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excuse to be able to pull folks over who look and/or appear suspi-

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Census results affect local ordinances

and revenue sharing from the state.

Church plans to object to liquor license

Restaurant asks for

**By Anna Troppens** 

clearance for distillery,

winery and microbrewery

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the Fenton United Methodist

Church announced its congrega-

tion's plans to object to the state

regarding the liquor license ap-

plication of the Michigan Brew-

ing Company (MBC). The com-

pany 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

See LIQUOR LICENSE on 8A

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

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Christena Wilcox, of Linden, is spear-

heading an Earth Day cleanup in her

hometown, using prizes to promote it.

of the liquor license application.

South LeRoy Street.

Summary

**Fenton** — In a recent bulletin,



young, and thus will be targeted even more than normal because of this new law.' Yknowimright

#### HOT LINE: UNIONS

What have unions done since the sit-down strike? How about overtime pay, the weekend, paid holidays, maternity leave, sick days, health care, and educational opportunities, just for a start. If you enjoy any of these things at work, thank a union. If not, join one." - Wildwoodkid

#### STORY: SALONS **NOT JUST FOR** WOMEN

#### Why 'minus the polish' for men's pedi-



top coat? Pedicure man

#### STORY: CLOSING **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**As a former** school board member, I believe the board did a great job with this decision. If people were paying attention, they could have had all the information they needed.' – John Brummeler

#### HOT LINE **OF THE WEEK**

#### **66THERE IS A** 34-year tradition in Linden called the Summer Happening. Figure out how to make these days work. It is four days out of 365, or you just have another town that stinks.**99**





SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011

How the census figures affect our communities

tri-county area. The biggest gains were achieved by the city of Linden, which grew by almost 40 percent between

2000 and 2010.

Cities of Fenton, Linden

and local townships all

"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 sub-

> divisions 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

\$1.00

Fenton Township gained nearly 20 percent in population since See CENSUS on 11A

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



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Mark Hamel, of The French Laundry in Fenton, shows the style of artisan bread that will be baked the old-world way, when their bakery opens this summer on Caroline Street in Fenton. See story on Page 3A

### WANTED: Earth Day volunteers

#### **By Sally Rummel**

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Earth Day will be observed on April 22, as it has every year since its first celebration in

Community

members in

**Earth Day** 

observances

1970. However, today's marking of this annual event has become more than just a date to plant a tree. Local residents who have grown up with this observance are now

Fenton, Linden and Holly plan See EARTH on 10A

Fourth fatal overdose under investigation

Continues pattern of local heroin-related deaths

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 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.



See OVERDOSE on 8A

Curtis Petry

CENSUS RESULTS

# by municipality

See Page 11A and 2010, at 37 percent.





# FEATURESANDNEWS

### SMART SOLUTIONS



#### No time for a nap

If there is no time to nap before you head out to tonight's bash, try this instant energizer: sit on the floor and hug your knees to your chin. Keeping your spine rounded, rock back and forth 12 times. This yoga mini-move massages the back and neck, causing the feel-great hormone serotonin to be released.



The secret to achieving your big dreams. Upload photos of family and friends to use as screen savers on your computer. Research shows that images of loved ones spark the alpha and beta brainwave activity that promotes both calm and alertness. You'll be able to tackle the toughest projects with ease, wowing the boss and maybe even landing that raise!

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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 news@tctimes.com

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 "Crude oil is \$108 a barrel right now. If it goes up \$2 a barrel, you can expect a 5to 10-cent increase in the gas price per gallon."

**Doug Smith,** Exit 80 Sunoco

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



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

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-slimmeddown budgets.

"I hate it," said Jeff Rea-

soner, of Linden, when 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 See GAS on 23A

# Making bread the old world way

New bakery opening in Fenton this summer

#### **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 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 Olde 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.

"Like 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



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The French Laundry will open a bakery this summer in Fenton, starting out as a production facility for the restaurant's bread. The bakery will then begin retail sales this fall.

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

The bakery's first customer

"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." Mark Hamel, The French Laundry

will be The French Laundry itself, as it begins production to replace Zingerman's Bakehouse as the restaurant's bread supplier. The bakery will then offer artisan breads for sale at their retail outlet — followed by bagels, croissants, cookies, coffee cakes and specialty

cakes, in approximately that order. Head baker will be Mark Green, who is currently attending the French Culinary Institute in New York City for two months to learn the slow art of making approximately 80 different kinds of bread.

See BREAD on 13A



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** 

# 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 lugging my beer, cleaning supplies, water bottles and groceries across a quarter-mile of asphalt, which, depending upon the season, is either covered with slippery ice, or hot and



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MY TONGUE IS not black! To the person complaining about gas station owners, if you know everything, why don't you buy a gas station.

I KNOW A wonderful way for the city to make some money, a 1-percent city tax. If you work in the city, you pay the tax. I know I would pay it, and it would really help the city. Stop attacking your employees who make you look good.

GIVE RICK SNYDER a fair chance. You gave Jenny eight years to blow us away, and you have given the community organizer two-plus years in the White House to take our country down.

Compiled by Anna Troppens, Associate Editor

**By Foster Childs** • If I Were

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, snail's-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 hearing about that 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

We need to turn our state around, and Rick will do this. Union workers might not like it, but it is time to stop paying attention to this special interest group and do what is right for everyone else.

#### SOMEONE WHO CLAIMS 'the govern-

ment is our enemy' is a straight-up anar-chist. I imagine the 'King' will be waking with some strange bedfellows.

THE 2011 FISCAL year runs from Oct. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30. The Democrats had con-

trol of the Senate, the House and the White

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 get charged twice? 'Put the item in the bag,' says the machine. But, I already have! 'Put the item in the bag,' it says again 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 before putting it in the bag!' bellows 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

House during 2009 and 2010. They had months to write and pass the 2011 budget for the federal government. They didn't get the job done. Now, they are trying to blame the Republicans for their failure. Wake up, America. This administration is ruining our country.

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THE IB PROGRAM is nothing more than a poorly concealed attempt to spread a liberal worldview to our high-school children while calling it education and diversity at work. Parents are charged with teaching and guid-ing their offspring — not organizations. In



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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 arm reaches out a drive-thru window, takes our money and hands us a bag with a burger in it.

Technology is replacing human-tohuman 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 talk 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 incidental life lessons that accompany them.

Hmmm — what's the term for these events?

Oh, now I remember.

Life.

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my opinion, it is just more brainwashing from another outside source.

AS I HAVE always said, the only fair way to tax Americans is a flat rate across the board for everyone, based on total income, no deductions, no loopholes. Then, and only then, after we tend to the needs of all of our own citizens here in the United States would we consider handouts to other countries.

FENTON DRIVERS, SLOW down. Are you serious? Have you noticed how long it takes to go two miles in this town? As if the timing of the lights isn't bad enough (horrendous), nobody in Fenton seems like they give a care when the lights turn green. Step on it, people.

WHILE I APPLAUD the King's idea of 'buy American,' there are problems with it. For instance, tell me where I can buy an American-made TV. There many items that are not made in America, at all. What is his suggestion for those items? His buddles on the Right who owned businesses here send the jobs overseas because it is cheaper. What is his suggestion for this problem? Oh, right, it is the unions' fault.

I JUST HEARD Eric Holder's remarks regarding the trials for the Sept. 11 terrorists. I cannot believe the arrogance of Holder and the Obama Administration to chastise Congress for following the will of the people to have the trials held in Guantanamo Bay instead of New York City.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

street talk

# How do the gas prices affect your shopping habits?

WARRANTIES

AVAILABLE



"I 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 Fulk Holly



"I don't go out here as often, and I try to get everything on one go."



"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."



# **Silver Parkway lighting** project might not be a go

### ►Council to decide in upcoming budget

#### **By Anna Troppens**

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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.

A crosswalk has been added to the original plans, across from Lockwood, said Michael Darga, project engineer for Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. Solarpowered 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.

## 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 re-

#### Summary

Construction season has begun, and orange barrels will be sprouting up along Walnut Street in Fenton. The estimated \$203,000 reconstruction of Walnut Street, between Ellen Street and Silver Lake Road, is scheduled to begin on Wednesday.

construction on the roadway of Walnut Street between Ellen Street and Silver Lake Road, on Wednesday, April 13, the engineering firm for the project, Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC), has announced.

Funding for the Walnut Street project will be 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.











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# Democrats push to restore unemployment to 26 weeks

"I think Rick

Snyder would

sign it."

Sen. John

Gleason

(D-Flushing)

**By Tim Jagielo** tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

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 state unemployment.

Legislation to rescind the part of the bill cutting unemployment is in the works, and is sponsored by Rep. Jim Ananich, (D-Flint), and Sen. Tupac A. Hunter (D-Detroit.)

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 Senate, 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**

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**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 residents.

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 refinance 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 area 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 Winfrey 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 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 radiators 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, regarding a 19-year-old Linden resident. She reported that, at 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, she parked her 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt in the 1100 block of Albert Street in Fenton. The next day, she discovered someone entered the vehicle and took a giraffe print handbag containing a Wii console, along with several video games and accessories. She values the property at \$300, said Lt. Jason Slater.



#### 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.

#### **THEFTS FROM AUTOS**

On April 5, 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-yearold Fenton man was arrested, and two to four others might also be responsible.

#### **ITEMS TAKEN FROM VEHICLE**

AGRSS

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, Fenton police received a larceny from auto complaint from a 39-yearold 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.



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#### LIQUOR LICENSE Continued from Front Page

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

#### 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

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

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ction yet, Miller pending receipt of this notice. meturned numer- MBC has a seven-year lea

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 other 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

#### Summary

▶ Grand Blanc Township police are investigating the death of a 27-yearold Grand Blanc man from a possible heroin overdose. 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 a 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 stay, 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, anyone 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



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!

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.

### WE BUY SCRAP GOLD & GOLD JEWELRY

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WHO:	Ohio Valley Refinery Reclamation Drive
WHAT:	Open to the public to sell their gold and silver
WHEN:	April 12th - 16th
WHERE:	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 17800 Silver Parkway Fenton, MI 48430 Directions: 810.714.7171
TIMES:	<b>TUESDAY-FRIDAY</b> 9:00am-6:00pm <b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am-4:00pm
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL	

### 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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Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.

### ITEMS WE WILL ACCEPT INCLUDE:

Scrap Jewelry Dental Gold Sterling Silverware Sterling Silver Tea Sets Silver Dollars All Pre-1965 Coins Industrial Scrap All Forms of Platinum

#### EARTH

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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

"This is all about

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**Erica Peabody** 

organizer

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) 629-6023. In Linden, the second annual Earth

Day Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 23, from 12 to 4:30 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 cleanup 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 cleanup. 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.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** 

#### **2011 EARTH DAY & GARDEN CELEBRATION** University of M-Flint Saturday, April 16

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** More than 50 exhibitors will help inform residents about environmental issues in this all-day, free event co-sponsored by Mott Community College. An Energy Efficient Vehicle Show will be on display, featuring high mileage and hybrid vehicles such as the Smart Car, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor solar car and a solar powered scooter. Local gardening groups, farmers and organic food growers will offer advice. This family-friendly event will also include live animal displays, an egg hunt for young children, an art show and many other environmental learning activities for children. For more information, call (810) 766-6763 or visit www.earthday.mcc.edu.

#### 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.

### YOUR **SMILE** MATTERS! By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

#### **BITE SPLINT THERAPY**

Temporomandibular disorder, known as TMD, is a cycle of pain, muscle spasms, and joint imbalance. Your temporomandibular joint is the most complicated and complex joint in the entire body. When the balance of bone, muscles and cartilage is lost, significant problems can arise. The cycle of pain, spasms, and joint imbalance can be started by clenching or grinding the teeth, a bad bite, injury to the joint, arthritis, or emotional stress. Clenching and grinding will often go away once a person's stress is reduced. Some folks suffer from ongoing clenching, grinding, pain and discomfort which can lead to permanent damage to the teeth and jaw joints. In severe advanced cases, surgery is needed. A very effective treatment is bite splint therapy. A bite splint is a precision fit, custom made, plastic mouthpiece that helps to greatly reduce clenching and grinding, which will help restore balance and harmony to the bite and jaw joint. Another very important function of a bite splint is it protects the teeth from the damage caused by bruxism (clenching and grinding). A professionally made bite splint can literally prevent the need for tens of thousands of dollars worth of reconstructive dental work. A bite splint serves to create a healthy bite. A healthy bite is when all the teeth contact simultaneously and evenly and when your jaw joint is seated into its proper position at the base of the skull. In this position your chewing muscles are also contracting evenly. A bite splint can be one of the wisest investments you can make.

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





#### 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.

Tyrone Township experienced similar growth to Fenton Township. Tyrone 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 com-

"It's a beautiful place to live. We'll make it through this. There's not much you can do otherwise." Robert **DePalma** Supervisor. Groveland Township

ment 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," said DePalma. "We'll make it through this. There's not much you can do, otherwise."

### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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by municipality

**2000** ..... 10,582

**2010**..... 11,756

**2000** ..... 6,197

2000 census ...... 2,861

2010 census ...... 3,991

**2010**...... 10,020

**2000**..... 12,968

**2010**...... 15,552

**GROVELAND TOWNSHIP** 

**2000** ..... 6,150

**ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP** 

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP** 

**2000**..... 13,338

11.1-percent growth

Loss of 1.8 percent

39.5-percent growth

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP** 

18.5 percent growth

**FENTON TOWNSHIP** 

19.9-percent growth

**HOLLY TOWNSHIP** 

37.4-percent growth

**11-percent loss** 

6-percent growth

4.5-percent growth

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Susan and Jeff Phillips, of Fenton, are the proud owners of the first Chevy Volt bought in the tri-county area. The couple purchased the electric hybrid from Vic Canever Chevrolet, after ordering it in 2008. The car sipped about three gallons of gas while taking a trip up North.



#### BREAD Continued from Page 3A

The most time-consuming hurdle will be shipping and installing the 100-squarefoot oven from Verona Forni in Italy, where it was purchased through TMB Bakery in California. The process of building the oven, setting up the electric, gas and water systems to function in the U.S., delivery and installing it in the production facility with a cement mixer and excavating equipment is a three-month process. "It's the best oven in the world for artisan bread-making," said Hamel, who researched bakeries with Chad Brennan in Toronto, New York and Montreal before making a decision.

Once the TMB Bakery team has worked with Green for about a week, he will have about a month to prepare for the yearlong transition of baking all The French Laundry's bread. "We're going through the same process that Zingerman's Bakehouse did when they began to bake their own bread 20 years ago," said Hamel. "They've been very supportive and helpful.

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and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2007 and recorded June 6, 2007

in Instrument # 200706060048225

Genesee County Records, Michigan

Said mortgage was assigned to: BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing,

LP, by assignment dated March 7, 2011 and recorded March 14, 2011

in Instrument # 201103140028509 on

which mortgage there is claimed to

be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hun-

dred Fifty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$93,354.28) including

interest 6.625% per annum. Under the

power of sale contained in said mortgage

and the statute in such case made and

provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of

the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court

of Genesee County at 10:00AM on May 11, 2011 Said premises are situated in *Township of Mt. Morris, Genesee* 

County, Michigan, and are de-scribed as: The West 140 feet of Lot 16 and

the East half of vacated Banger Avenue adjoining Lot 15 on the West side, of

Lincoln Park Garden Farms Subdivision

as recorded in Plat Liber 11, Page 36

Gene-see County Records Commonly

known as 6406 West Coldwater Rd,

Flushing MI 48433 The redemption

period shall be **6** months from the date of

such sale, unless determined abandoned

in accordance with MCL600.3241 or MCL

600.3241a, in which case the redemption

period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the

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2011-04-24 2011-05-01 FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John J Amon and Paula A Amon, His Wife to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 2005 and recorded November 17, 2005 in Instrument # 200511170110786 Gene-see County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National TrustCompany, as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitzation Corporation Trust 2006-OPT3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OPT3, by assignment dated March 2, 2011 in Instrument # 201103280031752 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Tiventy-One Dollars and Geventy-Seven Cents (\$254,821,777) including interest 9,89% per annum. Under the power of sale contained to be forenage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is breby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage and then, at public vendue. Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on May 11, 2011 Said premises are situated in Township of Vienna, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest on equater of Southwest one quarter of southwest one quarter of Southwest one quarter Section 16, Thoma, County Genesee Ominutes 50 seconds East 7300 feet; thence South parallel to the West line of said Section 16, which is North 604.32 feet from the intersection of the South one eight line of the West line of said Section 16, thence North along said West Line 20.0 feet; thence North along said West Line 20.0 feet; thence North 83 degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds East 7300 feet; thence South parallel to the West line of said Section 16, thence North along said West Line 20.0 feet; thence North 83 degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds

degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds West 210 feet; thence North 41 degrees 09 minutes 46 seconds West to a point which is South 89 degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds East 300 feet from the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds West 300 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 12188 N. Linden Rd, Clio MI 48420 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless deter-mined abandoned in

Mi 49420 The IdentifyIon Denido Shain sale, unless deter-mined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241 a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 4/10/2011 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2006-OPT3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OPT3, Assignee ofMortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, PC: 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11.37248 Ad #11492: 2011-04-10 2011-04-17, 2011-04-24 2011-05-01

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Scott C. Smith and Nadine A. Smith, His Wife to Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 1989 and recorded December 18, 1989 in Liber 2547 Page 832 Gene-see County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: LaSalle Home Mortgage Corporation, by assignment dated September 30, 1996 and recorded August 28, 1997 in Liber 3594, Page 912, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Six Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$10,806.56) including interest 10.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on April 20, 2011 Said premises are situated in *Township of Richfield, Genesee* County, Michigan, and are described as The West 26.23 acres of the North 48.23 acres of the Northeast fractional one quarter, except a parcel of land beginning at the North one-quarter corner of section thence East 750 feet; thence South 0 degrees 11 mins 24 secs East 774.96 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 mins 26 secs West 749.99 feet; thence North 0 degrees 11 mins 24 secs West 779.26 feet to the place of beginning, Section 4. Township 8 North, Range 8 East Commonly known as 9346 E Francis, Otisville MI48463 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless deter-mined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated 3/20/2011 CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc. successor by merger to LaSalle Home Mortgage Corporation Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-36241 Ad #10918: 2011-03-20 2011-03-27, 2011-04-03 2011-04-10



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#### NOTICE OF HEARING **CITY OF FENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 36: ZONING**

#### **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 to consider amending the City of Fenton Zoning Ordinance.

A summary of the regulatory effect of the proposed amendments is as follows:

- Revise Section 36-23.05. Lighting standards to allow for installation of 1 Light Emitting Diode (LED) type lighting fixtures in the City. Adjustments to other standards for lighting intensity, etc are also provided to accommodate the different light qualities produced by such fixture types.
- Revise Section 36-2.30. Storage and Repair of Vehicles to remove 2 language prohibiting ladder racks or advertising on work trucks. The amendment is intended to allow contractors who work from home to maintain their vehicles at a residential site without penalty.
- Revise Section 36-2.37. Home Occupations and Section 36-14.08.s 3 Land Uses with Specific Requirements to permit the operation of certain home occupations as a permitted use, and provide special standards for home occupations permitted in the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act [P.A. 2008, Initiated Law, MCL 333.26423(d)].
- Revise Section 36-28.08 Definitions M-N and Section 36-14.08 Land 4 Uses with Specific Requirements to add definitions and specific standards for "Medical Marihuana Clubs," "Medical Marihuana Distribution Facilities" and "Medical Marihuana Growing Facilities" in accordance with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act [P.A. 2008, Initiated Law, MCL 333.26423(d)].
- Revise Section 28.10, Definitions Q-R and Section 36-14.08 Land Uses with Specific Requirements to regulate "Retail Businesses with Adult Novelty Items," that are not regulated under the city's current adult entertainment regulated use standards of Section 14.08.a. Provisions involve restrictions on the location and display of adult material and the visibility of activity.

Additional information and a complete copy of the proposed amendments and the Fenton Zoning Ordinance can be viewed at the Fenton City Hall located at 301 South Leroy Street between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday thru Friday.

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS APRIL 4, 2011

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 vacant commercial property.
- 8. Adopted Ordinance No. 735, an amendment to the Sign Regulation Ordinance to revise provisions regarding home occupation signs and digital signs.
- 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 <u>www.fentontownship.org.</u>

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: Property Address: Property I.D.: IND (Industrial) 3145 Copper Avenue 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.

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#### 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.I. of the Fenton Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning: Property Address: Property I.D.:

CBD (Central Business District) 235 North Leroy Street SPID # 53-25-515-024

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.

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# Adelaide Street reconstruction



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO 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.

### GAS

**Continued from Page 3A** to fill it up."

He admits he loves the comfort of his

truck, especially for driving in the winter, but may have to consider getting something smaller and more fuel-efficient if gas prices get much higher. For now, he groups his shopping trips together and buys as much as he can lo-

cally, to save money on gas. Dan Stickel, 28, of Fenton, drives to and from work at his job as an engineer with Wade Trim in downtown Flint. "There's not much I can do to conserve, since most of my miles are for work," he said. "But, I may consider carpooling. I've done that in the past when gas prices were high, and it also helps save on my car's 'wear and tear.' If gas prices continue to be high, we'll probably limit our

each summer for a couple of weekends. We may be able to go just once, if at all, this year."

Single mom Kendra Jones, 26, of Fenton, had to get a roommate to pare down her expenses. "I hate these prices,

it puts a damper on a lot of things," she said. "I have to limit my two kids to certain things, only what they need instead of what they want. Everything is going up."

Local gas station owner Doug Smith, of Smitty's Exit 80 Sunoco in Fenton, experiences the frustra-

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about the price, but they still have to get gas," he said. "Instead of filling up their tanks, though, they put in \$10 or \$20 worth of gas, just enough to get them through the day.

In the back of their minds, they think gas prices might go down tomorrow."

tions of his customers every day. "Most of

them are steady customers who complain

Smith doesn't think that will happen anytime soon. "It has been going up every day for the last two weeks, so I expect it's going to go up some more."

He said he doesn't have trouble with "drive-offs" until the summer travel season. "People who come in all year are my 'regulars,"" said Smith. "They don't leave without paying. But I'm sure I'll see it this summer with customers who come off the expressway to get gas."

Smith tells customers to watch the stock market, if

they want to know what's going on with gas prices. "Crude oil is \$108 a barrel right now," he said. "If it goes up \$2 a barrel, you can expect a 5- to 10-cents increase in the gas price, per gallon."

Every night at 6 p.m., Smith gets a new rack price for the day from the refineries.

That is what determines the price of gas every day. "If you want to save money at the pump, buy it before 10 a m when most stations raise their prices for the day," he said. "Gas also goes up before the weekend, so Wednesday is a good day to gas up."



# **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 Children's Center



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Make sure your fuel injection is cleaned every 20,000 to 30,000 miles. It will give you an extra two to three miles per gallon. Make sure your tires are properly inflated — that will save about two miles per gallon.

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make sure the oxygen sensor is working

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trips up the U.P., where we usually travel



THE GOVERNOR OF Arkansas is a Democrat 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 academic 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.

DUH, WOULDN'T YOU lock your doors with a Wii 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 publicsector unions except to eliminate their contracts. Private-sector unions can be stopped by not buying their product. 

WAS GLAD TO see the teachers comment 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 tax climate, when all business-related taxes are considered. There is no evidence lowering them further will create job growth. Reshuffle them again, if you must, but don't take money from the schools or seniors to pay for state services that businesses use.

THE SOCIALIST PROGRAMS of our esteemed president and his progressive cronies are propelling us at mach speed into moral and financial poverty. This once-great nation is being destroyed by terrible, self-serving leadership - both elected and appointed.

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There are 163 confirmed Civil War veterans buried at Oakwood Cemetery.



# AREA IS RICH IN CIVIL VIAR HISTORY

# 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War Between the States

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

Dexter Horton is laid to rest in one of the many gravesites in Fenton's Oakwood Cemetery. Buried there in 1901, Horton was appointed by then-President Abraham Lincoln as the Captain of the United States volunteers, where he served in the Civil War with the armies of Tennessee and Georgia until the close of the war.

Also buried in Oakwood Cemetery is Theodore McOmber, who survived the infamous Andersonville Prison, one of the most notorious prisons in the South. See CIVIL WAR on 9B **TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I TIM JAGIELO (Above, right) Oakwood Cemetery Board President Doug Tebo had great-uncles who fought in the Civil War, though none are buried at Oakwood Cemetery.

#### Summary

The Civil War was an important turning point in American history, and visual reminders can be found at the graves of soldiers buried in Fenton's Oakwood Cemetery, and other area cemeteries.

# WAYS TO HELP THE PLANET

#### By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 In honor of Earth Day on Friday, April 22, many people are thinking of pitching in to help the environment in some way. Douglas Lanyk, of Rose Township, makes it a year-

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22

#### round lifestyle.

He volunteers at area parks, removing invasive plants such as autumn olives, black swallowwort, buckthorn and garlic mustard. People planted invasive species, which See PLANET on 13B



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than 1,800 people.

— USA Today

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.

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#### **American milk** shake murderer found guilty

in China An American woman has been sentenced to life in

prison for murdering her husband, a U.S. investment banker, in a case that has riveted Hong Kong for years. Prosecutors said that in 2003, Nancy Kissel drugged Robert Kissel with sedatives in a strawberry milk shake, then bludgeoned him to death with a heavy statuette so she could collect millions in life insurance and live with her new American lover. The body was found rolled in carpet in a storage room at the couple's luxury apartment complex. Defense lawyers argue that Kissel was mentally ill and had been abused by her husband. The tale of the rich expatriate couple has inspired several Chinese books and a movie.

#### SPOTLIGHT

#### **Dating service matches up** long-lost brother and sister

A match made on a British dating website turned into an unexpected reunion for two long-separated siblings. Sarah Kemp of Edinburgh hit it off so well online with George Bently that she traveled to London to meet him. It was only as they chatted in the pub about their childhoods that they realized they were brother and sister, having lost touch after their parents divorced on 1975. "Can you imagine the surprise, joy, and embarrassment we both felt? said Sarah. "We have so much in common, and we really enjoyed each other's company.

#### THE BOTTOM LINE

**Insurer Aflac** received more than 1,500 applications within 24 hours to succeed comedian Gilbert



Gottfried as the voice of its spokesduck. Aflac fired Gottfried after he tweeted some tasteless jokes immediately following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. -The Wall Street

Journal

# AROUND the World Best and worst of international news and media

# Modern day Noah building ark In Netherlands

the risk of flooding is a sensitive issue in the

A catastrophic flood in 1953 killed more

When completed, the full-size ark will

that chemically treats drinking water.

Government oficials 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 de-

veloping offensive wapons

like the computer worm

Stuxnet, which sabotaged

Iran's nuclear centrifuges,

but cibilian and industrial

systems remain largely un-

protected. Former national

intelligence director Mike

McConnell may have it

right: "The odds are we'll wait for a

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

**Beware of the coming cyber attack** 

►U.S. critical infrastructure is vulnerable to hackers

The U.S. is extremly 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

"The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time." Bertrand Russell, guoted in

the Calgary Herald

catastrophic event, and then overreact." WISDO "In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant.'

Pablo Picasso, quoted in the San Diego Union-Tribune



TRI-COUNTY TIMES This full size reproduction of Noah's Ark is being built in the Netherlands.

## 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 power-

ful technology.) Some of these children will be designed to have "superhuman abilities" or become stronger, more intelligent, and happier than people are now.



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# 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 garments far more beautiful than those found in any store.

'Consider the lilies of the field,' He said. 'They toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these' (Matthew 6:28-29).

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 will be beyond His power to control.





One concerned stakeholder asked a very good budget question. 'If a school district loses 100 students from the previous year, doesn't that loss decrease the school district's costs?' The answer normally is a resounding, 'No.' Why? Unless the 100 students are in a particular school, preferably in a particular grade or program, costs are not noticeably decreased.

Usually, any significant loss of students results in a loss of students throughout the entire spectrum of grades. If one looks at a grade loss of eight students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, not even counting post secondary, reductions in staffing would not occur.

Yet, the buildings continue to be heated or cooled. Depending on where the students live in the school district or even if the students ride a bus, transportation costs could remain the same. I projected bus fuel costs at \$3.50 a gallon for this school year. Last week, our school district paid \$4.03 a gallon for bus fuel.

A loss of 100 students results in a foundation allowance loss of more than \$700,000 for the school district's general fund. No other fund exists to offset that loss of revenue.

While legislators discuss possible reductions to the School Aid Fund and possible reductions to the foundation allowance, I am not hearing any changes in the state requirements. The bottom line is that any school district cannot continue to provide all the desired student services. Mandated services will continue, but perhaps not to the desired level.

Some stakeholders have stated that budget should not play a part in curriculum and instruction matters. Budget has to play a part. Much information has been distributed about the HAS district's budget and loss of students. Our school district is not alone in trying to minimize the budget impact on classroom instruction and the impact on students.

While no one likes the idea of closing a building or decreasing programs, these options are part of the reality of our times. No new federal monies, akin to ARRA, are on the horizon. Akin to our state legislature and governor, our federal legislature seeks ways and means to reduce federal budget expenses as well.

On Monday, April 11, the Holly Board of Education will meet in special session to review its housing decision made on March 28. This special meeting will be at the Karl Richter Campus at 7 p.m. Whatever the board's decision is, consequences emerge. Even with the March 28 housing decision, to balance our school district's budget for the 2011-12 school year using the governor's proposals, I will be making budget recommendations for approximately \$4,500,000 on May 9. I will ask the board to make their decision on my recommendations on May 23. These recommendations will have an impact from preschool to postsecondary.

If anyone has questions or recommendations regarding these upcoming recommendations, please forward your thoughts to me at kent.barnes@ has-k12.org. My fax number is (248) 328-3145. My mailing address is 920 Baird St., Holly, MI 48442. Thanks for reading.

# Fenton DDA plans new Art Walk

# ►Budgets \$5,500 for June 24 event

#### **By Anna Troppens**

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 **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 LINDEN

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.







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# Saving dollars when the weather turns warm

There are many ways to save money with the arrival of warm weather

#### 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



#### **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 CA/N, a Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Organization. For more information, call (810) 370-1400. 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.

#### 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 (birtheighth 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.



**TRI-COUNTY LIVING** 



# Book Bingo

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I TIM JAGIELO (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

**17-year-old senior at** 

**Lake Fenton High School** 

#### FAMILY:

My parents are Tony and Sonya Brown. I also have a younger sister, Corinne. She's in ninth grade.

#### SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:



I've been doing band, drama, partner dancing at a studio in Linden, the debate club, a student rep for the school board, various National Honor Society activities and a tutor at the middle school and high school. When I was a sophomore, I played JV baseball.

#### **PERSONAL MOTTO:**

Live every day to the fullest, and make the best of what you have. I'd rather look at my accomplishments and not let my mistakes bring me down.

#### **MY DREAM CAR:**

I've always wanted a new, red convertible Corvette.

#### **ALL-TIME FAVORITE MOVIE:**

The Lord of the Rings series. I read the books, too. From the timeframe that they were made, they were very well done. I loved the plot.

#### By Sharon Stone, Staff Reporter

# **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 "doover?" 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 good grades to obtain it. My grandparents made me work for it and my grandma kept me in check for that.

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.



## What story are you following in the news?

#### LAINIE BECK, SOPHOMORE



"The controversy of LGBTQ talk. I like to keep up on what's next for them."

#### **BREANNA PERRY, SENIOR**



"News about the tsunami and about how many people are missing or have died. A friend of my sister lives over there."

#### DANNY BRODIE, SENIOR



"I'm following the nuclear crisis in Japan. It will help us refine safety procedures in the nuclear plants in the United States."

#### JAMES DEMEMBER, SOPHOMORE



"The NCAA basketball tournament. I think UCONN will win it."

#### MARISSA HAGON, JUNIOR



"How Chris Brown acted when he was on 'Good Morning, America.' He's a role model and shouldn't have done that."







#### CIVIL WAR Continued from Page 1B

McOmber lies on Old Prospect Hill.

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

In Fenton's Oakwood Cemetery, lie 163 confirmed gravesites of Civil War veterans. A 164th 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 Volunteers, where he served with the armies of Tennessee and Georgia until the close of the war.

To honor the local connection with

"There are a

thousand little

stories about the

Civil War."

**Ken Seger** 

Fenton Historical

Society president

the Civil War, in 2006, Gov. Henry R. Crapo Camp No. 145 Sons of Union Veterans of the 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 LeRoy 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 have new 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 Players 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 Seger at (810) 629-8458.

#### Misconceptions about the Civil War coording to Ken Seger, 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, am-

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





**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I TIM JAGIELO There are 163 confirmed Civil War veterans buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton, all marked with simple, white marble headstones.

son Bryson 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.



#### 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.





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**Glenn Carlson.** Glenn Carlson - age 58, died April 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp



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James Brewer, Jr. James Brewer, Jr. - age 72, died April 4, 2011.



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Jerry Castle, Jerry Castle - age 54, died April 1, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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



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

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



**Roderick "Ricky"** Chamberlain, Roderick "Ricky" Chamberlain - age 23, died April 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



### **Helenmary Chandler**

1922-2011 Helenmary Chandler - Age 88, of Fenton, passed away April 5, 2011 at her resi



Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Helenmary was born June 25, 1922 in Flint, the daughter of Winifred and Philip Harry Arnold. She was a 1939 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

**Michael Svarc**,

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Michael Svarc - age 26,

died April 1, 2011. Ser-

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1925-2011 Kenneth R. Trimmer - Our Country is mourning, for a Sailor died today... Ken passed

cember 4, 1925 in Fen-



away Thursday, April 7, 2011 at his residence. He was born De-

ton, the son of Cecil and Rosetta (Shivilie) 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&AM 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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Oscar Kennedy - age 80, died April 5, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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Joy Merritt, Joy Merritt - age 68, died April 4, 2011. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com



Blanche Brewer, Blanche Brewer - age 87, died April 7, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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### by steve dale my pet world

**Q:** I know Chow Chow's can be willful, and our dog is trying to dominate us. The first hint was the Max would jump on the sofa when we weren't home. He knows he's not supposed to be up there, yet we find his hair on the sofa when we arrive home. The other day, I even caught him on the sofa. I have to repeat over and over what I want him to do. I tried the Cesar (Millan) method with mixed success. How can I show my dog who's boss? -- S.T., Louisville, KY



A: You have two major problems to deal with here. The first is your belief that your dog wants to dominate you. Dogs do have a social structure but they know people aren't dogs. I can assure you, Max has no agenda to dominate you. However, you do need to be clear, consistent, and motivating with him. Here lies

your second problem. I suggest there's a specific reason Max jumps on the sofa (aside from it being more comfortable than the floor) and generally doesn't listen to you. It has to do with a lack of clarity, consistency and/or motivation.

Are you sure everyone in the family is consistent about the rules? Perhaps, the kids (if you have kids) or another person in the household doesn't mind Max on the sofa. As a result, Max really doesn't understand what to do or not do, or he's taking advantage of the inconsistency. Sometimes, such behavior is not a matter of obedience or dominance, but simply taking advantage of an opportunity.

To deter Max, consider buying a plastic runner and placing it over the sofa, nubby side up, when you leave the house. Also, consider a dog training class. This would open a window of communication with your pet. Seek out a fun, upbeat class. Efforts to dominate dogs through intimidation aren't nearly as successful as efforts to encourage them through motivation.

# 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 does this before giving her response (which is "yes" 99 percent of the time). She asks this in emails, so I cannot quickly parry her question verbally with: "Who are



quickly parry 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.

-- Frustrated Friend **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 in 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 taste 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 an argument. Any ideas on how to solve this problem?

-- Johnnie in Florida **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 argue about this. Compromise. You two could divvy up 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 "Cougar Town" 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 have 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 two can find it with the help of a calendar, a recording device and some tolerance for each other's choices.





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**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.

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Social News

**FIVE GENERATIONS** 

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.





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.







#### PLANET

**Continued from Page 1B** 

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

#### Summary

This year, Earth Day is on Friday, April 22. There are many small ways the average person can help the environment.



ers 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 that are perfectly good, he said. Recy-



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.

3. Recycle. It reduces waste. 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.

cling also saves space in landfills.

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.









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# The 'buzz' on Fenton's mosquito control

► 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 it own. Otherwise, the cost would be \$13,776 for the contractor. Advanced Pest Management, of Fenton, to supply the briquettes and place them. The city has been scaling back on its mosquito control program for the last three years, Mayor Sue Osborn said.

Councilwoman Dianne North asked whether the Fenton Millpond and the Shiawassee River are treated with briquettes for mosquitoes. City Man-



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.



ager Lynn Markland said, regarding the river, standing water means more mosquitoes than a river, where the water moves. In addition, Fenton would need a permit from the state of Michigan to treat the millpond, Czarnecki said.

At Monday's council worksession, Councilman Tim Faricy said council discussed placing a millage for mosquito control 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.

#### Background

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, council decided to continue funding the expense through the city's general fund.

This year, council is discussing paying for mosquito control from its general fund, City Manager Lynn Markland said.

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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-noth 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 wildcard 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

ons

#### **SPORTS TRIVIA**

**Q** Who is the oldest person to record a hole-in-one? On April 5, 2007, Elsie McLean, 102, of California, aced the No. 3 hole at Bidwell Municipal Golf Course. She'd ace the same hole in November of the same year.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011

# **Corcoran leads wrestling team**

▶ Four-time state placer finally earns his moment as champ

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Zach Corcoran was just trying to survive.

Holly's

Esteban Gonzales

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 state championship meet 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, it hasn't always come without ad-

without adversity. It s e e m e d every year C o r c oran 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.

Times

Corcoran had an outstanding freshman season, compiling a 59-6 record and finishing fourth in the state. However, his shoulder injury cut his state title 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 means all the hard work paid off," Corcoran said. "This year I was pretty confident, because I work hard over the summertime, 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

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

Most Valuable	Team	Rec.	St. place			
135) Zach Corcoran	Lake Fenton	60-1	Champion			
<b>Comment:</b> Corcoran is						
career with an overall recor	d of 206-14. He als	so was a l	key reason why			
the Blue Devils made their first-ever team state tourney trip, finishing						
state-runner up in Division 3.						
The rest of the first te						
Wrestler	Team	Rec.	St. place			
103) James Demember	Lake Fenton	18-7	St. qualifier			
112) Mason Cleaver	Holly	51-9	Fifth			
119) Todd Melick	Lake Fenton	49-5	Third			
125) Buddy Poyner	Lake Fenton	57-3	Second			
125) Esteban Gonzales	Holly	59-1	Third			
130) Zack Jones	Holly	46-11	Fifth			
140) Dallas Blank	Linden	35-7	St. qualifier			
145) Justin Melick	Lake Fenton	56-5	Champion			
152) Mike Neal	Holly	29-21	St. qualifier			
160) Connor Brancheau	Lake Fenton	59-3	Champion			
171) Shawn Scott	Holly	57-2	Second			
171) Drew Morris	Lake Fenton	55-5	Fourth			

**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 Guzdziol (160, state qualifier). Lake Fenton - Bryce Hopkins (119, state qualifier), Drew Morris (171, fourth at state).

Lake Fenton

60-1

43-16

27-30

Third

St. qualifier

St. qualifier

Linden

Holly

#### TRI-COUNTY TIMES DAVID TROPPENS

Four-time state placer and Division 3 individual state champion Zach Corcoran is our Most Valuable Wrestler of the Year. The Lake Fenton senior finished this season with a 60-1 record and completed his prep wrestling career with a 206-14 overall record. 189) Kyle Fisher

215) Joe Piwowarski

285) Nathan Franks

# Tri-County baseball teams optimistic about season

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 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 contenders for 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 a 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 Schupbach. Schupbach 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 of-fensively.

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 Previews 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), Quick (1B), Nate

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 fin-

ished 13-19 overall. The Blue Devils should finish on the plus side of .500 this year.

#### Fenton

Lake Fenton's

**Mitch Kirk** 

It seems, every year, the Fenton Tigers are a very respectable Metro squad that contends 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 sea-

See BASEBALL on 17B

What's On <b>Television</b> ?				
SATURDAY	(FSD) Detroit at Chicago			
BASEBALL	(ISD)			
(B10)NCAA: Michigan at Purdue Noon	Chicago at Orlando1 p.m.			
FOX MLB regional coverage1 p.m.	bobc Boston at Miami			
(FSD) Kansas City at Detroit	AUTO RACING			
HOCKEY	FOX Sprint Cup: Goody's 500 12:30 p.m.			
<b>ESPT</b> NCAA Final	TENNIS			
SOFTBALL	ESFN2 Family Circle Cup			
(B10)	BASEBALL			
GOLF	(FSD)			
(CBS) The Masters 3:30 p.m.	(TBS)			
RACING	<b>ESFN</b> New York at Boston			
(VS) Indy Car Racing qualifying6 p.m.	GOLF			
FOX NASCAR Sprint Cup7 p.m.	(CBS) The Masters2 p.m.			
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Fenton's David Lenzi will pitch at Concordia University next year.

# Fenton's Lenzi headed to Concordia Senior expected to pitch out of the bullpen in the collegiate ranks

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

David Lenzi knows he's not ready to quit baseball when he graduates from Fenton High School.

And now he's made sure he won't have to.

That's because the Fenton senior will be continuing his baseball career at Concordia University next season.

"I wasn't ready to quit after high school," Lenzi said. "I definitely wanted to keep going. I love the game. I love every minute of it."

He not only loves baseball, but he's pretty good at it as well.

Last season, Lenzi was an All-Metro selection as well as an All Tri-County Baseball Team selection. He did it primarily as a reliever, making 24 appearances He posted a 1.98 earned run average in 53 innings, allowing just a .200 batting average in those contests. Lenzi struck out 53 and walked just 22. He did start four games, completing one. He posted a 6-1 record with six saves.

The Tigers have played just one doubleheader this season, and he's already off to a fast start. He started the seasonopener against Lake Fenton, tossing three shutout innings of one-hit and one-walk ball. He also struck out five.

Lenzi was looking at Concordia, Hope, Adrian, Siena Heights and Grand Rapids Community College.

"I picked Concordia because of the atmosphere. It made me feel really comfortable," Lenzi said. "I liked how they treated me there, and I fit in with the kids there."

Concordia University is an NAIA school which plays in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference. The team generally has been a below-.500 squad in league play, but has finished near the .500 level overall in most recent seasons. Last year, the team compiled a 24-30 overall record and a 9-11 mark in conference action.

Lenzi, who says his fastball is clocked at about 84 miles an hour, said he's prepared

in his first-ever career match.

won this one 13-2)," Geyer said.

gram and the Linden Predators.

better," Geyer said.

for the challenges of collegiate baseball.

"You can't be lazy, that's for sure," Lenzi said. "They run their pitchers forever. It's a lot of conditioning, a lot of core work and a lot of eating right. It involves a lot of stuff — a lot of stuff that you wouldn't think matters, but it's really important."

Lenzi plans on being a relief pitcher at Concordia, in much the role he thrived with last season. But he'll also see time at second base.

"I'll probably end up closing because I'm a two- to three-inning guy," Lenzi said. "That's what they are going to do with me. That's kind of my forte'.

"They aren't going to redshirt me and I'll probably play JV second base. Three to five games a week is a lot."

Right now, though, Lenzi is concentrating on his senior season at Fenton.

'Last year, I was first team all-Metro, and I want to come back and do it again this year," Lenzi said.

# Geyer captures his eighth state title

#### **By David Troppens**

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 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, Gey-

er has done a lot of winning and came during that first year, and he very little losing. In fact, the 11year 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 had a lot of other good coaches as one that Geyer remembers best. It well."

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Linden Predator wrestler A.J. Geyer poses with some of the trophies he's earned during his youth wrestling career.





#### CANDIDATES

Continued from Page 16B could be argued had the most 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 is Fisher. He 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 champions and lost him 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.

#### CORCORAN **Continued from Page 16B**

experienced their greatest team success in school history, finishing Division 3 state runner-ups.

At the Palace, Corcoran, who hopes to continue his wrestling career at the collegiate level, possibly at Michigan State, cruised to a technical fall in his opening match, but then had a tougher 6-4 decision win against Otsego's Eric Dennis. He made it past the semifinals with a 7-2 win against Bullock Creek's Dereck Camilleri. Finally, in the finals, he dominated Fremont's John Wiggers, but almost had another injury come into play when he was illegally slammed on his head to the mat with Corcoran ahead.

"It was right on my face," Corcoran said. "At first, I thought I was all right, but then I saw stars and said, 'Oh, oh." After a little while, I was nervous because I felt my eyes going cross-eyed. Then I was good to go. I was sketchy for a moment.'

But there were no after-effects and Corcoran went on to win his match, immediately jumping into his Father's arms afterwards. Then after doing that, he ran into the Palace seats to hug his grandma. He said his grandparents never miss a match.

"That's was the greatest feeling. I've always wanted to jump into my dad," Corcoran said. "The (security guards) tried to stop me (from jumping the wall to get into the stands), but I said I had to go up there. I ran up there, and gave her a big hug. She's been there at every single wrestling tournament and during every up and down. My grandma and grandpa have been there through thick and thin.'



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS 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.



# TRI-COUNTY TIMES SCOTT SCHUPBACH Holly's Cas Guzdziol throws a pitch during the Bronchos' opening doubleheader against Flint Powers. The Bronchos are off to a 2-0 start after winning just five games all of last season.

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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 Ordiway, Cas Guzdziol and Max Lambert also return to the mound, so the Bronchos have some experienced pitchers.

The Bronchos smacked the leather off the ball in their doubleheader sweep against Powers. Sophomore Brent Smiles and returning catcher David McNeeley 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.

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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 Hoeberling, Tyler Bennedict, 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 Hoeberling and Tunningley at third. Look for Tyler Kraus to back up all those spots.



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