

STORY:
**NO CHEAP GAS
PRICES IN SIGHT**

“This is so sad. You know the president can do something about this, but



too many politician are getting their hands greased. When a hurricane tears up a city or town, I've seen the government put a price freeze on items such as water, milk, groceries, etc. Why can't he put a price freeze on gas and say, 'Hey, quit ripping off the people of this country?'”

— Rick M.

STORY: **WAR ON
DRUG DEALERS**

“Good, if you want to declare a war on drug dealers, then start with the local pharmacies. When Pfizer sells it, it's medication. When you sell it, it's



a drug. But, Pfizer makes billions. Who is the 'real' drug dealer?”

— Michael

“So, why does it take a death to declare a war on drug dealers? Shouldn't there always be a war on that?”

— Terry

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Former Fenton man flees Tokyo► **Fears radiation exposure
after earthquake, tsunami**

By Sally Rummel

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(Editor's note: Andrew Rummel is the son of features writer Sally Rummel and her husband, Mark Rummel)

Andrew Rummel, 26, an English teacher in Tokyo, Japan, boarded a bullet train Tuesday morning (Japanese Standard Time) for Kyoto, about 230 miles

southwest of Tokyo — hoping to escape the nuclear fallout that has become Japan's latest crisis following last Friday's earthquake. He and his girlfriend, Maiya Hirose, are planning to stay with Maiya's cousins in Japan's most historic city, for an indefinite period.

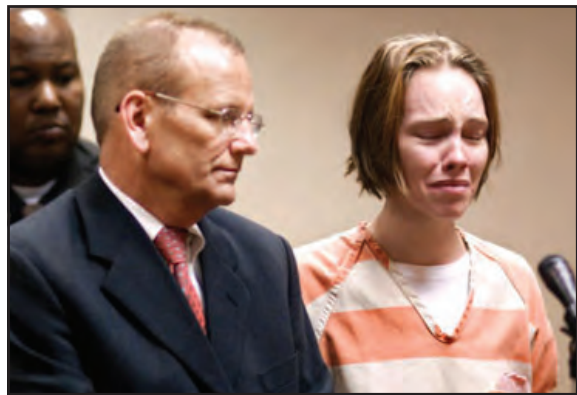
Their decision to relocate was made due to increasing uncertainty about the danger of radiation exposure in Japan after the meltdown of three nuclear

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Former Fenton resident Andrew Rummel, 26, and his girlfriend, Maiya Hirose, 22, re-located to Kyoto from Tokyo, Japan on Tuesday morning, following the most recent reports of radiation exposure following Friday's earthquake and tsunami.

**World
Fair****TRI-COUNTY TIMES**
ANNA TROPPEMS

Cielo Salim, a third-grader at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School in Fenton, marks a country she visited during the World Fair. The annual event raised around \$4,000 for the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation, which supports arts, academics and athletics in the school district.

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moved to different county****TRI-COUNTY TIMES**
FILE PHOTOS

Defense attorneys representing Corrine Baker (above) and Brandon Hayes, have motioned to have the jury trial moved to another county. The motion hearings were adjourned, and no new dates have been set by the court.

► **Court proceedings
adjourned for couple
facing multiple charges**

By Sharon Stone

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Although a motion hearing was adjourned last week, the jury trial for Corrine Baker is still scheduled to begin Tuesday, March 29 in Genesee County Circuit Court.

Baker, 26, is facing second-degree murder for allegedly not doing enough to protect her 4-year-old son, Dominck Calhoun last April. He died from injuries he sustained over several days of beatings inside their Argentine Township apartment.

See **MURDER TRIAL** on 12**Linden Summer Happening
festival in jeopardy**► **Concerns over tent
location, alcohol use
must be resolved**By Sharon Stone
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Linden — This year's Linden Summer Happening could be in jeopardy if several issues are not

ironed out between the event organizers and the city. On Monday, Tim Murphy, chairperson of the summer event, and Audrey Rodgers, head of publicity, sponsorship and volunteers, discussed concerns with

See **FESTIVAL** on 12**Michigan Brewing Company signs
lease for old fire hall — finally**► **Must open by
June 30, 2012**By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — Michigan Brewing Company received the keys to the old fire hall on Monday. The com-

pany and the city of Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have signed their agreement for Michigan Brewing Company to develop a restaurant at 201 S. LeRoy St.

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Barnes recommends closing Sherman Middle School

► School board to make final decision at March 28 meeting

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — To an audience of approximately 70 people, Holly Area Schools (HAS) Superintendent Kent Barnes recommended closing Sherman Middle School to help save the district money.

"I believe this set of recommendations that center on the closing of Sherman Middle School, comprised the best option for our school district at this time," said Barnes. He added that the board of education will make the final decision on March 28.

The three basic plans on the table in-

clude closing Holly Elementary School, Sherman Middle School, or the Karl Richter Campus (KRC).

Barnes' recommendation came after HAS hired an independent firm to conduct a housing study to determine different options for closing the possible \$5 million budget gap for the 2012-13 school years.

Under this option, sixth-graders would be placed at the four elementary school buildings. Grades seven and eight would be housed at the Karl Richter Campus on Baird Street.

The district would save about \$369,000

Summary

► Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes made a recommendation to close Sherman Middle School to the board of education on Monday.

"Right now, it's just a recommendation, and nobody knows for sure what they will vote for."

Tracey Jensen

Sherman Middle School teacher

annually, after one-time moving costs. Closing Holly Elementary School or the Karl Richter Campus would save the district about \$300,000 annually.

"I'm for what's best for the kids," said Sherman Middle School Principal Linda Skrzynski.

"Right now, it's just a recommendation, and nobody knows for sure what they will vote for," said Tracey Jensen, an eighth-grade math and science teacher at the school.

Sherman Middle School and its grounds would still be maintained, and minimally heated, if the closure is approved.

Barnes briefly discussed other uses for the space, including renting the rooms for other educational purposes. "We have not explored all of those options," he said.

According to Barnes, HAS budget issues are a part of, not apart from the rest of the state's budget problems, and could not be avoided.

Closing a building is a small part of what HAS needs to do to close the possible \$5 million budget gap.

A balanced budget must be recommended to the board of education on May 9, and will be voted on May 23.

News briefs

BOARD APPROVES TRACK RESURFACE, NEW CARPETING

The Holly Area Schools Board of Education approved two projects for Holly High School at its meeting on Monday. The track will be resurfaced for about \$51,000 by Southfield Company Star Trac Enterprise, and the main corridor inside the high school will be re-carpeted for about \$29,795 by Floorcraft Floor Covering of Clinton Township. The work will begin after the regular school year ends.

CITY AWARDS MOWING/TRIMMING BID

The Linden City Council awarded a mowing and trimming bid to All-N-One Lawn Care Services, based in Linden, at its meeting on Monday. The contract is for two years. The company was one of four companies that submitted proposals. All-N-One has been the contractor taking care of the properties for several years and the city indicated it has been satisfied with the work performed. The company's monthly fee is not to exceed \$2,000. This amount falls within the budgeted parameters and is less than what the city paid last year.

Calendar of events

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Keepers of the Shiawassee and Fenton Area Paddlers are looking for volunteers to be paddling trip planners for this summer. A meeting is set at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 125 S. LeRoy St. in Fenton at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17.

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Discovery shuttle missions come to an end

Former astronaut Michael Bloomfield shares bittersweet emotions

“The world remembers America for two major accomplishments over the last 100 years — winning World War II and putting a man on the moon.”

Michael Bloomfield

Retired colonel with the United States Air Force and former NASA astronaut

By Sharon Stone

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Space shuttle Discovery completed the last of its 39 missions into orbit with a flawless return to Earth last Wednesday as it landed at Kennedy Space Center. Although this is Discovery's last mission, NASA is working toward two more shuttle missions with Endeavor and Atlantis.

“Spaceflight doesn't come easy,” said Bill Gerstenmaier, associate administrator for Space

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Michael Bloomfield, a graduate of Lake Fenton High School, shares his thoughts about the inevitable ending of NASA's space shuttle program.

Almost famous Locals share their brushes with fame

By Sally Rummel

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When Fenton Township resident Mark Goupil, did a routine “motor assist” for a broken-down 1950 Cadillac about 15 years ago, the last person he expected to see in the backseat of the car was exercise guru Jack LaLane and his wife, Elaine.

“Their driver was picking them up from the airport to do a show at the Gateway Holiday Inn,” said Goupil, now retired from the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. “I gave them a ride to the Holiday Inn, and about a month later, a book arrived in the mail for me, autographed by Jack LaLane!”

He also recalls stopping a speeder on I-75 heading south a few years ago, surprising famed University of Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler's wife with a ticket. “She was going fast enough to be passing me

in my cruiser,” said Goupil. “She asked me if I knew who she was and after reading her license and registration, I certainly did. But she still got the ticket, while she quipped, ‘You must be a State fan!’”

While not too many people in the tri-county area have become famous on their

own, many local residents have had their own “brush with fame.”

Even Goupil's parents, Ted and Pat Goupil of Fenton Township have had their “almost famous”

moments — shaking hands with President

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Summary

► Not just anyone can be famous, but many tri-county residents have had some brush with fame.

“Finally, he asked if I was actor Sean Connery. I looked up at him and said, ‘Thanks for the compliment, but you should know that Sean Connery is not sitting here in Kentucky, reading a map.’”

Ted Goupil

Fenton Township resident

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Andy Rooney

My thoughts

The headlines don't grab me

When I pick up my newspapers every morning, I always gaze at the headlines first. I'm looking for the headlines I find interesting, as well as those that don't interest me. I'm always interested in any headlines about the television business. The headlines that don't interest me are usually those in the business section. Editors who write the business headlines and stories must be smarter than I am because, frankly, I often fail to understand what they're talking about.

For the last few days, I've been collecting examples of headlines I don't understand.

Here's part of my list:

'Shares rise as oil prices slip and banks hint at higher dividends'

I don't know what that means. Everything slips on oil, but shares of what? And higher dividends for whom? Not for me, I'll bet. If banks are raising whatever they're talking about, you know it won't be good for anyone but the banks. And what's with 'hint'? Did they say they were going to raise dividends or not? Don't shilly shally with words like hint in a headline.

'Flirting with a repeat of an economic reversal recovery'

'Flirt' is too unimportant a word to be used in referring to anything as important as an economic reversal.

'Talk doesn't pay, so psychiatry turns instead to drug therapy'

I don't know whether they mean 'talk doesn't pay' the psychiatrist or the patient, although I don't think many psychiatrists are in trouble with money. In trouble, maybe. With money? No.

'Raid by FBI was fatal hit to hedge fund'

To begin with, I don't know what a hedge fund is, and I doubt very much if I'd buy into one if I knew where to look. What do hedges have to do with money, anyway?

'AARP sues U.S. over effects of reverse mortgages'

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is in hot water about these mortgages. I'm not sure how a reverse mortgage works. I paid cash for my New York apartment so I don't have a mortgage to reverse, even if I wanted to.

TO THE PERSON who said the Wisconsin Democratic senators should be fired, you obviously aren't unionized. As I write this, that bill passed an hour and a half ago, and there are already 50 different petitions to recall the Republicans in the Wisconsin House and Senate. I think the public is making their voice heard on this one, and the Republicans don't care. Oh, wait, that's what you say about all of Obama's policies.

I JUST HAVE to say how proud I am to live in Fenton. I'm even more proud to say that my children attend Fenton Area Public Schools. The IB World Fair last Saturday was amazing. It brings me to tears to think of the education my children are receiving. Michigan is not the only place in the world, and it is great to have my young children realize this and be eager to learn more.

PAY FOR OUR reproductive rights? Aren't you, as a male, part of that equation, too?

HERE'S A CRAZY idea. Why don't we spend some of the local taxes we all have paid to fix the moon craters scattered up and down our back roads? Fish Lake Road is atrocious. If my car goes to the garage because of these potholes, that's coming out of my tax money.

AT THE AGE of 80, I am considered a senior citizen. I am shocked and ashamed at how people at my age feel they should have a free ride from the government. Nothing we did entitles us

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to it. We cannot pass that cost on to our children and grandchildren.

YOU'VE GOT TO be kidding me. Most people that start out smoking pot go to heroin? Just where did you pull that fact?

TO THE PERSON who dumped the big, dead Christmas tree in Loon Lake, I hope it is your boat that hits it this summer and not some unsuspecting person. How lazy not to put it to the street for the collection.

I HOPE FENTON decides to go ahead with all-day kindergarten this fall.

PLEASE TAKE THE time to investigate every aspect of the IB program before you criticize it. It is not a diploma program for students who wish to study abroad. In fact, most major U.S. universities recognize the IB curriculum. Every child K-12 benefits from IB, not just the students enrolled in the diploma program. Dozens of students have enrolled in Fenton schools specifically for the IB program. Costing money? No. Providing revenue? Yes.

I'M GLAD THE Holly police department has extra funds to pay three police officers to pull over a car with a burned-out tail light. What a waste of money.

IS IT GOING to take the death of a child to get someone to patrol the crossing of kids on Donaldson Drive? I am a parent who has witnessed so many cars disregarding the sign and kids nearly getting hit for years now. Please, take this seriously, before it is too late.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

From the editor

Tsunamis

It's hard for me to write my normally lighthearted and happy column when there is so much sadness going on in the world. It has been heartbreaking to watch the devastation in Japan due to the recent earthquake and tsunami, and the troubling threat of a nuclear meltdown.

A tsunami can be described as a catastrophic wave causing destruction. I think the word could be used to describe many events around the world and even in the lives of some people I know.

A friend of mine is facing her own 'tsunami' as she struggles with the loss of a job and feels the weight of the world she has known crash around her. A former neighbor is facing foreclosure of the home she and her husband have lived in for 35 years.

This past Sunday's edition of the Times featured an article about a local man, Mustafa Gheriani, who is now in his native country of Libya fighting with opposition forces working to overthrow a brutal dictator and establish a free country. I met this kind, soft-spoken gentleman when I was a reporter covering news in Fenton Township. His life right now could be described as a 'tsunami.' The article reports how he frequently sleeps in a different place for his own safety. His wife Lois Van Lente, watches and waits at home.

While a tsunami leaves a path of destruction, it changes the landscape forever. But, the changed landscape will set the stage for something new and different.

And, change can be good.

On a smaller scale, my friend will find a better job and perhaps return to school to follow a dream career. My neighbor will be free of financial worry and distress.

On the large scale, actions, such as those taken by Mustafa Gheriani, could help bring freedom to a country long under a dictator's rule.

Watching the actions of the Japanese people in the aftermath of the tsunami that hit its shore has been inspiring to many people around the world. Our thoughts and our prayers are with the victims and the survivors of this devastating event.

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Have you been affected by a natural disaster?

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"We did lose power for a long time after a blizzard when I was a kid. They had everything shut down. We had to get around on snowmobiles."

— Candi Chase, Fenton



"The only thing I can remember was the tornado warning in Linden, the sirens going off and we had to hide in the basement."

— Pam Zerka
Linden



"We didn't receive damage, but we did lose power from the Fenton tornado. We lost food, for sure. We ate out at John's for a couple days."

— Brian Bellinger, Fenton



"I lived in Florida during a hurricane, but it ended up being more of a tropical storm. We lived in the middle of the state, so we were safe."

— Kaylene Goetz, Fenton Twp.



"No, aren't I lucky?"

— Lorraine Williams
Grand Blanc



"I grew up outside of Boston, Mass. and we had several hurricanes. Since I was inland, it wasn't too horrible, just wind and a lot of rain."

— Valerie Angus, Fenton



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ANNA TROPPENS

Chelsea (left) and Cassie Dang, in first and third grade, respectively, examine items for purchase in the Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale.

World Fair raises \$4,000 for Fenton schools

► More than 500 attend event

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — Students and their families shared a trip around the globe with Saturday's World Fair. Held at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School, the fourth annual event featured food and culture from 10 countries.

In Colombia, second-grader Shawn Defina and kindergartner Luke Defina sampled plantains, a starchy member of the banana family. They also tried a bit of the coffee, which Shawn said was "really hot." "I didn't like it," Luke said.

The event raised a little more than \$4,000 for the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation (FAPSEF), which supports academics, arts and athletics in the school district. Close to 500 attended the World Fair, said Jennifer Horton, World Fair chairperson.

It also helped raise awareness and funds for the district's International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

"(IB) makes you think and learn a lot," said eighth grader Makenzie Clark, a volunteer for the World Fair.

The fun and learning continued throughout the school building. In Jamaica, students had their hair braided and sampled cool treats from Tropical Smoothie Café, in Fenton. "We've had a lot of fun braiding little girls' hair,

COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD FAIR

United States	Poland
Ireland	Hungary
Costa Rica	New Zealand
Netherlands	Colombia
Morocco	Jamaica

and boys," said Fenton High School sophomore Randi J Harper. She demonstrated by braiding the hair of fellow volunteer, Jayde Hart.

Kevin Hall, a third grader at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School, really enjoyed the mashed potatoes, saying he had about "six cans."

And, what is a multicultural celebration without dancing? Fenton High School students Leah Sumskad, a junior, and freshmen Carolyn Wood and Laura Sumskad, demonstrated some Polish dance steps. Most of their costumes, including the wreaths, beads, blouses,

aprons and skirts, were from Poland, said Sharon Sumskad, mother of Leah and Laura. Their dances included the krakowiak, the national dance of Poland, and lively polkas. The girls, who take lessons, provide entertainment at Comerica Park's Polish Night, churches and parades, Sharon said.

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"It's amazing. Every year, the volunteers step it up even more."

Robin Long

Fenton Area Public Schools, IB Primary Years coordinator

Summary

► Fenton Area Public Schools' Fourth Annual World Fair highlighted 10 countries from around the world. The event raised \$4,000 for the school district's education foundation, which supports academics, arts and athletics for students.

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Mahnke appointed to Linden City Council

By Sharon Stone

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Linden — On Monday, Linden City Council appointed Gary Mahnke to serve in Patti O'Dwyer's city council position. O'Dwyer had resigned.

Mahnke is a U.S. Navy veteran and was Linden's 2010 Citizen of the Year. Accompanied by his wife, Anne, Mahnke took the oath of office Monday under the direction of Clerk Marti Donnelly.

The long-time Linden resident is involved with most things in Linden. In addition to working as an election inspector, he has been active with the Linden VFW, the Linden Mills Histori-

cal Society and the Masons. He is also known as the friendly train conductor for "Thomas the Train" at Crossroads Village.

With the appointment, Mahnke will be in office until November. If he chooses to do so, he would then have to submit nominating petitions to fill the remainder of the term, November 2012.

Mahnke said he has always wanted to serve in his community. He and his wife moved to Linden in 1972. After hearing about O'Dwyer leaving the council, he considered the idea. That's when Mayor David Lossing approached him and encouraged him to apply.

"I've always loved Linden."

Gary Mahnke
Linden City councilor



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SIGNS LEASE

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The company has a seven-year lease for the property, at \$1 per year, according to DDA Director and Assistant City Manager Michael Burns. At the end of the lease, Michigan Brewing Company has the option of buying the property for \$1. In addition, the DDA will provide 33 percent of

Summary

►Michigan Brewing Company is leasing the old fire hall at 201 S. LeRoy St. to develop a restaurant, with a small brewery. Michigan Brewing Company has the option of purchasing the property for \$1 after its seven-year lease expires.

the project cost, up to \$400,000.

It will pay half when construction is at 50 percent, and the other half when construction is wrapped up.

Michigan Brewing Company must apply for a liquor license from the state of Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

The Fenton United Methodist Church will receive notification, because it is within 500 feet of a business that applied to serve alcohol. The church has the option of opposing it, and church leaders have not made comment.

In addition, Michigan Brewing Company has pre-architectural business to take care of, Burns said.

According to the DDA's agreement with the business, Michigan Brewing Company has until June 30, 2012 to open. "Anything is possible, but I see them in before then," he said.

Press conference

There will be a press conference at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in the council chambers, Fenton City Hall, 301 S. LeRoy St. Representatives from Michigan Brewing Company and the City of Fenton will discuss the Michigan Brewing Company project, which Fenton officials expect to become a catalyst for the downtown area.

"They want to get in as soon as possible. Everyone wants to get this going."

Michael Burns
Fenton Downtown Development
Authority director



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

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Forensic science and the law

It is a well-known fact that in a court of law the evidence that is presented has a great bearing on the outcome of a case.

Of course, there are many types of evidence, which can be presented to the judge or jury, and in certain types of cases evidence, which is obtained using 'forensic science' normally plays an important role in the determination of what actually happened.

The term 'forensic' comes to us from the Latin word 'forensis,' which comes from the word 'forum.' In ancient Rome, a forum was a public place where many activities were held. This included it being a place where courts heard trials and orations were delivered. Today, forensic science is generally considered to refer to any science applied to the law.

There are a number of forensic science specialties that have aided the truth-finding function of the court, including analyzing fingerprints, dental records, hair, handwriting, firearms and ballistics, fibers, computers, blood, and DNA, to name just a few.

Although with the advent of new technology the field of forensic science continues to advance, it should not be forgotten that parts of this science have been with us in one form or another for thousands of years, dating back to the ancient Babylonians where fingerprints were used on clay tablets for business transactions. The ancient Chinese used a similar method with thumbprints. These civilizations knew that no two fingerprints were alike.

Move forward to March 15, 44 BC, when Roman Emperor Julius Caesar was stabbed to death by Roman senators. After his death and in what may be the first reported example of the application of forensic science, a physician named Antistius conducted a form of an autopsy and determined that although Caesar had been stabbed 23 times, only one wound (the second to his chest) had been lethal. As an aside, Shakespeare wrote about this assassination in his play 'Julius Caesar' and the famous line 'Beware the ides of March.'

Forensic science is used to not only convict the guilty but also to exonerate the innocent and its value has long been recognized in our system of justice.

One only has to count the popularity of the numerous television shows on this topic to see the degree of interest. There is much to read and learn about this from various sources and I encourage anyone who has the inclination to do so.

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Police&Fire report

GROCERY STORE LARCENY

A 21-year-old Linden man was issued a court appearance ticket for simple larceny on March 7. Police Chief Scott Sutter said employees at a grocery store on West Broad Street saw the man leaving the store without paying for three packages of cough medicine. When the employee confronted the man, he fled on foot. Police tracked the suspect down and issued him the ticket.

CASH STOLEN

On March 12, a Linden woman living in the 500 block of Gamber Lane reported to Linden police that someone had entered her home and stole \$60. There were no signs of forced entry and nothing else was missing. The case remains under investigation.

PURSE TAKEN

An 18-year-old Linden female reported to Fenton police that someone entered her unlocked Suburban, while it was parked on Orchardview Drive between 8 and 11 p.m. on March 5, and took her purse.

DISORDERLY WOMAN

Just before 2 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, Fenton police responded to a tavern in the 700 block of Torrey Road. Police were told there was an out-of-control woman. The 21-year-old Flint woman told police she had been assaulted by an unknown man. Employees and witnesses said the woman then began throwing glasses and beer bottles inside the business. The woman was arrested for felonious assault, disorderly intoxication (.185 on the preliminary breath test) and trespassing.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who stated, 'It is a known fact that most people who start out smoking pot move on to heroin and other substances,' try doing some actual research before you open your mouth. Most pot smokers never move on to harder drugs. If you only knew how many valedictorians, salutatorians and Top 10 students in the area were potheads, you might rethink that comment as well.

■■■■
THE IB PROGRAM in Fenton schools has positively changed the way my children think, learn, speak and act. Our schools and our teachers are better because of IB. If you have anything negative to say about this program, you may be misinformed and need to learn. Visit www.fenton.k12.mi.us and follow the link for IB or find someone and ask questions. Please don't make assumptions.

■■■■
IS ANYONE IN the village of Holly disgusted with our present form of government that is always trying to improve Holly (more taxes), taking away our quaintness and bringing all the big ills that come with so-called improvements? I've lived here for 30 years and have seen the so-called improvements do nothing but raise my taxes (larger police force with no real apparent need, \$22/hour pay for village employees). Think Wisconsin. Let's dissolve our village government.

■■■■
UNIONS ARE TO blame for businesses failing, probably blames guns for murders, forks for making people fat, etc. That's why they're called management. A business fails because of poor management, not unions. Look at retired legislators, who still get full pay for a pension and benefits, even if they only served one term.

Police patrols to increase for St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is a social occasion where alcohol is served generously. All too often, people drive after they have had too much to drink, according to Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard.

The sheriff reminds citizens that the rate of alcohol-impaired drivers increases around St. Patrick's Day, and he wants the public to know that his office is increasing patrols and looking for impaired drivers.

Bouchard knows first hand what effect alcohol can produce, having as a younger officer personally policed a triple fatality accident on St. Patrick's Day. "It is crucial that individuals know their personal limitations and realize that while alcohol consumption is their own decision, once they get behind the wheel, it becomes a public matter.

"Our patrol units, as well as, alcohol enforcement team will be out in force to keep the streets safe."

For non-drinkers, the sheriff recommends extreme caution when traveling. All drivers should be on the lookout for drunk drivers and be reminded of the warning signs (see sidebar).

Summary

►Extra officers will be out patrolling on St. Patrick's Day, a holiday known for green beer and parties, to prevent alcohol-related crashes.

WARNING SIGNS OF AN INTOXICATED DRIVER

- **Driver traveling** 10 mph below the posted speed limit
- **Driver suddenly** stops for no apparent reason
- **Traveling too** closely to other vehicles
- **Braking** erratically
- **Inconsistent** use of turn signals
- **Driving without** turning headlights on
- **Drifting** in a straight line at a slight angle to the roadway

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- **Call 911** and report the driver: take note of the driver's exact location; be prepared to give an accurate description of the car including make, model, color, and, most importantly, their license plate number.
- **Always wear** your seatbelt.
- **If you spot** a driver you suspect has been drinking; do not follow him/her too closely because they may make sudden stops.

Council approves medical marijuana dispensary ordinance

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — Last Tuesday, the Holly Village Council approved a medical marijuana dispensary ordinance that would regulate where dispensaries are located, and how they may be run.

"It's back again," said council president Jeff Miller, when beginning the discussion of the medical marijuana ordinance. The ordinance had been sent back to the planning commission after Council member Jason Hughes had concerns that educational materials would not be allowed at the dispensary.

The ordinance was returned to council unchanged. The planning commission explained by memo that the ordinance did allow the materials to be given out of the same location.

The ordinance regulates the sale of medical marijuana inside the village, as allowed by a Michigan law passed in 2008. While locations for a dispensary are limited, there are locations at the north end of the village that could legally house a marijuana dispensary.

The motion passed unanimously, with Council member Sandra Kleven making the motion and Hughes supporting.

Summary

►The village of Holly has approved Ordinance 407, regulating medical marijuana dispensaries in the village.

Inside the ordinance

- **The dispensary** is run by primary caregivers, growers, who can only cultivate the marijuana inside the dispensary.

- **The primary** caregivers can only sell marijuana to "qualifying patients," meaning patients with chronic conditions and or pain that warrant a note from a doctor suggesting medical marijuana for pain relief, or increasing their appetite.

- **No one under** 18 will be allowed inside unless they are a qualifying patient.

- **The dispensary** is not allowed within 500 feet of a residence district, or other dispensary, or 1,000 feet from a school, or church, or municipal park.

- **The dispensary** can only operate between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

- **Pipes or marijuana** paraphernalia are not allowed to be sold at a dispensary.

Michigan Special Exemptions

For 2010 there is an additional exemption available, called the "Disabled Veteran's Exemption." A taxpayer may claim an exemption of \$300 in addition to the taxpayer's other exemptions if:

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Library millage on May ballot

►Cost to homeowner
\$25 a year, if approved

By Anna Troppens

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Genesee County voters will decide a large chunk of the district library system's future budget, with a May 3 millage proposal. The .25-mill would be for six years, beginning in 2012, and raise an estimated \$2.2 million per year, for a Genesee District Library (GDL) budget of \$8 million annually, said Executive Director Carolyn Nash.

The GDL, like many entities in Michigan, is receiving less tax funding due to economic conditions. It was receiving more than \$7 million in tax revenue, Nash said. This year, it's \$6 million.

The GDL has lost more than 15 percent of its taxable value, and officials expect more declines.

And 57 percent of state aid has dried up as well. Interest income on money the GDL has in the bank has decreased by 90 percent. This income was more than \$400,000 annually, and now it will be less than \$15,000, she said.

Gov. Rick Snyder's proposals for the business tax, linked to personal property taxes, would cost the library system about \$500,000 annually. And state aid for the system could take another hit.

The library has cut all areas of its budget, and renegotiated its contracts to save money. "We would like to maintain services in each community," Nash said. "We do need an increase in mills."

With the current level of revenues, the GDL won't be able to maintain even its current, reduced level of services. It is one of the few times in the GDL's history that it's asking for an increase from taxpayers. Costs have increased over the last few years. "We've taken care of the taxpayers' money. We've looked out for it, and the taxpayers have benefited from the services," she said. "Our circulation and patronage continue to increase."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ANNA TROPPENS

Fenton High School junior Anthony Schoen reads at the Jack R. Winegarten Library in Fenton.

"We've already looked at decreases. We have decreased from administration on down to our shelveers. We've hit every line in the budget."

Carolyn Nash

Genesee District Library,
executive director

More and more patrons are using the GDL's e-book service, which they can download at no fee onto a mobile device or computer. E-book circulation increased by more than 900 percent in January, Nash said.

All library services are provided with tax revenue, at no additional fee for patrons.

The millage proposal

It is for .25 mills, for six years, with collections starting in 2012. The proposal is for Genesee County residents, not including the city of Flint, which is served by the Flint Public Library. For a \$100,000 home, the cost would be \$25 per year.

Source: Genesee District Library

What happens if voters don't pass the millage?

If voters do not approve the May 3 millage proposal, the Genesee District Library (GDL) will have to decrease service hours, and possibly services, even more than it has, said Executive Director Carolyn Nash.

WORLD FAIR

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Third-grader Cassie Dang and sister, Chelsea Dang, first grade, looked at the wares in the Ten Thousand Villages shop. "It's fun," Chelsea said.

Students collected a passport "stamp" for each country they visited. Volunteer Julie Kazmierski, a parent and teacher in the district, stamped passports in Colombia. "It's going great," she said. "We've had a really good turnout. It's been steady."

DIPLOMA PROGRAM STUDENTS DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

The IB program at Fenton High School is making a difference in senior Angeline Dimambro's life. Before, she was aiming for a college degree in English. Now, she would like to learn social policy or economics. "IB really helped me. It completely changed my mind," she said.

The program helps students to see those types of subjects, said IB Primary Years Coordinator Robin Long.

IB students work together, said senior Trevor Wuerfel. It's definitely not always reading out of a book — the classes are very advanced, and the work is very interesting. The Theory of Knowledge class at Fenton High School brings together all classes in a unique way, such as ethical issues in biology. "It's that combination of things that gives you the big picture about life," he said.

Students have different perspectives, and each brings something different to the discussion, Wuerfel said. They gain new perspectives as well.

Students learn to respect others' opinions. A fifth grader recently was discussing how he thought a certain entertainer was a hero, and a classmate disagreed, said Long. Both students had completely opposite ideas, but the speaker asked the other student to please be open-minded and listen to his perspective. They didn't argue, and no one became angry.

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Fenton has new librarian

The Jack R. Winegarten Library in Fenton has a new librarian, after the recent retirement of Marian Hesse. Former Children's Librarian Chris Heron has the job. There will still be children's programs at the Fenton library, Heron said.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

'WE MUST CLOSE union offices, confiscate their money and put their leaders, in prison. We must reduce workers' salaries and take away their right to strike...' Adolph Hitler, May 2, 1933. History repeats.

■ ■ ■ ■
ANYONE CAN DO the governor's job if all he does is look for ways to raise taxes. He should be looking for junk programs to cut, lowering the legislators' and their staffs' salaries and going after those cheating the state.

■ ■ ■ ■
THERE HAVE ALWAYS been drugs in this area. At one time, I heard Argentine was a drug capital. In the '70s and '80s, I went to school with some of the major dealers in this area. It's there in the schools and on the streets. Everyone knows out here to drive down the dirt roads to avoid the police, where and when the police are on duty and what roads they drive down.

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I DON'T HAVE any thoughts on Charlie Sheen, although I have plenty on the intelligence of the people who do.

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TO THE PERSON who is tired of pulling into parking spots with shopping carts in them, the carts are there because there are no more cart pushers anymore. This was a good job for a kid to do, that does not exist anymore. That is why there are carts all over the lot. It is not our responsibility to return the carts.

■ ■ ■ ■
WISH YOU PEOPLE would practice patience. I was in the post office in Fenton on Monday. I could not believe how impatient people were. Simmer down. Life is too short.

DISCOVERY SHUTTLE

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Operations. "We need to stay focused, keep our heads down and recognize that this is not easy."

According to NASA, Discovery worked so well during its final orbital journey that the six-astronaut crew was given two extra days in space to help the residents of the International Space Station with a host of duties. Gerstenmaier said the work was critical to set up the station and its crew for research.

"I think (Discovery's) legacy will be the future," Gerstenmaier said.

Although Discovery will not go back into space, it will still offer scientific insight to future engineers, said Mike Moses, chair of the Mission Management Team. Parts of Discovery will be pulled from the spacecraft and evaluated for wear.

"We wanted to go out on a high note and Discovery's done that," said Mike Leinbach, shuttle launch director. "We couldn't ask for more. It was virtually a perfect mission conducted by a perfect flight crew and a perfect ground crew. I couldn't be happier."

Michael Bloomfield, a retired colonel with the U.S. Air Force and former NASA astronaut graduated from Lake Fenton High School in 1977. A veteran of three space flights, he has logged more than 753 hours in space. He left NASA in 2007 to pursue a career with ATK.

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As NASA approaches its last couple of flights scheduled for this summer, Bloomfield shares his thoughts about his experience with the launches and what the ending means to this country.

"Each successful launch and landing is bittersweet," said Bloomfield. "As we successfully complete each mission, there's tremendous satisfaction when the shuttle lands because it means the crew is safely back on earth."

"At the same time, however, we are one-step closer to losing American's ability to place humans in space."

Bloomfield does not believe that the U.S. has a well-developed and funded plan for replacing the shuttle's ability to safely place Americans in space.

"This is unfortunate, because space flight established America as a world leader," he said. "The world remembers America for two major accomplishments over the last 100 years — winning World War II and putting a man on the moon."

The former astronaut said the shuttle is a tremendous machine that was designed, built and operated by the dedicated and talented NASA workforce, both government and contractors.

The fact that the entire team made the difficult and challenging adventure of space flight look easy and routine is a tribute to true American ingenuity, said Bloomfield.

"There is nothing easy about accelerating a 240,000 pound vehicle to a speed of 17,500 miles per hour in pursuit of the International Space Station located over 200 miles about the earth's surface."

"There's nothing easy about rendezvousing and then docking the shuttle to the ISS while both vehicles are traveling at MACH 25."

Michael Bloomfield
space flights

"There's nothing easy about conducting 150 space walks totaling more than 994 hours to construct a Space Station weighing over 800,000 pounds and capability of hosting a crew of six from multiple nations around the world."

"The 'there's nothing easy...' list goes on and on, and the entire Shuttle team played a vital role in that effort."

"When the shuttle goes away, the hardest part will be knowing that the team of talented folks who have made the impossible look routine will also go away."



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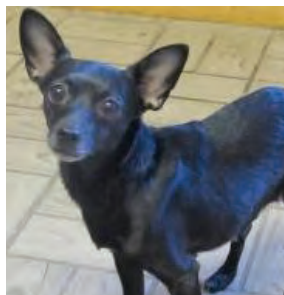
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TOKYO

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reactors. A third explosion in four days rocked the earthquake-damaged Fukushima plant earlier Tuesday, according to news reports from MSBSN. Two sources told NBC News that the blast breached the containment structure and that radiation had leaked out.

This nuclear meltdown came after a tsunami spawned by the earthquake devastated the coastal areas of northeastern Japan, wiping out entire towns and resulting in the deaths of what are now estimated to be 15,000 people.

Friday, March 11 started out like any other day for Rummel. As an English teacher at NES Languages/Study Abroad in Shimbashi, Tokyo, he had boarded a train mid-morning from his apartment in Schoengi-Ward, about a 30-minute ride to his office — just as he does six days every week.

Rummel was on the seventh floor of his office in central Tokyo, when strong tremors rocked the building at 2:46 p.m., lasting far longer than the small-to-medium rumbles that are common in this earthquake-centered region. “My co-workers and I debated for a few moments whether to remain in the building or exit, because we’re used to tremors like this,” he said. “When those moments turned into minutes of continued shaking, we headed for the stairs.”

Little did Rummel know at the time that what he was experiencing has now been updated to a 9.0-magnitude earthquake, the strongest earthquake to ever hit Japan and the biggest tragedy to unfold in this country since World War II. While Tokyo is about 250 miles from the tsunami-hit coastal areas of northeastern Japan, the heartache from this disaster has moved inward, as death tolls now reach more than 10,000 people — affecting commerce, transportation, food supplies and more.

Now, the reality of the nuclear meltdown of three reactors has created additional worries about the exposure of radiation throughout the entire country.

“Just like I don’t live in fear of terrorism, dying in a plane crash or any other statistically improbable scenarios, I can’t really say that I’m afraid. A lot of it has to do with simply being in the right place, and at the right time. So far, I guess I have been very lucky. My condolences go out to all those who were not so fortunate.”

Andrew Rummel

former Fenton resident in Tokyo



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Rummel's apartment in downtown Tokyo was in shambles when he returned from a six-hour walk to get home from work on the day of the earthquake.

“Actually, we were just kind of sitting around at the time of the earthquake, as we were in the middle of an afternoon lull with no lessons,” explained Rummel. “I was contemplating taking the train to run some errands a few minutes before the earthquake hit. In retrospect, it’s probably a good thing I didn’t.”

After the earthquake, Rummel joined just about every other “Tokyoite” in the downtown streets, after offices spilled out thousands of commuters who rely on the train system to get back home. “Walking home was the only option,” said Rummel, who lives about 15 miles from the office. “All told, with intermittent stops and dinner along the way, it took about six hours to make it back home.”

Rummel noted that everything along the way was incredibly orderly — no scenes of chaos, fighting or looting, in the middle of a mass exodus of millions of people and hundreds of thousands of cars. “I developed a newfound respect

“People have been postulating the idea of ‘The Big One’ here for decades. Seeing as this was 1,000 times the size of the Kobe quake in 1995 and 700 times that of Haiti’s last year, I think it is fair to call this one as such.”

Andrew Rummel

former Fenton resident in Tokyo

for the Japanese social order after seeing these events unfold,” he said.

Rummel’s tiny apartment, located inside a guesthouse in Suginami, a ward (municipality) of Tokyo, still had power, even Internet services, upon his return. All of his belongings were heaped upon the floor — undamaged. He hesitated to re-stack everything, knowing that the common aftershocks would likely throw it all down again.

“I have felt aftershocks as often as every 10 minutes, to roughly hourly intervals, non-stop, since Friday,” said Rummel. “Occasionally, warning sirens will go off and Maiya and I head downstairs, only to return soon after. Unfortunately, it feels as if this is slowly becoming the ‘new normal.’”

“Wow, there’s another one,” he exclaimed. The aftershocks as of Monday were so strong that Rummel had a hard time sleeping. More frequent, increasingly alarming news reports about the danger of nuclear radiation forced the young couple to make the decision to leave their apartment in Tokyo and head for safer ground in Kyoto.

(An update of Rummel’s account with other local residents in Japan will follow in Sunday’s edition of *The Tri-County Times*).



Empty store shelves like these are all over Tokyo, as food and water shortages become prevalent after the earthquake.

At a glance:

A timeline of Japan’s earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown

Friday, March 11

- An undersea earthquake with a magnitude of 8.9, now updated to 9.0, strikes off Japan’s northeastern coast just before 3 p.m. local time. The authorities issue a tsunami warning.
- A 10-meter tsunami wave smashes over the northeastern Japanese coast, causing massive damage and flooding. A series of aftershocks follows, many exceeding a magnitude of 7.0.
- Japanese authorities announce that four nuclear power stations in quake-hit areas had been shut down. Eventually, 11 of the nation’s roughly 50 plants stopped producing power.
- The U.S. Geological Service announces the quake was the most powerful to hit Japan since records began.

Saturday, March 12

- The Japanese government orders the evacuation of residents living close to the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant, where the disaster has caused cooling systems to fail and raised fears of a meltdown.
- An explosion occurs in a building housing one of the plant’s reactors.
- Japan mobilizes 100,000 military and other rescue personnel. Aid pours in from around the world, including from the U.S. military stationed in Japan.

Sunday, March 13

- The government says 230,000 people have been evacuated from the vicinity of the crippled nuclear reactors.
- While the overall toll remains unclear, the police chief in the badly hit Miyagi prefecture said the number of deaths was certain to exceed 10,000 in his region alone.
- The Japanese government announces energy rationing due to the shutdown of nuclear power stations. Millions of residents are without any power or water.

Monday, March 14

- A second explosion occurs at the stricken Fukushima nuclear power station.
- Rescuers say they have found 2,000 bodies in Miyagi prefecture.
- Share prices plunge 6.18 per cent on the Tokyo stock exchange.
- A United Nations humanitarian agency says 1.4 million Japanese are without running water and more than half a million have been evacuated.

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Rose Township treasurer: 'I think it's retaliatory'

►Board creates new bookkeeper position

By Sharon Stone
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Rose Twp. — The Rose Township Board of Trustees approved a multi-part motion on Wednesday to help update its finances and resolve violations found in the township's audit.

By a 3 to 1 vote, the township created a bookkeeper/administrator position and offered the position, per township policy, to the current deputy treasurer, Linda Kerr. Kerr has agreed to the offer.

Kerr works full-time with an annual salary of \$25,999, with health insurance and retirement. The board will look into whether a pay increase is appropriate.

With Kerr vacating the deputy treasurer position, the board authorized the hiring of a new part-time deputy treasury, to be paid at the same rate as the current part-time deputy clerk, \$8,900. Treasurer Susan Slaughter would be responsible for making the appointment and the board would be required to approve the funding.

The motion was approved by a roll call vote with Clerk Debbie Miller voting against it and Supervisor Alison Kalcec and trustees David Gordon and Dianne Scheib-Snyder voting in favor of the motion. Treasurer Susan Slaughter was absent.

Miller said, she voted against the motion because Slaughter was absent from the meeting and to her understanding had not been consulted on this idea. "It was inappropriate. It's her (Slaughter's) call."

Miller said Slaughter continues to

work from home with the cooperation of the township and has a written excuse from her doctor saying she cannot return until the building is fixed. "Linda is her deputy," she said. She added that she would not have appreciated the motion if it had been done to her. "That's my reasoning."

Slaughter said on Monday that because she was ill and couldn't attend last week's meeting, she couldn't comment

too much about the part-time deputy clerk position because she had not heard from the township on the matter. Although she works from home, she typically does attend board meetings.

Slaughter did say, however, that the township and board deals with a \$700,000-plus budget, but her department handles that, plus the collection of \$6 million in tax money. She does not believe hiring a part-time employee for her department would be an adequate replacement for Kerr leaving.

The treasurer added that she believes the creation of a new position and hiring of her deputy treasurer was irresponsible on the board's part. "I hope she (Kerr)

declines the offer," Slaughter said on Tuesday. "As of today, I haven't heard anything."

"I think it's retaliatory with what they've done."

When asked if she is able to return to the office, she said the building is not yet accommodating to her disability. "Most people realize I had an accident at work," she said. Surgery and then complications have prevented her to return to the office, which is not handicap accessible.

Summary

►In response to the financial situation in Rose Township, the board created a full-time bookkeeper/administrator position and offered the job to Deputy Treasurer Linda Kerr, who is already a full-time employee. Treasurer Susan Slaughter, who has been on a paid leave and has not been at the township office since April 2010, will have the responsibility of appointing a part-time deputy treasurer.

FESTIVAL

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Linden City Council. Past complaints and concerns need to be addressed before the council will approve the event's site plan.

The city had informed Murphy that issues, including lack of parking for businesses and their employees, noise levels, length of operating hours, observations of possible alcohol over-serving, foul language and property encroachment needed to be resolved.

If the event goes on as hoped, it would be the 37th consecutive year. The city recognized the Linden Summer Happening as "Organization of the Year" in 2000.

For the parking issue, Rodgers told council members that the Linden Summer Happening Board would be working out problems at their future work sessions.

City Manager Christopher Wren said, "There is no golden solution. We can work with them. Every year is different." Violations would be handled by Linden police and complaints would be handled by Wren.

Due to the number of complaints regarding foul language with the comedy acts, Rodgers said there is no longer a comedy night.

The entertainment tent will likely need a new location. In January, Linden City Council approved a request by the VFW to disallow the festival's use of their property, including the sidewalks.

Rodgers said they are looking at the possibility of moving the entertainment tent to the public parking lot behind Down the Hatch. She said engineers with American Rentals surveyed the area and the space is adequate to house the 80- by 120-foot tent.

Complaints of noise levels, which are amplified by the millpond, are also a concern. Moving the tent could lower the levels, however, the noise would affect a different set of residents. Coun-

Summary

►Linden Summer Happening organizers discussed concerns raised after last year's event with Linden City Council on Monday. Moving the entertainment tent and changing the end time for live music is up for discussion.

cilor Ray Culbert said, "It's a better spot, but it won't eliminate the noise."

"Our only viable option is to move the tent," said Rodgers.

Rodgers told city officials that the roughly 25 to 30 volunteers serving alcohol would be better trained.

Another concern of council members is live music being performed in the entertainment tent after midnight. Last year, live music stopped at 1 a.m. and guests left by 2 a.m. Rodgers said between midnight and 1 a.m. they quadruple their profits, which funds the festival. She fears that if music were cut off at midnight, profits, too, would be cut off.

Councilor Ed Ciesielski said problems have escalated with loudness. "It seems like it has gotten louder and louder," he said.

Suggestions of having live music play until 12:30 a.m. and lower sound levels of recorded music until 1 a.m. were made.

Ciesielski said to Murphy and Rodgers, "Work with us and we'll work with you."

Event organizers will be back in council chambers on Monday, March 28 to have their final site plans approved. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.



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Linden City councilor

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MURDER TRIAL

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Following a conviction out of Livingston County for a parole violation, Baker is currently serving time in state prison, while awaiting trial in Genesee County.

Baker's boyfriend at the time, Brandon Hayes, 25, has been charged with six felony counts, including first-degree murder, child abuse and torture. He remains behind bars at the Genesee County Jail while awaiting trial. His trial is set to begin on March 29; however, his attorney motioned to have it adjourned.

Baker's attorney has motioned the court for a change in venue, as well as permission to appoint a battered woman syndrome expert. They also have asked to suppress her out-of-court statements during what they believe was an unlawful interrogation.

Hayes' attorney has asked for a change of venue, as well as a separate trial from Baker. His defense attorney also has asked that testimony given by Dominick's older half-brother, Tyler Baker, during Hayes' preliminary exam be stricken from evidence. Tyler remains in foster care.



WednesdaySudoku

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

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

JUMBLE

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

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A: THE " " Jumbles: GNARL ICING ARTFUL ENTICE Answer: When the guitarist auditioned for the band, he was — "FRETTING"

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ANSWER: The head shaking most likely is due to essential tremor, also called familial tremor. It affects the head, the hands, the voice or all three. Your friend's ear problem didn't cause it; her genes did. If the shaking doesn't bother her, she can ignore it. It's not going to harm her health or shorten her life. If it does bother her, then a medicine like propranolol (Inderal) usually can abolish it.

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

COMMENTS

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"I belong to an organization in the area that brings awareness to addictions and would like to get involved in your effort. Please check out our website and contact me at www.greaterflintprojectvox.org.

— Gary Marsh

STORY: ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

"Please protect our children, and preserve the rights of parents. The half-day option needs to remain a choice."

— Half-day kindergarten

STORY: YOUNGER STUDENTS BEHIND THE WHEEL

"Getting a driver's license now sure is a pain in the rump compared to the way it was back in my day. You got a driving permit at 15, if you passed driver's training. At 16, you got a license with no restrictions on time of use, passengers in car, or any of that other garbage, providing that you passed the written test at the Secretary of State. Good enough then and good enough now."

— J.G. Smith

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a gritty, affectionately humorous, yet stirring comeback tale of the unlikely boxing hero, his half-brother, who had to come apart as opponents before coming together as brothers in a scrappy fight to win a long-shot championship and strengthen the bonds of their family.

HEREAFTER

Tells the story of three people who are haunted by mortality in different ways. Matt Damon stars as George, a blue-collar American who has a special connection to the afterlife:

he has a psychic gift to communicate with the dead. Marie (Cecile de France), a French journalist, has a near-death experience. Marcus (Frankie/George McLaren), a London schoolboy, loses his twin brother

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- 13 Christmas refrain
- 14 Rhyming tribute
- 15 Instrument panel
- 17 Intention
- 18 Group of actors
- 19 Greene of "Bonanza"
- 21 City-related
- 24 "Leave It to Beaver" dad
- 25 Any moment now
- 26 Square dances
- 30 Greek vowel
- 31 Journal
- 32 "That feels so good"
- 33 Rump
- 35 Hodgepodge
- 36 Uses a shovel
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- location, maybe
- 38 Throng
- 40 Timbuktu's country
- 42 Blood-group letters
- 43 Go downhill, in a way
- 48 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
- 49 Albacore
- 50 Pleasant
- 51 P.E. venue
- 52 Remain
- 53 Cabbage salad
- DOWN
- 1 Third degree?
- 2 Meadow
- 3 Type squares
- 4 Garbage receptacle
- 5 Eve's grandson
- 6 Layer of paint
- 7 That girl
- 8 Wife or mother, slangily
- 9 "Monopoly" property
- 10 Valhalla VIP
- 11 Everly Brothers' "Let It -"
- 16 Prohibit
- 20 Acapulco gold
- 21 Secondhand
- 22 Memory method
- 23 Staff meeting site
- 24 Existed
- 26 Hastens
- 27 Rowing need
- 28 Hammer's target
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- 31 Literary condensations
- 34 Disencumber
- 35 Toppers for Whoppers
- 37 Priestly garment
- 38 Suspend
- 39 Do as you're told
- 40 "- Lisa"
- 41 Vacationing
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FAME**Continued from Page 3**

Jimmy Carter during the annual Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn, and meeting comedian Red Foxx at a Las Vegas casino, as well as accordion player Dick Contino.

Ted has had his own moment in the limelight. When traveling a few years ago after growing a beard, he was sitting in a Kentucky rest stop reading a map, when a young man started staring at him. "Finally, he asked if I was actor Sean Connery," recalled Goupil. "I looked up at him and said, 'Thanks for the compliment, but you should know that Sean Connery is not sitting here in Kentucky, reading a map.'" In characteristic humor, Goupil went up and signed the guest book, "Sean Connery."

His sister, Janet Rauch, was playing slots at Soaring Eagle Casino when a man with long blond hair came and sat next to her and struck up a conversation. When she got home, she called Ted and asked if he had ever heard of a guy named Michael Bolton. "She had no idea who she was talking to for an hour," he said, with a chuckle.

Fenton resident Irv Cass is, by his own admission, "almost famous," as an Elvis impersonator on the international circuit for 30 years. He has met many famous people along the way, from Willie Nelson to Steve Martin, Phil Donahue, Liberace,

Cindy Crawford — the list goes on and on.

By far, his most prized possession is an autographed photo of the iconic Dick Clark, of American Bandstand fame, whom he met at an Elvis Extravaganza that Clark hosted at one of his restaurants, American Bandstand Bar & Grill.

"I won the contest out of 15 contestants, and it was there that I met Dick Clark," recalled Cass. "He's a very nice person, and a huge Elvis fan. He and his wife knew Elvis personally, and have a letter hanging on the wall in their Columbus, Ohio restaurant, that was hand written by 'the King' himself."

Cass has now added singer Tom Jones to his impersonation repertoire, auditioning in April for the Las Vegas production show, Legends in Concert, with his new act, "A Tribute to Tom Jones."

Realtor Kristy Cantleberry had her own brush with fame when she met members of the Doobie Brothers at a ReMAX convention in Atlanta, Georgia in 2006. "I've even got an autographed napkin," she said, with a smile. Another Realtor on her team, Toni Walrath, had a photo taken with country singer Tracy Byrd.

Mark Rummel, of Fenton, played with an oldies rock band for almost 20 years, so this memory as a high school "garage band" drummer is especially sweet. When his band played in a Battle of the Bands in Bay City, locally famous Bob Seger was the star of the show.

"He had a few local albums out at the time, but he hadn't gone national yet," recalled Rummel. "He borrowed a tambourine from us for one of his songs. Years later, Sally and I saw Seger at Borders Book Store in Ann Arbor, where he was getting his morning coffee and enjoying a newspaper."

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The Work is generally described as modifications and remodeling to bring the Rose Township Office Building into compliance with the requirements of the current ADA and Michigan Building Codes, per the Drawings and Specifications.

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Contract Documents have been prepared by the Architect, Redstone Architects, Inc., 2709 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, 48302-1008, telephone 248.418.0990, fax 248.418.0999.

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Each prospective Bidder can inspect the Documents, current Addenda, or portions thereof at the Township Clerk's office, 9080 Mason Street, Rose Township. Bidding Documents are scheduled to be available on or after 1:00 PM, March 15, 2011.

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Holly, Quinnan earn positive state meet experience

By David Troppens

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Realistically, the Holly varsity boys swim team and senior Jake Quinnan couldn't have asked for a better way to end the season.

Quinnan, a senior, capped his varsity swim career with three school records at the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships at Eastern Michigan University last weekend.

Quinnan came home with two second-day individual swims, placing 13th in the 200 freestyle (1:47.04) and placing 14th in the 100 freestyle (48.83) in the consolation finals in each event on Saturday.

The 200 medley relay team of Aaron DeHaven,

Quinnan, Dakota Gordon and Garrett Pinagel didn't qualify for a second-day swim, but they still impressed. They dropped almost four seconds off their previous best time of the season, earning a school record time of 1:43.77 during Friday's preliminaries. Their 17th-place finish, kept them one spot out of qualifying for the second day.

"As far as the team's performance, that was outstanding," Quinnan said about the medley relay. "We went from second to last to first alternate in the relay, with a quite a big drop. We dropped almost four seconds."

Coach Danielle Gray was pleased with the relay's progress.

"Jake had not tapered until state, so he had a nice drop," Gray said. "Aaron was pretty inexperienced in the backstroke, so putting him up front left room for improvement. And the other guys went on pure adrenaline, and we had a nice swim."

"I didn't anticipate (the large time drop), but these boys never cease to surprise me."

The rest of the meet was about Quinnan.

In the 200 freestyle, Quinnan broke his second school record at the meet, posting a time of 1:46.98 in the prelims, an improvement of near-

See QUINNAN on 16



Holly's
Jake Quinnan

SPORTS TRIVIA

Q What is the smallest margin of victory in a NASCAR race?

A In 2003, Ricky Craven edged out Kurt Bush by .02 of a second to win the Dodge Dealers 400 at Darlington.

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Williams finishes on top at SuperGirl Cup

►Linden resident hopes to perform at Pan American Games in October

By David Troppens

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Not every freshman gymnast gets to meet the United States' five-time Olympic medalist, Nastia Liukin, at one of her competitions.

But then again, not every gymnast has won a gymnastics competition named after the 2008 all-around gold medalist either.

But Linden's Grace Williams has now done both.

Williams, a Linden resident, captured first place at the prestigious Nastia Liukin Super Girl Cup competition on March 4 at the Jacksonville (Fla.) Veterans Memorial Arena. Winning the championship at the elite level event is another step in Williams' road to raising the bar during her gymnastics career.

"At first, I was overwhelmed and a little shocked that I won," Williams said. "I didn't really think about winning. I just went in and did my best. There were a lot of other really good girls."

The talent was outstanding at the meet, but, when it was all said and done, Williams finished on top.

Now a student at Gedderts' Twisters out of Lansing, and coached by John Geddert, Williams continues to make strides in her gymnastics career, a career that started when she was around 4. She quickly moved up to the point of becoming a Level 9 gymnast in 2008. Since the move to Gedderts', she's seen her performances get better and seen her arsenal expand as well. Level 10 was next, since then she's joined the elite level, which means she's at the level needed to become a member of the U.S. National team.

The Liukin SuperGirl Cup was broadcast by an NBC family network, with that broadcast containing three of Williams' four events.

She won the all-around with a score of 38.525, defeating second-

place Ameila Hundley by 0.375 points. Those two were the only ones to post all-around scores in the 38-point range.

Williams started the competition on the vault, scoring a 9.450. That would be her lowest score of the event. She followed it by posting a 9.650 on the uneven bars, executing a high Tkatchev and a tucked full-twisting double-back dismount, putting her in the thick of the title race.

Her beam is what put her in first place. Williams added a punch front and a switch lead pass to her beam routine, and finished with the best beam score of the event with a 9.700. Knowing she was in first place entering the floor, Williams nailed her performance there as well. Her routine included a double Arabian mount and a double tuck dismount, scoring her a 9.725, the best score of the day on the floor.

"They showed the standings and rankings of what girls were in the top three," Williams said about the event, right before she went to the floor. "I had a really strong warm-up (on the floor), and I knew I had to hit my routine to win. The girls behind me were pretty close. They were not very far behind me. If I hit a good routine, I knew I'd be ahead enough to win."

"It was a lot of pressure. It was just an experience to compete on a podium in front of the national team coordinators and Nastia."

While she lists four-time Olympic medalist Dominique Dawes as her favorite gymnast, the thrill of meeting Liukin was pretty incredible as well.

"I always wanted to meet her," Williams said. "I met some of the girls on the national team right now, but I never met her in person. She was really nice and let the girls have a meeting. We got

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Linden's Grace Williams prepares to compete on the balance beam during a recent competition. She won the Liukin SuperGirl Cup recently.

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The lower bar is 5.82 feet high

while the upper bar is 7.91 feet high. The bars are between 4.3 feet and 5.9 feet apart. There must be flight elements from one bar to the other and flight elements from the same bar. There is a dismount at the end.

► Balance beam

The beam is 4.1 feet high, 16 feet long and only .33 feet wide. Participants mix acrobatics, dance and leaps during the 90-second event. There's a dismount at the end.

Fenton hosting powerlifting meet this weekend

By David Troppens

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Fenton had three state champions in the sport last year.

Holly's varsity team finished second at the state meet, while Fenton's was eighth. And in JV action, Fenton placed second to the Bronchos' fourth-place finish.

Can you guess the sport?

It's powerlifting. And for the first time, Fenton High School is hosting the 2010 State Powerlifting Championships on Friday and Saturday. The girls compete Friday, while the boys compete Saturday.

"This is our first year hosting it," Fenton powerlifting coach and varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "We've hosted regional meets before. It's a lot of work to be honest. I've done it at Bendle, Montrose and Goodrich. It's a lot of work, but on the same token, the kids don't have to travel, so that's nice."

The meet should have a large group of tri-county powerlifters present at the event. Holly has over 30 qualified, while Fenton and Linden have double-digit totals as well. Both, Holly and Fenton want to prove they remain among the state's elite programs. "We have about 31 kids qualified for state and that's the most we've ever had," said Holly powerlifting coach Mike Millhouse, who also said more may have qualified at Saturday's regional meet. "That's definitely more than I've had in the past."

"We want to finish in the top five, and I think we have a good chance to do that."

Fenton took the runner-up position at the JV level last

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Today's Birthday

Ex-Detroit Tiger and fan favorite, Curtis Granderson was born on this date in 1981.

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year and three years ago. They won the title in between the two seasons. This year, they have about 15 participants at the state meet. Fenton had three individual state champions a year ago. Clayton Krupp won the varsity 194-pound class, while Jared Wegener (155) and Mike Czarnota (181) took home JV titles.

“If we’re going to host it, we want to win it,” Setzke said. “A lot depends on how we lift on that given day.”

Linden powerlifting and varsity football coach Denny Hopkins qualifies participants for the meet, but allows the kids to decide if they want to compete at it. They also compete among themselves within their own weight room, so their numbers may be limited.

“The kids are working pretty hard, we always work hard at it,” Hopkins said. “But we do it mostly within our own team, it saves money and stuff. We’ll have a few.”

For Holly’s Milhouse, who used to be the varsity football coach, it’s not just a matter of improving the football athletes, but athletes throughout the athletic program.

“We have seen what the kids have done here carry over into the entire sports program,” Millhouse said. “We talk a lot about the entire athletic program and our entire athletic program is on the rise in the Flint Metro. What we do with the powerlifting is a means to what we are doing in the Metro.”

Setzke likes the camaraderie competing in the weight room creates.

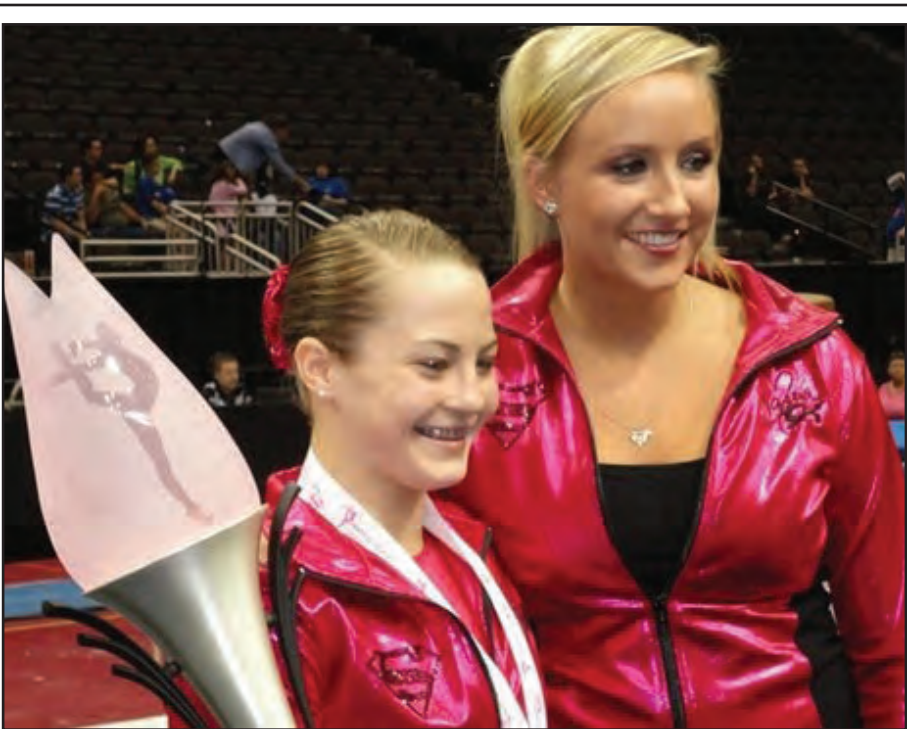
“We started this as a means for kids not playing winter sports to be able to do something and compete at over the win-



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Fenton’s Clayton Krupp won the 194-pound class championship at the state powerlifting meet a year ago. Fenton is hosting this year’s event on Friday and Saturday.

ter,” Setzke said. “The bottom line is, the whole team works, creating more team camaraderie. Everyone is working for a goal more than just on an individual level.”

The JV event is for freshmen and sophomores, while the juniors and seniors compete in the varsity competition. Over the weekend, Setzke expects 500 to 550 kids representing 50 to 75 schools to compete.



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Linden’s Grace Williams (left) is pictured with five-time Olympic medalist Nastia Liukin after winning the Liukin SuperGirl Cup.

WILLIAMS

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to know her a little bit.”

The event is just the start of Williams’ year. She competes at the CoverGirl Classic in Chicago from July 22 to 24. A good result there would qualify her for the VISA Championships, an event that she placed 28th at a year ago at the junior level. Her ultimate goal is to make the national team so she can compete at the Pan American Games in October.

“I am where I want to be right now,”

Williams, who trains about 30 hours a week, said. “I am only a freshman, so I have a little bit of time before I am done and off to college. I think I’m right on track to achieve my goals. It all depends on if I’m healthy or not.”

“It’s just kind of a fun meet.”

Grace Williams
Linden gymnast.

“I want make the national team, and then make the Pan American Games. After that, I don’t know what will happen after this year.”

She might not know what the future holds, but her recent past has been pretty golden.

QUINNAN

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ly two seconds from his seeded time of 1:48.62.

“I was really excited about it. I dropped two seconds in the 200 free, so that was a big mark for me,” Quinnan said. “I expected, maybe a half-second to a one-second drop.”

“I was just so excited. I jumped out of the water and hugged coach, beaming with joy.”

In the 100 freestyle, Quinnan broke his third record of the day on Friday with a time of 48.63 seconds in the prelims, again close to a one-second drop from his seeded time of 49.41. Now, in the consolation finals, he recorded a 14th-place finish on Saturday with a time of 48.83.

“The 100 is a difficult race to swim, because there is no time to make up any yards. Every wall and stroke is critical,” Quinnan said. “You have to give it every-

thing you got and can’t slip up once.”


Gray was pleased with Quinnan.

“He worked so hard this year, and I really wanted to see some fast swims this weekend,” Gray said. “Getting a 1:46 in the 200 was a very happy moment. He definitely deserved that fast swim. He had a great state meet.”

Quinnan will compete at two zone meet events in the near future. He’ll compete at Ohio State University this weekend, and then will compete in nationals during Spring Break. He swims with the Flint Falcons year-round.

“I wanted to make sure I’d have a good performance for the high school season, so I trained year round,” Quinnan said. “It will be real tough (to taper again for the national meet), but coach Adam Cooper is real smart and I trust him. I’m pretty sure I can, even if my taper doesn’t affect me like it did at the state meet, it would be a great experience just to be there.”

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Duke. I know I can pretty much say Duke for this year and the next 10 years, and I have a pretty solid pick. It's amazing the team could lose someone like Kyrie Irving and still be this good.	Who will win the tourney? I'm expecting an upset. If there are any No. 1 seeds that will win it will be Kansas — NOT. It'll be the Buckeyes. If it's not Michigan, then I will root for whoever, especially a Big Ten team.
Has MSU played a tough schedule? Yes. But you have to have some success with that schedule. They probably deserve it, but both teams probably were seeded higher than they should be.	Should MSU/U-M be dancing? I think Michigan punched their ticket with the win over little brother, I mean, Michigan State. I think the loss should've punched the Spartans' ticket to the NIT.
The first two rounds are great. I like finding the teams that shock the field and the constant game after game after game. It takes a Cinderella to keep my interest beyond that.	Favorite part of the tourney My favorite part of the tourney is the upsets. I love seeing smaller Division 1 schools beat the big guys.
It almost went to 96 this year. The regular season is already a joke, why not allow 96? That's still less than 25 percent of the D1 field, and if it gives mid-majors a better chance of getting in, I'm for it.	Tourney size I don't have much to say about this subject, but 68 teams is cool with me. It gives more schools a chance to compete.
Every year, I think about going to an Oakland U game but don't go. The Grizzlies have a good thing going right now. I don't think they'll make it past the first round, but I'm pulling for them.	Anything Goes Miami's recent skid shows you that the Heat don't have what it takes yet. Boston is still the team to beat in the NBA. Man, that didn't feel good to say.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011 AT 6:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS**R11-001 Larry Adkins, 4067 Commerce, Flushing:**

Requesting the amend the PUD, Planned Unit Development for the Gables of North Shore to remove portions of the undeveloped land from the concept plan, to establish a lot width and depth for portions of the undeveloped land to create metes and bounds parcels and to reduce the rear setback for one of the units contiguous to the lake. He is also requesting changes to the condominium and the site plan. Property is located at 12004, 12022 & 12024 Brown St. 12018, 12020, 12022, 12024, 12026, 12028, 12030 & 12032 Bowels. Parcels 06-11-626-005 through 06-11-626-015.

YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER.

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Obituaries,
Funeral
Services and
Memoriums**Barbara L. Wellever**
1924-2011

Barbara L. Wellever - of Allegan, formerly of Fenton,



died Friday, March 11, 2011, at the Allegan County Medical Care Facility. Mrs. Wellever was born July 27, 1924, in Jackson, the daughter of Durman "Patrick" and Ruth (Sturgis) Brattain. Barb was a member of the Christ Community Church in Allegan, the B.P.W. of Allegan and Fenton, Women's History Club, and active AFS. She retired from Fenton Public Schools in 1985, after 30 years of service. Surviving are her 3 children, Carolyn and Thomas Kelley of Fenton, William and Susan Wellever of CA, and James and Kathryn Wellever of Allegan; 6 grandsons, Thomas, Timothy, Troy, Patrick, Jacob and Emery; 2 great-grandsons, Tyler and Tanner; sister-in-law, Jean and Leo Blanck of Reed City; brother-in-law, Reed Nelson of Battle Creek; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert in 2010, and her sister-in-law, Ruth Nelson. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 10 AM at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta. Those wishing to attend should arrive at the Gorden Funeral Home by 8:45 AM or at the Cemetery cortege area by 9:45 AM. Memorial services will be held at Christ Community Church in Allegan at 1 PM with a visitation time from 12 noon till service time, with a reception to follow. Due to Barb's long battle with heart disease, in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church, C/O The Quinn Fund, 145 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017. This is Barb's great-great niece, Millie Kay Quinn, who was born March 10, 2011, one day before Barb died. She was born with Critical Pulmonary Stenosis. Arrangements by the Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, www.gordenfuneral.com.

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