Union Block property for sale — again

Lafontaines asking more than twice what they originally paid

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The former Union Block property in downtown Linden is for sale. A large real estate “for sale” sign was erected last week, announcing that the LaFontaine family has decided against developing the corner at this time.

“Sorry for the confusion that the building is now for sale,” David Lossing, a Lansing-based real estate developer and investor, said Thursday. “We’ve listed the vacant 49-acre parcel for sale for the LaFontaine family. The property has sat vacant since the historical building, which was destroyed by fire on May 19, 2007, was demolished later that summer. At the time of the fire, the building housed the Broad Street Grille, the Serendipity Day Spa, Blade Dental, CPA offices and second floor apartments.

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Michigan nuclear plants — are they safe?

Three in Michigan, Fermi II is mere 70 miles from Fenton

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As news broadcasts continue to cover the nuclear plant crisis and cleanup in Japan following the March 11 earthquake and subsequent tsunami, nuclear power plants across the United States are back in the spotlight.

According to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the combined effects of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan exceeded the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant’s design limits.

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Summary

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission closely regulates all nuclear power plants in the U.S. The three plants in Michigan have been found to be operating safely and in accordance with their license.

Argentine Township man hospitalized after bizarre shooting

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Argentine Twp. — A 47-year-old Argentine Township man was hospitalized with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to his chin on Thursday, April 7.

According to Argentine Township police, the man and his 38-year-old girlfriend argued at their home in the 9000 block of Finch Drive. The woman reported that her boyfriend kicked her out of their house.

The woman called a relative at 8:46 p.m. and asked that he come pick her up. She told him to wait in your community.

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BOARD UPHOLDS VOTE TO CLOSE SHERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

I understand the need for facts, but don’t deny us our passion, don’t deny us our feelings saying that we love our building.

Deborah Radoye
Sherman Middle School

Deborah Radoye, an eighth-grade teacher at Sherman Middle School in Holly, speaks passionately during a special meeting held at the Karl Richter Campus Monday evening, to reconsider the vote of the board of education to close Sherman Middle School.

See SCHOOL on 8

LANCASTER ADJUSTS 2011-12 BUDGET

By Tim Jagielo
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Linden — After dozens of public comments, the Holly Area Schools (HAS) Board of Education voted 6-1 not to reconsider closing Sherman Middle School (SMS). A special meeting was held Monday evening.

This vote upholds the decision the board made last week. The closing of the school was recommended by Superintendent Kent Barnes, and the housing study the HAS board facilitated that the building was too costly to renovate.

See SCHOOL on 8

SUMMARY

The HAS board of education voted 6-1 to uphold the decision to close Sherman Middle School at a special meeting on Monday.

Linden superintendent cuts his own pay

Reduces salary 10 percent, to $109,080 for 2011-12

By Anna Troppens
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Linden — In the current economic situation, Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo is changing his contract to help the district save money.

See SALARY on 8

“Nobody likes a cut in pay, but, in these times, I think it’s what you’ve got to do.”

Ed Koledo
Linden superintendent
GOT GOLD OR SILVER? CASH IN DURING RECORD HIGH PRICES...
COMPANY IN FENTON PAYING CASH ON THE SPOT!

They are paying out right on the spot for my stuff. Unbelievable!

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

A spokesperson for the event said he expects to spend in excess of $200,000.00 this week for vintage items and precious metals from local residents.

At previous events:
One person sold an old Gibson guitar that was purchased in the 1960’s for less than $250.00. A collector at the event paid him $2,175.00 for it.
Another person had a pocket watch collection that sold for $4,600.00, with one of the watches making up $375.00 of the $4,600.00 total.
A husband and wife brought in a box of old jewelry, wrist watches, coins and 2 German daggers from WWII and left $785.00 richer.

This is cool that something like this would come here to our town. Where else would this stuff ever be sold? The Refinery has teamed up with the collectors for a 24 month tour of the United States, both big and small towns, to dig up hidden gems.

DOZENS CASH IN YESTERDAY WITH JEWELRY, RAILROAD WATCHES AND GUITARS.
AN ESTIMATED $200,000 IN FENTON.

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

The first days of the 5 day reclamation drive in Fenton were a hit with those looking to sell their gold and silver coins. An estimated 55 people left the event with over $200 from old class rings, wedding bands, herringbones and gold teeth. Coins dated 1964 and earlier were bringing big premiums as well. Silver dollars, halves and quarters arrived in large quantities. Lots of gold coins were also brought in.

On the other side of the room were representatives from the Antique Association. They were purchasing all types of guitars, large currency bills dated before 1923, military items and pocket watches. One watch was purchased by a collector in Montana for $835.00. There were piles of sterling silver items like old silverware sets and tea pots. Company officials reported spending over $90,000 the first day of the event, alone. Brian Eades, with the Ohio Valley, said, “We have had an overwhelming turnout this first day, and we expect to get more busy every day this week.” The event continues today and runs through Saturday. It is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

COINS: All coins made before 1965: silver and gold coins, dollars, halves, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.
VINTAGE GUITARS: Martin, Gibson, Fender, National, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, Mandolins, Banjos & others
WRIST & POCKET WATCHES: Rolex, Tiffany, Hublot, Omega, Chopard, Cartier, Philippe, Waltham, Swatch, Elgin, Bunn Special, Railroad, Ebel, Illinois, Hamilton & all others
JEWELRY: Gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, rubies, sapphires, all types of stones and metals, rings, bracelets, necklaces, etc. (including broken and early costume jewelry)
ANTIQUE TOYS: All makers and types of toys made before 1965: Hot Wheels, Tonka, Buddy L, Smith Miller, Nylint, Robots, Battery Toys, Mickey Mouse, Train Sets (all gauges, accessories, individual cars), Barbie, GI Joe, German & others
WAR MEMORABILIA: Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWII, WWII, etc.: swords, badges, clothes, photos, medals, knives, gear, letters.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 217.787.7767

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
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Fenton, MI 48430
Directions: 810.714.7171
TIMES: TUESDAY–FRIDAY
9:00am–6:00pm
SATURDAY
9:00am–4:00pm

• Check It Out! •
**AVON CLAIM: Take off five years in 14 days**

Fountain of youth in a face cream?

By Sally Rummel
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A recent video clip about the Avon Anew Ultimate Gold Emulsion Face Cream last week on television had people talking. The clip was about cosmetic giant Avon’s claims to “take off five years in 14 days” with a series of anti-aging products geared mostly toward women from 30 to 60-plus years old.

In a cosmetic industry that is often more hype than help, this Avon product won over Detroit anchorwoman Paula Tutman of Channel 4, after following the two-week skin care progress of four volunteers, ages 34 to 66 — including one man.

A Berkley plastic surgeon, who did not know the brand name of the product, evaluated the results based on the reduction of age spots, fine lines, evening out skin pigmentation and smoothing out skin texture.

The response from this small TV study was overwhelmingly positive. For about $1 per day, users marked “noticeable improvements” in the reduction of sunspots, fine lines, “worry wrinkles,” smoothness in skin texture, etc.

The plastic surgeon gave the product a "See FACE CREAM on 9"

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**Fast track to a new career**

Training, knowledge and skills are key

By Anna Troppens
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Michigan’s unemployment rate in February was 10.4 percent, versus the U.S. unemployment rate of 8.9 percent. While things are looking better than a year ago (unemployment in Michigan has decreased by 3.1 percent), in the current economy, people need career training.

They aren’t going to walk into a good job, or a position with a track to a good job, without it, said Michael Kelly, executive director of the Michigan Community College Foundation (MCC).

Veterinary Technician Sheryl Alderman, of Pointe Animal Clinic, assists veterinarian Gary LaBar in surgery on Tuesday. Alderman is responsible for sterilizing the patient and handling LaBar’s instruments. A two-year vet tech certificate is one way to jumpstart a new career.

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Corporate greed on rise—again

Last April, the Baltimore Sun reported that Stanley-Black & Decker in Towson, Md., announced plans to lay off 4,000 of its 38,000 employees. Yet, according to USA Today, Stanley-Black & Decker CEO John Lundgren made more than $32 million in 2010, up 253.1 percent from the previous year.

U.S. Bancorp Chairman Richard Davis was paid $16.1 million in 2010, a 143.0 percent increase in compensation. In January, U.S. Bancorp announced that 64 workers in its Milwaukee office would be cut.

If I were a CEO being paid such astronomical amounts and people were being laid off, or struggling in a recession, at least in part due to the lack of pay increases, I would feel morally obligated to take less money. I would ask the chief financial officer of my company to share some of my wealth with loyal employees so that they could continue caring for their families.

One doesn’t have to be a liberal who believes in income redistribution to see the unfairness in disproportionate pay. Think of the kudos and favorable press coverage that would come to a corporate chief who shared his wealth, rather than lay off employees. It could change not only the media coverage of big business, but also the way the public perceives the super rich. Heck, some of them might even start voting Republican.

Five CEOs saw a slight decline in compensation, according to the USA Today data, but they still earned more than most lottery winners receive.

President Obama has spoken of some of these CEOs as not ‘needing’ the money they get. Again, that is a subjective judgment. What he should be doing is shamming those companies that lay off workers while paying their top management such exorbitant salaries and benefits. Stockholders ought to demand that no competent worker should be laid off if a CEO earns above a certain amount of money. Stockholders also have a moral responsibility beyond the dividends they receive.

Making money is a noble American objective, making a living is a noble one. Corporations ought to have enough decency and compassion to make sure no worker is let go solely to increase the bottom line or pad the boss’s pockets with more money than he (or she) can ever hope to spend in a lifetime.
Fenton 911 dispatcher speaks out

This week is Telecommunicators Week, America’s First Responders. Sounds like big shoes to fill, doesn’t it? I thought this would be a great week to tell you a little bit about this 911 dispatcher’s side of the phone and to tell you that I love what I do. I really do.

I have the answers. At least most people think so. I know the Fourth of July parade route, what time the fireworks will start and where and when the rubber ducks will hit the water. I know every race route, start time and why it’s being run. If the power is out, I usually know why. I can’t remember my anniversary, but if you ask me for a phone number or name, I can flip through my mental Rolodex and find it.

I know about the lives, addictions and mental state of our regulars. I feel like I have helped raise some of them. Sometimes, it has helped, and sometimes it has not. The failures make me sad.

I know the landmarks in town, such as Rockman’s curve, the hill, and the rock. I know that the museum used to be in front of the police station in a little house, and then moved to the library across the street. Then, the library moved to the old post office, which is across the street from the new fire hall that used to be an ice skating rink. Whew!

The children who call 911 are wonderful. They do what is asked of them without question. They are fearless. I especially love the children who tour our dispatch area. They ask the best questions. They love to share stories of their own, some best left untold.

There are dark days. I’ve heard the screams and hysteria while awful things are happening, all while trying to assure the caller that I will help. I personally know my officers. Their safety is crucial. I know what they want, how they want it and whom they want it from. It’s a wonderful day when we all go home, safe and sound. I feel I have done my part.

Dispatchers are at work on Christmas Day, Easter, and Thanksgiving and even in the middle of the night. I hope that is comforting. We train for the worst to happen, and hope it never does. No one calls us to say what a wonderful day he or she is having. 911 just doesn’t work that way.

But, I want you to know — I love what I do — I really do.

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Holly Township website now easier to use

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Township residents will find it a little bit easier to interact with their township government and administration. In late March, Clerk Karin Winchester finished significant update work to hollytownship.org, the official Holly Township website. This is the first major overhaul to the site since it was launched in 1999.

The goal for the website is to allow residents to get as much done online without having to leave their homes, said Winchester. The main changes are to the appearance of the site, and its ease of use.

The updated page includes six headings such as “About Your Government,” and “Services,” clearly labeled, on the front page.

Now, Holly Township’s meetings minutes and agendas, assessment amounts, tax data, and the ability to pay taxes are easier to find. “It’s all there on the front page,” said Winchester.

The website is a work in progress, and township is accepting feedback from the community. Winchester said the feedback has been really positive. “We have a lot to do, though. This is just the beginning.”

The update came at the request of the board of trustees in 2010.

VILLAGE OF HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Articles 11 and 17 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance the Village of Holly Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on two requests for a special land use permit on April 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 315 S. Broad St., Holly, Michigan.

Applications for special land use permits were filed by John Morris of 7269 LLC dba Well Greens to allow a Medical Marijuana Dispensary in a Commercially Zoned district located in an existing building at 4048 315 S. Broad St., Holly, Michigan.

Interim Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Holly
Cherie Hedrick

The Civil War and the law

On April 12, 1861, the Civil War began when Confederate troops bombarded Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

Eventually, Union Major Robert Anderson surrendered the fort, and the Confederates achieved their first victory of the war.

Almost four years later to the day on April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant. The surrender marked the official end of the Civil War and the end of the Confederate States of America.

The time in between these two dates was the most traumatic period of civil unrest in our country’s history, with 11 Southern states seceding from the United States of America and forming their own government, called the Confederate States of America or CSA, for short.

Eventually, the CSA adopted its own constitution, which copied most of the U.S. Constitution verbatim with some significant differences. These differences included the protection of the institution of slavery and provisions involving states’ rights.

In essence, the CSA was a separate country with its own executive, legislative and judicial branches. There was a Confederate post office complete with Confederate stamps, Confederate money, a Confederate flag and much more.

There were also provisions in the Confederate Constitution for a Supreme Court of the Confederate States and other courts using language identical to that found in Article III Section I of the U.S. Constitution.

Interestingly, although Confederate President Jefferson Davis did appoint judges within the individual states of the CSA, the Confederate Supreme Court was never formally established and during the Civil War, the CSA court system continued much as it did before the war began when they were U.S. Courts.

As we mark the 150th anniversary of the start of the war, we should never forget that between 600,000 and 700,000 people died during the conflict, which exceeds the number of combined deaths in all of America’s other wars.

This is a time to reflect on our history, and what happened before, during and after the Civil War — and how it has affected our country in so many ways.
Local municipalities share many services

More cooperation is possible

By Anna Troppens

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started in October 2010 to help save the district money.

That calls for moving seventh- and eighth-grade students to Karl Richter Campus (KRC), and keeping sixth-grade students at their respective elementary schools.

Trustee Michael Newcomb cast the dissenting vote. He was one of the board members who called for the special meeting. He previously said that the public at large was not able to offer their input, and that students were being moved to a less desirable campus at KRC.

“We had a middle school that worked. Now, we’re going to split up the school, and we’re being told this is long term, and that scares the crap out of me,” Newcomb said before the vote.

Trustee Dave Rath was the other member that called for the special meeting. He voted in favor of closing the school, because the initial concerns he had with the fairness of the study were answered.

“Was there was a group of names from every single building, there were parents, there were all sorts of different people involved in it,” said Rath, who was more concerned with the fairness of the process. He also mentioned that it was the focus groups that suggested including all school buildings in the study.

Much of the meeting was taken up by public comments from community members, some in support of the decision to close the school. Comments were made by faculty, students, and parents of students at the middle school.

Deborah Radove, an eighth-grade teacher at the middle school, voiced her spirited opinion in public comment. She spoke about passion, and also considering the feelings of the community, and not just numbers and the bottom line. “We just can’t look at numbers, there has to be passion,” she said. “We have to start thinking about our hearts what is best. Damn numbers are not going to tell us what to do.”

SHOOTING
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that her boyfriend had just shot himself, and that he was bleeding. The relative told her that she needed to call 911, but she feared doing so because she said her boyfriend threatened to kill her and himself if she called. At that time, the relative went to the Argentine police station to get help for the woman. Police went to the couple’s home, but it was unoccupied. Police noticed blood and a bullet hole in the ceiling. Weapons were confiscated for safety keeping.

Argentine police received word that a Perry police officer made a traffic stop on I-69 and had the Argentine Township couple in custody after the man, who was covered in blood, attempted to purchase beer at a local party store. The man and woman were suspected of being intoxicated.

Perry police recovered a loaded shotgun from the trunk of the couple’s Chevrolet Cobalt and executed a warrant for the man with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and carrying a loaded gun.

The man was transported to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing and was listed in good condition. The woman was later transported to the hospital after stumbling and hitting her head. The woman changed her story several times and insisted on being discharged so that she could be with her boyfriend.

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“Nobody likes a cut in pay, but, in these times, I think it’s what you’ve got to do,” Koledo said.

He was the one to propose the changes in his contract. The board of education will consider them at its April 20 meeting. According to Koledo’s insurance proposal, his salary will be reduced by 10 percent to $109,080 from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The administrative team and secretarial group took a 3 to 8 percent pay cut this year, he said. In addition, Linden Community Schools is negotiating with the Linden Education Association, which is the teachers’ union.

All of the district’s union contracts will end this year or next year. Koledo said. This includes contracts for five organized labor groups.

Koledo’s salary for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 shall be determined by mutual agreement, before the start of each period. It will range between a 5 percent increase or a 5 percent decrease year-to-year.

The board of education will provide 6 percent of the 2010-11 superintendent base salary, or $7,272, for a tax-sheltered annuity the board designates every year.

For Koledo’s insurance benefits, the board will provide $1,050 per month for purchasing insurance to cover hospitalization and major medical insurance. There is no compensation for the superintendent and his family. If the superintendent does not choose insurance coverage, he will receive $500 per month in lieu of medical insurance coverage. A vision and dental plan will be provided for the superintendent and his family. In the event that the superintendent doesn’t select vision and dental, no compensation will be offered.

“As the board looks to the future of remaining solvent as a district, with Linden Community Schools’ current revenues and costs, we need to reduce our salaries by about 10 percent and get a cap on health insurance,” Koledo said.

Linden Community Schools has been losing fund equity for five years, and the school board is looking to reverse that, he said.
Diane Patterson, of Fenton, said that people can use the product that best fits their needs. She has seen the video. “The show aired on TV, and they featured a product that was not what was on the market already.”

That didn’t stop excited customers from storming the two retail Avon stores in the Detroit area after people saw the video. “The show aired on a Monday, and by Wednesday, the Novi store was all out of the product and by Saturday, the Livonia store was too,” said Robbie Cool, one of 1,300 Avon district managers nationwide. “I had 90 jars in my storage area at home, and they were all gone. People would drive up to my house and say, ‘I want the product that they used on TV.’”

“It feels significantly better. Even if I could afford a more expensive product, I’d stick with this one.”

Marsha Spear, of Fenton, suggested that she use the 40-plus “Reversalist” products because of her skin texture, and she has been well pleased with the results. “I’m not the type to try and beat wrinkles at this point in my life, but I do want my skin to remain healthy,” said Spear. “It feels significantly better. Even if I could afford a more expensive product, I’d stick with this one.”

Jeffers emphasizes that the beauty of this anti-aging system is that clients can use the product that best fits their skin type, rather than their chronologi- cal age. Another local Avon representative, Diane Patterson, of Fenton, said that the whole line of Avon anti-aging products has been extremely popular. “The newest line is the ‘Platinum’ series, designed for 60s skin,” she said. “But the one that was featured was the 50+ Ultimate Gold Emulsion Face Cream. That product has actually been on the market for a couple of years already.”

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City considers Gazebo Park improvements

$62,000 in federal funds could pay for it

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — With $62,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money, the city of Fenton is looking into improvements at Gazebo Park. The funds must be allocated, and the project completed, by Aug. 30, 2012. said Assistant City Manager and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Michael Burns.

There currently is no handicap-accessible sidewalk route from City Hall or LeRoy Street to the Gazebo area. Fenton City is interested in constructing an access from this location to the Gazebo, which complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Burns asked its engineering consultants, to provide different options for the project. Two of the three cost estimates were more than the $62,000 CDBG — $81,500 and $114,800 (see sidebar).

Burns said Option 2 is not being considered. Council discussed how it would disrupt the lawn area used for park events.

The DDA has preliminarily budgeted $100,000 for this project in 2012. In addition to the access route, the proposed project includes repairs to the existing surface around the gazebo to remove trip hazards. The existing concrete and brick surface will be removed in some areas, but those includes will include new concrete. Also, the existing Gazebo structure will be fitted with a wooden ramp to provide ADA access.

What is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)?

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides communities with funding for a wide range of unique community development needs. The funding is for larger cities and urban counties, to develop opportunities to expand economic opportunities, for low- and moderate-income persons.

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NUCLEAR PLANTS
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Natural environmental disasters, as well as the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, have put ongoing emphasis on security. The main environmental concerns for nuclear power are radioactive wastes such as uranium mill tailings, spent (used) reactor fuel, and other radioactive wastes. These materials can remain radioactive and dangerous to human health for thousands of years, according to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Nuclear power is made when atoms within uranium pellets are split, releasing heat. That heat is used to boil water, build steam and crank turbines, which generate electricity for millions of homes and businesses.

There are currently 104 commercial nuclear reactors in 35 nuclear power plants in 31 states, according to DOE. Since 1990, the share of the nation’s total electricity supply provided by nuclear power generation has averaged about 20 percent, with the level of nuclear generation growing at roughly the same rate as overall electricity use.

There are three operating nuclear plants in Michigan and people should be aware of where they are located, what the plants provide and what they should do in the event of an emergency.

FERMI 2

The closest nuclear power plant to the tri-county area, in operation, is FERMI 2. This plant is located in Newport, about 70 miles southeast of Fenton, (35 miles south of Detroit) along Lake Erie. It is visible from I-75. The nuclear plant was named after Enrico Fermi, the first physicist to split the atom.

FERMI 2 began operating in 1965 and Detroit Edison Company is the operator of this plant. At this site is another non-operational reactor, FERMI 1. It was closed in 1972 due to reactor problems.

FERMI 2 operates on uranium oxide-enriched U-235 fuel. It has received four notices of violations from the NRC since 1996.

Cook Nuclear Plant

The second plant in operation is Cook Nuclear Plant, named after Donald C. Cook, a former board chair of the American Electric Power (AEP). The plant is located on 650 acres along Lake Michigan in the southwestern corner of the state in Berrien County. It’s owned and operated by AEP.

The Atomic Energy Commission granted the construction permit in 1969, and it was one of the largest construction projects, $1.3 billion, in Michigan. Unit 1 began operating in 1975 and Unit 2 began operating in 1978. Both units are pressurized water reactors and produce enough electricity for more than 1.5 million average homes.

Escalated Enforcement Actions Issued to Reactor Licensees

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Big Rock Point, in Charlevoix closed in 1997, due to water storage limitations.

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Prema Chandrathul, public affairs officer for the NRC, said all three plants in Michigan are operating safely and in accordance with their operating license. This would be equivalent to a letter grade of A. Chandrathul said the NRC focuses on ensuring the safety at all nuclear power plants. All plants are designed to take the most severe historical natural phenomena of an area and are required to be regulated by the NRC.

In an emergency, the nuclear power plants must have a plan in place to maintain cooling to the reactor core, the containment building and the spent fuel pools.

The NRC regulations are updated as new studies, events and issues become known, said Chandrathul. “Regulations are not written in stone,” she said. “We learned a lot from Three Mile Island and 9-11.”

The NRC employs two resident inspectors at every nuclear power plant in the United States. Chandrathul said these on-site experts walk the plant daily and know the plant’s design like the back of their hand.

According to the NRC, residents living within a 10-mile radius of a nuclear power plant involved in a radiological emergency may receive one or more alerts to warn them of an emergency. Nuclear plants are required to work with state and local authorities on their emergency plan.

If an alert is issued, residents are urged to tune their radio or television to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) station for their area and follow directions.

When asked if safeguards are in place if a terrorist intentionally steers an airplane into a reactor, Chandrathul said, the reactors are extremely robust structures. “Since Sept. 11, the NRC required plants to take additional steps to minimize the damage and risk to the public from a large fire or explosion.

“The requirements include minimizing fuel damage, actions to minimize a release to the public and using existing or readily available equipment and personnel.”

She added that studies show there is a low likelihood that an airplane attack on a plant would affect public health and safety, but the NRC works closely with other federal agencies like the Military and Department of Homeland Security to identify and protect critical infrastructure.

U.S. NUCLEAR EMERGENCIES

There has been only one nuclear emergency that resulted in an evacuation and the first nuclear power reactor started producing power in 1957. The accident at the Three Mile Island Unit 2 (TMI-2) nuclear power plant near Middletown, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 1979, was the most serious in U.S. commercial nuclear power plant operation history. The evacuation was recommended for pregnant women and preschool-age children within a 5-mile radius of the plant.

IF A NUCLEAR EMERGENCY OCCURS...

• Stay indoors until you are told it is safe to go out.
• Close all windows and doors.
• Turn off appliances to avoid fire and explosions.
• Don’t go outside to see what’s happening. If you must go outdoors briefly to warn someone during a nuclear emergency, wear a clear plastic or other type of air filter or mouth with a piece of cloth, such as a towel or scarf.
• Don’t use the telephone unless there is a serious need.
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HOW CONTAMINATION CAN OCCUR...

Dust-like radioactive particles released into the air during a nuclear accident could fall on fruits, vegetables, or grains, which could enter the food chain. For example, dairy cows and goats could eat grasses covered with radioactive iodine 131. Traces of the iodine could be passed through to the milk and then to consumers. Iodine 131 has the potential to concentrate in the human thyroid gland where it could cause thyroid cancer.

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Source: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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HOT LINE CONTINUED
NOW WE ARE spending more money with that stupid ‘Be Closer’ sign on the freeway. Residents should let the city know we are disgusted with how the money is being spent.

I FIND IT flabbergasting that the right-wingers want to take our children 26 and under off of our healthcare. All I can say is, ‘Wow.’ But, I’m not really surprised.

I WISH EVERYONE who believes in raising taxes would mail a check to the government and leave me alone.

I CAN’T BELIEVE the Methodist church has waited this long to sabotage the new restaurant in town. It seems to like they are trying to destroy downtown and not make it nicer.

I WONDER IF everyone is aware that Rick Snyder is only taking a salary of $1 per year.

I’M A MEMBER of the Methodist church and am embarrassed they waited until the 11th hour to protest against the restaurant. It’s a slap in the face to the people of Fenton and the DDA, who fought to bring this to town. The congregation should be ashamed.

YOU JUST PROVED the union movement correct. Without unions, we are at the mercy of Corporate America.

I CAN’T BELIEVE, after the Michigan Brewing Co. has jumped through hoops to get the restaurant in Fenton, the church is deciding to take action. If they want to do it, let them pay the taxes. They own half of downtown and don’t pay a thing.

WHY WOULDN’T YOU want a union? You get higher pay, work rules, job protection, and unions help stop companies from outsourcing. The middle class gets stronger, and members pay a small percentage of their paycheck to keep the union going. It is not about politics, people who don’t like unions are just plain jealous.

FENTON RESIDENTS, BEWARE. Many residents in the city of Fenton did not receive their water bill this month. If it is not paid by Monday, April 18, you will be charged a late fee. You have to call the city to find out the amount of your bill, and there is no grace period, whether you received a bill or not.

IS IT THE purpose of a labor union to get high wages and benefits for the workers? Yes. If the business cannot afford to pay higher wages and benefits, why doesn’t the union always seem to have lots of money to pay high wages for the leaders, lobbying and demonstrations.

WOW, I’M SO happy. I work retail and starting Sept. 1, no more having to price items. Yay.

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Holy Saturday, April 23rd • 11 am — Blessing of the Food Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 23rd • 8:00 pm

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• Wednesday April 20, 7:00 pm Sedar/Lord’s Supper Drama
• Good Friday April 22nd Worship 7:00 pm
• Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 23rd 10:00 am
Little Bunnies 0-10 are welcome
• Easter Sunday April 24th 10:15 am Worship A light brunch will follow.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you discuss the eating of canned tuna? I enjoy a tuna-salad sandwich once in a while. But I read that the mercury in tuna is harmful, especially to expectant mothers and small children, and to adults in general. I also read that light tuna is less toxic than white albacore tuna. Will you clarify this? — D.R.

ANSWER: Shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish are the fish with the highest mercury concentrations. Seafood that is low in mercury and quite safe includes shrimp, canned light tuna, salmon and catfish. Albacore (white) tuna has more mercury than canned light tuna, but it’s OK to eat 6 ounces of it once a week. Eating a tuna-salad sandwich, whichever the source of tuna, once in a while (once a week) isn’t going to cause any health problems.

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART I
Harry, Ron and Hermione set out on their perilous mission to track down and destroy the Horcruxes — the keys to Voldemort’s immortality. Without the guidance or protection of their professors, the three friends must now rely on one another more than ever. But there are Dark Forces in their midst that threaten to tear them apart. No longer just a boy, Harry Potter is drawing ever closer to the task for which he has been preparing since the day he first stepped into Hogwarts: the ultimate battle with Voldemort.

COUNTRY STRONG
Soon after a rising young singer-songwriter (Garrett Hedlund) gets involved with a fallen, emotionally unstable country star (Gwyneth Paltrow), the pair embarks on a career resurrection tour helmed by her husband/manager (Tim McGraw) and featuring a beauty-queen-turned-singer (Leighton Meester). Between concerts, romantic entanglements and old demons threaten to derail them all.

STORY: HOLLY WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE
‘‘The residents in Holly pay enough. If the village can afford to pay a new manager $80,000 per year, they should be able to eat the cost of their mistake. If they keep forcing the people who are left, there will be nobody left to pay. We will all be in foreclosure or gone.’’ — Bill

STORY: POT DISPENSARIES IN FENTON
‘‘State law already dictates that anyone who possesses a valid medical marijuana ID card can grow up to 12 plants in their home. So, because I live in Fenton, I have to advertise my medical marijuana status to the city and undoubtedly pay another fee, and end up in the city’s little black book somewhere, just to do what the state law already allows for. This is redundant and there are more important issues that need attention.’’ — Roger

STORY: KILLER WHALE
‘‘Leave them in the wild.’’ — JF

‘‘I don’t understand how Sea World can justify having Tilikum still there. I love Sea World, and have been there several times. But, if this was any other animal, it would have been humanely euthanized after killing one person much less three (at least two, for sure, and one, fairly likely). I am disappointed, because profits seem more important to them than the safety of their employees or, perhaps, even guests.’’ — WMH

STORY: MOVE MURDER TRIAL TO DIFFERENT COUNTY
‘‘Dominick does not get another chance. Why should you, Hayes, have a chance? Disgusting what you did to this innocent child of God.’’ — Judy

‘‘I can’t believe his attorney can stand there and say he’s not guilty. I know that’s his job, but really.’’ — Lilly

‘‘Throw the trial out and let him go. He will get a more fit punishment on the outside than he will in prison, since the death penalty is not allowed in Michigan.’’ — Dan
UNION BLOCK
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In October 2007, the Linden Firefighters Association donated a pine tree, which was then planted. Linden Fire Chief Brian Will said at the time that they planted the tree with the intent of giving spirit and hope for the loss of the Union Block building.
As the surrounding community came to grips with the historical loss, Sarah (Starrs) LaFontaine and her husband Ryan and Ryan’s brother Mike LaFontaine, Jr. came forward in November 2008 with the announcement that they had just purchased the property with the hopes of rebuilding.
In June 2010, the LaFontaines invited the community to the Masonic Lodge to view drawings of what they intended to build there. At the time, the family acknowledged that, because of the struggling economy, they were remaining flexible with their plans. Their goal, however, was to construct a great-looking building with a restaurant or café, outdoor seating, as well as other shops or businesses.
Realtor Tjader Gerdon said the sale price is $450,000 and that the seller would consider all realistic offers from qualified buyers, or possibly a land contract. The parcel measures 122.5 by 165 feet in size; however, there is a possibility of assembling a larger property, if a small adjoining parcel listed by Realtor Bruce Pollock is combined with the sale.
Linden Mayor David Lossing said he and other city officials were somewhat surprised when the “for sale” sign went up without the courtesy of a heads up. He said that the city has worked with the LaFontaines and encouraged the development while also understanding the economic conditions.
The mayor was also disappointed that an out-of-area real estate firm was selected to list the property. With an asking price of $450,000, the mayor said that is $264,000 more than what they paid for the property. “They’re making a buck off of what we lost,” he said. “That leaves a bad taste in my mouth.”
Lossing said he and other community members were so excited with the new owner having local connections. “But, such as life,” he said. “We’ll continue to talk with them.”
The mayor said he hopes that the new developer respects the wishes of the community and develops something similar to what was lost and not a big box store. “A Walgreen would be the wrong footprint,” he said.
Brian Will, the Linden fire chief and local Realtor, handled the sale when the LaFontaines originally purchased the property (seven parcels) in 2008 for $186,000.
From the Realtor’s standpoint, Will said he was quite disappointed when he heard about the sale and asking price. He acknowledged that a seller can list property for whatever amount they choose, but he was disappointed that the family did so with no communication locally.
“It’s more of a detriment than a positive, in my opinion,” said Will.
Due to depressed market conditions, Will does not believe the property would appraise for $450,000 since it sold for quite a bit less three years ago.
Mike LaFontaine, Jr. could not be reached for comment.
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Tigers finish with 1-2 record at Blissfield invite

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity baseball team likes to give themselves a good challenge during the spring break.

And that usually involves a trip to the Blissfield Invitational.

This year was no exception.

The Tigers went to the Blissfield Invitational and finished with a 1-2 record.

Things didn’t start out well, with the Tigers losing to Blissfield 11-1 in five innings and to Temperance-Bedford 11-1 in six innings, but they did bounce back to beat Taylor Kennedy 8-3 in their final game.

“We got beat 11-1 by Temperance Bedford and Bedford, and, basically the theme of those two games was you can’t make mistakes against good teams and be in the game,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said.

But against Taylor Kennedy, some of those mistakes were erased, resulting in the win. The Tigers also put together a seven-run second, resulting in the victory. During that stanza, the Tigers stole three bases and had four hits, including two-run doubles by Jamie Garcia and Josh Bryant.

“We did a whole lot of everything that inning,” Logan said. “We ran bases and got a couple of hits. We had seven runs on four hits.”

The Tigers added another run in the fifth on Eric Mowery’s sacrifice fly.

David Lenzi was the winning pitcher. It took him just 86 pitches to toss six innings of strong ball.

“It was a good tournament,” Logan said. “We’ve never gone down there and gone winless or undefeated. We’ve been lucky. We’ve not only got outside, but we have five games under our belt. We’ve been at it in that aspect.

The Tigers (2-3) travel to Flashing for a non-league doubleheader on Wednesday. The Tigers then travel to Detroit Catholic Central for some more non-league action on Thursday.

VanKuiken earns award of merit at conference

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Ask Holly Area Schools Athletic Director Deb VanKuiken why she’s been successful, and chances are you’ll deflect any credit that comes her way.

She’ll credit the support staff, the coaches, the athletes and the community around her before she’ll ever mention her own abilities.

But that’s OK, because she’s getting the honors that come with being an outstanding athletic director anyway. VanKuiken recently received the 2011 State Award of Merit from the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, at the state conference for athletic administrators.

VanKuiken has been an athletic director for 15 years, including the last nine at Holly High School.

“This recognition means that I’ve worked with a lot of great people over the years who have allowed me and supported me in my endeavors,” VanKuiken said. “You never feel deserving when you are given an award of this magnitude because without others it’s not even possible. I just happened to be the person who was highlighted with the award.”

VanKuiken has been involved in prep athletics for over 25 years, starting at Bridgeport High School as the boys and girls tennis coach, volleyball coach and softball coach. She then served as assistant principal and athletic director for six years prior to heading to Holly before the start of the 2002-03 school year.

While at Holly, VanKuiken has added three recognition programs to Holly schools — a Hall of Fame, one for state champions and another for college athletes. The school has hosted state track meets in 12 different sports as well. And the Holly athletic program has improved as well. The boys and girls basketball team made the playoffs for the second time in her tenure at Holly. The Holly boys and girls tennis teams continue to win Metro League titles at an alarming rate, while the Holly varsity boys soccer team also won their first Metro League title in school history during the fall. The varsity girls cross country team also remains a traditional Metro League championship candidate. The boys and girls varsity basketball programs each had strong winter seasons, and the varsity wrestling team went to the Team State Meet for only the second time in school history. The powerlifting program recently won state titles at the JV and varsity level and the boys and girls track and field teams are also consistent Metro League champion threats. This spring, the Holly varsity girls soccer team is among the favorites to contend for a league title as well.

She has served on the MIAA Board of Directors since 2001 and was the president of the MIAA in 2009.

“My primary goal is to give kids a rewarding and memorable high school educational experience,” VanKuiken said. “We have come a long way. We finished in good standing in the league the last few years in particular.”
FUGATE
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He was the only player returning with substan-
tial playing time from a year ago and led the Broncos towards becoming Metro
League contenders again. The point guard
led Holly in scoring and also assists.
“I’ve always been a good shooter, and this
year I focused on driving and we will come
to basket and being a point guard,” Fugate
did. “That was my position this year, to
handle the ball and distribute it. Last year,
I was a shooting guard. I really improved
my one spot. My dribbling improved. I al-
most got to a point where I felt I could go
anywhere with the ball and not get stopped.
My court vision got a lot better.”
Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance
Baylis thinks Concordia University is a great
fit for Fugate.
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Holly Brochos
The Bronchos came within
a point of a Metro League ti-
tle a year ago, and this year’s
team includes a lot of play-
ers from that squad that came
mighty close a year ago.
The Bronchos also include
one of the Metro’s best of-
fensive players — Natalie
Cieslak. Along with her return, three other All Tri-
County performers from last season — Melissa
Smiles, Olivia Smith and Lauren
O’Leary.
“We’ve got experienced
seniors and juniors back this
year,” Holly coach Mike
Steibel said. “Next year
will be more interesting (in
terms of replacing the
seniors), but right now
there are a lot of returners and quality
players back.”
“We have experience and aggressive
players. Our team play is exceptional
this year. As long as they stay together as a
team, we’ll do really well.”
Lake Fenton Blue Devils
The Blue Devils return 11 players from
a year ago, led by senior captain and out-
side midfielder Alexis Adams. Adams was
a member of our All-Tri-County squad a
year ago.
Other seniors that will help are forward Katie Auz-
itzin and Linda Marchlewski,
both captains. But, gener-
ally, this is a young team.
Coach Lenny Glassetter lists
four freshmen as key
members on this team.
“We are in good
shape,” Glasset-
ter said. “We have
good skills, and are
aggressive.
We have very
good leadership
this season.
Our injuries and our young age
are not a concern
in this season.”
Linden Eagles
The Eagles are looking
good too.
They are the de-
f e n d i n g
Metro League champs and return Player of the Year
Mary-Kathryn Fiebertnitz. But
she’s the only one returning.
Samantha Thornton was another
power scorer a year ago, and Me-
gan Harp helped the defense.
Both were on our All Tri-
County Team last year.
The Eagles return Lexi
Downes in net and have
other strong players
like Kelsey Brecht in
the midfield and Jordan
Sargent on defense.
“We have a lot back from last year, so we are kind
of cautious optimistic about where we are at
right now,” Linden coach Kevin Fieber-
nitz said. “I’m looking forward to the
season.”

SOCCER
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This 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 payment of a debt. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Scott A. Ryan and Kathleen M. Ryan, Husband and Wife, to Revere Mortgage, Inc., as Trustee for Ameriprise Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 20, 2009 in Genesee County Records, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Township of Flint, County of Genesee, Michigan, and are recorded in Genesee County Records, Michigan, as Dated: 1/28/2010 and recorded March 16, 2011. Said premises are situated in the City of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: One Hundred Thirty Thousand Eighty-Cents ($130,800.00) including interest 5% 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 thereof, at public auction to the highest bidder, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2 of Plat Liber 22, Pages 21 through 26 of the Township of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are recorded in Plats Liber 22, Pages 1 through 26 of the Township of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds, Genesee County, Michigan, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1 of said Alpino Ashor No. 3, being part of plat recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 50 of Alpino Ashor No. 3, being part of plat recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 60 of said Alpino Ashor No. 3, being part of plat recorded in the Office 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Ashleigh Jo Rizzi 1985-2011
Ashleigh Jo Rizzi - age 25, of Harrison, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Ashleigh was born July 11, 1985 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of Joseph Paul Rizzi Jr. and Cynthia L. "Kandie" Kernen. Ashleigh had resided in Harrison since 2004, moving from Holly, Michigan. Ashleigh was an avid horse back rider, artist and poet. She enjoyed playing guitar, drawing, hunting, and held a great love for, animals, especially dogs. Ashleigh is survived by her mother and step-father, Kandie L. and Sonnie Guiffoy of Harrison; her father, Joseph Paul Rizzi Jr. of Muskegon, Michigan; her son, Xavier "Dutch" Knight of Harrison, one brother, Spencer Guiffoy of Harrison; step-sister, Laura Corr and husband Nicholas of Okinawa, Japan; maternal grandparents, Robert "Bob" Charett of Harrison, Michigan and Vicky Charett of Holly, paternal grandmother, Dawn Rizzi of Ortonville, Michigan; paternal grandfather, Joseph Rizzi and wife Brenda of Pontiac, Michigan, paternal step-grandparents, Norman R. and Patricia A. Guiffoy of Midvilleboro, Massachusetts; maternal great-grandfather, Lorne Bird of Holly; uncle Ken "Charlie" Kernen and wife Suettia of Harrison; plus many aunts, uncles and cousins. Ashleigh was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Opal Cleo Bird. A Celebration of Life service for Ashleigh was held Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 1 PM from Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison. (899) 539-7810. Arrangements are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison.
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