How the census figures affect our communities

Cities of Fenton, Linden and local townships all show substantial growth
By Tim Jagielo

The 2010 Census numbers for each city and township are in, and there are winners and losers in the tri-county area.

The biggest gains were achieved by the city of Linden, which grew by almost 40 percent between 2000 and 2010.

“I think it’s a substantial positive for the community, it speaks volumes about our community, schools, and quality of life available in Linden,” said City Manager Christopher Wren.

Wren said the gains in population are a boon for local businesses, and a positive challenge for the government. “We’ve got that many more residents to make sure we’re providing proper service for,” he said.

Wren has been city manager for four years, and has seen some of the growth firsthand. New subdivisions like Chestnut Grove on the west side of Linden are part of the evidence of the growth. Holly Township grew by nearly the same amount between 2000 and 2010, at 37 percent.

Fenton Township gained nearly 20 percent in population since the 2000 Census.

Census Results by municipality See Page 11A

Church plans to object to liquor license

Restaurant asks for clearance for distillery, winery and microbrewery
By Anna Troppens

Fenton — In a recent bulletin, the Fenton United Methodist Church announced its congregation’s plans to object to the state regarding the liquor license application of the Michigan Brewing Company (MBC). The company has applied for its liquor license from the state’s Liquor Control Commission, which has plans for a restaurant and small brewery at the old fire hall, off South LeRoy Street.

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Summary

Michigan Brewing Company has filed for a liquor license from the state of Michigan’s Liquor Control Commission. The Fenton United Methodist Church has not formally filed an objection, but, according to its bulletin for the week of March 13, it plans to upon receiving notification of the liquor license application.

A loaf of bread, a jug of wine...

Fourth fatal overdose under investigation

Continues pattern of local heroin-related deaths
By Tim Jagielo

Grand Blanc — The death of a local 27-year-old man from Grand Blanc, of a suspected heroin overdose, is under investigation by the Grand Blanc Township Police Department.

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High gas prices fuel frustration

Tips on how to save money at the pump and on the road

By Sally Rummel
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Tom Wenta, 57, of Fenton, remembers back in 1972 when he paid 11 cents a gallon for gas at the old Sinclair gas station where MoDoggie’s Bar & Grill sits today. That’s a far cry from the $3.79 per gallon (or more) it costs at most gas stations today. However, it doesn’t pay to be angry. It will cost you more at the pump if you let your emotions drive your vehicle.

Emotionally tense drivers who tend to stop and start more abruptly burn more gas than calm drivers who are traveling the same distance. To spend less at the pump, take your driving cues from your grandma and keep your speed between 40 and 60 miles per hour for maximum gas efficiency. That’s the word from a recent MythBusters episode on the Discovery Channel, which advised people interested in saving gas money at the pump to lighten their lead foot.

But it’s hard to keep those emotions in check when gas prices are eating away at most people’s already-slimmed-down budgets.

“I hate it,” said Jeff Rea, soner, of Linden, who asked about gas prices as he was filling up his 2000 Chevy Silverado at VG’s Fuel Center in Fenton. “I drive 70 miles a day, commuting to Lake Orion for work, and it costs me $70.”

High gasoline prices are frustrating residents in the tri-county area, but there are ways to save at the pump.

Making bread the old world way

New bakery opening in Fenton this summer

By Sally Rummel
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A food product that was discovered by the Egyptians more than 10,000 years ago is making a comeback in Fenton in 2011. The French Laundry owners Mark Hamel and Chad Brennan will bring the art of Old World artisan bread making to a new bakery opening this summer at the corner of Caroline and River streets, behind The State Bank Loan Store.

“The fine wines and cheeses, the art of bread making is a slow, time-consuming process, with many hours needed to ferment the sour starter and proof the loaves,” explained Hamel. “This is the way bread used to be made, and now people are wanting a return to artisan breads with a crust and flavor in the bread. It’s making a real comeback.”

A bakery had been part of the plan The French Laundry had presented to the Fenton DDA when they had approached them about opening a restaurant in the old fire hall. “Even though we didn’t get the bid, we still wanted to proceed with the bakery portion of the plan,” said Hamel. The bakery’s first customer

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Grocery shopping anxiety!

When did the average age of a grocery store bag boy morph from the mid-teens into the mid-80s? In addition to all the other angst in my life, do I really need the guilt associated with having a frail senior citizen carry my groceries to the car while I, an able-bodied hunk of manhood (well, at least compared to him), walk embarrassingly empty-handed alongside him.

And, that’s another thing — what is bag boy etiquette? Do I walk ahead of him, giving the illusion that I consider him some sort of subordinate or underling? Do I walk alongside him, thereby feeling ridiculous that a feeble octogenarian is laboriously brewing my beer, cleaning supplies, water bottles and groceries organized in a quart-mile of asphalt, which, depending upon the season, is either covered with slippery ice, or hot and sticky in the summer sun? Do I walk behind him, therefore exacerbating my guilt as I can’t help but observe his painful, obviously arthritic, ankle pace gait?

And, what kind of small talk am I supposed to make — “So, are you off to college in the fall?” or “Think you’ll still be around on Memorial Day?” or “What’s a box of Depends going for these days?” And, what is the tipping protocol? Do I offer two bucks to a guy who could either be a bored millionaire looking for something to do, or the guy we’re always hoping eats dog food for dinner so he can afford his meds?

But, I digress. I recently, and stupidly, tried the self-checkout lane at a Meijer store in Traverse City. One thing was clear immediately — this machine hated me. I scan my item. The machine sits there doing nothing. Eventually it says, “Scan your first item, in an impatient voice. But, I already did! Should I scan it again? What if I let charged twice?” Put the item in the bag,” says the machine. But, I already have! “Put the item in the bag,” it always says threateningly. So, I take it out of the bag and put it back in the bag feeling ridiculous at obeying irrational orders from a machine. “Scan the item, the machine in the same voice as the Lost In Space robot warning ‘DANGER, WILL ROBINSON!’ it was still barking orders at me as I ran red-faced and grocery-less out the door. Like MacArthur, I vowed to return one day.

Just not today.

These days we can fill up our gas tank, make a bank withdrawal, grab some groceries and pick up a few things from Home Creepo, all without having face-to-face interaction with another human. Many now view the human element of commerce as an inconvenient obstacle to be avoided. How will this affect our children? They see us order food from a clown face and then a body-less form reaches out a drive-thru window, takes our money and hands us a bag with a burger in it.

Technology is replacing human-to-human contact and the attending nuances. As a young child, my grandma often took me to the butcher in her neighborhood. She seemed to know everyone — customers and employees alike — and exchanged friendly small talks with them all. I learned patience, as we’d wait in line behind an elderly lady having trouble counting her money or a busy mom with a large order to fill. My grandkids won’t have these experiences or the potential life lessons that accompany them.

Hmm — what’s the term for these events? Oh, now I remember.

Life.

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How do the gas prices affect your shopping habits?

“Try to be a little more organized and plan my trips. I live in Holly, so when I make the trek over here to Fenton, I try to combine everything into one trip.” — Diane Waugh, Holly

“I don’t have a car, but my sister does and the gas prices affect her very, very badly, no matter where you go, grocery store, whatever.” — Aaron Hatfield, Flint

“I try to do everything on my way home from work, because I don’t want to make an extra trip.” — Cheryl Fulks, Holly

“I don’t go out here as often, and I try to get everything on one go.” — Candice Dumas, Holly

“They don’t really affect me. I have a car that’s good on gas. But, I’m sure they affect other people making minimum wage.” — Vicki Nolan, Fenton

“I make sure I do everything at once instead of running out every day, and I save a lot of VG’s coupons and buy their gas.” — Karen Anderson, Fenton

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Compiled by Anna Troppens, Associate Editor
Silver Parkway lighting project might not be a go

Council to decide in upcoming budget

By Anna Troppens atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792
Fenton — Already minus the landscaping, Fenton Downtown Development Authority’s (DDA) Silver Parkway lighting project might not take place this summer. It depends on whether city council approves it in the upcoming budget, said DDA Director Michael Burns.

The original project cost of $786,400 has already been reduced by $250,000, by cutting landscaping and irrigation. The project cost is approximately $600,000, Burns said.

Mayor Sue Osborn said the city might be able to obtain funding for landscaping, and possibly irrigation, from the Ruth Mott Foundation, or Keep Genesee County Beautiful.

Walnut Street roadwork to begin soon

$203,000 reconstruction project to start Wednesday

By Anna Troppens atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792
Fenton — In addition to Adelaide Street, drivers will be seeing more road construction in Fenton. The city is scheduled to begin its estimated $203,000 reconstruction on the roadway between Ellen Street and Silver Lake Road. The project cost will be closed to through traffic, but access to the residences and businesses will be available. Areas of the curb and gutter will be removed and replaced along the roadway, and sections of sidewalk will be upgraded.

Funding for the Walnut Street project will come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Genesee County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Walnut Street Project

The roadway will be resurfaced between Ellen and Caroline streets with complete removal and replacement of the roadway between Caroline Street and Silver Lake Road. The roadway will be closed to through traffic, but access to the residences and businesses will be available. Areas of the curb and gutter will be removed and replaced along the roadway, and sections of sidewalk will be upgraded to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). During this time, access to driveways may be prohibited for several days while the concrete cures.

A crosswalk has been added to the original plans, across from Lockwood, said Michael Darga, project engineer for Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. Solar-powered beacons will signal to motorists to alert them of the pedestrian crossing. The middle of the boulevard will serve as an “island” for walkers.

Light poles, on both sides of Silver Parkway, would be 35 feet tall and evenly spaced 350-400 feet apart. Darga said. Councilman Benjamin Smith asked about the height and spacing of the poles. The poles were planned at 20 feet tall originally.

Darga said there would need to be more poles if the height was 20 feet. With 20-foot poles, it would take more a budget of more than $1 million to complete the project, Burns said.

The project could go out for bids in May or June, Darga said.
Democrats push to restore unemployment to 26 weeks

By Tim Jagielo

Michigan congressional Democrats are working to restore the six weeks of state unemployment benefits cut by the bill passed earlier this month by congressional Republicans. Earlier this month, congressional Republicans voted to continue extended federal unemployment. The bill also included cutting six weeks of unemployment. Legislation to rescind the part of the bill cutting unemployment is in the works, and is sponsored by Rep. Jeanne拉什克,(D-Mich.), and Sen. Tupac A. Hunter (D-Detroit.)

Sen. John Gleason (D-Flushing) expects “I think Rick Snyder would sign it.” Sen. John Gleason (D-Flushing) expects the bill to be introduced in the Senate, on Tuesday when Congress is back in session. To pass the bill in the Senate, eight Republicans would have to vote for the bill.

“(Gov. Rick) Snyder could play a key role,” said Gleason. “He could negotiate with the Republican leadership.”

Gleason said he believes that Snyder was blindsided by the earlier bill that cut six weeks from state unemployment.

Snyder has said that he would consider a bill to restore the state unemployment.

Gleason said should the bill pass the House and governor, Snyder would likely sign it. “That’s where Snyder is going to show his stature,” said Gleason.

Village water/sewer rates may increase

By Tim Jagielo

Holly—Residents in the village of Holly may feel sewer and water rates are high enough, but the current rates do not cover bond payments the village needs to make, or enough to operate the water treatment facility.

Village Council President Jeff Miller said rate increases are unavoidable. “In good times, we didn’t raise the rates when we should have,” he said.

Now, the village council will be discussing two options to cover water, sewer and bond costs.

Option 1 includes steep rate increases. For water, residents would pay $14.85 per thousand gallons, instead of $6.60. They would pay $17.40 for sewer instead of $8.70. In this option, residents pay more, but debt service on the village’s bond payments stay the same, reducing debt long term for the village, which draws its income from the village’s bond payments.

The second option raises rates by a nearly negligible amount, but would cost $14 million to extend the bond debts past its issue dates. “Annual savings of the refinancing may not justify the additional interest,” said Village Manager Jerry Walker in an e-mail. The village would pay around $100,000 less in bond payments, but eventually owe $14 million in debt service, he said.

The bonds were used originally to finance the cost of constructing the water treatment facility, which the village has promised to pay back. Currently, the village pays $1.7 million annually in bond payments for the construction of the water and sewer treatment facility, said Walker.

Fenton police to give Drug Awareness Presentation

On Wednesday, April 13, the Fenton Police Department will be partnering with Fenton Area Public Schools to present a Drug Awareness Presentation for area parents. The program will be conducted at 7 p.m. in the Fenton High School Lecture Room, 3200 W. Shiawassee. All interested parents are invited.

The program will include presentations from the Fenton Police Department and the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG) regarding drug awareness, displaying examples of common drug paraphernalia and frequent indicators of drug use. Herbert Lefley from Hope Network Insight, a Genesee County-based prevention treatment center, will speak to parents about drug prevention and the services available.

The program will conclude with a question and answer panel comprised of the individual speakers, along with Chief Rick Aro of the Fenton Police Department. The presentation is expected to last approximately one hour.
MARIJUANA POSSESSION
Holly police responded to a call on March 30, after 8 p.m. to Second Street near Oakland in Holly Village. The officer pulled a vehicle over with expired plates. When the officer asked if there was anything illegal in the car, the driver offered a bag of what was identified as marijuana. Both driver and passenger had warrants for their arrests. The driver was charged with marijuana possession, and both are awaiting arraignment for their warrants.

CHILD NEGLECT
Holly police responded to a neglected child complaint on April 1. The complainant found a male toddler walking alone along the train tracks near Rossett Street in Holly. The officer tracked him to a nearby apartment, where he had been left in the care of two minors by his mother. The minors charged with watching him fell asleep, and the child left the apartment through an unlocked door. Holly Police filled out a Child Neglect Report against the mother, which will be followed up by Oakland County Child Protective Services.

BURGLARY FORCED ENTRY
Michigan State Police-Groveland Post responded to a complaint on Rose Center Road on April 4. The complainant found their barn door forced open, and about 10 old radios stolen. They also noticed tracks from a truck near the doors. The barn also contains valuable items like classic cars and motorcycles. Police recommended locking the gates and calling if there are more disturbances.

LARCENY FROM AUTO
On Sunday, April 3, Fenton police received a larceny from auto complaint from a 39-year-old Fenton woman. She reported a Garmin GPS and dual screen DVD player were taken from her vehicle while it was parked in the 600 block of North Adelaide Street. She values the property at $370, and the case is under investigation.

PARKING ARRESTS
On Monday, April 4, Fenton police arrested one 23-year-old and two to four others on Rose Center Road for property under investigation.

THEFTS FROM AUTOS
On Friday, April 8, a Fenton woman walked into the police station after finding property in her apartment she believed was stolen. She turned over a Sirius satellite radio, which police were able to find the owner to, through its registration. The owner said she thought one of her son’s friends was responsible. At that residence, police recovered about $2,000 in stolen property. An 18-year-old Fenton man was arrested, and two to four others might also be responsible.

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TRESPASSING
Michigan State Police-Groveland Post responded to a trespassing complaint at Tri-City Aggregates on Dixie Highway on April 2. The complainant found a pickup truck stuck in the gravel pit. The driver had been on the property without permission, and returned to his truck with a shovel to free it. He was arrested for trespassing.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the May 3, 2011 School Election will be conducted on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate to electors that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

Keith L. Kremer,
Tyrone Township Clerk

LIQUOR LICENSE
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MBC applied for the license late last week/early this week, said Andrea Miller, a spokesperson for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The license it applied for is a small winemaker, microbrewery and small distillery license. This means MBC can serve products it produces.

The Fenton United Methodist Church, which is within 500 feet of the Michigan Brewing Company site, has the right to object to the liquor license application, within 15 days of the application. It has not filed an official objection yet, Miller said. The church has not returned numerous calls for comment.

However, in its bulletin for the week of March 13, it stated, “A tremendous amount of effort has gone into our decision to object, as a congregation, to a liquor license application at the neighboring Fire Hall by the Michigan Brewing Co.”

In addition to a Wellness & Awareness Meeting, the church’s Administrative Board has met on the topic in session three times. Administrative, Trustee and Staff-Parish committees, along with pastors and lay leaders, attended meetings, along with the Ad Board special representative.

An update was given from the church pulpit, and the Ad Board special representative spoke with DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt a number of times, while also communicating with Mayor Sue Osborn and City Manager Lynn Markland.

Fenton United Methodist Church survey results were published in the church bulletin and were received by city officials. All of this resulted in the church’s decision to object to the state. At the time of the bulletin’s publication, church leaders had not received notice of a license application, so their formal response was pending receipt of this notice.

MBC has a seven-year lease for the property, at $1 per year. DDA Director and Assistant City Manager Michael Burns has said. 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 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.

According to the DDA’s agreement with Michigan Brewing Company, MBC has until June 30, 2012 to open in Fenton.

What happens when there’s an objection to a liquor license application? When a church or another entity objects to a liquor license application, a hearing is scheduled with the Liquor Control Commission’s Administrative Commission, said Andrea Miller, a spokesperson for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. This body makes a ruling, using findings from an investigation. The investigation includes measuring the distance from the church to the location applying for the liquor license, she said. There is an appeals process for the applicant, if the LCC turns down the application, according to the LCC’s website.

OVERDOSE
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According to police reports, on Sunday April 3, Curtis Petry, 27, was found in a bathroom stall of Mike's Tavern on Fenton Road at Grand Blanc Road in Grand Blanc Township at 3 a.m. by cleaning personnel.

Lt. Matt Bauserman, of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department, said needles were found near Petry, and he is believed to have died from a heroin overdose. A third-shift officer responded first to the scene, and was followed by paramedics.

Bauserman said the investigation will remain open until the toxicology results are in.

Petry's death follows three other local cases of young people dying from heroin overdose, including Briona Jawhari, and Erika Schlosser. The third, Adam Harden, of Tyrone Township, was believed to have died from inhaling Opana tablets, a powerful painkiller related to heroin.

Lake Fenton and Linden schools have conducted anti-drug assemblies to educate students about the drug.

Arrangements were by Sharp Funeral Homes, and services were held Friday in Flint. Petry is survived by his daughter, girlfriend and parents.
NATIONWIDE COMPANY IN FENTON THIS WEEK PAYING CASH FOR GOLD, SILVER AND COINS.

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box, a lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins, you should be, according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat, gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Miller.

This week, starting Tuesday at 9am and every day next week through Saturday, the Ohio Valley Refinery is setting up a satellite refinery right here in Fenton at the Holiday Inn Express. During their 5 day event, anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops and laboratories" says Miller. "We are changing how business is done," he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visit various cities around the country hosting 5 day events and allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. "The turnout has been overwhelming" says Miller. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed what an old ring or gold coin is worth, they go home and start digging around for more and telling relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money, but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay".

During this special event, everyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces, dental gold, old coins made before 1965 including silver dollars, halves, quarters and dimes, anything marked "sterling" including flatware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals. What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold, silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if it's gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and sorted. This only takes a few minutes, using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour, so bring something to read. If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. They can be reached during Refinery hours at (217) 787-7767.

Ohio Valley Refinery will open for business Tuesday from 9am-6pm. The event continues every day through this Saturday. No appointment is needed for the general public.

Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand next week starting Tuesday through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

COINS: All coins made before 1965: silver and gold coins, dollars, halves, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. All conditions wanted!

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EARTH
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Sunday, April 10, 2011
making plans to involve the entire community in clean-up efforts and environmentally friendly activities.
Erica Peabody, DC, of the Café of Life Chiropractic Center in Fenton, is spearheading an Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the city of Fenton for the second year. The event will begin at her office at 521 N. LeRoy St., with an educational time kicking-off the clean up. “We’ll have information about different environmental activities that people might want to try on their own, from composting to making natural cleaning products for use at home,” said Peabody. “This is all about ‘giving back’ to the Fenton community and starting off spring on the right foot.”

The volunteers are hoping it will be a big, collaborative effort with lots of participation, and good weather. The clean-up will take place, rain or shine.
Participants can come for any portion of the four-hour event.
Last year, Peabody planned the event in just two weeks and gained the help of about 15 people. “We were only able to cover about two blocks in two hours, because there was so much garbage,” she said. “This year, we will grid out the city’s downtown area and send workers out to each area. It will be a fun, family day.”

Peabody is working with a planning committee to finalize all the details. She is especially appreciative to residents Kelly Dues and Dawn Shapiro for their assistance. “We’ll provide a light lunch, refreshments, biodegradable gloves, bags and an eco-friendly water bottle to each participant,” said Peabody. “However, I do suggest that workers who have them bring their own comfortable work/garden gloves from home.”

For more information, residents can contact Peabody at (810) 629-6033.

In Linden, the second annual Earth Day Clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 23, from 12 to 3:30 p.m., organized by local resident, Christena Wilcox, a 21-year-old student at Central Michigan University.

“A 10th grade ecology class inspired me to go to college for environmental issues,” said Wilcox, now studying outdoor environmental recreation. Last year, she proposed a clean-up through the city of Linden, and gathered a group of about two dozen family members and friends who cleaned up the areas of the Mill Pond, the wooden playground, downtown streets and municipal parking lots.

This year, Wilcox is creating Earth Day themed T-shirts, bags and key chains to promote the clean-up. She is hoping for an even bigger turnout than last year, offering food, raffle, prizes and music by Linden’s own Patrick Munley on the guitar. To contact Wilcox with questions, e-mail her at cwilcox08@aol.com.

In Holly, the village participates in an Arbor Day observance, which this year will be on Friday, April 29, coordinated by Village Manager Jerry Walker. For more information, call (248) 634-9571.  

WESTWIND MILLING CO., LLC TO HOST 10TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
Westwind Milling Co., 8572 Silver Lake Rd. in Linden, is hosting its annual Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 16, from 12 to 4 p.m. The celebration focuses on family fun and educational activities for all ages. Free activities include Howell Nature Center’s birds, prey demonstrations, face painting, learning to make a purse from recycled plastic bags. There will be free tree seedlings. Some activities have a class fee, such as building birdhouses and bat houses, building garden statuary from recycled objects. Lunch is available, adults $7, under 12, $5. Local vendors will have display tables. Sloan Farm’s sustainable nursery will have spring shrubs available throughout the day.

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CENSUS
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2000, most likely in the first half of the decade. The extra population could bring revenue sharing payments from Michigan up to $165,000 per year, said Deputy Clerk/Operations Manager Tom Broecker. “Until I see it on paper, I don’t want to count on that being the number,” he said. The adjusted revenue would likely be reflected in the April 30 payment to the township. Broecker said most of the funds would be used on township roads.

Tyrene Township experienced similar growth to Fenton Township. Tyrene Township grew to more than 10,000 citizens by a mere 20 people. Clerk Keith Kremer said that after 10,000 residents, different state laws may come into effect, and may require ordinance revisions. “Hopefully it doesn’t have too much impact on the way we have to do things,” he said. Kremer could not comment on any changes in revenue with the larger population.

Holly Village grew by nearly two percent, and Springfield Township grew by 4.5 percent. Groveland Township was the hardest hit by population changes, with about an 11 percent loss between 2000 and 2010, which translates to about 700 people. That number does not seem like a lot, until the loss in revenue sharing is given a dollar figure. The Groveland Township offices will have to cut $43,000 from the operating budget of around $1 million every year, for the next 10 years. Supervisor Robert DePalma said he was surprised by the 2010 census results. He had expected the population to remain flat, or make modest gains. He attributes part of the loss to two manufactured housing communities at the township’s west end, one near Mt. Holly, the other near the border of Springfield Township. The parks had several empty units when the census was taken.

“There’s only so much cutting you can do,” said DePalma, who also said his staff is down to the levels it was in the ’80s. Groveland Township was also socked with a 49 percent drop in property values and a loss of statutory revenue a few years ago.

“It’s a beautiful place to live. We’ll make it through this. There’s not much you can do otherwise.”

Robert DePalma, Groveland Township

Census results
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BREAD
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2. Long Island sound (6) 7. “Soleil” (4)
3. Ferry dock (7) 8. Lent (9)
5. Goal (6) 10. hockey skate (9)
6. Friend (7) 11. “Indiana Jones” (7)
8. Freshman (8) 13. “Max and Shred” (5)
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15. Song (4) 20. “Toy Story” (6)

Down
1. Rapper’s creation (7) 6. Sheep guy (5)
2. Wallace Hare (5) 7. Fleur de lis (5)
3. Abominable Snowman (5) 8. Justin or Smith
4. Skirt’s part (5) 9. Rainbow trout (5)
5. Safari (5) 10. “Pigskin” (5)
6. Horse show (10) 11. Cedar (5)
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12. Dandelion (5) 17. Half of 150 (5)
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The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday April 4, 2011 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $173,372.12.
4. Adopted Ordinance No. 732, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the design standards for landscape contractors to permit onsite sale of landscaping material.
5. Adopted Ordinance No. 733, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to establish a definition for Doggie Day Care and to designate it as a use permitted by special use permit in the C-2, C-3 and M-2 zoning districts.
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 734, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the definition for Front Lot Line.
7. Failed to approve a motion to adopt a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to create a definition for Recreational Vehicle and to establish provisions and standards for the parking of recreational vehicles on vacated commercial property.
8. Adopted Ordinance No. 735, an amendment to the Sign Regulation Ordinance to revise provisions regarding home occupation signs and digital signs.
9. Approved a 5-year agreement to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to a portion of Tyrone Township.
10. Adopted a proclamation designating May 1, 2011 as Law Day.
11. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

NOTICE OF HEARING
APPROVAL OF SPECIAL LAND USE
LASCO FORD AUTOMOTIVE DETAILING FACILITY
3145 COPPER AVENUE
CITY OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Fenton Planning Commission on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street on the petition of Phil Lasco, representing Lasco Ford. The applicant requests approval for Special Land Use for automobile service establishments as allowed in the Industrial District pursuant to Section 12.02, Permitted Uses, and as regulated in Article XIX, Special Land Uses, Section 14.08.d. of the Fenton Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning: IND (Industrial)
Property Address: 3145 Copper Avenue
Property I.D.: SPID # 53-34-526-023

Additional information and location maps are available for review at Fenton City Hall 301 South Leroy Street, Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Please contact the Fenton City Clerk’s office if accommodations are needed due to a disability.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

At their meeting of March 21, 2011 the Fenton Township Board adopted the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance No. 732, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the design standards for landscape contractors to permit onsite sale of landscaping material.
2. Ordinance No. 733, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to establish a definition for Doggie Day Care and to designate it as a use permitted by special use permit in the C-2, C-3 and M-2 zoning districts.
3. Ordinance No. 734, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the definition for Front Lot Line.
4. Ordinance No. 735, an amendment to the Sign Regulation Ordinance to revise provisions regarding home occupation signs and digital signs.

Complete copies of the adopted ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The proposed ordinances are also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

NOTICE OF HEARING
APPROVAL OF SPECIAL LAND USE
BIGGBY COFFEE DRIVE THROUGH FACILITY
235 NORTH LEROY STREET
CITY OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Fenton Planning Commission on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street on the petition of T.S. Quatro, representing Biggby Coffee. The applicant requests approval for Special Land Use for a drive-through facility in the CBD, Central Business District/PUD, Planned Unit Development pursuant to Section 8.02, Permitted Uses, and as regulated in Article XIX, Special Land Uses, Section 14.08.l. of the Fenton Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning: CBD (Central Business District)
Property Address: 235 North Leroy Street
Property I.D.: SPID # 53-25-515-024

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Construction takes place on North Adelaide Street in Fenton, near Hickory Street. It will include a new roadway, replacing the aging water main, and installing sidewalk ramps in some areas for handicap accessibility. The project cost is estimated at $2.25 million, and Fenton is using Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding from Genesee County to pay for part of it.

Check Out These Great Fenton Library Programs!

Big Band Memories
Saturday, April 16 - 1 PM
Fenton Winegarden Library

This highly interactive program features veteran trumpet player, Bill Hart, who has performed with Vic Damone, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, and stars of the Lawrence Welk Show.

Pre-school Storytime
Sat., April 15 - 10:30 AM
Fenton Winegarden Library
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American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life of Fenton 2011

JUNE 17 & 18

Survivorship Celebration!
Please join us for our Cancer Survivor’s Celebration at the Fenton High School Friday, June 17. You’re invited to celebrate your cancer survivorship with us at Relay For Life of Fenton 2011.

For more information, contact
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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crat and liberal named Mike Beebe. Every
liberal has a common thread, and that is
they always know what’s best for us. This is
why we, the average American citizen and
taxpayer, can’t smoke, don’t drill and won’t
share the wealth. We are too ignorant to
manage our own affairs and best interests,
so the liberals do it for us. These aca-
emic elitists are what is really wrong with
America? My message to them is simple.
Worry about you and yours, and I will take
care of me and mine.

DUR, WOULDN’T YOU lock your doors
with a W1 in the car, no matter where you
are or live? Hello, wake up. Lock your
cars, people, and if you must leave stuff in
your car, try and hide it the best you can.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the Fenton police
for pulling people over lately. This will
send a message to anyone that comes to
our town, that nothing illegal is wanted
here. I know a lot of people that will not go
into Grand Blanc because they are afraid
that they will be pulled over. No one wants
to be pulled over, especially drug dealers.

UNIONS ARE a special-interest group,
representing 16 percent of the total work
force. They look out for their interest only
and could care less that they hurt the
rest of us with their unrealistic demands.
We have no recourse against public-
sector unions except to eliminate their
contracts. Private-sector unions can be
stopped by not buying their product.

I WAS GLAD TO see the teachers com-
ment about having a good attitude with
the children. There are many, maybe even
most of the teachers, who are excellent in
all ways. It is truly too bad that the union
pushes so much unrealistic junk, including
protecting sub-par teachers.

WE ARE ALREADY 17th in the business
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THE SOCIALIST PROGRAMS of our esteemed president and his progressive

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elected and appointed.
AREA IS RICH IN
CIVIL WAR HISTORY

150th anniversary of the War Between the States

By Anna Troppens atroppens@tctimes.com

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Modern day Noah building ark In Netherlands

Dutch building contractor Johan Huibers is close to completing a full-sized replica of the legendary boat in Dordrecht, located on the Maas River.

It all began in 1992, when Huibers dreamt of a flood. “I saw the Netherlands disappearing under an enormous mass of water, comparable with the tsunami in Southeast Asia,” he has said. “The next day, I found a book about Noah’s Ark in the local bookshop, and since then, my dream has been to build the ark.”

Huibers, a Christian evangelist, set out to build a half-sized replica of the ark. Using modern tools, Huibers began in 2005, working six days a week and doing most of the work himself with occasional help from his son after school. Huibers’ first ark was finished in 2007, and he sold it to a friend last year in order to focus on the full-scale replica. He expects his new ship to be ready for visitors by May.

Huibers’ home province of North Holland is mostly situated below sea level and remain in Dordrecht until the middle of 2012, when Huibers then plans to take his ship around the world, beginning with London in time for the Olympic Games.

— USA Today

Beware of the coming cyber attack

U.S. critical infrastructure is vulnerable to hackers

The U.S. is extremely vulnerable to “a cyber Pearl Harbor,” said Ken Dilanian. The country’s electrical grid, water systems, gas pipelines, financial systems, and other critical infrastructure are now controlled by computers, and they’re so poorly protected from hackers that “with a few mouse clicks,” terrorists or foreign governments could “blow up city blocks, erase bank data, crash planes, and cut power to large selections of the country.”

One hacker recently hired by a California utility company took just a day to defeat the flimsy security on the equipment that chemically treats drinking water. Government officials say China “has already laced the U.S. power grid” with hidden malware that could be activated “with devastating effect.” So what are we doing about it? Not much. The military now has a group of 1,000 spies and hackers developing protection for its own systems, as well as developing offensive weapons like the computer worm Stuxnet, which sabotaged Iran’s nuclear centrifuges, but civilian and industrial systems remain largely unprotected. Former national intelligence director Mike McConnell may have it right: “The odds are we’ll wait for a catastrophic event, and then overreact.”

How the flea jumps

How do fleas jump so high? The tiny insects can blast off with more than 30 times a space shuttle’s acceleration, bound 38 times higher than the length of their bodies, yet land with precision. But a flea jump happens so fast that the exact mechanics have puzzled scientists for decades. Using high-speed cameras and computer analysis, Cambridge University scientists have cracked part of the puzzle. They found that the insects crouch like sprinters before takeoff, storing energy in their bodies like catapults. Their feet form the base of a lever that, when a flea releases its spring-like legs, drives it forward and up.

“Designer children?”

Genetic engineering will soon allow us to create “designer children,” so parents can choose the physical (and perhaps even intellectual) characteristics of their children. (Laws will have to be passed to regulate this powerful technology.) Some of these children will be designed to have “superhuman abilities” or become stronger, more intelligent, and happier than people are now.
Spring is no longer just around the corner

The most anticipated time of the year has finally arrived — the season of miracles. And while words seem inadequate to describe the wonder of this sweet season, Solomon’s poetic picture of it may come the closest to expressing how most of us feel. ‘Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in the land’ (Song of Solomon 2:10-12).

Composer, John Peterson, expressed it well in the first verse of his great song: ‘I Believe in Miracles,’ which I suspect was inspired by his delight in the Designer’s Spring extravaganza. ‘Creation shows the power of God, there’s glory all around. And those who see must stand in awe for miracles abound.’

Having grown up on a Michigan grain and dairy farm, my early thoughts of spring were mostly utilitarian — green pastures appeared for the livestock, fish were running in the creek and time was taken up with plowing and planting.

Then, I met and married a pretty Dutch girl, who brought her heritage of tulips, flowering trees, roses and other spring beauties into my life, adding a wider dimension to my faith and birthing a new appreciation of God’s great design and care for us all. She’s still my beauty maker, and in cooperation with her Lord, keeps amazing me with her ability to showcase His magnificent plan.

Jesus spoke often of birds and flowers in order to lead His hearers to faith and enable them to overcome worries about everyday problems. I’ve found His teachings about spring things are such faith builders that I often quote them to start my day.

Why should we allow financial fears to rob us of the joys of living? The One who sees a sparrow fall and provides for fowl to feed on His bounty loves us, and will somehow make a way for you and me.

Those who once worried about what they would wear have found comfort in their Lord’s comparison of our need for clothing to the beauty of flowers that are dressed each spring with no interest charges.*

To quote John Peterson, again, ‘I’ve seen the lily push its way up through the stubborn sod; I believe in miracles for I believe in God.’

The miracles of spring give grounds for great faith in praying. No matter how hard the winds of trouble blow, our Lord’s ‘Peace! Be still!’ can quiet them for us and replace their destructive forces with a peaceful calm.

Spring things remind us that God is good. And, nothing we face today worries about everyday problems.

The miracles of spring give us an array of faith builders that I find invaluable. As I add spring beauties to my life, I am amazed time and again with her ability to show me my need for clothing to the beauty of flowers in order to lead His hearers to faith and enable them to overcome worries about everyday problems.

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Budgets $5,500 for June 24 event

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is planning a new event in June, which members hope becomes a larger, annual occasion. The Fenton Art Walk is planned for 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 24, downtown. There will be no street closures, said DDA Director Michael Burns. In addition, no sidewalks will be blocked.

Events will take place inside businesses and other locations. The DDA has budgeted $5,500.

The city’s marketing firm, New Moon Visions, of Milford, is working in partnership with the Fenton Art Walk, along with the Lakes Area Arts Council and Fenton Artists Guild. They are busy getting local artists to participate.

Councilman Tim Faricy said he likes the idea, and the show will depend on the number of artists able to exhibit.

Resident Cherie Smith suggested contacting Mott Community College to have some of its artists participate. Burns said he has called the Flint Institute of Arts.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2010-2011 BUDGET
CITY OF LINDELL

The Linden City Council will hold a public hearing on the 2010-2011 fiscal year proposed budget, Monday, April 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. as part of their regular agenda. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at City Hall, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Martha A. Donnelly, City Clerk

Easter Dinner Buffet
Sunday • April 24th • 1-3 pm
at Waldenwoods Banquet and Conference Center

An Elegant Buffet including:
Carved Honey Roasted Ham, Parmesan-Crusted Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Fettuccine Alfredo, Spring Vegetable Medley, Corn, Broccoli Orange Salad, Michigan Salad, Bread Basket, deluxe dessert and non-alcoholic beverages.

Premiers Cash Bar

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Waldenwoods Banquet and Conference Center
2975 Old US-23, Hartland
Plant a garden
Growing vegetables can save money and help you eat healthier. A recent study by the National Gardening Association found the average family with a vegetable garden spends just $70 a year on it and grows an estimated $600 worth of vegetables. Green beans will generate $75 worth of crops for each $1 you spend on seeds. The potato will generate $5 of spuds for each $1 invested in seeds.

Fire the dryer
To save money on utility bills and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, you might consider hanging your laundry outside to dry instead of using a dryer. Carrying wet laundry outside to hang on lines might seem like a labor-intensive chore, but some people say they actually enjoy doing it. Clothes dryers use about 6 percent of household electricity, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Clothes dryers cost about $7 per month to operate based on one load per day, according to recent statistics.

Electric clothes dryers emit from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year. Carbon dioxide emissions contribute to global warming.

Advocates of using clotheslines also recommend washing all clothes in cold water, which cuts down on electricity or gas needed to heat water.

Fan versus air conditioning
Living without air conditioning can save big bucks in the warm weather. Savings have been reported to be from $65 to $150 a month on the monthly electric bill.

Even though fans use electricity, too, they don’t use anywhere near as much as air conditioning. Fans don’t produce air as cold as the air conditioning does, but they keep the air in home circulating and produce breezes that cool your skin by evaporating your sweat faster.

Calendar of events

Tuesday, April 12
Join physical therapist Kelly Leavy from McLaren Health Care for a discussion on pelvic floor disorders at the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden. For more information, call (810) 735-9406.

Saturday, April 23
Janelle’s Banquet and Event Center is hosting Lunch with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. Lunch includes pizza, and a drink and plenty of fun for a good cause. A portion of the proceeds will be donated in Dominick Calhoun’s name to CAN, a Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Organization. For more information, call (810) 370-1400.

CHURCH PREPARES EASTER BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED
Requests for Easter baskets are still being accepted for Fenton area families in need. If you need or know of a family in need of assistance in the Fenton area, call LOVE, INC. at (810) 235-4990 to request a basket for children (birth-eighth grade). Easter baskets will be assembled on Thursday, April 21 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center next to the Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. LeRoy St. Baskets will be available for pick up from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. Individuals or businesses can contribute by assisting with the basket assembly. Monetary donations are accepted (check payable to FUMC, with “Easter Basket” written in the memo) and may be dropped off or mailed to FUMC, 119 S. LeRoy St. Fenton 48430. Donate or collect items needed for baskets, which include individually wrapped candy, chocolate bunnies, small books, small stuffed animals or small toys. For more information, contact Teri Sydenstricker at terisyd@charter.net or call (810) 629-8994.

Plant a garden
Growing vegetables can save money and help you eat healthier. A recent study by the National Gardening Association found the average family with a vegetable garden spends just $70 a year on it and grows an estimated $600 worth of vegetables. Green beans will generate $75 worth of crops for each $1 you spend on seeds. The potato will generate $5 of spuds for each $1 invested in seeds.

Fire the dryer
To save money on utility bills and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, you might consider hanging your laundry outside to dry instead of using a dryer. Carrying wet laundry outside to hang on lines might seem like a labor-intensive chore, but some people say they actually enjoy doing it. Clothes dryers use about 6 percent of household electricity, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Clothes dryers cost about $7 per month to operate based on one load per day, according to recent statistics.

Electric clothes dryers emit from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year. Carbon dioxide emissions contribute to global warming.

Advocates of using clotheslines also recommend washing all clothes in cold water, which cuts down on electricity or gas needed to heat water.

Fan versus air conditioning
Living without air conditioning can save big bucks in the warm weather. Savings have been reported to be from $65 to $150 a month on the monthly electric bill.

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**Book Bingo**

(Above) Alyssa Johnson, 7, of Holly, (left) was “oh so close” to winning a book at the Holly Township Library Book Bingo Wednesday afternoon. Most children will leave with a free book, like Carolanne Bronson, 9, of Holly did. More than 20 children attended. (Below) Harry Phillips, 9, of Holly, checks his bingo card, to no avail, at the Holly Township Library Book Bingo Wednesday afternoon. Harry ended up winning, twice. Most of the children who participated won books.

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Alex Brown

OK, you’re the school principal. What’s the first change you would make? Students would be able to text at school. To me, if they’re going to cheat, they’d cheat, anyway. When it comes to paying attention in class, texting won’t make it any worse.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be, and why?

I’d like the ability to fly, so I’d be able to travel the world on my own terms and experience new things every day.

What is your earliest memory? When I was 2, I was watching Cops on TV and singing the theme song. I fell and hit my face on a large speaker and bruised my lip and baby teeth.

I always: do my best to help those around me to my fullest extent.

I never: say no.

Is there an event in your life for which you would like a “do-over”? I don’t have any regrets. Now, if I could relive something, I’d go visit my grandpa and ask him what he thought of who I’ve become.

If you could ask the president one question, what would it be? I’d ask him what is his biggest fear for our future generations and what he plans to do about it.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? I’d witness the great pyramids in Egypt being built. Seeing them being built would be awesome.

If you could make one rule, everyone had to follow, what would it be? Don’t have any regrets. Do what’s best at the time and don’t regret it.

What physical or mental attribute, if any, would you change about yourself? I wouldn’t change anything. I’ve been made for my purpose. It’s not my responsibility to change what I am.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say? Be Happy or ‘I’m here to help’ because that’s what I do. I like helping people.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Graduation, I’m really forward to that. I’ll probably be going to either U of M in Ann Arbor or Hillsdale in the fall and studying psychology.

My most valued possession: For an object, it would be my car. I have a 2002 Chevrolet Impala. It symbolizes the hard work I’ve done. It took so much work to get and I’m really proud of it.

My children will never be allowed to: talk negative about themselves.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing?
The Wolverines playing. They’re my favorite team. I’d go to the locker room, meet the players, and meet Brady Hoke.

The best day of my life so far was: my last marching band performance, because on that day I gave my best performance. The crowd went wild. Toward the end, my section came together and had a pow wow. I thanked our section. It was a very cool experience.

My parting advice for a better world: Don’t base people on their appearance. If you have to hate, do it only because they’ve betrayed you. Love thy neighbor.
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There are 163 confirmed Civil War veterans buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton, all marked with simple, white marble headstones.

“...brynson went on to invent fuse boxes and circuit breakers that are found in every home in America. Bryson began the Square D company, and the Horton farm, 544 acres, became, in 2005, home to the Great Lakes National Cemetery in the Holly area.

Tebo and his son, Matt Adair, both of Fenton, have been working to restore the cemetery and collect historical information on the Civil War veterans buried there. They have seven ancestors who fought in the War Between the States, and belong to the SUVCW. Adair has been researching and is in the process of earning a degree in archival and document preservation from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

“History has always been a love of mine,” Tebo said. “and he has passed it down to his son.”

CIVIL WAR

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McObrier lies on Old Prospect Hill.

They are just two of 163 confirmed Civil War veterans buried in Oakwood Cemetery, said cemetery board President Doug Tebo.

In Fenton’s Oakwood Cemetery, lie 163 confirmed gravesites of Civil War veterans. A well-documented site is being verified, said Tebo. Most of them were Civil War survivors who later moved to the area.

“They survived the war and went on with the rest of their lives,” he said.

Many men, from both sides, were buried not far from battle sites, since their families didn’t have money to ship their bodies home.

Horton (1836-1901), who was born in Groveland, Oakland County, was one of the fortunate ones who survived the war. An active and shrewd worker in politics, he started out as a Whig and became a Republican when the party was organized. In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln appointed him captain of the United States Civil War (SUVCW), held a 100th anniversary rededication of the Civil War Soldier Monument at Oakwood Cemetery. The statue — dedicated on July 4, 1906 — is of a Civil War soldier, but not any soldier in particular, Tebo said. Re-enactors refer to him as “Simon.”

In addition to the statue, are two Civil War cannons that came to Fenton in 1898. Each weighs 3,600 pounds and was originally placed at the old fire hall off South LeRoi Street, near city hall. There, the cannons fell victim to snowplows, salt and skateboarders.

In recent years, a former Fenton councilman, Pete Medor, took the cannons to his house for sandblasting, and they were repainted by Shannon Auto Collision. With the help of other community members and businesses, including Roger Sharp of Sharp Funeral Homes, the cannons now stand on new bases at the front of Oakwood Cemetery, providing a visual reminder of the War Between the States. In addition, 45 Civil War soldiers’ graves at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton, all marked with simple, white marble headstones.

Because Horton survived the war, his

GET INVOLVED

The Fenton Historical Society plans to make Civil War heroes come alive in its annual history walk, sometime in September. Members of the Fenton Village Play- ers will portray soldiers buried in Oakwood Cemetery. The historical society is looking for area residents who had ancestors serve in the Civil War. For those who are interested in researching ancestors who fought in the Civil War, there are materials available to the public at the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum.

The museum is open Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information on volunteering for the history walk, contact Doug Tebo through Fenton City Hall, (810) 629-2261. For information on the Fenton museum, call Ken Segar at (810) 629-8458.

Misconceptions about the Civil War

(according to Ken Segar, of the Fenton Historical Society)

• Slavery was the big issue, but so was representation in Congress. The North was gaining people, and representatives, while the South was losing population. Each slave did not count as one person, toward representation in U.S. Congress.

• In addition, the South lost the war before it began, since it didn’t have a Navy and industries to produce powder, ammunition and guns.

• The Emancipation Proclamation did not free all of the slaves, only the ones in the former Confederate states.

DID YOU KNOW?

During the Civil War, 1861-65, 90,000 Michigan volunteers marched off to fight in the War Between the States, over founding ideals and slavery. It was the deadliest war in American history, with 620,000 dead. The Union lost 364,511, while the Confederate death toll was 260,000.
Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Dale (Jerry) Savade 12-11-1936 to 4-11-2009

Jerry you’re still all around us everywhere we look we see something you built or fixed for us.
Thank you for every second, thank you for everything.
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Sue Carol Widing, Sue Carol Widing - age 79, of Fenton, died Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at Crestmont Health Care Facility. Services were held 1 PM Friday, April 8, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


David Krizaj, David Krizaj - age 53, died April 6, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

David Parker, David Parker - age 72, died April 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Faye Call, Faye Call - age 87, died April 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Bonnie Morgan, Bonnie Morgan - age 79, died April 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Bobbie Rouse, Bobbie Rouse - age 64, died April 6, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Cesley Barnes, Sr., Cesley Barnes, Sr. - age 65, died April 1, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Glen Carlson, Glenn Carlson - age 58, died April 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Justin Walters, Justin Walters - age 24, died April 3, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Mildred Long, Mildred Long - age 88, died April 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Jacqueline Irwin, Jacqueline Irwin - age 52, died April 1, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

James Brewer, Jr., James Brewer, Jr. - age 72, died April 4, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Jerry Castle, Jerry Castle - age 54, died April 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Juanita Gunn, Juanita Gunn - died March 30, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Michael Svarc, Michael Svarc - age 26, died April 1, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Helenmary Chandler 1922-2011
Helenmary Chandler - Age 88, of Fenton, passed away April 5, 2011 at her residence. A private celebration of her life will be held. Those desiring may make contributions to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Helenmary was born June 25, 1922 in Flint, the daughter of Wilfred and Philip Harry Armer. She was a 1940 graduate of Flint Central High School. She was married to Alan Chandler in 1943 when he was on leave from the Army; he preceded her in death on April 7, 1999. Mrs. Chandler was a homemaker and also worked as a bookkeeper for area businesses. She attended the first church service at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Fenton, where she remained very active and held many positions. Surviving are: children, David Chandler of Longmont, CO, Kate Chandler of Boulder, CO, Sarah Chandler of Freeport, ME, Rebecca Baustert of Fenton; grandchildren, Cody Allen, Dane Allen and Patrick Chandler. She will be missed by many, especially her close friends, Jeri Joyner and Gerry Bell. Mrs. Chandler was also preceded in death by her daughter, Christina Carol Chandler. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Kenneth R. Trimmer 1925-2011
Kenneth R. Trimmer - Our Country is mourning, for a Sailor died today. - Ken passed away Thursday, April 7, 2011 at his residence.
He was born December 4, 1925 in Fenton, the son of Cecil and Rosetta (Shiville) Trimmer. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Francis, Louis and Lyle. He is survived by his wife Regina; children, Sarah (Paul) Dolza, Thomas (Nancy) Trimmer, Cindy Stout, grandchildren, Derek, Jessie, Emma and Anna Stout, Letha and Regina Dolza; brothers, Bruce and Ron Trimmer. Ken was a veteran of the U.S. Navy; serving in WWII. Ken was an active member of the Fenton V.F.W. Curtis-Wolverton Post #3243. He was also a member of Fenton Eagles, American Legion and F&M Fenton Lodge. Mr. Trimmer was employed by the State of Michigan Department of Transportation, retiring in 1988 with 30 years of service. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Rev. Josh Hoover will officiate. Visitation was held 3-8 PM Friday, with a V.F.W. Memorial service at 7 PM. Following services, Ken’s body will be donated to the University of Michigan Medical School. Those desiring may make contributions to the Fenton V.F.W. Honor Guard or Avalon Hospice. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Friend’s query sounds like a hedge

DEAR AMY: I have a very close and caring friend. “Susan” is wonderful and generous but does one thing that drives me crazy. Whenever I invite her and her husband to our house, she always asks who else will be there. She asks this before giving her response (which is “yes” 99 percent of the time). She asks this in emails, so I cannot quickly pass her question verbally with: “Who are you interested in seeing?”

What is a proper way to stop this question? I feel that it is none of her business who else I invited. If I am invited to someone’s home, I don’t ask about other guests – I give the host an answer about us and that’s it. I feel it is rude to ask this question every time. It’s as if she is more interested in seeing my other guests than me and my husband. Please help. I don’t want to lose her friendship but this has been building up for too long. I end up either ignoring this question in my response email or saying I don’t have others confirmed yet.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You have dodged this question, and so far it has not eased your frustration. You might as well point out to your friend that her question puts you on edge. You can do so nicely by saying, “I never really know how to respond when you ask me this because it sounds as if you are considering whether you want to come over based on who else will be there. Is there someone in our circle you are avoiding, or is there another reason you do this?” I agree with you that this is a bad habit. You can help your friend break herself of this by conveying honestly how it makes you feel.

DEAR AMY: My husband and I are both with our late 70s and have been married for six years. For some reason he feels it is an unwritten law that a couple should watch all movies together. We have very different tastes in television programs. We also have three TV sets in our small house, so it makes more sense for each of us to watch what we want to as individuals. Most nights we wind up in argument. Any ideas on how to solve this problem?

DEAR JOHNNIE: Your husband wants to be with you! I gather it is not the togetherness that bothers you so much as his taste in movies does. Don’t ask about a compromise. You two could divis the week into one day when he chooses what to watch and a day when you choose. For instance, he can record and ask you to suffer through “Cougartown” with him on a Wednesday, and you can ask him to share “The Dirty Dozen” with you on a Thursday. You should also agree to times when you agree you’re not joined at the hip and be able to retreat to your separate Barcaloungers. You should also both spend some time outside the home with friends or hobbies. It’s all about balance – and you can find it with the help of a calendar, a recording device and some tolerance for each other’s choices.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please explain urinary tract infections. Why do they recur? My doctor prescribes antibiotics, but shortly after I’ve completed taking them, I have another infection. What do you suggest as treatment? A pharmacist told me that I needed one or two days in the hospital to flush out my kidneys. -- S.A.

ANSWER: Urinary tract infections fall into one of two types. Upper tract infections indicate that the kidneys are involved. These are serious and less-common infections. Lower urinary tract infections are bladder infections, and they are very common. That’s the kind of infection I believe you have.

Women are prone to develop bladder infections for a number of reasons. One, the tube (urethra) that empties their bladder is much shorter than in males, so bacteria can gain access to the bladder more easily. Secondly, the opening of the female urethra is in a place with a large population of bacteria. And thirdly, sexual relations massage bacteria into the female urethra and bladder.

A bladder infection -- cystitis -- provokes frequent trips to the bathroom, an urgent need to quickly empty the bladder or suffer an accident, and pain, usually described as burning, during urination.

Women with repeated bladder infections need to be evaluated to see if the infection is a reactive (an infection with the same bacteria) or a new infection (infection with a different bacterium). The approach to treatment hinges on that information.
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Five generations represented here are (from left) (mother) Katie Wierzbicki of Linden, (grandmother) Sarah Terry of Swartz Creek, (great-grandfather) Thomas Collison, Jr. of Grand Blanc, (great-great grandmother) Elizabeth Collison of Grand Blanc (who celebrated her 95th birthday on Dec. 30) and Richard Wierzbicki IV of Linden, 4 months old.

ENGAGEMENTS

Allan-Luke
The engagement of Johanna Allan to Daniel Stephen Luke has been announced by her parents, Jeffrey Allan of Lake and Linda Nest of Royal Oak. His parents are Mark and Laura Luke of Fenton. The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Fenton High School and earned a master’s degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 2010. She is employed by Berloni America in Troy. Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Fenton High School and earned a bachelor’s degree from Ferris State University in 2008. He is employed by Ford Motor Company. An October wedding is planned at Milford Presbyterian Church.

Smith-Burnash
Jeff and Patti Smith of Linden have announced the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Lyn, to Kyle Burnash of Davison. He is the son of Martin Burnash, and Brenda and Tim Lauderbaugh of Davison. The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Fenton High School and is graduating from the University of Michigan-Flint in May with a degree in design and business marketing. She is employed at Silver Spray Sports in Fenton. Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Kearsley High School and a 2010 graduate of the University of Michigan-Flint. He is employed by Burnash Wrecking of Flint. A late summer 2011 outdoor wedding is being planned.
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introduced them to the area. “Now they’re taking over the woods,” Lanyk said. He recently chopped autumn olives at a park in Holly.

Garlic mustard, especially, is tough to get rid of. “We have entire parks full of it,” he said.

Lanyk, who serves as vice president of Headwaters Trails, Inc. and helps Oakland County Parks and Springfield Township Parks, encourages others to get outside and help build trails.

Headwaters Trails, Inc. began with a Shiawassee River trail and has worked its way into land trails, which require permission and, sometimes, buying land. Lanyk and others wield chainsaws to help clear the river of fallen trees that block canoeists and kayakers. In addition, area residents can help by walking along a road and picking up trash or by volunteering to help clean up local parks.

Another suggestion is recycling, to protect something and reuse materials. In one trip.

Cleaning up after one’s dog also is important, especially on trails, where diseases can be spread to other dogs, and, possibly, the coyote population. At Isle Royale, dogs are banned after parvovirus, carried by dogs, wreaked havoc on wolf populations.

Ivies at a park in Holly.

1. Pay attention to how you use water. Small actions can make a big difference, such as turning off water while you are brushing your teeth.
2. Bicycle or walk to destinations, when possible. Or, combine errands and drive to all of your destinations in one trip.
4. Replace old-style light bulbs with energy-efficient ones.
5. Discard cigarette butts properly, instead of littering. Chemicals can leach out from them, and cigarette butts take a long time to break down.

5 TIPS TO help the EARTH

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Easter Services

April 21st
Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 22nd
Showing of Mel Gibson’s The Passion of The Christ 1:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 24th
Easter Worship Service at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Easter Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

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Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 23rd • 8:00 pm
Holy Saturday, April 23rd • 11 am — Blessing of the Food
Easter Sunday Masses
April 24th • 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 noon

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Worship Schedule

• Wednesday April 20, 7:00 pm Sedar/Lord’s Supper Drama
• Good Friday April 22nd Worship 7:00 pm
• Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 23rd 10:00 am
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• Easter Sunday April 24th 10:15 am Worship
A light brunch will follow.

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7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Friday, April 22, 2011
12:00 Noon: Good Friday Tenebrae Service
7:00pm: Good Friday Passion Meditation featuring Youth
Sunday, April 24, 2011
7:00AM & 9:00AM Traditional services with Communion
11:00AM Contemporary service with Communion

The people of St. Rita in Holly invite you to worship this Easter

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City could save $13,776 by treating larvae in standing water, not spraying

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — The city might be cutting back on its mosquito control this year, to save $13,776. The cost to treat catch basins of standing water, to stop mosquito larvae from turning into adults, would be approximately $31,000. On the other hand, with spraying to kill adult mosquitoes, the cost would be around $45,000, said Director of Public Works (DPW) Daniel Czarnecki.

Council discussed buying the briquettes to treat catch basins, and deciding later on whether to spray to kill adult mosquitoes. They discussed using money from Fenton’s general fund for the program.

Handling the placement of the briquettes on its own saves Fenton the cost of paying a mosquito control firm to do this. Last year, the city employed college students and had assistance from the Genesee County Health Department, City Manager Lynn Markland said.

Czarnecki said workers wear gloves and eye protection and drop the briquettes into the basins.

The cost to buy briquettes is a little more than $8,000, he said. It saves Fenton around $5,700 to handle placing the briquettes on its own. Otherwise, the cost would be $13,776 for the contractor, Advanced Pest Management, of Fenton, to supply the briquettes and place them.

Fenton has reduced its mosquito control program in recent years. Last year, council discussed placing a .15-mill proposal on the November ballot for mosquito control. The cost would have been $10 annually for the owner of a $100,000 home.

Instead of putting the millage proposal on the November 2010 ballot but didn’t. If the issue goes on a ballot, residents can decide if the program is effective for them. “I thought we almost killed it last year,” he said. “It was so expensive.”

Markland said if it’s a dry year, it isn’t a good picture of what it’s like without the mosquito control program. If it’s a wet season, there’s a huge mosquito problem.

Osborn said mosquito control will be on the annual budget worksession on April 30, and at Thursday night’s joint meeting with other local government leaders. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Fire Department.

She suggests combining contracts with other communities who use mosquito control, to save money. In addition, Fenton could ask other mosquito control contractors to get a better rate, Osborn said.

The cost for a box of 150-day briquettes, to treat catch basins, is $700 per case. Fenton needs about 10 cases, said Director of Public Works Daniel Czarnecki. Briquettes are placed in catch basins, where water is standing, in early June.

DID YOU KNOW

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**WRESTLER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES**

When it comes to figuring out what sport is the strongest in the tri-county area, the argument begins and ends at one sport—that sport is wrestling. Sure, there are seasons when other sports sneak into the argument. For a time, cross country was getting some top-notch credibility. But, generally, for any five-year period, no one can hang with wrestling. The caliber of the sport is unparalleled. Just look at this season’s All Tri-County Wrestling Team. All 16 of our positions are filled by state-qualifying wrestlers. And for two state placers—sorry Anthony Gonzales and Christian O’Guinn—there wasn’t even room to put them on our first team. For Pete’s sake, Gonzales won a state title last year, and was fourth this year. Such talent makes the decision for Wrestler of the Year really tough. Due to his best record in the area and state championship, the honor went to Lake Fenton’s Zach Corcoran, but many others could’ve won it. Here were some of the other candidates.

**Esteban Gonzales** (Holly) - Entering Friday of the individual state meet, Gonzales was our leader for Most Valuable Wrestler. But he’s a perfect example of just how good wrestling is in this area. ONE LOSS dropped him to third at the state meet and also dropped him behind Lake Fenton’s Buddy Poyner for the outright 125-pound spot after Poyner finished second at state. That means Gonzales earned our light weightcard position. And Gonzales lost just one match all year—one at the state meet. Man, does it get any tougher than that?

**Justin Melick** (Lake Fenton) - A transfer from Detroit Catholic Central, Melick capped his career as a two-time state champion. Yet, he couldn’t even get the MVW honor. The honor doesn’t include past years, and Corcoran had the better overall record. Connor Brancheau (Lake Fenton) - Brancheau had an outstanding season, and it See CANDIDATES on 18B

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**Corcoran leads wrestling team**

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Zach Corcoran was just trying to survive. It was his freshman season and he was in the state semifinals, wrestling against defending state champion B.J. Suitor. He trailed 5-1 but Suitor was called for an illegal move that wasn’t intentional. Corcoran was unable to continue, and, due to the rules, he was going to be declared the victor, earning him a spot in the state championship match in only his freshman season. But Corcoran wouldn’t have any of it. “I was already down when he hit me with the illegal move, and it hurt my shoulder and I couldn’t wrestle,” Corcoran said. “I talked to my dad and said I didn’t want to win like that. I see people do it all the time, but that’s not classy. Me, my dad, coach (Amos) Rinks talked about it and said give it to him. It was an easy decision.”

Maybe for Corcoran. But living on his principles paid off. Three years later, Corcoran finally got his chance to have his arm lifted as an individual state champion, as he earned a 16-4 major decision victory against Fremont’s John Wiggers at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

That match, along with his 60-1 overall record and being captain of a team that made school history (by making it to the team championship match for the first time ever), made it easy for us to name Corcoran as our Tri-County Wrestler of the Year.

While success has always followed Corcoran during his prep wrestling career, he hasn’t always come without adversity. It seems every year Corcoran was one of the contenders to win a state title, but he almost always suffered some sort of injury, making that title run more difficult.

Corcoran had an outstanding freshman season, compiling a 59-6 record and finishing fourth in the state. However, his shoulder injury cut his state aspirations just a bit short. During his sophomore year, he broke his leg during football season, and he missed half of the wrestling season. Still, he placed seventh and posted a 25-4 mark. His junior season, he also suffered injuries, but still came within a match of a state title, finishing third with a 62-3 mark. This season, he was relatively healthy and finally got that title win, making him and his father/coach Zach Corcoran, the only father-son pair to win a state title at Lake Fenton. Vance Corcoran won state titles in 1985 and 1987. “(The state title) just makes all the hard work paid off,” Corcoran said. “This year, I was pretty confident, because I work hard over the summer, and everything was clicking. I didn’t feel cocky, but I never thought I wouldn’t make it.”

His senior season went almost 100 percent perfect. His only loss was a disqualification, and the Blue Devils also See CORCORAN on 19B

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**2010-11 All Tri-County Wrestling Team**

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**Comment:** Corcoran is a four-time state placer who finished his career with an overall record of 206-14. He also was a key reason why the Blue Devils won their first-ever team state tourney trip, finishing state-runner up in Division 3.

**The rest of the first team**

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**HONORABLE MENTION:** Holly - Dominic Russ (112, state qualifier), Anthony Gonzales (119, fourth at state), Tyler Gibson (119, state qualifier), Mike Spencer (145, state qualifier), Cas Guzziozzi (160, state qualifier), Lake Fenton - Bryce Hopkins (119, state qualifier), Drew Morris (171, fourth at state).
Tri-County baseball teams optimistic about season

By David Troppens
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Baseball hasn’t been one of the tri-county area’s strongest sports in recent years. Yet, with that said, it’s not like area teams have been depleted of honors, either.

Traditionally, the Fenton Tigers are one of the top teams in the Metro League title, and, just a year ago, the Lake Fenton varsity baseball team won a district championship. Finally, as recent as 2004, the Linden Eagles shocked the Michigan prep baseball world by sneaking into the state finals. So, while it may not be our strongest sport, it’s not like the diamond teams don’t experience some sort of success.

This spring will probably be a symbolic version of the recent years. The Fenton Tigers won’t be the favorites to win the Metro, but they probably should be one of the contenders. Lake Fenton returns some of the faces that made last year’s district title possible, and the Holly Bronchos have even started the season on a 2-0 run, defeating Flint Powers before the break in doubleheader.

So, who knows, it could be a decent year on the diamond this spring.

Returning All Tri-County Players

The Fenton Tigers filled five of the 12 spots a year ago, and all five return this year. Included on that list is the defending Player of the Year, Chad Schubach. Schubach batted .435 with a .565 slugging percentage a year ago. He’s more than capable of duplicating those stats. Meanwhile, outfielder Jamie Garcia, shortstop Eric Mowery and pitchers Ryan Surface and David Lenzi.

Mowery provides a strong glove, and, this year, will be asked to provide a bit more offensively. Garcia led the tri-county area with five home runs a year ago and should be a power source again this year. Surface posted a 5-2 record with a 2.16 ERA, while Lenzi, as a reliever, was 3-0 with five saves and an ERA of 1.94.

Lake Fenton returns one player from last year’s list, and he’s a candidate to be Player of the Year this season. That’s Mitch Kirk, who can provide a strong arm on the mound and a good bat at the plate as well.

Team Preview

Lake Fenton

The Blue Devils appear to have some talent. While they lost nine players from a year ago, seven lettermen return, including four-year starter Mitch Kirk, who could be the best player in the area.

Blake Bourdeau (P/2B), Devin Evans (SS), Spencer Quick (1B), Nate Franks (P/OF), Tyler Hammond (P/2B) and Wyatt Wilson (C) also return. Kirk, Bourdeau and Franks give the starting rotation a nice three, while the offense should be sparked by Quick, Bourdeau and Kirk. Defensively, Evans is strong at short and Quick is strong at first.

The team peaked at the end of last season, winning a district title. Last year, they finished 13-19 overall.

The Blue Devils should finish on the plus side of 500 this year.

Fenton

It seems, every year, the Fenton Tigers are a very respectable Metro squad that contains for a title, but falls a bit short at the end of the season.

The Tigers look very similar to last year’s squad that came just one game short of winning a Metro League title, and should be among the contenders this season.
Fenton’s Lenzi headed to Concordia
Senior expected to pitch out of the bullpen in the collegiate ranks

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A.J. Geyer did exactly what his coach told him to.
Wrestling in his first match at 4-years old, Geyer was given some advice from his coach and father before the match. “Just like practice” he told his son. And that’s exactly what Geyer did.

“I pinned myself,” Geyer said. “I thought it was like practice, and when we did a takedown drill, I’d lie on my back. So when he took a shot on me, I just laid on my back.”

“When he came off the mat, I said ‘You didn’t even fight,’” Tony Geyer said. “And then he said ‘It’s just like practice,’ and I learned my lesson. And that was my first coaching experience at that level.”

Ever since that first loss, Geyer has done a lot of winning and very little losing. In fact, the 11-year old wrestler has won 258 of 291 matches of his career and has captured eight state titles in youth wrestling programs since that first match about seven years ago.

The Linden Predators wrestler’s most recent title came this year at the MMWA Championship in the 11-12-year-old class in the 65-pound division.

“This year’s title felt good because the two kids I had to wrestle were two of the hardest kids, and they beat me at regionals,” Geyer said. “I had to beat them to win it.”

Besides that title, it was the first one that Geyer remembers best. It came during that first year, and he defeated the same wrestler that he wrestled “just like practice” against in his first-ever career match.

“I remember I beat the kid that beat me in the first meet (Geyer won this one 13-2),” Geyer said.

He started his career with the Fenton Powerhouse group, but moved to the Predators this year when his father became the coach of the Linden Middle School program and the Linden Predators.

“A lot of my practice partners are really good, and that helps you do better,” Geyer said.

“My dad is the coach, and I’ve had a lot of other good coaches as well.”

Geyer captures his eighth state title

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could be argued the dominating performance of the tri-county’s three area champions. However, he had two more losses than Corcoran during the season.

Kyle Fisher (Linden) - Another wrestler that in many seasons would have a legitimate claim to the title. Fisher had the same record as Corcoran and remained undefeated entering his state semifinal match. But that loss in the semifinals dropped him from the state championships and lost his chance at our Most Valuable Wrestler.

Shawn Scott (Holly) - The only thing Scott did wrong was wrestle at the same weight as nationally ranked wrestler Jordan Thomas. He lost two matches all season long, and both were to Thomas. Besides those two losses Scott finished the season with a perfect record. And in both of those losses to Thomas, Scott gave Thomas all he could handle, losing decision battles. He finished second at the state meet, of course, losing to Thomas in the title match. Scott is a junior, so he’ll have another chance next year.
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son again. The Tigers have three proven arms on the mound with Ryan Surface, David Lenzi and Patrick Leaske, and have Chad Schupbach’s and Jamie Garcia’s bats to anchor the lineup. However, the Tigers will probably need a few other bats to step up.

Defense was Fenton’s strongest asset a year ago, and could be once again this season.

The Tigers should finish on the good side of .500, and, with a few breaks, could contend for the title once again this year.

Holly
Generally, the Bronchos struggle to get to the .500 level each season, and only won five games a year ago. However, a 2-0 start and an improved work ethic may have Holly looking a bit better than in seasons past.

Joe Scanlon was a reliable reliever a year ago and should move into the starting rotation. Blake Ordway, Cas Guzdziol and Max Lamberti also return to the mound, so the Bronchos have some experienced pitchers.

The Bronchos snuck the leather off the ball in their doubleheader sweep against Powers. Sophomore Brent Smiles and returning catcher David McNeely homered in that twinbill. Both should add offensive punch this season. Transfer student Todd Ray should solidify short, while Matt Beckner will play centerfield after starting in left a year ago.

The Bronchos look to be an improved product. Being a competitive squad in the Metro looks very possible.

Linden
First-year coach Steve Buerkel realizes his team isn’t loaded with natural talent, but he likes his squad.

The pitching staff has some returners with Josh Hoerberling, Tyler Benedict, Dylan Nash, Luke Tunningley and Tim Cook back, but there are some arm issues right now.

Right now the starting infield is expected to be Jack Plasters (first), Tyler Castro (second), Tim Cook (short), and Hoerberling and Tunningley at third. Look for Tyler Kraus to back up all those spots.

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Lake Fenton wrestler Zach Corcoran hugs his coach and father, Vance Corcoran, about a minute after Zach won a state title this March.

And so has Zach’s father, who has coached him since he was 6, and wrestling in clubs like Powerhouse.

“It’s awesome. Having my Dad as a coach all my life helps, because if he says something that no one else knows anything about, I know he knows what he is talking about,” Corcoran said. “It’s a good feeling having your dad in your corner, because he has my back and knows what he is talking about.”

And, apparently, Zach knows what he is talking about as well. After all, he’s a champion.
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