside of Fenton, will fill the second, at-large seat. Bob Cole and Laura Faricy previously filled the at-large seats.

Osborn said, upon talking to several council members, they said they would like to have new people serving.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said she keeps information and applications on hand for the planning commission, museum, parks and recreation and other volunteer opportunities. When she is "out and about," she can give people these papers if they are interested in applying.

# WHAT IS THE FENTON DOWNTOWN **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)?**

The purpose of the DDA is to improve the Downtown District through planning and carrying out public improvement projects. The DDA also promotes and coordinates activities to improve the business climate within the district. It seeks to keep existing businesses and attract new ones that complement existing commercial offerings.

The DDA fosters development, redevelopment and expansion within the Downtown District; establishes a defined, attractive, and distinctive character for the district and conserves and revitalizes existing private operations by eliminating incompatible uses of land or structure. The DDA supports high standards for future site improvements and new developments as a method to upgrade the quality of life in Fenton in innovative ways that are beneficial to all facets of the community.

Source: www.cityoffenton.org

It's important, when people apply and have experience, to begin changing who serves on boards and commissions, King said. "I hear lots of times, we keep the same people, and why apply."

She believes it's important not to discourage anyone, and to acknowledge them when they apply, she said.

Osborn said she would send letters of appreciation to those who served Fenton well on the DDA. "We appreciate everything they do."

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The Great Readiness Program is a state funded preschool for four year old children who have at least two risk factors that may interfere with success in school. Low family income is one risk factor, but children from families with higher incomes may also qualify. Must be 4 years old by December 1, 2011.

## Early Eagles - Infant/Toddler Program

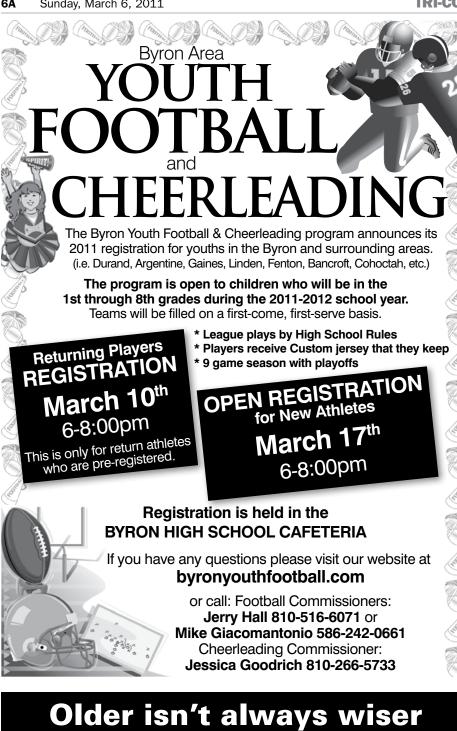
The program provides qualified and nurturing staff who uses developmentally appropriate practices and who develop a warm responsive relationship with each child and family. 6 weeks to 3 year olds

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# Tyrone approves balanced 2011-12 budget

► Tyrone Township

account declining

revenue and costs

for sewer debt,

delinquent taxes

and public safety.

residents will pay

The property tax rate

has adopted its 2011-

12 budget, taking into

# **By Anna Troppens**

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**Tyrone Twp.** — Despite challenges, the township board has approved its 2011-12 budget. The board also approved a property tax millage rate of .9067 mills, the same as for the last four years, Treasurer David Kurtz said.

Challenges include decreasing property tax values and increasing delinquent taxes, said Supervisor Mike Cunningham. The township will have to pay back tax funds it's already received that Livingston County paid on its behalf. In addition, public safety contracts for police and fire services are being renegotiated, and the township needs to pay the debt for its sewer system. Summary

For 2011-12, Tyrone has \$2.43 million in expected fund revenue, with \$2.3 million in expenses. The fund budget can only be used for specific purposes (such as Parkin Lane roadwork or the sewer debt, for example), unlike the general fund. A large part of the \$2.3 million in fund budget expenses is

\$1.24 million for the sewer debt fund. The general fund will loan the sewer fund money, which the sewer fund will pay back, Kurtz said.

The township's sewer system was built in early 2000, and the elected officials at the time planned to pay for it with revenue from future growth. But, the township hasn't had much growth, Trustee Donald Peitz said.

Tyrone was funding its sewer payments from the general fund, and running out of money, he said. Officials needed to find a way to fund it and still have police and fire services. Trustee Jim Kolhoff said, legally,

# BUDGETS

**Continued from Front Page** every year for schools, as bus fuel, utilities and other costs increase.

Teachers are experiencing the effects of the state budget crunch. The state of Michigan, as of last July, cut teachers' pay by 3 percent to fund retirement health care benefits, said Fenton Education Association President Lynn Thompson.

Jalkanen said Fenton schools had no control over this decision, which was at the state level. In addition, some Fenton teachers received a 3 to 5 percent pay increase, also mandated by the state, because of their additional seniority in the teachers' union.

"We are committed to working with our employees to resolve our budget that we'll have to develop," Jalkanen said. "We're working together, and we can work through this together while staying true to what we're all about."

The top priority is students, he said.

# **Cost-cutting strategies**

• A federal energy grant paid for new furnaces and air conditioning units, LED lighting and energy efficient windows.

- Rebid contract for propane.
- Rebid contract for auditor.

 Renegotiated liability insurance coverage.

• Eliminated board pension plan. • Furlough days for township

employees will continue in 2011-12.

the township has to repay the bondholders for the sewer debt, first.

In August, voters approved an annual special assessment on property in the township, to fund public safety.

> Another chunk of the fund budget is \$564,080, for public safety, and \$284,733 for sewer operation and maintenance. Public safety costs are increasing from an expected \$535,548 in 2010-11.

Expenses for the general remains the same. fund are budgeted at \$1.16 million, with \$1.17 million in revenue. General fund revenue is like a "spiraling staircase going down," Cunningham said. Revenue sources are shrinking. The township has helped address it by enacting an ordinance allowing it to collect a percentage of the fees from tickets issued in Tyrone.

# What could Tyrone Township lose in state funding?

With Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed budget, state revenue sharing for Tyrone Township could decrease by \$30,000. Source: Clerk Keith Kremer

"We are looking at really significant budget reductions for next year. All of the school districts in Michigan are struggling with their budgets from year to year."

> **Dr. Timothy Jalkanen** Superintendent,

Fenton Area Public Schools

Teachers have made sacrifices to help the district balance its budget for 2010-11, Thompson said. They've made concessions so students can continue getting a good education. "Fenton teachers understand the financial situation for Fenton Area Public Schools and the state "Fenton teachers have given back and

of Michigan," she said. "We have stepped up and made changes so that our students will continue to receive a quality education in the first district to be recognized K-12 for the International Baccalaureate curriculum."



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Lynn Thompson

Fenton Education Association

president



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Fenton Fire Department and Livingston County Sheriff's Department responded to an accident involving at least two cars at the corner of Runyan Lake and White Lake roads in Tyrone Township Wednesday afternoon. Here, a victim from the crash is transported for medical care.



## **BREAK-IN AT PARTY STORE**

Holly police responded to an alarm at the Downtown Holly Party Shoppe at the corner of Saginaw and Maple streets on April 3. Police observed that someone had used forced entry on the rear exterior door. If anyone saw a vehicle parked near the building at that time or has information about the incident, they are to call Det. Julie Bemus at (248) 634-8221.

# SHOPLIFTER AT POST OFFICE

On Feb. 25, a Holly police officer was sent to the Holly Post Office to investigate a larceny complaint. The Postmaster reported that a man had come in and left with several mailing boxes without paying for them. Each box was clearly marked with a price tag and an employee told the man he had to pay for the boxes. While employees were distracted, the man walked out.

# MAN STEALS BEER

On Feb. 26, a Holly police officer was sent to a convenience store at the corner of North Holly and Grange Hall roads to See POLICE on 24A







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# Fenton Relay for Life kick off event is Tuesday

Fenton — The American Cancer Society invites everyone in the Fenton and surrounding communities to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones lost and fight back against cancer at this year's Relay For Life event.

Although the Relay For Life of Fenton is more than three months away, now is the time to get involved. Residents are invited to attend the kick-off celebration to learn more about Relay For Life and how they can become part of an exciting overnight event that can lead to a cure for cancer.

The Kick off Celebration for the 2011 Relay for Life of Fenton is Wednesday, March 9, at Premier Indoor Sports, 14261 Torrey Rd., Fenton. Dinner and welcome activities begin at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

The Relay For Life of Fenton event will take place on June 17 and June 18 at Fenton High School, from 2 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact Amy Lutz at (810) 733-3702 or amy.lutz@cancer.org.

Relay For Life is the cancer society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer. Teams of family, friends and coworkers camp out overnight, taking turns walking the track. During the event, participants and visitors will have a chance to celebrate the victory of area cancer survivors during the Survivors Lap, remember those they have lost to the disease during the poignant Luminaria Ceremony and participate in the new Fight Back Ceremony that gives everyone a chance to proclaim their way of taking action against the disease.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting www. relayforlife.org/fentonmi.

# **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

HELEN, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for all your help with rescuing my dogs on Dixie Highway. Those dogs are my kids. The door will be fixed to prevent an escape in the future. Again, thank you for your time and generosity that you put forward to make sure they made it home safely.

ANYONE KNOW WHAT the building under construction by U.S. 23 and Home Depot is going to be? 

ON A FEDERAL level, cocaine is considered a less harmful drug than marijuana. There are larger scale issues we all should think about before we point the finger at which drugs these kids began on that led them to overdosing on things like heroin. Some kids may have never touched a drug in their life, but one night decided to try heroin. You can die doing it the first time. Educate your kids. 

I'M A FEMALE in my late 20s who's had anxiety since high school. Instead of taking addictive prescription drugs, I choose marijuana. My anxiety is now close to non-existing. Not once did I ever consider doing any other drugs or being around those who did. I have a master's degree and graduated with a 3.94 GPA. Don't try to relate heroin overdosing to the origin of marijuana.

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WE TAKE OUR most important thing, our children, and entrust them to a teacher. The teacher is supposed to motivate, educate, discipline, shape and mold their students. A teacher is one of the most important influences on a child outside of the family. Now you know the requirements of the job, and, since none of that is important, let's cut the teachers' pay and benefits and tell them how worthless they are.



# TEACHER

# **Continued from Front Page**

Facing, possibly, more than \$2.2 million in funding cuts, school officials are committed to working with employees to resolve the budget they have to develop.

Teachers have made concessions and given back so students can continue to get a good education, Thompson said. Most of the cuts they have taken this year are to working conditions. Classroom size has become a concern for most Fenton teachers, Thompson said. There are 195 teachers, down 13 from a year ago, she said. Positions were eliminated to save the district approximately \$1.2 million.

Jalkanen said a number of teachers retired last year. And, as part of the budget process, there were some layoffs. But, all of the laid-off teachers were called back to work, and the district hired some additional teachers.

With fewer teachers, classes at the elementary schools, the middle school and high school are experiencing overcrowding, Thompson said. With bigger class sizes, it is more difficult for individual students to receive attention.

Jalkanen said he believes Fenton schools are very comparable with other school districts in the area, as far as class sizes. "We know that some of our classes are full but some of our classes are under the number we work with. We have some very high quality, dedicated, professional teachers. We feel confident all of the kids' needs are being met with the staff we have."

The district added a section of algebra, due to need, he said. In addition, some classes have a larger number of students but have two teachers co-teaching. Thompson said the issue is not classrooms where there are two teachers. It's the ones where a single teacher has 35-36 students.

In addition, teaching staff and programs have been cut at many buildings, Thompson said. North Road Elementary School lost a literacy coach, who helped students struggling with reading for many years.

Jalkanen said there were teachers who received training for literacy coaching, using federal stimulus money. The intent was always to have them use their new skills as classroom teachers, when the funding ran out.

Thompson said the literacy coach at North Road Elementary School went back into the classroom, replacing a teacher who retired. The literacy coach's position was eliminated. "A job was lost."

Students and staff have sacrificed approximately \$150,000 in extracurricular activities this year, Thompson said. Middle and high school clubs such as Quiz Bowl, Spanish, French and Art clubs were cut, along with middle school student council and yearbook.

Fenton schools have been on a very tight budget for a number of years, Jalkanen said. The school board is committed to keeping athletic and co-curricular clubs, and many other clubs, such as National Honor Society, have found alternative ways of funding themselves.

Teachers are now volunteering their time to mentor clubs instead of being paid, Thompson said.

Athletics also were cut at the middle and high schools. Students must seek their own transportation home from games that are less than 25 miles from school, with buses no longer available, Thompson said.

The transportation change took place earlier in the school year, Jalkanen said. School officials had to increase pay to play fees for athletes.



Dr. Donohue article: Living and

dealing

with AIDS

(The full story appeared in the Vednesday, March 2 Midweek edition)



Wednesday, March 2, 2011 Midweek edition and can be read online at

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# Second in state



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS 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.



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# **BALANCING THE STATE BUDGET** Gleason wants input from local governments

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 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.

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# Wanted: school board candidate

# Local Democratic club appalled no one is running

# By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 The Fenton Area Dem-

ocratic Club wants to help Linden Community Schools find a candidate to run in the upcoming school board election, to be held on Tuesday, May 3.

Ray Lord, a representative of the Democratic

club, said they passed a motion Wednesday to do what they could to find a candidate. "It's appalling, with the problems we are having, said Lord.

Also upsetting to Lord and other club members is the fact that the election will cost \$7,000 regardless if there is anyone running.

"This is not just

politics, it's a

terrible situation."

**Ray Lord** 

Fenton Area Democratic

"We want to do something," he said. The club will also be reaching out to the Republicans in the area, for their help in finding a candidate for this non-partisan position.

*Club representative Club representative* At this point, those interested in serving on the school ednesa candidate. The deadline to file as a write-in candidate is Friday, April 22. Forms must be filed with the Genesee County Clerk's Office, Genesee County Courthouse, 900 South Saginaw St., Flint. The clerk's office can be contacted at (810) 257-3283.

Candidates must be must be qualified and registered voters of the Linden Community Schools district.

Superintendent Ed Koledo has said he could provide information to those who are interested, about the responsibilities of serving on the school board. He can be reached at (810) 591-0980.

If no one files to run as a write-in candidate, the school board can appoint someone to a one-year term, with a ▶ The Fenton Area Democratic Club is stepping up to help Linden Community Schools find a candidate to run in the upcoming school board election.

majority vote by five board members. After that, the seat will be up for election for the remaining three years of the four-year term.

Lord said he and the others would go door-to-door if necessary. "This is not just politics, it's a terrible situation." He cited problems, such as drugs in the area, thefts and budget cuts that need attention.

"We need to get the word out, maybe nudge them to run," he said. "There's a lot of good people in that district."



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#### DRIVER TRAINING Continued from Page 3A

After Ellie gets her license, she will drive herself to and from sports practice. "It will be better for my parents, because they won't have to drive me around everywhere," she said. She is involved in basketball, softball, and volleyball, and now, driver training.

"My mom sometimes gives me advice," she said.

Ellie was nervous before driving on the expressway for the first time, Wednesday morning. "It was a lot easier than I thought it was going to be," she said. "It went well."

Other drivers have been courteous of her training status, but Ellie got her first taste of a rude driver Wednesday morning. "He honked at us, and flipped us off," said Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald owns the GMC pickup truck his students drive, which is equipped with a passenger-side break pedal that he uses from time to time. "A lot of times, you wish you had an accelerator, and ,sometimes, a steering wheel," said the 20-plus year driver-training veteran. Fitzgerald put in 47,000 miles on the road with students

last year. Fitzgerald gives

Ellie tips on planning for lane changes,

and eventually they stop at her home.

As an instructor, Fitzgerald was involved in an accident a few years ago, which was not the student driver's fault, when another driver went through a stop sign.

Patricia Gray, one of the five teachers at Fenton High School (FHS) who serves as a driving instructor, has also experienced close calls on the job. "Usually

it's the other driver, not our student drivers," she said. "We had one other car actually hit one of our student drivers. No one was hurt, but the car had to be repaired."

Lake Fenton, Holly and Linden High schools do not

# **Graduated Driver Training**

Student is 14 years, eight months, and is checked for vision and health before driving.
Segment 1 of driver education includes 24 hours of class time, and six hours of driving. After a written exam and driving observation, students can earn a Level 1 License.
The Level 1 license allows stu-

dents who are 14 years, 9 months old, to drive with a parent or designated person over 21.

To prepare for Segment 2, the student will accumulate 40 hours of driving during the day, and 10 at night.
After three months, and at least 30 hours of driving at Level 1, the student attends Level 2 classes dealing with driving risks, and takes an exam.
To prepare for the driving skills test, the student must finish 50 hours of driving, and review study materials.
After successfully passing the test, the student, at age 16, can earn

a restricted, Level 2 License. • **The Level 2** license allows the student to drive unsupervised, except between 12 to 5 a.m., unless traveling from something school- or work-related.

• At age 17, students can earn an unrestricted Level 3 license after six months of safe driving.

have their own driver education service, but host outside companies. Fenton is the only local school that offers driver education for \$296, and Patricia Gray is coordinator of the program.

The driver education system as written by the state of Michigan is a graduated system, which starts

"It will be better for my parents, because they won't have to drive me around "It will be better for my parents, because they can get their permit at 14 years, 9 months. Drivers Education is

Drivers Education is offered four times per year at FHS, September, March, May, and August.



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Holly High School freshman Gage Crismond has earned the title Teen Mr. Dance of Michigan for two consecutive years. A student at Fenton School of Dance, he is the son of Floyd and Robin Dennie, of Holly.

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**Gage Crismond** 

Teen Mr. Dance of Michigan

#### MR. DANCE Continued from Page 3A

their dreams through dance, Crismond is a standout as a guy, and he likes it that way. "I see a lot of opportunities for me as a male in the dance field, because there aren't as many of us out there," admitted Crismond. "It's easier to stand out."

Like any other typical 15-yearold male, he enjoys the company of his **"I choose to set my** 

the company of his female dancers at class, saying "it's not a big deal" to be the only guy in a group class. "After the other dancers in class get to know me, they treat me like 'one of the girls," he said, with a smile.

aid, with a smile. Crismond looks at his future and

sees a dancing career as a possibility, but he's keeping his options open. "Dancing is definitely more than just a hobby for me," he said. "I'd like to work in the entertainment field, maybe as a director or teacher." But, he's not ruling out other career possibilities, thinking about a weather-related profession or a career in space. An all A/B student, Crismond is well grounded as an active freshman at Holly High School, where his success as a dancer is matched by time spent on the soccer field, tennis court and on the wrestling mat.

"I also plan to play golf this year," he said. "My friends think it's cool that I dance."

With a national competition

coming up in just a few short months, does Crismond get nervous about such a high-stakes performance?

"I choose to set my nerves aside and do what I know how todo," said Crismond, whose parents, Floyd and Robin Dennie,

are very supportive of his dancing. "If you go into competition not nervous, you're way more capable of doing what you have set out to do."

Crismond is not the only male standout at Fenton School of Dance. Eleven-year-old Collin Mundell has earned the title of Junior Mr. Dance of Michigan, and may soon be following Crismond's example.



everywhere."

**Ellie Cowger** 

student, Ace Driving School



# MOTHER

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Things looked promising. Her son was working part-time and doing well in college.

A couple of months later, Susan received a call from police. She was told her son was enroute to the hospital for a heroin overdose. "I had no experience with drugs. I don't do them," she said. "I wasn't expecting this. He was always smart, energetic, a great kid. This was very surprising."

To her disbelief, she learned that doctors revived her son after he was declared clinically dead.

Susan said her son showed no signs of addiction. The only thing that changed was that his friends changed after he graduated high school, which brought on some depression.

Through her oldest son's rehab, Susan

has learned that he had access to prescription medications while he was working during the summer months. "We didn't know until he went through rehab," she said. "I'm glad I know. The more you know, the more you can help."

The family continues to participate in counseling and the

oldest son, who has a second chance in life, is back taking college extremely well and getting courses again. their lives back on track." The younger son

Susan's younger son is 19. He was in-

troduced to prescrip-

tion pain pills after being injured playing football. He sustained five herniated disks in his back and was in constant pain. The doctor prescribed Darvocet. "I trusted the doctor," she said. "That was the beginning."

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** 

"I almost lost mine,

but, they're alive, doing

Mother of recovering

heroin addicts

The younger son's grades suffered and though his prescription ran out, he found other ways to obtain the painkiller, even from classmates.

He began stealing from cars and was eventually arrested. He was also diag-

nosed as bipolar and had a severe sleep disorder. He is currently going through Genesee County Community Mental Health Court with Judge Jennie Barkey. "She's (Barkey) an amazing person," said mom.

Though her older son showed no signs of addiction, her younger son did. He slept a lot, he lost a lot of weight and hygiene was not a priority.

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• Know the friends of your child.

"You can't help an addict unless they want help," said Susan.

Susan tried "tough love" with her younger son. After his troubles with the law, she knew she had to do something. She told him she was taking him to either rehab or a homeless shelter. "I didn't know what else to do," she said. When they learned there was a waiting list for rehab, her son chose to go to the hospital instead of the homeless shelter. "He cried. He was suicidal. He knew he needed help."

The younger son was later admitted to Brighton Hospital for rehab and is now in the healing process. "He's enrolled in college and doing well," she said. "Recovery is the first priority. He's back to his old self."

Recovery and staying drug free is a constant worry now for boys' mom and dad. The couple also has a high school aged daughter. "My daughter is angry at her brothers. She's strong, and I'm proud of her," said the mom. "She shouldn't have to be going through this."

Susan makes her sons take random drug tests, which she buys at the Fenton police station.

Her younger son, as of Wednesday, has been clean for 130 days. "He counts every day and knows exactly how many days he has gone."

# Coping

When she heard of the recent heroin deaths, mom said, "I started crying immediately. I knew how the parents felt. I have compassion for those families."

Fighting back tears, she said, "I almost lost mine, but, they're alive, doing extremely well and getting their lives back on track."

As the entire family heals, Susan says she prays a lot and knows there are many people praying for them. "That's where I get my strength."

With drugs so prevalent everywhere, this mother hopes that other parents take this matter seriously. "A lot of parents don't want to think kids are doing it. They need to wake up. It's here."

Anyone seeking advice from the mom in this story may reach her by contacting reporter Sharon Stone.





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# ADDICTION

**Continued from Front Page** drug-related crimes and acknowledges that the use of illegal drugs, as well as prescription medication, is on the rise.

Local and county officials are working with school officials to educate the youngest members of this community, as well as their parents about the dangers, sometimes deadly, of drug abuse and addiction.

The deaths of Jawhari and Schlosser remain under investigation with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and Fenton police.

#### **Early warning signs**

Some of the early warning signs of drug use that parents might spot with their children are a change in their sleep pattern, their grades at school suffer and there could be a change in their social function. "By the time you see track marks, they've been using it (heroin) for some time," said Dr. Mark

Menestrina, a certified addiction physician at Brighton Hospital.

Menestrina is an expert on drug addiction. He not only is trained in Family Practice Medicine and American Society of Ad-

diction Medicine, he was once a patient at Brighton Hospital and now a recovering addict. He gives more than 120 talks per year.

The doctor was first exposed to cough medicine, containing codeine, 42 years ago when he was 15 years old. He was sick from pneumonia and the doctor prescribed an antibiotic and the cough syrup. "When I took, as directed, the codeine medicine, I never forgot that feeling." Those prone to addiction have a

the 90 percent not prone to addiction. "Once upon a time, it was the answer to all our problems," he said.

very different response than

"Our brain chemistry is

different from the get go. It works. "It stops working, but we keep using."

Through his practice, he has learned that when some young people have problems, oftentimes, their parents have the same problems. "It's harder to intervene," he said. "A school counselor will call a parent. The parent may have

# **Pharm Parties**

Pharm (pronounced "farm") parties have nothing to do with tractors and vegetables.

According to Dr. Mark Menestrina, a certified addiction physician at Brighton Hospital, these parties involve partygoers bringing any type of pills to a party and placing them in a dish. Everyone at the party then swallows a pill, most likely with no knowledge of what they have just consumed.

Menestrina is residency trained in Family Practice Medicine and American Society of Addiction Medicine and director of Detox Unit at Brighton Hospital.

a problem and tell them to mind their own business.

"Turning the other way is not helping. "It won't go away."

"Together, we can make a difference."

**Dr. Mark Menestrina** certified addiction physician at Brighton Hospital www.brightonhospital.org

Summary

Menestrina was

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a heroin addict and

Hospital. At 57, he

now is a member of

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Young people looking for drugs will find it. Menestrina said parents should become suspicious if their teenager suddenly wants to go visit grandma, for example, especially if

she has just had surgery. The kids will know she likely has strong pain pills in her medicine cabinet. "There's a new drug dealer in town," he said.

Menestrina said that the war on drugs has been lost despite the amount of money spent. "Prevention is the biggest bang for the buck," he said. If young people wait until they are 21 before they consume alcohol, they stand a lesser chance of addiction.

> More often than not, multiple treatments are necessary to treat addiction. Peer support groups also help, said Menestrina.

Approaching a family member with an addiction is difficult to do, but, the doctor said if one really loves

them, they'll risk being wrong, angering or hurting the addict's feelings. "That's hard," he said. "I've learned, though, that it's harder not to say anything.'

The doctor is passionate about his work and appreciates the local officials' efforts with dealing with this problem, head on. "Together, we can make a difference," he said.



# **Brothers share story of recovery**

They now focus on college and a better way of life

**Summary** 

Two brothers

from the Fenton

area urge other

young people

to stay clear of

heroin. The

brothers, now

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# **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com Two brothers from the Fenton area feel fortunate to be alive, considering their ongoing recovery from heroin addiction. To protect their

recovering heroin addicts, share privacy, their names their stories. have been changed in

this story. Michael, who is now 21, began down the path of drug addiction by taking regular pills, Vicodin or other prescription medicine after he graduated from high school. He eventually tried heroin until the

point of overdosing. He remembers waking up in the ambulance as he was being rushed to the hospital. He didn't know what was happening at first, then

he remembered the heroin. "I spent a week in the psych ward. It was not a good experience," he said.

Michael didn't realize the deadly risk involved and he doubts other young people realize they risk death every time they use heroin. Through months of counseling, he has learned that using drugs is no way to deal with one's problems.

"There's a lot of other ways to deal with stress," he said.

Because of his private drug use, Michael lost many of his friends. "My friends found out, they were disappointed."

Embracing his new lease on life, Michael said, "I feel very lucky. I'm still alive. I did the same thing (as Briona Jawhari and Erika Schlosser) but I came out.

"I want to bring awareness. No one should use that drug. You have no idea what's in it."

Michael never bought heroin in the Fenton area, but he found contacts in Flint. He'd call a phone number and set

up a place to meet someone.

When asked if he was afraid,

he said, "That's the least of

your worry. You're more con-

"There's so much crap that comes with it. It's not a good lifestyle."

**Michael** 21-year-old recovering heroin addict

cerned with getting high. "There's so much crap that comes with it. It's not a good lifestyle."

Looking forward to a drug-free future, Michael hopes to be working as a nurse anesthetist, or in another medical position, when he finishes college.

Michael's younger brother James is now 19. He, too, is continuing with his

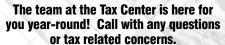
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member of the Fenton Independents, a semi-pro football team, owned by the Fenton Independent publisher, Bob Beach. In January 1953, at the age of 23, he

purchased The Linden Leader newspaper and moved to the then village of Linden. He operated the newspaper until selling it in 1957. He also served as Linden's first police commissioner.

In 1957, he moved to Fenton and started the Tri-County Advertiser, which covered Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties. His first printing equipment was located in the Winglemire Warehouse Building on Walnut Street in Fenton, from which he published the newspaper.

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In the early '70s, he moved the offices of the Tri-County News into the Fenton Mini-Mall, the first mall in Fenton, located on Fenton Road at the city limits. It was designed and built by Rockman and longtime friend and Fenton businessperson Dean Moore.

Rockman sold the Tri-County News in 1988 to a syndicate from Detroit. In 1994, after a long court battle, he repossessed the paper and changed the name to Tri-County Times. Three years later, Rockman built a 20,000-square-foot headquarters for the Times on Fenway Drive in Fenton. In 2007, he built a second state-of-the-art facility adjacent to the original location, which houses the Times today.

Rockman said, in an article written about him in 2008, that the best thing about being a publisher was the ability to tell people what he thought. He continued to pen his popular "Straight from the Shoulder" column until just two weeks prior to his death.

A Detroit News article done on him in the late '80s was headlined "Attilla the Hun with a typewriter," a testament to his 'tell it like it is' style of writing.

In 1982, after listening for years to readers demanding to voice their own opinions in the newspaper, Rockman pioneered the Hot line concept of public commentary that was copied by newspapers across the nation. To this day, the Hot lines are the most popular and well-read segment of the Times.

In 2004, the Tri-County Times was awarded the distinction of being named "Michigan Newspaper of the Year" by the Michigan Press Association.

Affectionately known as "Senior" to most of the 80 employees of the newspaper, Rockman said one of the most gratifying experiences of owning the Times was bringing members of his family into the business, as well as providing hundreds of first-time jobs over the years to young people, college grads and seniors.

Times advertising director Gail Grove said, "I first met Rick Rockman, Sr. in 1979. It was in an interview for a sales position at the Tri-County News.

"At first, I was intimidated by his strong personality, but in only a few weeks, I learned about, and admired, his love for his family, community, employees and the printing business.

"Rick Sr. taught me the business from the bottom up and was my mentor for all these years. I will miss him."

A look at the history of Rick Rockman's lifetime of involvement in Fenton, and the newspaper business, will be published later this month.

Rockman is survived by his wife, Diane, five children, 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Sharp Funeral Homes is handling the funeral arrangements.

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# STORY: LOCAL SCHOOLS

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**44In order to** improve outcomes, schools need to improve efficiencies by consolidating Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden, shifting all sports costs to booster organizations, culling excessive administration overhead and using savings to hire more teachers, tutors and aides. It would be wise to have a superintendent for the consolidated districts who has significant business experience and who is capable of achieving operational savings through more efficient purchasing and eliminations of cronies and reduction of unnecessary bureaucracy."





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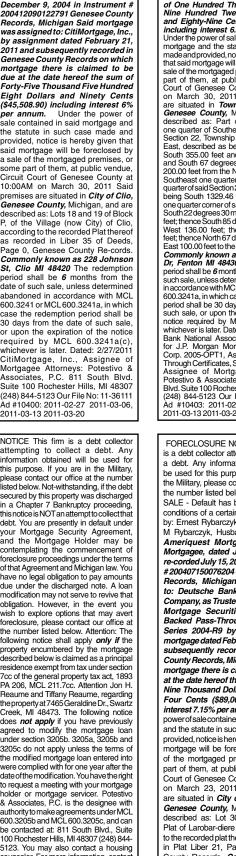
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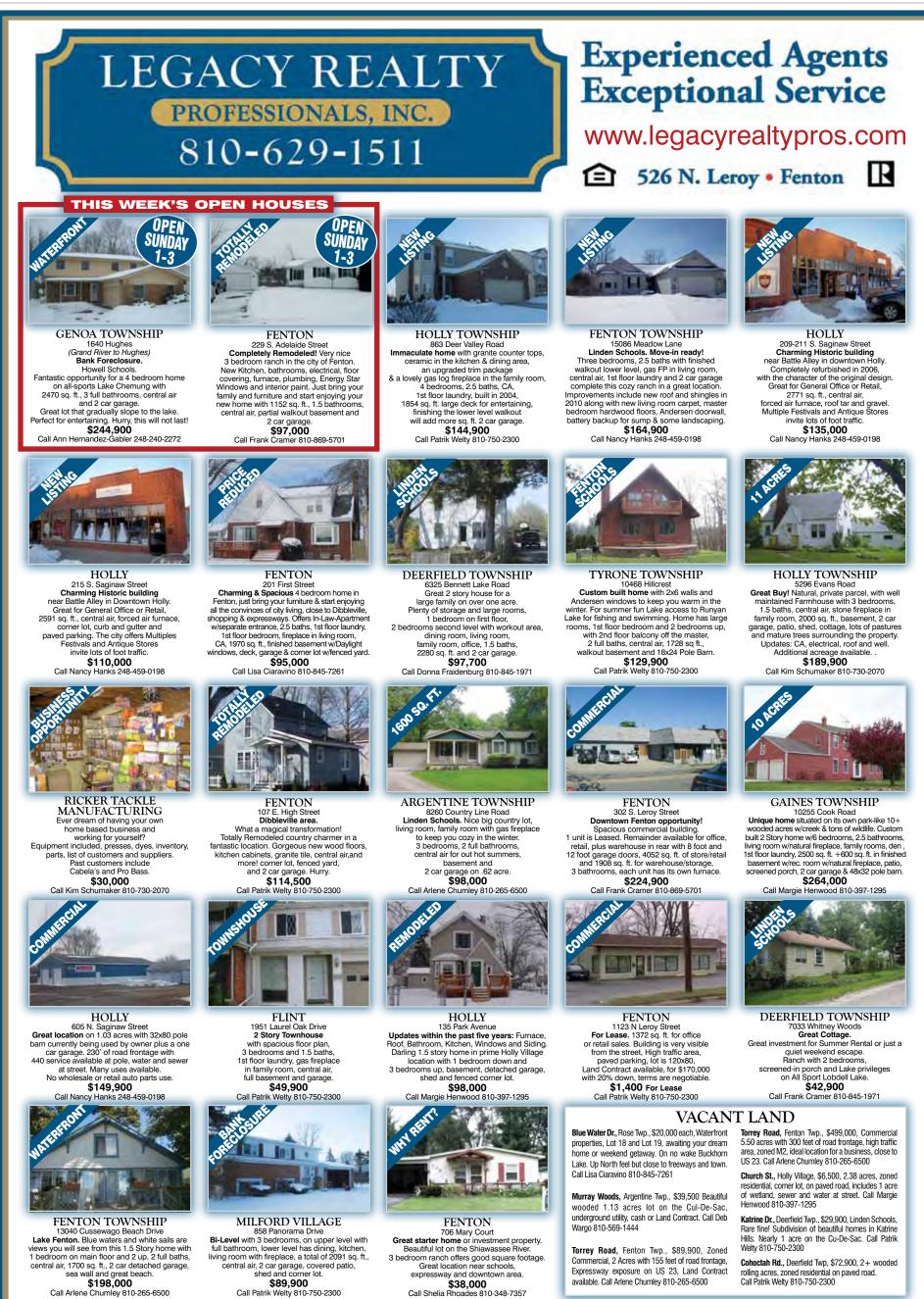
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# TYRONE TOWNSHIP 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2011 Board of Review will be held at the Tyrone Township Hall, located at 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

Organizational Meeting 10:00 am

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011 TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011 9:00 am -12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 (ext. 216) for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal will be accepted and must be received by 9:00 pm. on March 15, 2011. No faxes will be accepted.

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Tyrone Township Assessor

# NOTICE of 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan as follows:

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 1:00 PM	Organizational Meeting to receive 2010 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211.29(1)] No Public Appointments
Appointments will be taken for: <b>Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 2:30 PM</b>	4:30 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Monday, March 14, 2011 from 1:00 PM	4:30 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 1:00 PM	4:30 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Appointments only if necessary)
Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 1:00 PM	4:30 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Friday, March 18, 2011 from 9:00 AM	12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Appointments only if necessary)
Monday, March 21, 2011 at 1:00 PM	Business meeting, only if necessary, to conclude Board of Review busi- ness. No Public Appointments.

The 2011 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classification.

Any questions regarding the value placed on your property can be reviewed by the assessing department. Protests may be made in person or in writing. If after the assessor's review, you wish to appeal the assessment further, arrangements can be made for an appointment before the Board of Review.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85584. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received no later than 9:00 P.M. Thursday, March 17, 2011. All written appeals should be addressed to:

> Oakland County Equalization, Holly Township Assessor 250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1000 West Pontiac, MI 48341

Please use Parcel Identification Number when referring to your property so that records can be quickly located.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION IS RE-QUIRED BY P.A. 105 of 2003: If you have purchased your principal residence after December 31 last year, to claim the principal residence exemption for next year if you have not already done so, you are required to file an affidavit before May 1 this year.

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 5 business days prior to the appointment.



Fill out this questionnaire and bring it to the Tri-County Times Fenton Area Community Expo booth (#6) on Saturday, March 5 or Sunday, March 6. Only one entry per email address, drawing held Sunday, March 6, at 4:00 pm. Winner notified via email.

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# News briefs

MEETING CANCELLED

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Monday, March 7 has been cancelled, due to a lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. Questions regarding the cancellation may be directed to the Fenton Township office at (810) 629-1537.

## **RECYCLING PICKUP IN FENTON**

A representative from Fenton's new garbage contractor, Republic Waste Services, Gary Hicks, attended city council on Monday to answer questions and provide information. Complaints have surfaced, due to materials left out for recycling blowing free and creating litter. Residents are advised to bag items of the same type, and small items, together. If they place these items unbagged into recycling containers, debris is much more likely to escape. Republic Waste Services accepts so many items for recycling, it isn't possible to have a truck to sort everything it recycles, Hicks said.

# SHERIFF RECOGNIZED

Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard was recognized for his service and leadership to the Major County Sheriff's Association (MCSA). He was the organization's most recent president. The MCSA is made up of sheriffs from throughout the nation who represent a population of 500,000 or more. The sheriff continues to serve on the Board of the MCSA as vice president, and as the Government Affairs chair. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing policy decisions, which impact the nation's largest sheriff's offices.

# BROTHERS

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recovery process. To ease the pain he endured from football injuries, he went from prescription pain pills to whatever pain pills he could obtain from his high school classmates.

James said, oftentimes, the kids brought pills to school, but kept them in their cars. Some pills he got for free, others he had to buy. Looking back over his purchases, he recalls spending as much as \$300 on pills one time, which included Vicodin and Oxycontin. He would buy from others who had bought large quantities of pills from their Flint contacts. Those large quantities would then be sold in small quantities to make more money. "I never sold, I just bought."

At 19, James is focusing his attention to his college courses and continued recovery. "It's an easier way of life," he said. "There's no turning back now.

"The sad part of my life is gone."

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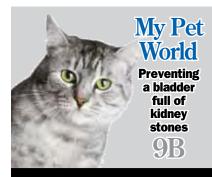
JOHN SMITH Swartz Creek

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investigate a retail fraud complaint. An employee reported that a man removed a case of beer from the cooler and exited without paying for the beer. A witness provided the license plate number to police. Police contacted the suspect, taking him into custody for retail fraud.

# **COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT**

An agent with the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth filed a fraud complaint with the state police's Groveland Post in February. A 58-year-old Holly woman allegedly collected \$7,991 in unemployment benefits, over nearly two years, although she was employed during that time. During an interview with authorities, she admitted to defrauding the state and claims she will repay the money.







# **VIDEO GAMES** Play it safe

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

How much video game play is good for a person's physical and mental health has always been a subject of discussion by health experts, but one



thing is certain. There are ways that kids (and adults) can enjoy playing video games without injury, by following certain healthy guidelines. W h i l e

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Summary While video games can be beneficial in moderation, excessive use can cause injury. The American Physical Therapy Association offers guidelines on how to encourage

the correct posture to

lessen the chances of

injury. tering skills, another side of the video game debate demonstrates that there are injuries that can

result from too much play. There is also evidence to suggest that younger children who play a lot of video games may be subject to more joint pain because their joints and tendons aren't as developed yet, said a recent report from Arthritis Today.

See VIDEO GAMES on 5B



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO The Couch family

enjoys a game night of Rock Band on PlayStation 3, at their home in Linden. From left are Tyler Matjazic, Michael Couch, Chloe, 6, Melinda and Kaytlyn, 7. With their busy schedules, game night is for family time only.





amily game night is now being powered by more than just traditional board games. While Monopoly, Scrabble and Life are still popular games to play, more families are turning to interactive video games that are no longer "just for kids."

The trend is partly the result of newer systems such as Wii Sports, the Kinect for Xbox 360 and PlayStation's Move, which encourages multi-player, active

"Rock Band is a favorite with our family. My daughter, Kaytlyn, can play the drums better than I can." **Mike Couch**  Summary Family game nights today likely involve interactive video games that the whole family will enjoy, in addition to traditional board games. Even some of the most popular games from decades ago have a high-tech version today.

gaming. With the growth of the entertainment software industry because of the changing demographics of video game users, it's no surprise that these games are becoming more popular for families.

while board games are still being played, more often today it's the electronic version, rather than the traditional board games that are finding their way into family play

today. With the advancements in technology, See GAME NIGHT on 10B



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# business profiles

# **Candle shop** moves to **Great Lakes Artisan Village**

# **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Holly Candle Shoppe has moved its retail and manufacturing facilities into the new Great Lakes Artisan Village in downtown Holly, adding another

Michigan-based product to the mix. After two years near the rail-

# Summary

The Holly Candle Shoppe has moved into a new location at Great Lakes Artisan Village in downtown Holly.

road tracks at the south end of Saginaw Street, owners Holly and Dan Jablonski are pleased to move one block north into the heart of

downtown, where they are located next to Bittersweet Cafe in the former Pigeon in the Parlor building.

"We are excited about our new location in Great Lakes Artisan Village, because our two businesses complement each other very nicely," said Holly. "Their focus is on Michigan-made products and our handmade soy candles and fragrance products enhance that goal, while providing a unique shopping experience for our customers."

With 70 fragrances already to their credit, Holly plans to introduce nine new ones within the next month, including spring/summer floral and fruit fragrances, in addition to an Irish Oak Moss scent for St. Patrick's Day. The Jablonskis also plan to introduce the brand new "Emerald" line of all natural products, including essential oils exVerizon Wireless opens shop in Holly

**By Sally Rummel** news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Customers who are anticipating the excitement of several cuttingedge Verizon products will be glad to know that a new Verizon Wireless store has opened in Holly.

"When you leave our store, we will have activated your new phone for you, and can provide you with any accessories you need. Then, we will teach you how to use it." Shawn Jajo

owner of Verizon

Wireless in Holly

"The big focus now is on the 4G Broadband Mobile, the fourth generation technology of Internet service," said Verizon storeowner Shawn Jaio. who opened his on Jan. 1, next to Little Caesars. "You just plug it into your laptop, and you're connected to the Internet, wherever you are. You won't have to look for WiFi access anymore."

This new technology will be available locally in the next three weeks, according to Jajo. The ThunderBolt 4G, Verizon's first 4G phone, will debut in about a week, he added. This new Verizon Wireless, located

at 15201 N. Holly Rd., is also a service

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center for Verizon customers. "We're here to give you tutorials and instruction on our Internet products, smart phones, basic phones and any other service from Verizon," said Jajo. "When you leave our store, we will have activated your new phone for you, and can provide you with any **VERIZON WIRELESS** 

accessories you need. Then we will teach you how to use it." Because of the high demand

for this level of customer service, with little wait times, Jajo expects this new Verizon Wireless to be very busy. "We'll beat any on-line Verizon pricing, and we'll do it all for you!" said Jajo.

tracted from herbs and flowers, soy wax and a natural cotton wick. Holly Candle Shoppe continues its recycle and refill program at its new location.

Holly Candle Shoppe will join in with Great Lakes Artisan Village in their Grand Opening on Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL Holly Candle Shoppe owners Dan and Holly Jablonski finish arranging candles on the shelves of their new location in downtown Holly.

"We are excited about our new location in **Great Lakes** Artisan Village, because our two businesses complement each other very nicely. Their focus is on Michigan-made products and our handmade soy candles and fragrance products enhance that goal, while providing a unique shopping experience for our customers." Holly Jablonski owner of Holly Candle Shoppe



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL

Verizon Wireless sales representative Amber Pleasant shows a new phone at Verizon's new location in Holly. In addition to selling phones and accessories, they also serve as a service center for area customers.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Jazzercise of Fenton's owner Donna Anderson (center) has recently opened her

first permanent location on Thompson Road, next to Agua Sports Marine, and The Canadian Steak & Fish Company. Her instructors (from left), are Jessica Johnson, Rachel Hall, Ann Carpenter, and Jami Andrews. Anderson has 45 students currently. Jazzercise combines cardio, strength training, and stretching. Men, women, and couples are welcome.

On Wednesday, I discussed some of the projects that have been completed or are underway, and how they are funded. And, as mentioned, another priority has to be reductions in expenditures.

The city has lost revenue since 2008

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on your home to the general rate of inflation. Revenue from property taxes can go down quickly, but may take years to recover. Therefore, cutting cost is an absolute necessity.

Savings have been made in numerous ways. Prosecuting attorney services were re-bid in 2008 and the new price for services has reduced our costs by \$45,000 annually, and other attorney services were consolidated. By doing our own payroll, the city reduced expenditures by \$15,000, annually. When the city bid out lawn-mowing services for our facilities and city parks, we cut expenditures by \$80,000, annually. Changes made to our garbage service, will save us around \$65,000 over the next three years.

Other savings include eliminating 13 cell phones, updating outdated and expensive T-1 communication lines to wireless technology, saving another \$20,000 annually. Still more savings have been found in bidding out custodial services, as well as, liability and property insurance (alone a reduction of \$25,000).

In 2008, the city had 53, full-time employees. Today, the city has 46, full-time employees. This has reduced expenditures in benefits and wages by approximately \$385,000. Further reductions in labor costs include \$100,000 in police overtime, as well as overtime cuts in other departments.

Reductions in spending are not going to be enough however. We must also make investments in our community's future.

This is where the usefulness of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Local Finance Development Authority (LDFA) presents itself. These entities capture state and county tax revenue at a higher rate, meaning, more of your hard-earned money comes back to you because of they're existence. The catch is there are state mandated rules about how that money can be spent.

Those captured funds are for economic development within those districts, creating the backbone of an economy. This would include a streetscape project for downtown, lighting and landscaping on Silver Parkway, a city marketing plan, a lease to own agreement for the old fire hall, and several other possible projects - all of which have the interest of local and non-local developers and business owners, and the support of the city council.

The plan involves creating environments that invite development and investment, encouraging a healthy local economy.

I may or may not agree with every detail and decision that is made, but that is the nature of the process. And, that process has been open, informed, and deliberative.

It is my hope that you will bring your positive, reasonable and constructive ideas to any city meeting or contact your council members. Please, take part in this process. You can find my contact information on the city website. I look forward to hearing from you, and you will hear more from me.



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#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

NAMI Genesee County is a support group for persons with mental disorders, their relatives, and friends. Meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesdays. A guest speaker will address "Anger Management" on March 8, followed by support groups. New location is the McLaren Community Medical Center, 1314 S. Linden Rd., Flint. For more information, call (810) 232-6498.

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 14**

The Flint River Chapter of Wild **Ones** will host a screening of the documentary, "Vanishing of the Bees," narrated by Ellen Page, on Monday, March 14 at 6 p.m. in Room 1301 of Mott Community College's Regional Technology **Center**. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by calling (810) 762-0455.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Fenton Knights of Columbus No. 7418 will host a Fish Fry at the St. John Activity Center, 600 N. Adelaide St. in Fenton Friday nights during Lent, beginning Friday, March 18, through Friday, April 15, from 4 to 7 p.m.

#### MARCH 18 - MARCH 19

The Fenton Football Boosters is hosting a State Power Lifting Meet at Fenton High School Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19. The girls' meet is Friday night at 5:30 p.m. Saturday is the boys' meet, starting at 9 a.m. and varsity at 1:30 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, call (810) 348-0210.

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

St. Jude's Parish is hosting a fundraiser, St. Jude's Blarney Bash on Saturday, March 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a search for a treasure at the end of the rainbow. Bid on antiques, household items, sports equipment, services, dinners, clothing and more. For more information, call Dee or Paul Grossman at (810) 629-8287.

## **GOLFERS NEEDED**

The Fenton Football Golf Scram**ble** is set for May 21 at the Coyote Preserve, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Lots of fun and games. The boosters are in need of teams, raffle items, sponsors and volunteers. For more information, call Angle at (810) 348-0210.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

A bowling fundraiser for Fenton's **Relay for Life,** to help the American Cancer Society, is planned for 1 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at Fenton Lanes. Tickets are available at The State Bank's main office on LeBoy Street in Fenton, and at The State Bank in VG's Grocery and in Linden. The event will include a 50/50 raffle and entries to win gift baskets. All profits will go to the American Cancer Society.

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 21**

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The Tyrone Historical Society will meet on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m., in the Tyrone Township hall at 10408 Center Rd. The program will be on the history of the lakes in Tyrone Township. It is a potluck.



# **Ninety-five year old pens** inspirational booklet

► Making the world a better place, one person at a time, is his goal

#### **By Anna Troppens**

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Argentine Twp. — Ernest Pinter, 95, sees a world in turmoil, and a struggling economy. In an effort to help make the country he loves a better place, he is trying to spread hope and "Inspire Change."

Of Hungarian descent, Pinter said, "All you have to do is look at the television and you can see the whole world is in turmoil. The Republicans hate the Democrats, and the Democrats hate the Republicans.

"It's a cruel, rough world right now."

His message is, "Don't give up. Let's keep going and let's keep trying."

With the assistance of friends and relatives, Pinter has written a small Traveling Booklet of Wisdom, designed to fit into one's purse, pocket or wallet. The mind absorbs everything it sees, hears and feels, he explained. "Each moment, each thought, each action and each word spoken ripples out to everyone it touches just like a pebble tossed in a pond."

He hopes those who have copies of it will make more copies, to help spread the word. Some are available at the Tri-County Times, 256 N. Fenway Dr. in Fenton.

It contains a few powerful quotes to read and reread, as

a constant reminder Summary of how everyone can make a difference in the world, he said. Included are words from Leo F. Buscaglia, Thomas Edison, John F. Kennedy, Mark Twain and Luke 6:31 (the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.").

As Buscaglia said, "Don't spend your precious time

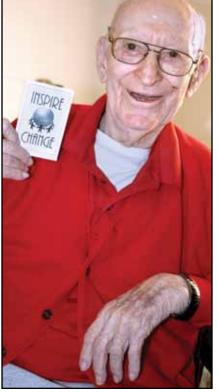
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asking, 'Why isn't the world a better place?' It will only be time wasted. The question to ask is, 'How can I make it better?' To that there is an answer."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ANNA TROPPENS Area resident and children's book author, Ernest Pinter, 95, shows his booklet, "Inspire Change."

# About the children's book

Ernest Pinter, a Fenton area resident for many years, has written, "The Stairway to Magic," a collection of children's stories. The 10 stories are ones he created for children he knew, including Jennifer, his great-niece.

Jennifer's younger sister, Natalie, also appears in the stories, along with other characters from real life.

Taking themes he knew each child enjoyed, Pinter weaves magical tales where they are the heroes a collection of stories young children could enjoy and relate to. The Stairway to Magic is available at Fenton's Open Book, 105 W. Shiawassee Ave. in downtown Fenton.

— Anna Troppens

"Our country desperately needs change for the better. It has been my life-long dream to inspire people." **Ernest Pinter** Area resident and author

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#### VIDEO GAMES Continued from Page 1B

The repetitive motion of video games can cause swelling at the base of the thumb, and can have long-term effects

on a child's hands and upper arms, with symptoms ranging from weakness and fatigue to pain, burning and tingling, according to the American Physical Therapy Association.

Called "Video Gamer's Thumb," this injury -as well as other repetitive strain injuries — can be avoided by certain

actions on the part of the player.

## While playing video games, the APTA recommends that players should:

• Keep their wrists straight, rather than letting them bend downward, when holding the game controller.

• Sit in a chair that provides good back support, and maintain good posture with both feet comfortably on the floor.

• Get up, stretch and move every 20 minutes to rest the head, neck and shoulder muscles.

• Take an extended break if they feel headache, fatigue, pain or cramping.

For a downloadable sheet of simple exercises that will keep the hands, wrists and arms stretched and limber, visit the APTA online at www.apta.org/consumer.

Video games aren't the only electronic gaming devices that can put players at risk. Using Wii Sports can also cause injury, as well as damage to the gaming area, if the room hasn't been cleared

before play. Experts suggest that Wii players should stretch before they play, warming up their body before becoming very physically active. Players should make small motions with their Wii remote, when playing tennis or bowling especially, because these games require a smaller

movement than the real-life sport.

Wii players should always use the wrist strap supplied with the games, because it keeps the remote from flying off the wrist, potentially hurting someone else, or hitting something that's breakable. Of course, the playing area should be clear of all valuable items and other players need to give the "on" player plenty of space. Players should also take frequent breaks, to avoid excessive fatigue and to let their muscles stretch and rest.

Parents should also take an active role in limiting their kids' time spent playing video games. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that kids spend no more than two hours per day in total screen time, including TV viewing, computer use and video games.

# **PUBLIC NOTICE** TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

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

#### **TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION MULTIPLIERS**

Ratio	Factor
53.19	0.9400
53.80	0.9293
51.15	0.9775
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ROBERT E. KRUG, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

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resident. has written a booklet to inspire others to make the world a better place. His work also includes a collection of children's stories, which he wrote for children he knew.

Ernest Pinter,

a longtime

Fenton area

# NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS MARCH 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Argentine Township Board of Review for 2011 will be held at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451 on the following dates:

Tuesday March 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.-Organizational Meeting

#### **Appeal Hearings:**

Monday, March 14, 2011	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16, 2011	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 17, 2011	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

# CALL (810) 735-5050 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2011 assessments. By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 17, 2011.

The 2011 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further your appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

Homestead affidavit Information is required by P.A. 237 of 1994 if you purchased your homestead after May 1, 2010. To claim the homestead exemption, if you have not already done so, you must file an affidavit before May 1, 2011.

Robert W. Cole, Jr, Supervisor Argentine Township



# **DRY MOUTH**

Some people suffer from unusual low levels of saliva production which causes chronic abnormally dry mouth. Causes of dry mouth include side effects from medications, cancer treatments, and Sjorgren's syndrome. Our Creator designed our bodies with a tremendous ability to heal and repair itself. One important function of our saliva is the reparative effect is has on out teeth. During normal eating and chewing of food, calcium is lost from the enamel surface. If too much calcium is lost then the enamel becomes weakened and breaks down in a process we call tooth decay. One of the components of our saliva is calcium ions that act to replace and heal the damage caused to our tooth enamel while eating. People who suffer from chronic dry mouth are lacking in this ability to heal and repair their tooth enamel. Because of this they are much more vulnerable to tooth decay. Because most dry mouth syndromes are permanent conditions; these folks face a tough, life-long, constant battle with tooth decay. Extraordinary measures are needed such as home fluoride treatments, mpeccable oral hygiene, strict dietary restrictions, etc. just to keep their natural teeth. Dry mouth is much more than just a nuisance.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net



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I am purchasing a 1988 Camaro IROC-Z and the heater fan is not working on any speed at all. Could you give me an idea as to what the cause may be and the cost? The fuses for the heater look good. Thank you — John

John, This system uses a relay for high speed fan and a resistor for all other speeds. There are two fuses

that operate this system. One is a 25 amp fuse labeled heater-a/c fuse in the fuse block inside the car. The other is a fusible link that is rust colored and could be near the battery or starter. You should check for power on the purple wire at the blower motor for 12 volts and ground on the black wire. If there is power and ground then you have a bad blower motor. If not, the relay for high speed is located near the blower motor and the resistor is located under the hood on the passenger side in the heater box.





# Investing wisely during tough times

Thirty years ago, during a severe recession, a West Coast televangelist advised his listeners to sell their homes and buy gold. He was convinced that an economic crash was imminent and that gold was the only safe investment.

A popular economic forecaster of that tense time predicted the price of gold would reach \$2,000 an ounce, a high that has still not been achieved. But, if gold is not the best invest-

ment, what is? How shall we invest being sure of

the safety of our investments?

Wise investors start with this unchanging truth. Some things are temporary and other things last forever. Temporal things have limited value. Most of these financial holdings are continually deteriorating through rust, rot or outdating. Even so-called 'precious metals' cannot be counted on to hold their value forever.

Our brief length of life must also be considered, which limits our ability to enjoy things we accumulate. The average lifespan is still approximately what it was at the time of the writing of the Psalms — 70 to 80 years — in spite of all of our so-called miracle drugs and medical breakthroughs. How shall we then live? Jesus instructed His hearers to lay up treasures in heaven where moth and rust cannot corrupt nor thieves break through and steal. But, how can we make investments that pay dividends forever?

We can give generously to others and to the work of God.

A message on an old gravestone in an English cemetery says it well. 'What I spent, I had. What I saved, I lost. What I gave, I have.'

Admittedly, this kind of investing demands faith. To give to others, especially to the needy, rather than store our resources in large bank accounts or secret hiding places, is to risk the future on the faithfulness of God.

And think of the adventure this kind of investing brings to the giver.

A banker and financial adviser once shocked me by saying he had become so worried about the state of the economy that he found himself walking around his backyard looking for a safe place to bury his money. Books by panic peddlers had convinced him that a major depression was near and he thought burying his money might be the only way to survive. But, my friend's fears were groundless. Nearly three decades have passed since our conversation and the financial tragedy he feared still hasn't arrived.

I'm motivated daily by the following quote of John Bunyan, author of 'The Pilgrim's Progress' displayed at eye level on my office wall. 'A man there was, though some did count him mad; the more he gave away, the more he had.'

How much do you have?

# Fenton to offer breakfast at elementary schools

"Breakfast sandwiches,

mini whole-grain pan-

cakes, granola bars and

yogurt are a sampling of

the breakfast items that

will be served."

Jaymi Whalen

FAPS Food Service Director

# By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 "Breakfast is served," will be the new words spoken every morning at all

three Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) elementary schools, following the introduction of a new breakfast program beginning this Tuesday. "This pilot program,

which will debut during National School Breakfast Week March 7-11, targets all elementary school chil-

dren in the Fenton district," said FAPS Food Service Director Jaymi Whalen. "We began to notice a huge increase in the number of children coming to school without breakfast. It became a huge concern. Through this program, all students can come to school and eat breakfast at no charge."

This program is made possible in Fenton through reimbursement from the National School Breakfast Program. "We're using the healthiest products available to us through the program," said Whalen. "Breakfast sandwiches, mini whole grain pancakes, granola bars and yogurt are a sampling of

the breakfast items that will be served." Notes have been sent home to all elementary students in the Fenton school



# Fourth annual IB world fair highlights 10 countries

**By Cheryl Dennison** 

cdennison@tctimes.com; 810-433-6787

Fenton — A taste of food and culture from 10 countries from around the world is what's in store for visitors of the 2011 World Fair, an event of the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation (FAPSEF). The intent of this special event is to raise awareness and funds for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

The fourth annual world fair will be held at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School on Saturday, March 12, from 12 to 4 p.m. Families in this area and surrounding communities are invited to attend. "All families are welcome from all school districts," said Jennifer Koester, co-coordinator of the event.

"So far, the world fair has raised more than \$10,000 for the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation, which provides grants to teachers in all of the Fenton Schools to enrich the educational experience of our children," she added.

Tickets are \$10 per child, and \$5 per adult. Children, 2 and under, are free. There is a \$25 family pass for up to four family members with \$5 for each additional ticket. Tickets are available at FAPSEF.org or at the door on the day of the event.

The 2011 World Fair is a showcase of 10 countries from around the world. Students and their families will have the opportunity to experience the culture of each country in a variety of ways.



\*Due to movie company policies no passes are accepted. @ No \$5 rate available. • # No \$5 TUES evening rate.

There will be games, crafts, music and food from each country.

This year's event features the United States, Ireland, Costa Rica, the Netherlands, Morocco, Poland,Hungary, New Zealand, Columbia, and Jamaica.

Koester, along with Missy Taylor and Jennifer Horton, coordinate the event.

Teachers, parents and students from every school in the district are volunteering their time and creativity to the success of this event, Koester said. Sponsorships are generously

provided by local businesses, including The French Laundry,

Tri-County Times, Temrowski Funeral Home, Allied Media, McLaren, Sharp Funeral Homes, Partha and Kali Nandi, Cyclefit, Auto Lab, Women's Integrated Health Care, Advanced Chiropractic, Sears Hometown Store, Coldwell Banker Brandt Reality, Smith-Peabody-Stiles Insurance, Quality Staffing, Fenton House, Tropical Smoothie and Little Caesars.

Food samples this year include rice pudding from The French Laundry to represent Costa Rica. Tropical Smoothie will be providing samples in Jamaica. Pierogies, prepared by the Penalty Box,

"So far, the world fair has raised more than \$10,000 for the Fenton Area **Public Schools Education** Foundation." **Jennifer Koester** co-coordinator of the event

can be found in Poland. Reuben dip and Irish soda bread provided by O'Malley's Irish Pub and Stout Irish Pub will be the food featured in Ireland, and fried plantains and coffee will be featured in Columbia. Bomb pops will be one of the foods of the United States.

"Bichini Bia Congo Dance Theater is providing the enter-

tainment this year," said Horton. "We are looking forward to their Congolese dancing and drumming." "The greatest feature of this fundraiser is that 100 percent of proceeds go the foundation, which means it benefits every child in our district," said Taylor.

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# Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

# **Sharon (Heirman)** Zahrfeld Fenton, Michigan

July 7, 1939 – March 2, 2011

- · Heart of Ted's heart
- Creative spirit, Lover, Friend
- 49 years, partners in marriage
- Mother of Nathan (Linda) • Grandmother of Jon, Logan,
- Troy, Nicholas Art gallery owner
- District library circulation assistant
- Office manager for
- Ted's practice Youth minister
- · Engaged couples counselor
- Liturgical environmental artist
- Audubon Birder
- · Weaver, coiling artist
- Fisher woman extraordinaire • Nature lover of all creation,
- great and small A Christian Farewell will be



Saturday, March 12.2011 at St. John the Baptist Church in How

ell with Mass at 11 AM and gathering at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Lewy Body Dementia Association or the Cromaine Library for a book in Sharon's name. The family will gather with friends at St. John's on Friday, March 11, 2011 from 2-8 PM. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Sharon's family by calling 877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



#### Teresa Henson, Teresa Henson - died March 4, 2011. Services will be handled by Sharp Funeral Homes.



**Bradley Smith**, Bradley Smith - age 45, died March 4, 2011. Services will be handled by Sharp Funeral Homes.



# Lloyd Clare, Lloyd Clare - age 83, died

March 3, 2011. Services will be handled by Sharp Funeral Homes.



# **Evelyn L. Sizemore**

1933-2011 Evelyn L. Sizemore - age 77, of Holly, died Wednesday, March 2, 2011. She was born in Welch, WV on April 17, 1933 the daughter of Michael and Gladys (Lester) Lockhart. Surviving are 5 children, Terry (Norma) Sizemore of Holly, Sandra Patton of Holly, Pamela Whitlock of Grand Blanc, Beverly Sizemore of Holly, and Denise Davis of Holly; 8 grandchildren, Kara Fraser, Alex (April) Sizemore, Andrea (Aaron) Hines, Ann Jepson, Jason Miller, Cassie (Alex) Hitt, Rebecca and Timothy Patton; 4 great-grandchildren, Sydne Jepson, Stone and Brody Caban, and Joel Hitt; sister Betty (Ray) TerBurgh of Holly; cousin Brenda (Marshall) Justice of Roseville; and nephews Cameron (Cherrisse) Ter-Burgh of Lake Fenton and Curt (Colleen) TerBurgh of Lake Fenton. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Timothy, brothers Michael (Jay) Lockhart and Leroy Lockhart. Mrs. Sizemore lovingly cared for her daughter Denise (Neesy) for 40 years. Memorial donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

# Laverne R. Buell,

Laverne R. Buell - age 75, died March 1, 2011. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilvfuneralhome. com



#### **Matthew D. Davison**, Matthew D. Davison - age 47, died March 1, 2011. Share memories at www. temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



#### Patricia A. Balok, Patricia A. Balok - age 60, died March 1, 2011. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.

com



## Victor A. Brugger, Victor A. Brugger - age 93, died February 24, 2011 Memorial Service Saturday, 12 noon. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com





#### **TRI-COUNTY LIVING**

# **Barbara Jane Senia** 1946-2011

Barbara Jane Senia age 64, of Linden, died Monday, February 28, 2011 at Caretel Inns of Brighton. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 12:30 PM Saturday. March 5, 2011 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Rev. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Mrs. Senia was born May 31, 1946 in Detroit, the daughter of Robert and Rose (Svehla) Allen. She married Anthony Senia on October 4, 1968. Mrs. Senia worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, antiques and mainly her grandchildren. Surviving are: husband, Anthony Senia; three children, Tracy Bodden, Deborah Senia and Robert Anthony (Christine) Senia; two grandchildren, Jason Senia and Justin Thibodeau; three siblings, Rose Mary Thibodeau; Richard Pedretti-Allen and Christine Potts. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Diane Allen. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Bruce Robart,** Bruce Robart - age 96, died February 26, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Edwina DeBow, Edwina DeBow - age 88, died February 27, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



#### Gennadi Zavalnitski, Gennadi Zavalnitski - age 64, died February 27, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



#### **Guv Gillespie.** Guy Gillespie - age 57, died February 26. 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



#### Jane Heine, Jane Heine - age 59, died March 1. 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes



# **John Anderson Pettigrew** 1962-2011

John Anderson Pettigrew - age 48, of Flint Twp., formerly of Fenton-Linden areas, died unexpectedly February 23, 2011. The



late Russell Pettigrew. John served on the Fenton Twp. Fire Department and was an EMT for several years. Most recently finding his passion, lawn care and snowplowing. He operated North Shore Lawn Care. John loved his family, hunting, NASCAR, and being at the Jolly O with his great friends. Wherever John went, you could be sure he always made new friends. Surviving to forever cherish his memories are wife, Marcie; daughter, Baylie; sons, Anderson (Danielle), Jonathan (Kacey) and their son Patryk; mother, Peggy; siblings, Rusty and Terry; father and motherin-law, Carl (Brenda) Jackson; brother-in-laws, Tom (Angela) Jackson and Anthony (Nicole) Stock; special aunt, Deema; cousins, Lisa and Vicki; his plowing partner, Bailey Dog; special friends, Mark Wright, Mark "Jake" Jacobson, Paul Link and Spike Johnson; and many more great friends, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. Waiting for him in Heaven are his father; uncles, Lowell, Jim and Bob; and grandparents. We will forever miss his laugh, his cooking, his willingness to help anyone in need and his ability to fix anything. A memorial service will be held Sunday, 3 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Friends may gather from 1-3 PM. Share memories at www. temrowskifamilyfuneralh ome.com.



# James Kuhn, James Kuhn - age 65,

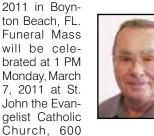
died February 26, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.





# **Richard Glenn Rockman, Sr.** 1929-2011

Richard Glenn Rockman, owner and operator. After selling the Linden Leader, Sr. - age 81, of Fenton, died Wednesday, March 2, he moved to Fenton in the



late 1950s and created his second newspaper, the Tri-County Advertiser, which later became the Tri-County News. He and partner Dean Moore built the Fenton Mini-

N. Adelaide Street, Fen-Mall, and owned and opton. Fr. David Harvey erated Valley Furniture. In 1994 Rick started the celebrant. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Tri-County Times, which Homes, Fenton Chapel, today provides nearly 80 1000 Silver Lake Road. jobs for area residents. Fenton, Sunday from 12-4 He was also part owner and 6-9 PM and at church of Rockman Communica-Monday from 12 PM until tions, Tri-County Wireless time of Mass. In lieu of flowand Rockman and Sons ers, those desiring may Publishing. One of Rick's make contributions to the hobbies was owning and Alzheimer's Association. wagering on race horses, Mr. Rockman was born especially Rambling Ronnie, his record-setting August 6, 1929 in Fenton, the son of Glenn and Paupacer. Rick authored the line (Kader) Rockman. He popular newspaper colwas a proud graduate of umn, Straight from the Shoulder, for over 30 years. the 10th grade at Fenton High School. He married Surviving are: wife, Diane; Ella Conrad on February 5 children, Richard Rock-19, 1949 in Fenton and man, Jr. and wife Karen of she preceded him in death Fenton, Craig Rockman on August 25, 1997. On and wife Bethany of Fen-April 15, 2005 he married ton, Deborah Rockman of Grand Rapids, Lisa Bran-Diane Sheldon. Rick was a lifelong member of St. ham of Fenton, Ron Rockman of Boynton Beach, John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Michigan FL and special friend, Robert "Flash" Gordon; Harness Racing Association, The Kiwanis Club, 12 grandchildren and 19 Michigan Press Associagreat-grandchildren; sistion, Fenton Chamber of ter, Glenda Smith and hus-Commerce and Spring band Russell; 2 brothers, Meadows Country Club. Harold Rockman and Roy An avid football player, Rockman and wife Debcoach and fan, Rick played bie; sisters-in-law, Barb semi-pro football for the MacLennan and Rosalind Fenton Independents and Oberheim and husband the Flint Sabres, and was Skip; He was preceded invited to a tryout for halfin death by his parents; back for the Detroit Lions sons, Randall John Rockin 1950, where he was man and Glenn Rockregretfully told "your legs man; brother, Raymond Rockman. Online tributes are too skinny." Early in the fifties he became the Pomay be posted on the lice Commissioner of Linobituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com. den, in addition to owning and operating the Linden Leader newspaper. Rick was a prolific business









## Julieta Walker,

Julieta Walker - age 78, died February 25, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Marie Keel, Marie Keel - age 69, died March 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



John Farley, John Farley - age 80, died February 27, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Joseph Couture, Joseph Couture - age 81, died February 26, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Kenneth Boyer, Kenneth Boyer - age 86, died March 3, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



**Raymond Deeds**,

Raymond Deeds - age 76, died March 4, 2011. Services will be handled by Sharp Funeral Homes.



#### **Eunice Malinich**, Eunice Malinich - age 90, died March 4, 2011. Services will be handled by Sharp Funeral Homes.



William Peters, William Peters - age 28, died February 23, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



# **Terry Swegles**, Terry Swegles - age 81, died February 25, 2011.

Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



#### **Ricky Dowdy**, Ricky Dowdy - age 62, died March 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When he was 20, my son came down with hepatitis C. He's never said how he got it, but he was running around with a very wild bunch then. He still has the virus at age 27. Should he be treated? He never was. I wonder what's in store for him, and if he can marry and have a family. Can he? - C.S.

ANSWER: Worldwide, 175 million people are infected with the hepatitis C virus. In the U.S., 4 million carry it. Between 70 percent and 80 percent of infected people will harbor the virus for life. Of that number, around 20 percent develop liver cirrhosis in 20 years, and a smaller number are stricken with liver cancer. Hepatitis C is the most common reason for a liver transplant. People catch the virus in a number of ways. Sharing needles to inject drugs is one way. Health-care workers can get it from an accidental stick with a needle used on an infected person. Before 1992, blood transfusion was a major source of infection. Tattooing or body piercing by unlicensed practitioners or those who do not adhere to sterile techniques is another route of transmission. Sex with multiple partners is a possible way of contracting the illness. Sex with a single partner who has the virus is not a common route of passage. Your son can marry and possibly, but not likely, infect his wife, and will not infect his children. This young man has to establish himself with a doctor. Lab tests will show if his liver is suffering any damage, and blood tests give a reliable estimate of how great a number of viruses is circulating in his blood. Treatment will hinge on that information. A liver biopsy might be necessary. Some doctors feel all who show evidence of current infection ought to undergo treatment. He should completely abstain from alcohol. Drinking puts his liver in further jeopardy.

# Work it out or wheels up for this couple

DEAR AMY: I've been dating a guy for about a year. Our relationship got serious very fast. We moved across the country together to be close to his family. Ever since we moved here, he has shown his true colors. When we argue about things such as household chores (just one of the many issues we have), he likes to ignore me, tune me out, etc. He calls me childish, but I'm pretty sure



ignoring me is acting a little like a 5-year-old. Seeing a therapist is not an option right now, and I'm on the verge of packing up my things and leaving. I want to try to work things out before giving up completely. My guy does have many good qualities, and I do love him very dearly, but my patience is wearing very thin. Any advice?

# — Pulling Out My Hair

DEAR PULLING: Living together and moving across the country when you are still getting to know each other is challenging. The phrase "What were you thinking?" springs to mind. Before pulling up stakes, however, gauge your guy's interest in changing by asking him to read a book with you: "The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work: A Practical Guide From the Country's Foremost Relationship Expert" by John M. Gottman and Nan Silver (Three Rivers Press, 2000). Gottman has observed and studied data from hundreds of couples in his research. One thing he notes is that while good communication is one key to a successful long-term relationship, some couples succeed by simply going to their separate corners and agreeing to disagree. Name-calling, however, will never work. Contempt is a deal breaker. You two can work together to change the dynamic between you. If he is not open to talking about this, or if he thinks the unhealthy dynamic is your fault and your sole responsibility, then you should probably get out your wheelie bag. Start with the shoes. They're bulky.

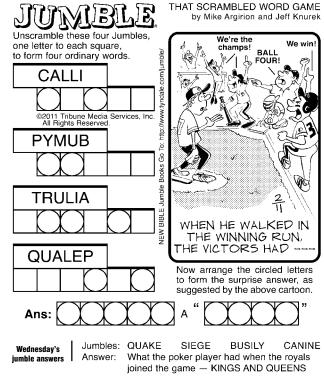
**DEAR AMY:** My husband and I frequent a local restaurant every week. We have been going to this place for at least four years now and sometimes two or three times a week. There is one waitress who insists on taking care of us. She is good at what she does, but every time she greets us she kisses us on our lips. It is very uncomfortable, and we do not like it. I have mentioned to her a few times that I have a cold and so "no kisses for me," but then the next time we go in she does it again! We would hate to stop going to this place, but what else could we do?

# — Diner in a Dilemma

**DEAR DINER:** The only thing left to do is to tell this person, "I apologize because I should have told you a long time ago, but I really don't like to be kissed when we come in. It makes me uncomfortable. I hope you understand."

(Send questions via e-mail to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Amy Dickinson's memoir, "The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them" (Hyperion), is available in bookstores.)







Q: Recently, my wife and I had to euthanize our cat after she developed bladder stones. She apparently began to pass one of the stones and it appeared to be causing her a great deal of pain. Having a history of kidney stones myself, I know how painful they can be. We had x-rays taken and the cat's bladder was filled with stones. Unfortunately, we felt we couldn't afford the expense of surgery. Instead, we were given a special diet, which didn't help. The cat was only 3 years old and we're heartbroken. We are very fond of cats, though,

and want another. Is there any way to prevent this from happening again? — R.S., Chesterfield, VA.

A: This letter is heartbreaking on many levels. Much of what we do know about stones in cats came from research funded by the Winn Feline Foundation, but there's far more to learn. Winn grant reviewer feline veterinarian Dr.



Margie Scherk, of Vancouver, Canada, explains that your cat more than likely had calcium oxalate stones, so a change in diet wouldn't have helped. "Some individual cats are more predisposed," says Scherk. "But what you can do for any cat is to encourage drinking with various water options, including multiple water stations, and a water fountain (for cats). Also, feed mostly a canned food diet, which has lots of water, reducing the urine concentration. The more water, the less likely crystals or stones will be formed. Actually, a few crystals in the urine is normal (if the urine is concentrated). Scherk adds that for owners who are very concerned about stones, cats can be screened periodically with urinalysis.

(Steve Dale welcomes questions/comments from readers. Although he can't answer all of them indi-vidually, he'll answer those of general interest in his column. Write to Steve at Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207. Send e-mail to PETWORLD(at)STEVE DALE.TV. Include your name, city and state. Steve's website is www.stevedalepetworld.com; he also hosts the nationally syndicated "Steve Dale's Pet World" and "The Pet Minute." He's also a contributing editor to USA Weekend.



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# GAME NIGHT

**Continued from Page 1B** people are finding many ways to play games and be active as a family — all within the comfort of their own home. From dance games to sports,

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a family can find various ways of working out or competing with each other, all in the name of fun. Wii Sports offers

a game package including realistic play in golf, tennis, bowling, baseball and boxing. Each sport uses the Wii remote controller to provide a natural, intuitive and realistic feel. To play a Wii Sports

game, all a person has to do is pick up a

controller and get ready for the pitch, serve or that right hook. For more personalization and fun, a player can create a Mii character with his or her own looks and features, and then play their Mii against other Miis.

Beyond sports competition, the interactive video game field is wide open with Wii Fit exercise programs that families can 26% of gamers are over 50 years old Entertainment Software Association

d o together, or they can "sweat it out" with dance moves from Dance Dance Revolution or Just Dance.

Probably the most popular interactive music video games are Rock Band and Guitar Hero — which allow

players to simulate the performance of popular rock music songs by playing with controllers modeled after musical instruments.

Users can play the lead guitar, bass guitar, and drums parts to songs with instrument controllers, as well as sing through a USB microphone. They are scored on their ability to match scrolling



# Wii games that have sold more than 5 million copies

New Super Mario Bros. Wii
Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games
Super Smash Bros. Brawl

- Super Mario Galaxy
   Mario Party 8
   Super Mario Galaxy 2
   Wii Sports Resort
   Mario Kart Wii
- Wii Party Just Dance 2 Wii Sports
   Wii Play Wii Fit Wii Fit Plus

musical notes, while playing instruments or by their ability to match the singer's pitch on vocals.

"Rock Band is a favorite with our family," said Mike Couch, 35, who by day is a senior quality technician for an automotive supply company in Plymouth. By night, Couch turns into a rock star when he plays with his family once a week at a family game night and twice a month when he plays Rock Band with his friends in the basement. He admits his oldest daughter, Kaytlyn, is better on the drums than he is.

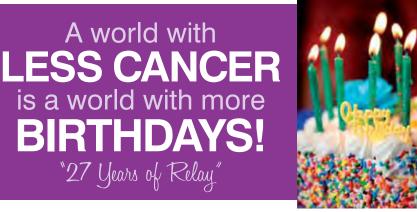
"I was a 'late bloomer' when it comes to Xbox, PlayStation, etc.," admits Mike. "I remember getting an Atari 2600 for Christmas one year, and it was the only gift the four of us kids got because it was so expensive. I still remember my very first game of Pac Man."

He has passed on his love of games to his daughters, Chloe, 6, and Kaytlyn, 7, both of whom love the Wii game appropriately entitled, "Family Game Night," a Hasbro game for the Wii electronic console that lets up to four players play favorite board games from Hasbro.

The Couch family gets together for game night almost every Wednesday, kicking off the fun with a take-out dinner that gives mom Melinda, a teacher at State Road Elementary School in Fenton, a chance for a night off, too.

While much of the evening is spent playing the Wii and Rock Band, sometimes the family chooses traditional board games, like Operation, Connect 4, Trouble, Kerplunk, Scrabble—all played the old-fashioned way.

"We just wanted to start a family tradition of getting together more," said Mike, whose job keeps him away from home quite a bit. "The girls are already so busy with Girl Scouts, dance, basketball and T-ball. We wanted to connect each week as a family."



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or Amy.Lutz@cancer.org.

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Pastor Ed Pedley

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Sunday School	
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Wednesday Youth Bible Study	6:30 pm
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Wednesday Evening	7:30 pm



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Fax 810-629-9877 Reverend Dean G. Dumbrille

Worship Services	
Wednesday in the Word	7:00 pm
Saturday Traditional Worship	6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship	8:30 am
Sunday Education Hour	9:45 am
Sunday Contemporary Worsh	ip 11:00 am
Saturday5	:30 pm, Bible Study

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14160 Fenton Rd., Fe	enton
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Sunday School	9:15 am
Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am

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Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
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Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm

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248-634-9494 • www.hollypc.org Reverend Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates Sunday Worship Schedule Middle School/Teen/Adult Sunday School ....9:15am Children's Sunday School ......9:30am Coffee Hour ..... 10am Worship...... 10:30am

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## Fellowship..... 11:30 am **TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

(PCA) 10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton 810-629-1261 Tyronepca.org

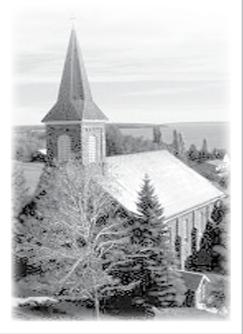
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# LF girls start strong, but fall to Williamston in districts, 61-40

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

**Fowlerville** — For a quarter, the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team looked poised to defeat Williamston in Wednesday's Class B district semifinal contest at Fowlerville High

School. The Blue Devils' Madisen Nosek had scored 11 points in the first quarter, leading Lake Fenton to a 20-10 lead after one quarter. But that was about the end of the highlights for the Blue Devils.

Williamston turned up their game and outscored the Blue Devils 51-20 the rest of the way, earning Williamston the 61-40 victory and a spot in Friday's district title game.

Williamston started turning it around in the second quarter, outscoring Lake Fenton 23-9 during the stanza. However, the Blue Devils still only trailed 33-29 entering the half. In the third quarter, Williamston flirted with blowing the game open, but the Blue Devils fought back. A putback hoop from Sidney Scott with 2:08 left in the third quarter had Williamston's lead down to just 42-35. However, Williamston's Emily Nemeth responded with a three-pointer just seconds later, raising the gap to 45-35 entering the fourth quarter.

The Blue Devils were unable to ever get the gap into single-digits in the fourth quarter. They did cut it to 48-38 on a three-pointer by Paige Stafford with 6:38 left in regulation, but Williamston scored the next eight points, blowing the game open.

"We ran our offense more effectively in the first two quarters than the last two quarters," Nosek said. "We got lazy in the second quarter once we got a lead. But we are a good team and we will work together and, hopefully, we can win it next year."

The Blue Devils had a solid season, finishing at 12-9 overall. The best part of that record is who accomplished it. The Blue Devils have just one senior See LF on 13B

## **SPORTS TRIVIA**



Q What is the most points a Division 1 men's basketball player has scored consecutively for his team? A On March 3, 1951, Temple's Bill Mlkvy scored 54 straight points in the Owls' 99-69 win against Wilkes-Barre. He scored 73 points in the contest.



SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011

# **14 area wrestlers win first match at state**

► Defending state champions Melick, Gonzales are among the winners

#### By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

**Auburn Hills** — When it comes to the first day of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Individual State Wrestling Championship, if you want to win a state championship, there's one thing all wrestlers must do — just win.

The entire field wrestled their first match on Thursday, and of the 23 tri-county wrestlers that competed, 14 won that all-important first match.

All of the tri-county area's best bets to make it to Saturday's final round won on Thursday, including the area's defending state champions, Lake Fenton's Justin Melick (145) and Holly's Anthony Gonzales (119).

Melick was a state champion in Division 1 at Detroit Catholic Central at 135 pounds a year ago. He opened his tourney this season in the Division 3 bracket with a 6-0 decision win against Allendale's Bryce Brown.

"I wasn't expecting to be as good as he was on his feet," Melick said. "For the first day, you really just want to get it done. I just want to wrestle solid up to my wind.

"It's tough wrestling kids coming back from a state championship because they know you are the top guy to beat, so they are always watching videos on you. Wrestling him, he knew exactly what I wanted to do, so I couldn't do much against him."

Holly has at least three wrestlers that have good chances of advancing to Saturday's final. Gonzales is one of them. The defending state champion at 112, cruised in his first match at state, defeating Cedar Springs' Nic Baird by pinfall in 1:28. Another solid Holly candidate is Gonzales' older brother, Stevie Gonzales (125). He was a runner-up Individual state wrestling meet notes

► Where is it? The event is at the Palace of Auburn Hills. It started on Thursday and continues through Saturday.

Finals begin

Saturday at 4:45 p.m. Tri-County returning state champions

The tri-county area had two returning state champions — Holly's Anthony Gonzales and Lake Fenton's Justin Melick.

Finals begin Saturday at 4:45 p.m.

First-round winners
 The tri-county area saw 14 of its 23 wrestlers win opening round matches.





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Two of Lake Fenton's first-round victors were (top) Drew Morris (left) and (immedately above) Justin Melick (top). Fourteen of the tri-county area's wrestlers at the state meet won opening-round matches.

two years ago and improved to 56-0 with a 16-0 technical fall win against Byron Center's Cody Burgess.

Another Holly hopeful on

the mat is Shawn Scott (171), after losing his first match of the season at team states last week against undefeated Jordan Thomas. It looked like that didn't bother Scott as he won by technical fall against Benton Harbor's Harold Johnson 16-1.

"It is important you take it See WINNERS on 15B

# Fenton, Holly lose district semifinal games

# By AI Zipsie dtroppens@tctimes.com

**Ortonville** — Four solid teams were on a collision course in the MHSAA Class A girls basketball District semifinals. Coming into Wednesday's games at Brandon, the four teams had won 37 of the last 40 games. When the dust cleared, it was Holly and Fenton who were sidelined as Grand Blanc beat the Bronchos 52-40 and Clarkston rallied to knock out the Lady Tigers 38-31.

The Tigers took the early lead. Gabrielle Rivette scored and was fouled with 6.3 seconds left in the half. She made the free throw, giving the Tigers a 21-10 halftime lead.

The teams switched roles in the second half, as the Tigers only scored 10 second-half points. The Fenton scoring drought allowed the Wolves to cut the lead to 23-20 late in the third quarter. But Fenton still led 25-20 entering the fourth quarter afer Hannah Evo assisted an Alyssa Ostrowski bucket at the end of the third.

The Tigers still led 31-28 with 3:25 left when Sam Granger and Rivette combined for hoops. However, those buckets would be Fenton's final points.

Megan Hastings buried a three-pointer, tying the game at 31-all. Hastings hit another trey, putting Clarkston in the lead for good at 34-31 with 1:24 left. Delaney Kerry and Hastings, who led the Wolves with 10 points each, made a pair of free throws to seal the win.

"We missed too many shots and had way too many turnovers. And we shot only 33 percent from the free throw line," Fenton coach Brad DeWitt said. "We made only 4-of-12 free

See SEMIFINAL on 15B

BORN LOCAY One of the NBA's most dominant big men of all time, Shaquille O'Neal, was born on this date in 1972.

# Third quarter dooms Linden girls vs. Stockbridge, 49-38

#### **By David Troppens**

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Fowlerville** — For a half, the Linden Eagles did what they needed to do to win a Class B district game.

The defense was strong, holding Stockbridge to just 4-of-19 shooting. And during that opening half, the Linden varsity girls basketball team never lost the lead.

However, in one quarter, it all unraveled. The Eagles' usually strong defense allowed 26 third-quarter points, sparking Stockbridge to a 49-38 district semifinal victory at Fowlerville High School Wednesday night.

The main culprit for Stockbridge during that third quarter was Kelsey Crockett. After not scoring a single point in the first half, she netted nine in the third quarter alone.

"It's been like that all year, one quarter will get us," Linden coach Ben Varner said. "What did we give up — 26 points in the third quarter? It killed us. I don't know what happened."

The Eagles (4-17) lost the lead on the first hoop of the second half — a layup by Rebecca Powers — and only led one more time again. That final lead came at 19-18 with a Jordan Sargent assist on a three-pointer by Sabrina Kinney, with 5:48 left in the third quarter. However, Stockbridge took the lead back on a putback hoop by Powers and then Crockett followed by scoring seven of Stockbridge's next eight points. Her three-pointer with 3:08 left in the half put Stockbridge up 30-20.

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on their roster, meaning many of the key players should return next season.

"I think we can do some big things in the future," Nosek said.

"We definitely have a lot of skill, determination and heart. If we work at it this summer and work hard in the gym The Eagles did cut the gap to 30-24 after back-to-back buckets from Kelsey Brecht and Maija Satkowiak, but Stock-bridge capped the third quarter with a 10-4 run, giving them a 40-28 lead entering the fourth.

The closest Linden came in the fourth came was eight points, three times. The final time came on a putback hoop by Sargent at 46-38 with 1:31 left in the contest, but it wasn't enough to get back into the game.

The contest started well for Linden, particularly in the first quarter. The Eagles scored the game's first seven points — the first three on a three-pointer by Sargent and the final two of the run on a Brecht pass on a Megan Harp layup — and led 11-4 after one quarter. The Eagles' lead grew to as many as 13-4 after a Satkowiak layin off a Brecht assist early in the second quarter, but Stockbridge outscored Linden 10-2 the rest of the first half.

Satkowiak led the Eagles with 16 points, scoring 12 of those points in the second half. Jordan Sargent had seven points, while Megan Harp and Brecht had six points.

All of Linden's starters from the game return next season, so there is promise in the near future.

"I'm excited about next year, for sure," Varner said. "We got a good group of (freshmen) and sophomores that will be up next year. The future is bright. There's no doubt about that."

like we should, we'll have a good outcome next year."

Nosek led Lake Fenton with 15 points, while Scott had eight points and a team-best 18 rebounds. Hannah Rummel had five points.

Williamston was paced by Lauren Eppel's 20 points, while Ashley Villarreal had 17 points.

# CITY OF FENTON COUNTY OF GENESEE NOTICE OF HEARING

# REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR FREEDOM CENTER CAMPUS 2473 W. SHIAWASSEE

**TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing will be held before the Fenton Planning Commission on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Meeting location City Hall Chambers 301 South Leroy Street on the application of The Freedom Center Church (SLU) Special Land Use Approval at 2473 W. Shiawassee Ave. This Special Land Use application is submitted pursuant to Sections 14.07 and 14.08 (j) for Churches of Public Assembly.

The proposed Special Land Use if approved would allow the Church an amendment to the existing (SLU) Special Land Use. The Church is proposing an expansion of the parking lot and building.

**ZONING:** (LDR) Low Density Residential **The property is further described as follows: SPID #: 53-35-300-019, 53-35-300-015, 53-35-300-014 & 53-34-400-007** 

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Linden's Kelsey Brecht (right) drives to the basket during the Eagles' 49-38 loss to Stockbridge in district action at Fowlerville High School on Wednesday.

# TYRONE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD 7:00 P.M., MARCH 1, 2011

The following actions were taken:

- 1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Dave Kurtz, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Jim Kolhoff, Don Peitz, Steve Hasbrouck and Colleen Ameel.
- Closed the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m. for a public hearing to present and address public comments regarding the Proposed 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Township Budget.
- 3. Closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m.
- 4. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
- 5. Received and placed Communications #1-7 on file as presented.
- 6. Approved Sewer Ordinance #43 amendments as modified pending legal re-
- view.7. Scheduled a Board and Planning Commission joint meeting to be held April 19, 2011.
- 8. Renewed the liability insurance contract with Trident Insurance Company.
- 9. Approved the MTA Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund proposal.
- 10. Awarded the Jayne Hill Subdivision waste collection contract to Republic Services, Inc. for three years.
- 11. Adopted the 2011-2012 Budget for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds by Resolution #110301.
- 12. Adopted Resolution #110302 Establishing 2011 Operating Tax Millage Rate at the current rate of .9067 mills.
- 13. Adopted Resolution #110303 to allow residents to appeal property assessments to the Board of Review in writing.
- 14. Approved a one-year contract extension for 2011 to Murph's Turf for lawn maintenance at the township hall and cemeteries.
- 15. Approved the Pitney Bowes postage machine lease renewal for 60 months.
- 16. Awarded the dust control service for 2011 to Michigan Chloride Sales.
- 17. Approved the AT&T METRO Act Right of Way Permit Extension through 2014.
- 18. Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on **Tuesday, March 29**, **2011** at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham

# **Tigers struggle vs. Powers Catholic, 83-65**

# SKIING

Fenton at State meet: The Fenton girls capped their season by taking seventh out of nine teams at the state meet.

PREP REPORT

The Tigers scored 242 points, 73 less than sixth-place Walled Lake Northern and 47 more than eighth-place Brighton

McKenna Valley led Fenton's performances, taking 24th in the slalom (1:27.08). Lauren Rhoads placed 28th (1:27.83), while Kelley McKay placed 40th (1:35.10)

In the giant slalom, Rhoads led Fenton by taking 33rd place (1:06.19).

Fenton's Seth Thompson was the Tigers' only boy performer. He took 31st in the giant slalom (58.84). His time of 28.83 seconds during the first run was the 21st best time within the field.

## **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Linden 54, Corunna 33: The Eagles (8-11) got a game-high 24 points from Brad Farthing, resulting in the non-league win against Corunna. Dylan Nash had eight points, while Kevin Baker had six points. The Eagles held Corunna to single-digit point totals for three of the four quarters.

Lake Fenton 59, New Lothrop 54: Eight straight free throws and a pair of technicals to Lake Fenton coach Matt Furey cut the Blue Devils' lead to 43-40 early in the fourth quarter. But the Blue Devils held their composure and their lead to earn the non-league victory.

"Our players were the epitome of how we expect them to react to situations under adverse conditions, and they handled themselves perfectly in the face of adversity on the road, with our backs against the wall," Furey said. "Coach (Steve) Muenver and our seniors took over and did a great job finishing off the last seven minutes of the game to seal the victory.

Sean Canning led Lake Fenton with 22 points and five rebounds, while Devin Evans had 13 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Mitch Kirk chipped in 12 points. Spencer

Quick had eight rebounds.

**By David Troppens** dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

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Tuesday.

Fenton — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team wanted to play the best competition it could before Class A district ac-

#### on Monday **District Openers**

against Tourney action begins this Clarkston. week for boys basketball. The Ti-At Fenton: Fenton gers (17-3) hosts a Class A district got a good and opens action Monday dose of just against Clarkston at 7:30 how good p.m. Holly plays that winsome teams ner on Wednesday. can be dur-► At Stockbridge: their Lake Fenton plays South home game Lyon East on Monday at against 6 p.m. Linden plays the winner of that game on Flint Pow-Wednesday at 6 p.m. on

Powers put on a great display of athleticism in front of 1,100 fans in the Chargers' 83-65 non-league victory against the Tigers on their home court.

Fenton never led, and only managed one tie, when Charlie Herzog hit a putback hoop making it 2-2 with 6:42 left in the first quarter. After that, Powers built a 22-15 lead after one quarter and threatened put some distance between them and Fenton for most of the game.

Still, Fenton fought to as close as 29-27 with 4:15 left in the first half on a putback hoop by Dylan Hickoff, but were outscored 11-3 the rest of the second period, resulting in a 40-30 Tigers' halftime deficit.

Fenton got the Powers' lead under 10 once during the second half. After getting an offensive board, Ryan Hickoff was fouled on the Tigers' opening possession of

# PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUES-DAY MARCH 22, 2011 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZON-ING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

HO11-046 Joseph Runci 13511 S. Horrell requesting home occupation permit to operate an auto wholesale business in residence. Parcel 06-15-552-012

ZBA11-003 Scott Hoyt 13200 Log Cabin requesting rear and side setback variance as well as a sight line variance to construct 12 ft. x 16 ft. screen porch on lake side of residence.

Parcel 06-14-530-009

ZBA11-004 Brian Bunton 11 Emerald Pte requesting variance to maximum square footage of accessory buildings to allow accessory building under construction to remain at 11464 Jennings Rd. Parcel 06-04-400-028

COPIES OF THE ABOVE LISTED APPLICATIONS AND THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANC-ES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR YOUR REVIEW. YOUR OPIN-IONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE APPEALS.

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Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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Fenton's Damon Thomas (right) drives during the Tigers' loss to Powers on Tuesday.

the second half. He converted one of the free throws, and Fenton was within 40-31. They never got any closer than that. Powers went on an 8-3 run, creating some distance for the rest of the game. That run ended with a slam dunk by Powers' Quinn Langston-McNeal, giving the Chargers a 48-34 lead. The Tigers never really got back into the contest after that.

"It's definitely a good game to have before districts," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "By no stretch of the imagination do I feel like we can't compete, because I know we can compete. I know in my heart we can. Tonight, they were the better team."

The Tigers also had an injury during Powers' 8-3 run when key player Ryan Hickoff went down with what looked to be a calf injury with 5:04 left in the third quarter. He never returned to action. His status for Monday's district game against Clarkston was unknown at presstime.

Tigers were struggling to keep up with Powers' pace. The Chargers hit on 26-of-60 shots from the field and were frequently fouled by Tigers' players. That helped earn the Chargers a 29-of-35 day at the freethrow line.

"We didn't play very intelligent tonight," Olszewski said. "We got a little rushed. The ball wasn't where it was supposed to be most of the time."

The Tigers hope they learned what type of pace many of the top teams in the state play at, compared to what they are used to in Metro competition. They might see some of that same athleticism when the Tigers face Clarkston, a team that has earned at least a share of the Oakland Activities Association Red Division title for the fifth straight year.

Eric Mowery led Fenton with 14 points, while Hickoff had 13 points, eight rebounds and four blocks before suffering his injury. Dylan Hickoff had 11 points and Devan Beagle chipped in 10 points.

But even before Hickoff went out, the

Synopsis of the Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting February 28, 2011 Call to order @ 7:04 p.m. Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call: Hallman, present, Cole, present, Ciesielski, present, Schmidt, present, Graves, present. Absent: none. A moment of silence was observed in memory of resident Owen Eastridge. Motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of February 19, 2011 Special Board Meeting. Motion passed. Motion to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by The Clerk. Motion passed. Motion to approve payment of bills as printed. Motion passed. Reports: Police Dept A written report was submitted. Fire DeptA written report was submitted. Building Dept There was 1 permit for \$ 575.00. Planning Commission- No report. Attorney- An oral report was given Motion, Ciesielski, support, Schmidt to seek bids for cleaning just the township hall. Motion passed. New Business- Genesee County Siren Upgrade Homeland Security Grant Project- Mo- tion, Schmidt, support, Cole, to fill out the request information to be included in the grant request. Motion passed
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# WINNERS Continued from Page 12B

match-by-match until you get to the finals. I have to keep my head high," Scott said. "(Last week's loss) made me work harder in practice and showed me some work that I need to be doing. I am pushing harder, working better on my feet and sharpening everything up."

Linden's undefeated Kyle Fisher (189) also started reasonably strong, defeating Andover's Brody Wagerson 10-6 in his opening match. But Fisher thought he could've done better.

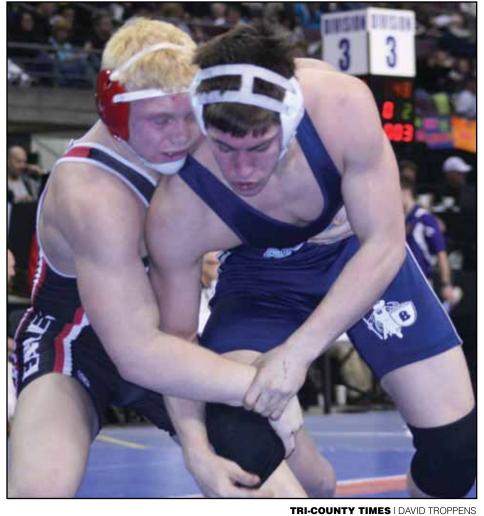
"I didn't feel so well," Fisher said. "I think it might just have been because it's the first round. I have jitters and my stomach is hurting. But I got the win, so it feels pretty good."

Of Lake Fenton's 10 Division 3 wrestlers entered, seven won first-round matches. Connor Brancheau (160) and Buddy Poyner (125) won by pinfalls. Brancheau beat Ishpeming's Derek Willey in 5:08.

"I came out strong and worked him pretty good, I thought," Brancheau said. "I got that pin, after working him. It's a good feeling starting the tournament like this."

Zach Corcoran (135) was the tourney's first matches, and he won his match with Detroit Cesar Chavez's George Fajardo by a 16-1 technical fall score. Other winners were Christian O'Guinn (145), Drew Morris (171), and Todd Melick (119).

Holly's other winners included Tyler Gibson's (119) technical fall victory against Bay City John Glenn's Mike Rojas 17-1. Zack Jones (130) and Dominic Russ (112) also won first round matches.



Linden's Kyle Fisher (left) won his first match at the individual state meet on Thursday.

Fourteen tri-county wrestlers won their first match. A wrestler must win four straight

# SEMIFINAL

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throws and you can't do that and win a close game against a good team."

"Tough last game, but I will always have this as a good memory and a good experience in basketball and life," said Rivette. "Coach Dewitt has helped me get to where I am today."

In Holly's 52-40 loss, Grand Blanc's Shareta Brown scored 28 points, leading the Bobcats (19-3) to the win.

Grand Blanc built a 40-23 cushion going into the final period. Holly cut the lead to just 10 points but never got any closer. Freshman Allyssa Copley led Holly with 13 points while floor general Ashley Xiong added 11. Copley scored 10 of her points in the fourth.

"This is the best record and season for Holly in 11 years since 1996," Holly coach David Hall said.

Xiong has been a key reason for the season. The senior was given a standing ovation with 6.5 seconds left in the contest. The team was 8-76 during the four years before Xiong joined the team.

"Since I started as a freshman, we were 10-10. I am proud that we made such a big improvement since then," said Xiong. "I don't know where yet ,but I will be playing college basketball somewhere next season."

"We played hard and I have been working on the inside game and driving to the basket strong," said Copley.

Try-out fee is \$15.

Please arrive 1/2 hour before

your start time to register.

# Fenton, Tri-City hockey teams lose tourney games

## **By Al Zipsie**

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 The Fenton and Tri-City hockey teams saw their seasons end in the pre-regional portion of the postseason tournament. Both teams lost by 3-2 scores.

The Tri-City team, (10-14) a co-op program that includes players from Linden, Lake Fenton and Durand, lost in overtime 3-2 to Clio/LakeVille.

Steve Callicoat scored the game-winning goal 3:15 into the overtime session to earn the Mustangs the victory.

Both Tri-City goals were scored by Sean Meyer.

Hannah Fremd played outstanding in net in defeat.

matches to win a state title.

The Fenton Tigers (13-12) dropped their 3-2 contest in regulation to Goodrich.

The Martians scored two power-play goals, sparking the victory.

Ben Hackney and David Johnson scored the Fenton goals. The Tigers pulled their goal for the final 1:15, but were unable to score.

The losses ended both teams' seasons in pre-regional action.

For more extensive stories on each of these games, go to www.tctimes.com.

SATURDAY
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
CBSO Kansas at Missouri Noon
(FSD) Women: ACC semifinal1 p.m.
CBSO Michigan State at Michigan2 p.m.
(FSD) Women: ACC semifinal
(CBS)
EFF7 Big South Final4 p.m.
ESFN Florida at Vanderbilt
ESERT Atlantic Sun Final
CBSO Duke at North Carolina8 p.m.
Ohio Valley final
Esrn Texas at Baylor9 p.m.
(FSD) USC at Washington 11 p.m.
GOLF
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SUNDAY
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
CBSO Kentucky at Tennessee Noon
(B10) Penn State at Minnesota1 p.m.
CBSO. Missouri Valley final2 p.m.
CBSO. Wisconsin at Ohio State4 p.m.
West Coast semifinal
West Coast semifinal 10 p.m.
PROBASKETBALL
Chicago at Miami1 p.m.
(FSD) Washington at Detroit
ESER Boston at Milwaukee9 p.m
HOCKEY
NBC Philadelphia at NY Rangers 12:30 p.m
GOLF
(GOLF) PGA Tour: Honda Classic1 p.m.
NBC PGA Tour: Honda Classic
AUTO RACING
FOX NASCAR Sprint Cup Series 2:30 p.m.

# **Boys AAU Basketball Try-Outs** Sunday, March 27th at Fenton High School, Main Gym 3100 Owen Rd. • Fenton • 11U/12U ..... 9:30-11:00am

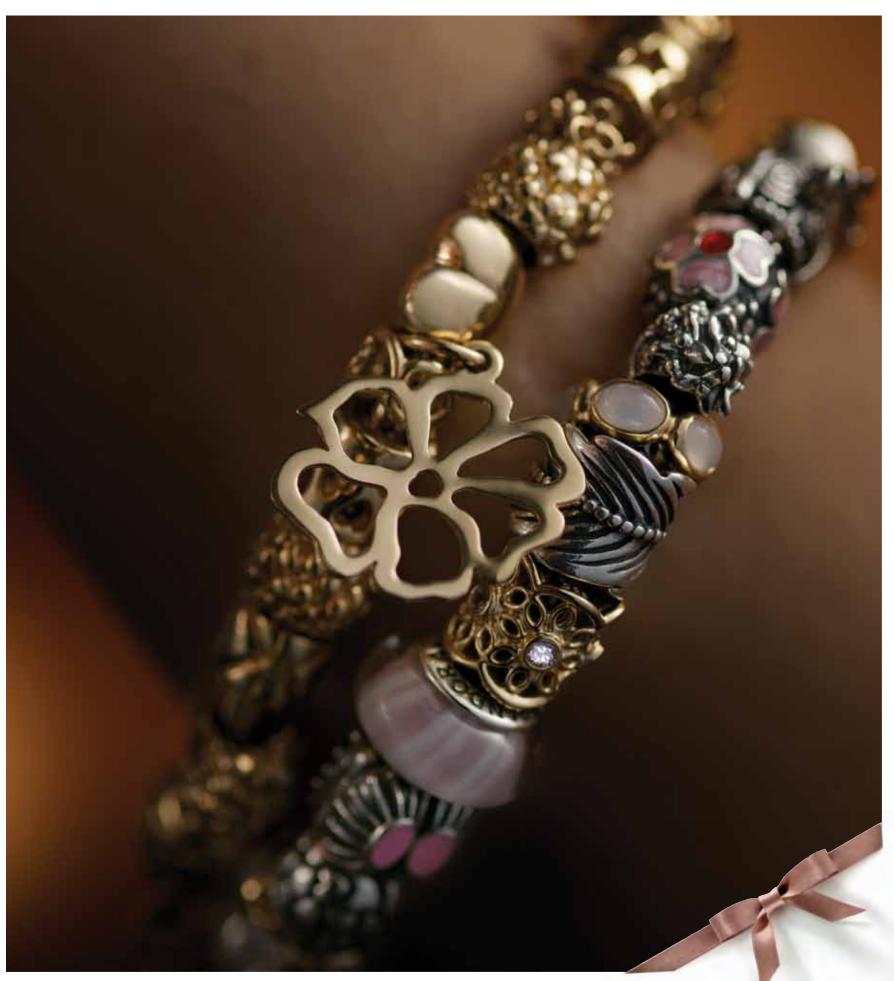
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• 14U	12:30-2:00pm
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