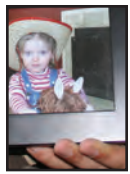


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COMMENTSSTORY: **PATERNITY**

Michigan paternity laws are awful. The biological father should be the legal father, no matter what.



Just because mom was married at the time does

not matter. What if a married man gets a mistress pregnant? Does that make his wife the legal mother? I'm fighting for my daughter. I want the biological dad to be declared the legal father."

— Kerry

"This is an interesting viewpoint from the standpoint of one situation gone wrong out of dozens of others which haven't. Should a whole law be rewritten based on one incident? I don't think so. This person has a right to try to protect his daughter. For the others, whose children are in a happy home, this is a slap in the face of the legal system and could disrupt years of family stability."

— Shannon

STORY: **POT DISPENSARY**

"Just what we need, more potheads driving around."

— Sam

HOT LINE: **SNYDER'S SALARY**

"Yes, Rick Snyder is only taking \$1 a year as pay, but he spent more than \$6 million of his own money to get the job. Why?"

— Frederick T.

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Foreclosures account for 30 percent of all home sales last year

► Buyers snapping up good deals

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton Twp. — The home foreclosure market is changing, and there are fewer bank-owned houses on the market than a year ago. Most major banks have pulled back and slowed down on home foreclosure processes, said Patrik Welty, of Legacy Realty in Fenton.

Now, instead of banks owning many foreclosures, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

and the U.S. Department of Agriculture own numerous foreclosed homes. The government insured the loans when these homes were purchased. And when the homes were foreclosed, the government paid banks off for the banks' investment. Still, the number of

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foreclosures in the local area is higher than before the economy dipped. Assessor Beth Redmond, for Fenton Township, says foreclosures made up 30 percent of all property sales (residential, commercial and industrial) in the township from Oct. 1, 2009 to Sept. 30, 2010.

See **FORECLOSURES** on 10

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This foreclosed home on Lakeshore Drive in Fenton Township was originally priced at \$549,900, but was lowered to \$435,000. It has already been sold and is being renovated.

New canoe/kayak launches coming to Bush Park



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Gathered around the new canoe/kayak launch sign at Bush Park donated by the Rotary Club are (front from left) Diane Coleman and Gary Coleman of Fenton Rotary Club, Sara McDonnell of U-M Flint Outreach, Fenton Rotary President Rob Petersilge; (middle) Andrew Brown and Bush Park Committee Chairman Bob Reynolds, both of Rotary; (back) Linden Mayor David Lossing, Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn, Tracy Boettcher, Brad Alvord; David Dixner, Maggie Yerman of the Keepers of the Shiawassee River and Brent LaVanway. (See story on Page 10)

Clogged sewer lines frustrate township officials

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Miscellaneous items that residents have put into the sanitary sewer system have caused blockages, which could wind up in people's homes if not removed in time.



Diapers, hygiene items, cleaning rags, LEGO toys, paper towels and kitchen grease pulled from pumping stations

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton Twp. — Township officials are pleading with residents to discontinue putting inappropriate

items into the sanitary sewer system.

During the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday Supervisor

See **CLOGGED** on 19Treasurer brouhaha
comes to a head

► Injured employee still
collecting \$45k per year

By Sharon Stone

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Rose Twp. — On Wednesday, April 13, the Rose Township Board of Trustees voted in favor of hiring Linda Kerr, the full-time deputy treasurer to bookkeeper and administrative assistant, by a vote of 3 to 2.

Treasurer Susan Slaughter and Clerk Debbie Miller voted against the motion, while Supervisor Alison Kalcec and trustees David

See **BROUHAHA** on 19Fenton man
stops teen from
jumping off third-
story balcony

► Trip to Costa Rica
leads to inspiring story

By Sharon Stone

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As others were unsuccessful in their attempts to save a teen, dangling from a third-story hotel balcony railing, Jeffrey Welch, of Fenton Township, calmed the 17-year-old New Jersey girl down and persuaded her to climb back to safety. This occurred at a hotel in Costa Rica, while Welch was there on a recent business trip.



Jeffrey Welch

See **TEEN** on 8



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Police accepting unwanted prescription drugs

► Local drop off sites announced

By Sharon Stone
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It's time to get rid of those unwanted prescriptions lingering in that bathroom medicine cabinet.

In an ongoing effort to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft, the Fenton Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be collecting the unwanted medicine from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 at the police station.

A second drop-off site is being set up at the Linden Police Department during the same hours and day, according to Chief Scott Sutter.

This is an opportunity for residents to rid their home of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted drugs. The service is free, anonymous and no questions would be asked, according to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro.

Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds (121 tons) of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.



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In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after last fall's event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amended the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them.

The act also allows the attorney general to authorize long-term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. DEA has begun drafting regulations to implement the act.

Editor's Note: See Sunday's edition for more information on a drop-off site at Holly Village Police Department.

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Spray-on tanning

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Australian Sun tanning center owner and airbrush technician Angie Jordan has been spray tanning for 11 years. Jordan said she spray tans between 35 and 40 people per week.

Summary

► Sunless tanning is becoming more and more popular as people become concerned about the health risks of the sun and traditional tanning beds.

► Safe, fast, easy way to achieve sun-kissed look

By Sally Rummel

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If you believe that "there's nothing new under the sun," then you haven't tried the new sunless tanning techniques that are beginning to replace a good old-fashioned tan.

No longer does a person have to spend hours under the sun and risk health and wrinkles for a sun-kissed look. Even tanning booth owners have jumped on the bandwagon of sunless tanning — offering an instant bronzed look with either customized airbrush tanning or automated spray booth tanning.

“It’s pretty perfect. Airbrush tanning is much more in line with our philosophy at The Retreat about healthy skin care.”

Kristen Steele, The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa

“It’s pretty perfect,” admits Kristen Steele, co-owner of The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa in Fenton. “Airbrush tanning is much more in line with our philosophy at The Retreat about healthy skin care.”

Master certified in airbrush tanning through
See TANNING on 8

A sweet holiday

► Easter candy brings in \$500 million per year

By Tim Jagielo

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A sign outside of Sweet Variations in downtown Fenton says “Fill your Easter basket here.”

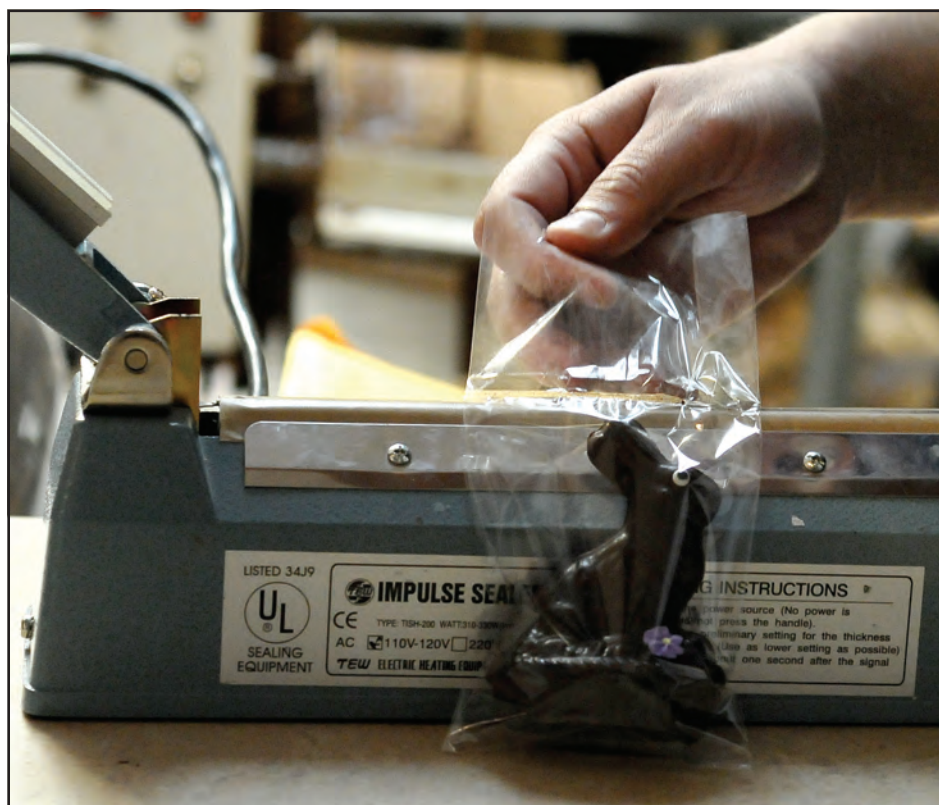
Summary

► Easter candy sales and creation begin right after Valentine’s Day for many businesses. A wide variety of sweets is available for the Easter Holiday.

Inside, the shelves are filled with hundreds of different Easter-themed candies, mostly classic chocolate bunnies. The air is literally filled with the aroma chocolate.

“All my little bunny elves have been working diligently,” said

owner and chief chocolatier Carol Schuler.
See EASTER CANDY on 9



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Another chocolate bunny is sealed into plastic at Sweet Variations in Fenton on Monday. The chocolatiers started working on Easter candy the day after Valentine’s Day.



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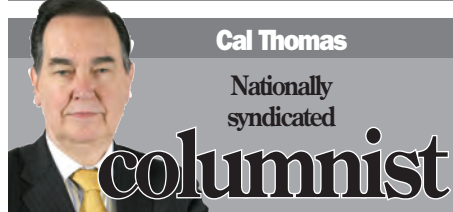
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Self-control — at all levels

Traveling through Ohio recently, where farmland extends to the horizon, I passed an inspirational yard sign: 'Self-Control: Having a life purpose bigger than self.'

It's a message our representatives in Washington would do well to learn, especially after months of raucous partisan bickering that nearly culminated in another 'government shutdown.'

Here in Ohio, farmers still labor to produce crops from the soil. In Washington, liberal politicians and lobbyists labor to produce careers for themselves and pry more 'entitlements' from overburdened taxpayers to give to people who, in some cases, have not earned them. People have been taught envy and entitlement in ways that would have shocked and angered our relatives who survived the Great Depression on far less.

In 2011, too many Americans complain, not because they don't have what they truly need, but because they don't have what they want, and worse, what they feel 'entitled to.' Too many suffer from an addiction to government checks. As Stephen Moore wrote last week in The Wall Street Journal, 'There are nearly twice as many people working for the government (22.5 million) than in all of manufacturing (11.5 million). This is an almost exact reversal of the situation in 1960, when there were 15 million workers in manufacturing and 8.7 million collecting a paycheck from the government.'

Democrats have a special interest in increasing reliance on the state because it keeps them in power. Among the many problems with that position is that at some point, consumers of other people's wealth become a majority. In order to sustain what those non-producers expect, government must borrow increasing amounts of money, because no one wants to say 'no' to what a voter wants.

Instead of demanding ever more from government, we must reclaim those basic virtues from The Greatest Generation and begin to do more for ourselves. That means younger people must take charge of their own retirement. It also means more people must stop worrying about health care and begin to focus on staying well. The healthier we are, the less we need doctors, hospitals and medical care.

It's called self-control.

GEE, YOU'VE FIGURED it out. The village is raising water rates to pay for police cars. It certainly wouldn't be because they need to pay for a multi-million dollar expansion of the water system. Theories like yours will doom us all.

WE ARE NOT bashing teachers. I had one that was my physics teacher and without him, I would have failed algebra, plus he was my golf coach. You people are missing the point. We, the taxpayer, cannot afford your golden health care and retirement plans. I keep hearing you cannot balance the budgets on the backs of teachers. Well, you cannot retire and get 100 percent health care on the backs of taxpayers.

THE AREA TEACHERS have proven they can do their jobs well (rising MEAP scores). To thank them, it is expected that they willingly accept salary concessions and benefit reductions. Drastic times call for drastic measures. The primary purpose is to educate. Perhaps it is time to eliminate all nonessentials. Bussing and all sports may need to be eliminated or funded by user fees. What do we value? Follow the money.

TO THE PERSON who made a good wage for a good job done, I am sorry you pity union workers, but don't you pity everyone? We all live under leaders who make decisions we don't like. I like unions because unlike your perfect job, some people work 25 years only to be let go because they are an 'at will' employee and some fresh new hire can replace them for much cheaper. Job security.

FOR THE GUY in Holly that wants to build an outhouse because of the increased

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sewer, save your money. Come on over to Fenton Township and use my bathroom, I am trying to get my money's worth for our bill.

THE WIDENING OF Fenton Road, from Butcher Road to the Fenton City limits, is just another example of how politics continue to fail us. It's not free money. Where does everyone think the Genesee

Road Commission gets its money? I am pretty sure the traffic studies were done when U.S. 23 was under construction and Fenton Road was the alternative detoured route. Spend that \$3 million-plus on fixing roads that already exist.

I WOULD LOVE to see consolidation of our three local school districts. A great opportunity was lost last year when both Lake Fenton and Fenton schools were hiring superintendents. Don't worry, the Republicans plan to save business billions, bankrupting even solvent districts will allow the state to mandate consolidation as they see fit. Tell your school boards to wake up to economic reality.

WE ALL CHOOSE a profession in life, be it a teacher, construction, retail, etc. They all come with pros and cons and ups and downs. It is what it is. If you don't like what you do, change it.

THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER should be the one charged with the hit and run. Who has time to sit and wait for you to go to work, then return to exchange insurance information?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

From the
editor**Happy Easter**

What is your Easter tradition?

My tradition changes every year now that my children are grown and spread out living in different parts of the state and country. Sometimes, I go to Traverse City to spend time with my daughter and grandsons. Sometimes, all of my kids spend Easter at my home, and we attend a church service and enjoy the traditional ham dinner and all the fixings.

This year, my granddaughter, Gianna, who is 7 years old, flew by herself from Washington D.C. to spend her Easter and spring break here, with her family members in Michigan. We will color Easter eggs, go on an egg hunt, fly kites (if the weather cooperates) and enjoy a dinner with family and friends.

So, I guess I would have to say that my Easter tradition — is family.

We at the Tri-County Times hope all of our readers enjoy their own traditions and wish all of you a Happy Easter.

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Readers write

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Dangerous crosswalk

Dear editor,

The crosswalk on Silver Lake Road, west of the southbound U.S. 23 ramp is dangerous, especially for those crossing from north to south. If you push the crosswalk button and wait for the white crossing light to come on, and then proceed to cross Silver Lake Road, you will be shocked to learn that the green, right-turn arrow for eastbound Silver Lake Road to southbound U.S. 23 is still on.

I found out the hard way when I stepped out from in front of a large truck in the through-lane to be nearly run down by a car making a right turn onto the ramp. The car was making a legal right turn as far as he was concerned and rightly so.

I assumed that the crosswalk sign meant it was safe to cross. Don't you believe it.

— Clifford Green, Fenton

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What is your favorite Easter candy?

North Road Elementary School
second-grade students

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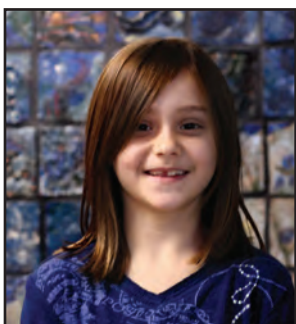
"Reese's peanut butter cups, because they're really peanut-buttery, and really chocolaty and I like it."

— Hayden Stepp



"Usually the chocolate. I just really like the chocolate."

— Drew Athearn



"Huge chocolate bunnies, because you can't finish a bunny in one second. You have to eat it every day."

— Maggie Lutz



"Jelly beans, because they're juicy and they taste really good."

— Emily Hamlin



"Jelly beans, my second favorite is Starburst."

— Cailee Marsh



"The chocolate bunnies, I like the solid ones."

— Christopher LaFave

Principal ecstatic over MEAP results

►Lake Fenton schools in top five of all areas

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton — Lake Fenton Middle School Principal Daniel Ferguson stood before a gymnasium full of enthusiastic students and parents and announced that the school scored higher than the county average and was in the top five of all areas of the most recent MEAP.

To rounds of applause and shouts of excitement, Ferguson could barely contain himself as he announced the MEAP results. He was extremely proud of the accomplishments of his students and teachers.

The sixth graders ranked second in the county with their math score, 96 percent passed. Last year, they ranked 11th in the state. The county average was 84 percent.

For social studies, 87 percent of the sixth graders passed and ranked fourth in the county. In reading, 93 percent of the sixth graders passed. They went from 11th in the county last year, to second this year, behind Linden.

In all, the sixth graders were the highest ranking of any school, said Ferguson.

For the seventh graders, Ferguson said 94 percent of them passed the math portion of the MEAP. The county average was 84 percent. Last year, they ranked 13, this year seventh graders at Lake Fenton Middle School ranked number one.

"We're back," said Ferguson.

In reading, 90 percent of the seventh graders passed the reading test, third in the county. For writing, the seventh graders scored the highest in the county.

"We're back," said Ferguson.

In all, the seventh graders were the highest ranking of any school, said Ferguson.

At the eighth-grade level, 86 percent of the students passed the math test, third

in the county. The county average was 74 percent. For reading, 93 percent of the eighth graders passed, putting them first in the county. The county average was 80 percent. In science, 94 percent of the eighth graders passed, putting them first in the county.

"We're back," said Ferguson.

In all, the eighth graders were the highest ranking of any school, said Ferguson.

The principal told the room full of cheering students about the ninth-grade social studies test. He said when the current ninth-grade class was in sixth grade, they were sixth in the county. This year, they tied for first in the county with Fenton and Grand Blanc.

Ferguson pointed out to the students that they were in very good company with their MEAP scores, by being at the top with Linden, Fenton, Grand Blanc and Goodrich.

MEAP:

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A LIBERAL THAT wants government out of their lives, there 'ain't' no such thing.

IT SEEMS THE Republicans in office only support corporate socialism.

PARENTS, REMIND YOUR daughters that spreading rumors about another person is a form of bullying. Remind them that they would not like it done to them. If they think someone said something about them and they are 'getting even,' that whole thing might have been a misunderstanding.

EVERY MORNING, A police officer picks up Gov. Snyder in Ann Arbor and drives him to Lansing and returns him to his home each night. Does the officer's pay cover the gas and insurance?

WE, THE PEOPLE, would like the opportunity to get a job and be a 'winner.'



Mark McCabe

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The legality of the National Day of Prayer

In 1952, the U.S. Congress adopted a joint resolution that was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, calling upon the president to issue a yearly proclamation setting aside a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer. President Truman declared July 4, 1952 as the first National Day of Prayer.

This law was amended twice, once in 1988 and again in 1998, and currently the statute provides that the National Day of Prayer shall be on the first Thursday in May and will be a day on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and mediation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.

All of the presidents have made proclamations since 1952 including President Barack Obama, in 2009 and 2010. In 2008, a group called the Freedom From Religion Foundation Inc. filed a federal lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin challenging the constitutionality of the statute as being in violation of the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The Establishment Clause is found in the Constitution's First Amendment and states that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.

The plaintiff sued President Obama, his press secretary and others, requesting that the statute be held unconstitutional and the president be enjoined or prevented from issuing annual National Day of Prayer proclamations.

On April 15, 2010, the Federal District Court held that the statute was unconstitutional, finding it violated the Establishment Clause and granting an injunction to the plaintiff prohibiting the president and his press secretary from issuing further proclamations effective at the conclusion of any appeals.

The case was appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals Seventh Circuit and on April 14, the court rendered its decision.

The court held that the plaintiff did not have what the law refers to as 'standing' to initially bring the lawsuit, as the law does not specifically cause injury to the plaintiff but rather imposes duties on the president alone who, as the opinion states, was not complaining. The opinion went on to indicate that the proclamation is in the form of a request and not a command and people are free to follow it or ignore it as they please. Accordingly, the lower court's decision was reversed.

There are many decisions from the courts regarding the Establishment Clause. I suspect that the plaintiff in this case might ask the U.S. Supreme Court for leave to appeal the Seventh Circuit's decision. As it stands now, there will be a presidential proclamation for a National Day of Prayer this year. If the Supreme Court accepts the case for an appeal, the final decision promises to be an interesting one.



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Village manager presents balanced budget to council

►High-priced expenditures eliminated

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — The Holly Village Council has received the proposed 2011-12 budget from Village Manager Jerry Walker. The village's revenue sharing will be cut, like other municipalities that are facing declining revenue.

"Certainly our revenues do not meet our expenditures in the past," said Walker after Council member Tom Clark asked if the village was in debt.

To balance the budget, Walker eliminated large expenditures such as police cars or dump trucks, which kept the village budget balanced.

"You can't do that forever, you need to have those things, but the budget we've presented is a balanced budget," said Walker.

BUDGET FACTS:

Actual revenue 2010
\$3,026,279

Estimated revenue 2011
\$2,908,954

Expenditure summary 2011
\$2,745,510

"The budget we've presented is a balanced budget."

Jerry Walker
Holly Village manager

The public can look at the proposed budget at the village's office, and a copy will be available electronically within a week. The public hearing for the budget is May 24, at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

In the future, Walker said there would be more work to balance the budget, and he would be looking at items like health care.

Proposed Budget Public Forum:

Tuesday, May 24 • 7 p.m.
Holly Village Council chambers

At least \$113,740 to bring township office in accordance with ADA

By Sharon Stone

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Rose Twp. — At the recommendation of Redstone Architects, the Rose Township Board of Trustees voted in favor of sending a letter of intent to Envision Builders, Inc. to have the company complete code modifications to the township office. The building would then be in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Of the five bids received, Envision

Builders submitted the lowest bid, at \$113,740.

The board expects to hold a special meeting to award the bid to Envision Builders.

Kalcec said previously that the improvements would include a reconfiguration of the stairways with a wheelchair lift and a ramp for some of the township buildings. The ramp leading to the township meeting hall will be renovated as well.

LF principal candidates down to three

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton — The interviewing phase to hire a new principal for Lake Fenton High School has begun.

Out of a field of 61 applicants, the Lake Fenton Board of Education and administrators interviewed the top eight contenders last Tuesday and Wednesday. Following those interviews, the number of potential candidates was

narrowed down to three. The final three applicants, Todd Reynolds, Galesburg-Augusta High School principal, Jason Schrock, Howell High School assistant principal, and Scott Leach, Summerfield Schools junior/senior high principal, were interviewed Tuesday evening.

The person hired to be high school principal will replace Jerry Kramer, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

Summary

►The Lake Fenton Board of Education and administration interviewed eight candidates who applied to be the next high school principal. Those eight candidates were narrowed down to three. Final interviews were held Tuesday.

Police&Fire report

RESIDENT WARNS OF TELEPHONE SCAM

Richard Livingston, of Fenton, wants to warn others about a telephone scam. A person with a Jamaican-sounding accent told Livingston that he won \$10.5 million, but for him to receive the money he would have to wire \$399, through Western Union, to an address in Birmingham, Alabama. He said the unknown caller told him that if anyone at Western Union asks him about the transaction, he was to tell them that he was sending money to a friend. Livingston reported the calls to Fenton police; however, at this point no crime has been committed. He has not fallen for the fraud and urges others to be wary of similar calls.

HOME INVADERS KICK IN DOORS

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department is investigating two break-ins, which might be related. Det. Sgt. Michael Ignash said between 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, someone kicked in the door from the garage to a house on Torrey Grove. On Saturday, April 9, between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and midnight, someone kicked in the exterior door of a home on Wiggins Road. Once inside, the suspect(s) made off with several personal belongings, including a Wii, jewelry and a computer. There are no suspects at this time.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF THE CITY of Fenton wants to make some money to get out of debt, then maybe they should put in place a city tax for anybody who works in the city of Fenton. I, for one, work in the city and would be happy to pay a minor tax if it helps the city out.

■■■■
THE GOP IS putting forth an effort to save the country. They make budget cuts in spending that makes the economy stronger. Food, gas and other costs have been going up, with inflation increasing. Obama and the Democrats' plan is to raise taxes to take more money from the public and cut very little. Democrats keep letting the crazy spending continue. Obama supporters must believe the government spends money better than the individual that earns it.

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TEEN

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Welch, 38, is an incident manager for Hewlett-Packard. He recently traveled to Costa Rica on business to help train, mentor and provide leadership oversight in starting up a new network operations team.

Early one morning he awoke before his alarm went off. As he brushed his teeth, he heard screaming. Without giving it a thought, he threw on his shorts and ran from his hotel room, toward the commotion. Initially he thought it was just some kids messing around, but soon realized that something was terribly wrong. As he ran toward the screams, he found a young woman clinging, by one arm, to the outside railing of a balcony. As her mother was screaming for help, she was threatening to jump.

Welch recognized the girl as one he and a co-worker had spoken with, along with her mother, the day before. During their previous conversation, the girl, who was a high school junior, told Welch that she was excited about going to college and becoming an electrical engineer. He said when they met, she was articulate and smart and seemed so excited about college.

"I was absolutely shocked when I saw her," said Welch. "Nobody could get her in off the balcony."

As he rushed to the girl, he realized she was distraught and not responding to her mother or hotel security. Welch, who is a former Marine, went through an adjacent room and yelled out her name; at which time he said, she 'came back to reality.'

"She snapped out of it," he said. "I remember it like yesterday."

"She said to me, 'Please help me.'"

Welch calmed the teen and got her to climb back over the railing to the safety of the balcony. He went with her and her mother to a medical team that was on hand. Wanting to see how she was doing, Welch visited her at the hospital the next day. "Her mom broke down into tears when I walked in," he said. He added that the girl's mother said her daughter was about to jump.

"God had a plan that day and obviously, I was part of it."

Jeffrey Welch
Fenton Township resident

Welch said, he did not want to take any credit for what he did and believes he was just at the right place, at the right time. He was supposed to have taken this trip two weeks prior but it was delayed. He also said that an impromptu, late-night swim at the hotel's pool several hours before he found Victoria hanging from the railing, gave him the opportunity to meet the girl and her mother.

Shortly after Victoria was taken to the hospital for observation, Welch attempted to sort through what had just happened. Because of the time difference and early morning hour, he waited a little while before calling home to his wife, Jaime.

He and his wife have three children, a sixth-, eighth- and ninth-grader at Lake Fenton.

Welch said he has stayed in contact with the mother and daughter and now that word is getting out, he has been receiving a ton of e-mails from friends and even strangers.

"God had a plan that day and obviously, I was part of it," said Welch.

TANNING

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Norvell Sunless in Tennessee, Steele customizes each client's tan so that it's a natural, bronzed look — not that dreaded "orange," which was often the result of sunless tanning lotions from 25 years ago. "The only way you'd get an orange tint to your tan would be with too much solution," explained Steele.

Also offering airbrush tanning locally is Australian Sun in Fenton. Owner Angie Jordan has been offering this type of customized tanning for over 11 years. "It is really, really popular," said Jordan. "It's safe, fast and convenient. Clients can get the results in just one day, rather than taking a month to build a tan in a traditional tanning bed. I'd say airbrush tanning is now about half of my tanning business."

The actual process of airbrush tanning takes only a few minutes, but the full development of the tan takes several hours, up to 24, to reach its maximum bronze. A female client goes into an open-sided booth, wearing a bathing suit, undergarments or nude, depending on whether she wants to avoid tan lines. A male client must wear either briefs, bathing trunks or shorts.

The person doing the airbrushing then stands in front of the client, while he or she moves around at the instruction of the air brusher, ensuring an all-around even tan.

How does airbrush tanning work?

The airbrush tanning system distributes a tan color to the skin using an air compressor and an airbrush delivery system. The compressor forces air out through the end of an airbrush, which holds the solution in a separate chamber.

The active ingredient in the solution is dihydroxyacetone (DHA), a common ingredient in the food prep industry, according to Steele. Most airbrushing solutions also contain an external bronzer, which begins to show immediately as soon as a client has been sprayed. "The higher the percentage of DHA in the solution, the darker your tan will be," said Steele.

The airbrushing takes place at the epidermis level of the skin, which is the outer layer of skin that contains a person's dead skin cells. Once the DHA has been applied, it reacts with the amino acids contained in the dead skin cells to give rise to a brown pigment called melanoidin, which is linked by lysine chains to the proteins contained in the skin. The DHA does not infiltrate any further than the outer stratum corneum of the epidermis, so the bronze color will last only until the dead skin cells slough off the body. That's why additional sessions are needed to maintain the tan.



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The spray tan solution is mostly sugar cane. It also includes aloe vera and other chemicals that exist in many cosmetics.

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— CONS —

- **Tan needs** to be maintained regularly.
- **Client needs** to be careful about tanning solution "rubbing off" onto clothing, in rare instances.
- **Risk (very rare)** of allergic reaction to DHA.
- **Needs to** be done by experienced air brusher.

The tan, itself, lasts up to one week, but those results are dependent upon the maintenance of the tan by the client. "You have to moisturize, moisturize, moisturize," said Steele. Clients are also advised not to shower until about 24 hours after the airbrush, to maximize its overall effects. Body soaps, body washes and scrubbing the skin will prematurely lose the tan more quickly than simple washing and rinsing with recommended products.

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Sandy Marino, of Holly, buys Reese's Pieces and peanut butter cups at Kmart, to have on hand for her grandchildren for Easter.

EASTER CANDY

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To prepare for the Easter holiday, she has increased production. The work begins right after Valentine's Day. "We're very happy Easter's later this year," said Schuler. Easter is the largest holiday for candy, larger than Valentine's Day for Sweet Variations, and the candy industry in general.

According to the Nielsen Company, consumers will buy 120 million pounds of candy the week leading up to Easter, spending about \$500 million. Of the 120 million pounds of candy, 71 million of it will be chocolate, as compared to the 48 million sold leading up to St. Valentine's Day.

At Sweet Variations, the shelves are stuffed with chocolate bunnies in different shapes, sizes, and flavors. There are classic milk and dark chocolate bunnies, but also white chocolate, key lime, and crushed Oreo cookie flavors. Among the bunnies are solid chocolate cars, airplanes, dinosaurs and fish.

Easter candy sales are strong enough to help a small shop like Sweet Variations make it through summer when candy sales are slower, said Schuler.

Diane Allen, a customer, was in the shop looking for maple candy. She prefers dark chocolate and almond logs for Easter. "Anything that has to do with chocolate," she said. She also likes black jellybeans and robin egg candy.

Easter candy sales for other retail stores, including Kmart and VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway, pick up right after Valentine's Day. Kmart will sell six pallets of candy, and VG's Grocery will sell five.

On Monday, every bit of Easter candy at Kmart was already on the floor, and marked down to almost half-off. Candy sales are sporadic at both stores until this week, according to assistant man-

What's in a basket?

- Chocolate bunny
- Jellybeans
- Loose candy
- Small gifts

tips...

- **Do not store** chocolate in the refrigerator. It will absorb the moisture and smells of the fridge.
- **Older chocolate** can be chopped up and put on ice cream, or melted for hot cocoa. Dark chocolate can be melted and used on steak.
- **There are two** ways to eat Peeps. The first is to eat them at Easter, fresh in the package. They can also be eaten after a few months of sitting in the packaging with a few holes poked in the plastic.

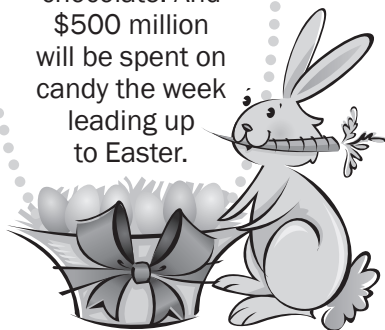
— Carol Schuler, Sweet Variations

ager Ken Senopole and VG's store manager Laurie Bishoff. "It's flying off (the shelves) now," said Senopole.

Kmart sells less assembled baskets than before, according to Senopole. "People like to be creative and make their own," he said. Kmart sells more jellybeans, while VG's sell more of the classic chocolate bunnies. "I think they're the anchor of the basket, that's probably why," said Bishoff. Customers look for the candy that is mostly available on Easter, such as Cadbury Eggs, and Peeps.

DID YOU KNOW?

Consumers will buy 120 million pounds of candy, 71 million of which are chocolate. And \$500 million will be spent on candy the week leading up to Easter.



"All my little bunny-elves have been working diligently."

Carol Schuler
Owner, chocolatier,
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Calendar of events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

The Fenton Education Association is hosting a **"Meet the Candidates"** night tonight (Wednesday) at 5:30 p.m. in the Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School media center. The public is welcome to come and see the candidates who are running for the two open board seats in the May 3 election.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Argentine Church of the Nazarene located at 16248 S. Seymour Rd. in Linden is holding its 12th annual **Community Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m. A Pancake Breakfast will be served from 10 to 12 p.m., \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

On Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m., Loose Senior Citizen Center, 707 N. Bridge St. in Linden will be hosting a free **Singalong**. The theme will be country music with lots of good old-fashioned cowboy music. For more information, call (810) 735-9406.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Fenton City Council will be holding its all-day **budget worksession** on Saturday April 30, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Fenton Fire Department, 205 E. Caroline St. The public is welcome.

News briefs

Fenton City Offices closed Good Friday

Fenton City Offices will be closed on Friday April 22, in observance of Good Friday. If needed, residents can make any payments to the city by leaving them at the drop box at the Fenton Police Department, which is always open.

Fenton Township awards maintenance contract

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to award a one-year lawn and maintenance contract to Michigan DPW, LLC. The company, based in Flushing, submitted the lowest bid, at \$8,580. Shoemaker Services, of Fenton, submitted the next lowest bid, \$9,310. Shoemaker, which had been the contractor for the past couple of years, had done a nice job. However, in light of budget issues, officials said it was important to take the lowest bid. Michigan DPW will provide lawn, landscape and beach maintenance and related services for the facilities and properties owned by the township.

Swing into spring



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Students romp on the playground at North Road Elementary School despite the unseasonable mid-April snowfall on Monday. Richard Harrah, 9, plays on the tire swing, as Hailey Prater, 9, watches.

Canoe/kayak launches coming this spring to Bush Park

►New sign donated by Rotary Club

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — A new sign at Bush Park encourages guests to keep their park clean and shows paddling tips. With art by Gayle Vandercook, the sign is a \$2,000 gift from Fenton Rotary Club, with the Fenton Community Fund, said Bob Reynolds of Fenton Rotary, chairperson of the Bush Park Committee.

Later this spring, around May or June, two canoe/kayak launches will be added at Bush Park, to the north and south of

the sign. The Keepers of the Shiawassee River, with a grant from REI outdoors co-op, are building the launch to the south, while Fenton Rotary is handling the one to the north. It will create a short, quarter-mile stretch for children to enjoy in inner tubes, and for beginning paddlers to try their hand at a canoe or kayak.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fenton's Fourth of July festivities were once held at Bush Park. Fenton Rotary has an agreement with the city of Fenton, for the city to have a park there and for Rotary to put money into it to improve it. Rotary's efforts began in 1997.

Source: Bob Reynolds, Fenton Rotary

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FORECLOSURES

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This isn't different from anyone else, she said. Ten years ago, Fenton Township had only around four to five foreclosures, annually.

In general, foreclosures are priced more affordably than owner-occupied homes, Welty said. Legacy Realty professionals see a number of people buying bank-owned properties, either as a principal residence or as an investment.

And it's not just the low-end foreclosures that are selling, Welty said. Some of the sales are for very expensive, waterfront houses. Buyers tend to snap up attractively priced foreclosures.

However, buying a foreclosed home doesn't automatically save someone money, he said. A home might be in poor condition, or it might not be priced well.

"There are lots of people starting the home-buying or investment process looking at bank-owned properties and assuming it's a better deal," he said.

However, a house might be damaged due to not being winterized, for example. This can harm the plumbing. In addition, people might have stolen copper pipes to sell them for scrap metal. Sometimes, the

previous residents take cabinets, vanities and anything else out of the home that they can sell.

All of this poses challenges for the home inspection that is required before it's sold. It can be more difficult for a buyer to find out the condition of the rest of the plumbing, if a section of it is missing, Welty said.

If the house has significant damage, a buyer might have problems getting financing on it. In addition, the cost to make repairs might erase a lot of the advantage of buying it.

A Realtor can help someone tell the difference between a foreclosure they might want to buy, and one that's "too far gone" and overpriced, he said.

Redmond said Fenton Township's assessing department schedules walk-

throughs on foreclosed homes to determine if there is damage and what condition they are in. The assessing department makes adjustments in the

homes' true cash value for the next year.

For those who would like to find foreclosures listed for sale, she suggested looking up "foreclosures in Fenton" on the Internet.

"The banks are giving them away," Redmond said.

"It's not just the low-end foreclosures that are selling."

Patrik Welty
Legacy Realty



SENIOR *Living*

Many options for active seniors

From recreation to volunteering

By Anna Troppens

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There are many places tri-county area seniors can turn to for recreation and fun activities.

"Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation has several programs geared specifically toward the seniors in our area," said Lesley Tarsi, Marketing and Promotions coordinator.

Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) offers activities just for seniors, or they can join in other adult groups. They can join in for a

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Summary

Local seniors can choose from a wide range of activities and classes, just for them. Places to check include Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden, and the Fenton and Holly chambers of commerce.

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Grandparents, quite often, used to live next door or at least in the same town as their extended family. The reality for many grandparents in today's mobile society is that regular communication more likely involves texting, e-mail or Facebook, as opposed to face-to-face visits, phone calls and weekend "overnights."

When Chuck and Janet Roberts, of Holly, want to see their two youngest grandchildren, Natalie, 10, and Hunter, 7, they have to either trek up to Harrison or wait for their son, Jim and daughter-in-law, Mandy, to come down for a visit. But they can keep their relationship close by using the computer. "Natalie and I chat back and forth on Facebook or e-mail," said Janet, 72, a mother of two, grandmother of seven and a great-grandmother to one.

Creating time for the generations to spend together is very important, not only for the grandparents, but for the grandchildren. Grandparents and great-grandparents represent the grandchild's personal connection to the past — the link to their family's history. They have lived through three stages in their lives, childhood, adulthood, and grandparenthood. They educate and nurture in ways that the grandchild's parents simply can't, because of time constraints and their own lack of experience.

Creating memories together is one of the best ways to bond that special grandparent-grandchild relationship. For the Roberts, that meant gathering all their grandchildren together back in 1995 - there were five at the time — for nine-day RV trip.

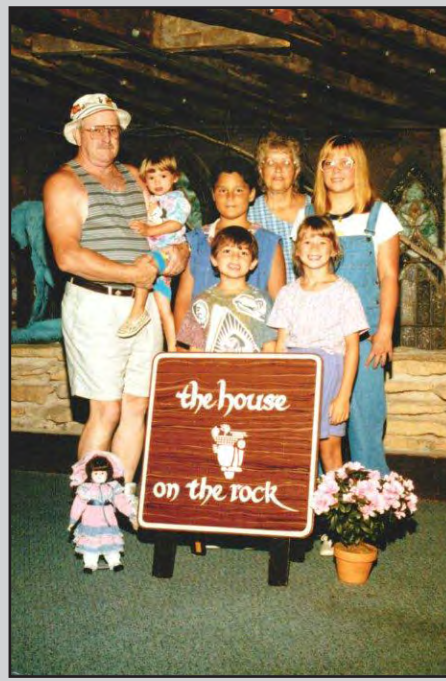
"The kids were 2½ to 15 at the time," said Janet. "We had just retired. We started out in Michigan and went to Illinois to visit Chuck's family. From there, we went to Wisconsin and visited

Spend quality time with your grandchildren

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



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Denise and Paul Penwell, of Fenton, get down on their knees to play with 8-month-old grandson, Jace.



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Chuck and Janet Roberts, of Holly, planned an extended trip with their grandchildren back in 1995. The "kids" still talk about it today, even though they are all grown up.

the Wisconsin Dells and the House on the Rock. We traveled the full length of Wisconsin and up in Michigan's U.P.

"We camped for several days at Copper Harbor and watched the bears getting into the Dumpsters at night for food. After nine long days, we returned home,

exhausted but happy!"

It was a trip the family stills talks about, even though the oldest grandchildren are now 30, 26 and 21. She and Chuck are now working on plans for a trip with the youngest grandchildren, to replicate that idyllic multi-generational

Grandparents

A loving grandparent can make a real difference in a child's life, as grandparents are important links to a family's history and traditions. Here are some ways to keep that link strong and vital, according to grandparents.com:

- ▶ Take an active interest in their hobbies, sports or other extracurricular activities.
- ▶ Visit them regularly. Plan weekly meals for those grandchildren who live close by. For those who live further away, make plans to visit on holidays and for other special events.
- ▶ For those younger grandchildren who live too far away to visit weekly, send photographs of yourself. Younger children also love videos of grandparents reading them stories or singing songs to them.
- ▶ Telephone your grandchildren regularly.
- ▶ E-mail and instant messaging are good methods of communication with older grandchildren who may live miles away.
- ▶ When you are with your grandchildren, spend some time together just talking. There is no better way to share quality time than by talking to each other, whether about the day's events or about what they like to do. Take this time to learn more about each other.

experience.

New grandparents Paul and Denise Penwell, of Fenton, are already dreaming of a future Disney vacation with 8-month-old Jace, when he gets just a little bit older.

"We don't want to miss a thing," said Denise, who admits her face "lights up like a light bulb" as soon as she sees her grandson. That's now happening more often as the Penwell's daughter Lindsay, 25, and her husband, Brent, just moved back to Fenton.

"I'm going to make time to babysit," vows Denise, who has been awed by the experience of being a first-time grandparent. "It all goes by so fast."

The affection seems to go both ways. "As soon as he sees us, he lights right up, too," said Denise. "He giggles at us — it's so fun!" She enjoys giving Jace a bath, because he loves to play in the water, while her husband, Paul, enjoys "floor sports" like building a fort with him and "rough-housing" a bit.

"Uncle Logan," Dad Brent and Grandpa Paul are already picturing Jace as a 6'4 240-pound quarterback," she added. "I'll be happy if he's just a big, strong, honest young man."



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Benefits of assisted living

►Small, home-like atmosphere is comforting

By Sharon Stone

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Your widowed mother no longer has the desire to prepare her own nutritious meals, she's lonely and she sometimes forgets to take her medications. What should be done to ensure she is safe, well fed and living a lifestyle she deserves?

Families facing a similar situation might want to start checking into assisted living facilities in their hometown.

An assisted living level of care describes options between independent living and skilled long-term care. Some facilities offer private apartments or rooms, while offering tailored medical care to suit each resident's needs.

While some residents might only need meals and cleaning, others might also need dressing, bathing, monitoring of medications and transportation for doctor appointments and shopping.

Most of the assisted living facilities offer their services through hospice and end of life.

While some facilities are large by design, for efficiency, they might not feel like home. At Caretel Inns of Linden, the designers have created a home-like atmosphere by building separate inns. Each inn is small with its own cozy dining room, courtyard, gazebo and separate entrance. While the living spaces are separate and private, they are connected to allow for common services.

The Leighton House Inn at Caretel Inns of Linden is the assisted living inn. The facility also has the Turner House Inn, which is for Medicare rehabilitation and skilled nursing care and the Monet House Inn, which provides care for those with memory loss.

All rooms in the Leighton House Inn include a kitchenette, private bathroom, and cable TV. Rooms come fully furnished or guests may bring their own furniture.

The Inns of Caretel have been designed for the convenience of the family as well as the guest — that means no set visiting hours. Family members will be given their own key to enter the inn.

Sarah Brasseur, a caregiver at Fenton Assisted Living, said it can reach the point when placing a loved one in an assisted living facility is in the best interest of that person. She said some elderly individuals become forgetful, even about daily hygiene routines.

At this facility, they take in only up to six residents at one time because it is a small home. Brasseur said, because

the home is small and there are few residents, the residents receive more one on one attention from the trained staff.

With dementia common, she said having a routine becomes so important. "Believe it or not, they'll kind of remember it," she said.

Having an exact daily routine helps ensure the resident is completing all of the necessary tasks, such as teeth brushing, bathing and taking medications. Brasseur said sometimes a person suffering with dementia, or one who has bouts of forgetfulness, may think they've bathed in the past day or so, but sometimes it could have been, in reality, two weeks. She said staying on a routine cuts down on viruses and infections.

At Fenton Assisted Living and their other Posey's Senior Care Homes, families sign a contract to visit at least once per month. Most of the families of residents visit once or twice per week. "They like family to visit and be involved as much as possible," said Brasseur.

Holidays remain important for many families and Brasseur said if a resident is capable of leaving the home and visiting with family, the family is encouraged to take the resident out for a few hours.

Having treasured photos and a special chair or quilt can have a comforting effect on someone who has been placed in an assisted living home. She said residents are welcome to bring along some of their personal belongings.

Though the home has private and semi-private rooms, Fenton Assisted Living has a family room and living room. The family room, with a TV, becomes the activity room. Visiting families can use these rooms.

Depending on the level of their needs, residents do socialize with one another. Some remain very social, while some act as protectors or coddlers. "Individual personalities affect each other in different ways," she said.

Adjusting to this type of move can intensify confusion for a resident; however, she said staff members strive to reassure families that their loved one will be taken care of better than if they were on their own.

Some families seek the assistance of support groups. "In most cases it's harder on the family than the resident.

"This is their home," Brasseur said.

John Hawkins, owner of Almost Home Assisted Living in Fenton, said families should make sure they are placing their loved one in a home that is licensed by the state. Employees

must undergo a background check and be fingerprinted.

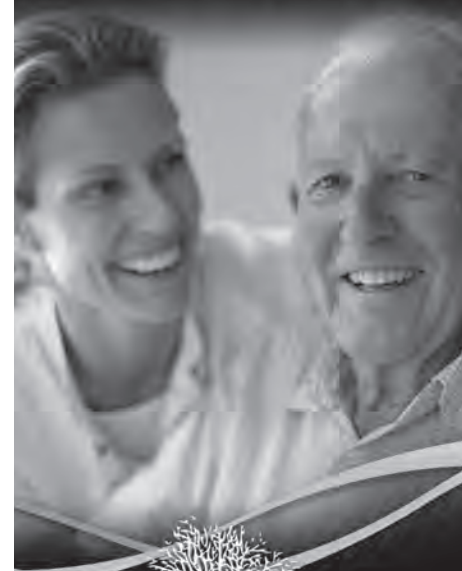
Families should ask at every home they visit, if it is licensed by the state. They should also ask to see the license, which must be posted. Licensed homes are extremely controlled, said Hawkins. "They can shut us down in 24 hours. We have to do things the right way."

Hawkins said the Bureau of Human Services oversees the licensed adult foster care homes, and complaints are to be directed to them. He suggests families ask around or ask for recommendations from local senior centers. "Word of mouth is the best way to find a home," he said.

Most often, assisted living homes are small and privately owned. "We've been lucky," said Hawkins. He believes his employees take care of the residents as if they are their own relatives. "The people who really care, want to work at the smaller homes," he said.

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Thursday, April 21st • 7:00 pm
Rev. E. Taveirne, Preaching
- **Good Friday**
Friday, April 22nd • 12:00 pm at FUMC
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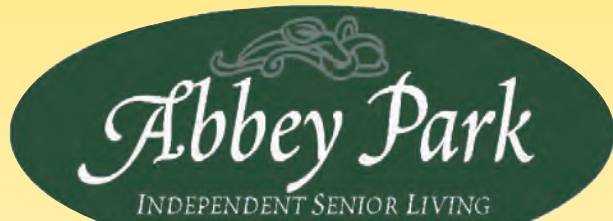
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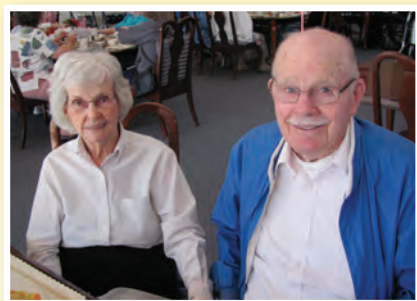


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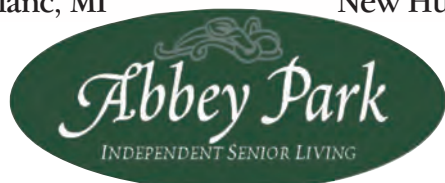
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Simplify *your* life by downsizing

By Sally Rummel

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If you are experiencing the empty-nest syndrome or are at that time in your life when you're looking to "downsize" from a family home into something smaller, how do you make that transition an easier one for yourself and your family?

First of all, look for a home that will be easier for you to maintain and navigate as you age. That's the advice from Ken Brant of Coldwell Banker Professionals, formerly Coldwell Banker Brant Realty in Fenton. "Lots of people are looking for ranch-style homes, with easy access in and out, as they prepare for the next phase in their lives," said Brant.

Whether or not you're able to make this kind of transition will depend upon your family's finances and how much equity you own in your current home. If you're one of the fortunate ones to own your home outright, this may even be a time to consider a "second home" in the warmer climates of Florida or Arizona, where the large number of foreclosures have created a "buyer's market," according to Brant.

If you plan to downsize in the near future, here are a few ways to start the process:

Identify where you'll take your unneeded items.

To more easily deal with the emotional attachments you have to family heirlooms you may have had for a long time, make a decision as to where items will go, by making a list as you walk through the house, according to about.com/moving. Maybe some of the items will go to relatives, friends, charities, or to auction.

Assess the new home

Obtain a blueprint or layout of the new home and find out exactly the size of each room. That way, you can decide which large pieces of furniture can move with you. Knowing what pieces will fit and what won't will make the decision to get rid of things a little easier.

Measure each piece of furniture, so you know how much furniture will fit in each room.

Go through each room and ask questions

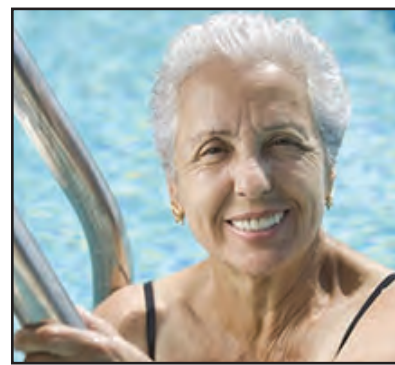
First, start with the areas of your home that you don't use much, such as the attic, the basement, the laundry room or spare room. It's easier to get rid of belongings from rooms that are mostly used for storage. There is less sentimental attachment and more items that are simply being stored rather than used.

Pack as you go

Gather packing supplies and sort, pile and pack as you make your way through each room. Keep items you're donating or giving to friends or family in one room or area of the house, preferably, somewhere that you don't go very often.

Once you have many items ready, call the people whom you'd like to have it, whether it's your family or a charitable organization. Get items out of your reach as soon as possible. It's so easy to change your mind or to start pulling items out of the pile.

• Be kind to yourself or the relative who is moving — it's a significant change that is both physically exhausting and can be emotionally draining. If you can't decide what to do with an item, remember that it can go into storage until you're ready.



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special day of activities — Senior Friday — from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. It includes a day of activities sponsored by The State Bank and SLPR. Lunch is available, for a small fee, by calling (810) 714-2011 for a reservation. There also are activities like Bingo, Bunco, Euchre and line dancing (between \$1 and \$3 to participate).

SLPR also has card playing groups for seniors, an activity that helps players stay "mentally sharp." This includes a Duplicate Bridge Club and a Senior Card Club that meets during the school year. The Senior Card Club members play bridge, poker, euchre, dominos and other games. The club runs through June on Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Loose Senior Center in Linden, 707 N. Bridge St.

"We also offer Senior Splash at the Fenton High School swimming pool, with a session going on now," Tarsi said. "This is a low impact and great exercise program for senior citizens in a refreshing atmosphere!" It is 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays and 11 a.m. to noon Fridays, through May 25.

The Fenton Swingers, also offered through SLPR, is a group of senior citizens who meet at 4:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month during the school year. Potluck dinner meetings, which are social in nature, take place in the Fenton High School cafeteria. If the school is closed, there is a power outage or bad weather, the Fenton Swingers will not meet. Call 810-750-1137 for more details.

Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation has online registration for classes (www.slpr.net), or visit its main office located inside the FCCC, 150 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. For more information, call (810) 714-2011.

In addition, Loose Senior Center provides or coordinates many programs, classes and services for those 50 and over. There is a lunch program, classes on nutrition, assistance with obtaining food, opportunities for fun, physical activity; arts and crafts — and ways to volunteer to help others.

In addition, local chambers of commerce, in Fenton and Holly, have volunteer opportunities for seniors to help represent the chamber and/or assist with chamber events.



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Edward Jones financial representative Katie Rozen assists a senior with his retirement planning at Rozen's Linden office.

Making the most of your retirement income

►There are options for those on a fixed income

By Sally Rummel

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With today's CD rates hovering at around half a percent, senior citizens who are living on a fixed income may need some professional assistance to make the most out of their retirement income.

Katie Rozen, financial representative for the Edward Jones office in Linden, said that her company's status as a limited partnership gives her the ability to do what's best for people without having to worry about answering to shareholders. "It's what sets us at Edward Jones apart from many other financial offices," said Rozen.

"CD rates are extremely low right now," she added. "While people were happy with CDs as an investment tool for many years, now they are looking for other options. I still believe that there is a place for CDs in a fixed income portfolio. But there are other options we can explore with them to help them meet their financial goals."

While some people are understandably cautious about using annuities as an investment option, Rozen said there is a place for them. An example would be—for a retired couple, perhaps, with no pension, whose Social Security benefits don't cover their basic needs.

"Certainly, a client with a pension, Social Security benefits, whose basic needs are being met would not be looking at an annuity," explained Rozen. "But for others, it could be a guaranteed income without the 'ups and downs' of the stock market."

Another alternative option would be bond ladders, with varying dates of maturity, allowing a client to take advantages of varying interest rate environments. A third alternative would be dividend-paying stocks, which would allow a client to participate in the stock market over the long haul, if he or she was anticipating a long retirement of about 25-30 years.

Not one of these solutions is the "per-



"Today's seniors really bring out the planning side of investment planning."

Steve Ellegood,
Alpha Financial Services

fect" solution, said Rozen, but all can have some merit to a person's portfolio.

Finding new resources is another way for any senior citizen to improve his or her living circumstances. Steve Ellegood, of Alpha Financial Services, suggests that each person establish the goals they have for their finances—whether it's to live out their lives with enough money, to help grandchildren with their college expenses, etc.

"Today's seniors really bring out the planning side of investment planning," said Ellegood. "Now they have to ask themselves what they are going to do with the resources that they have."

This information is especially relevant in light of today's low CD rates, according to Ellegood. He has been able to help a number of people who are at least 65 years of age and are wartime veterans of World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam or the Gulf War, in obtaining the Veterans' Administration Aide and Attendance Pension.

A veteran, spouse or couple may be able to between \$1,000 and \$1,950 a month to their income with this pension. "A lot of people don't know about it," said Ellegood. "I discovered it when helping my own mother and stepfather, as they were looking into an assisted living facility."

"It's amazing what an extra \$1,000 a month does for a person's lifestyle and peace of mind," he added.

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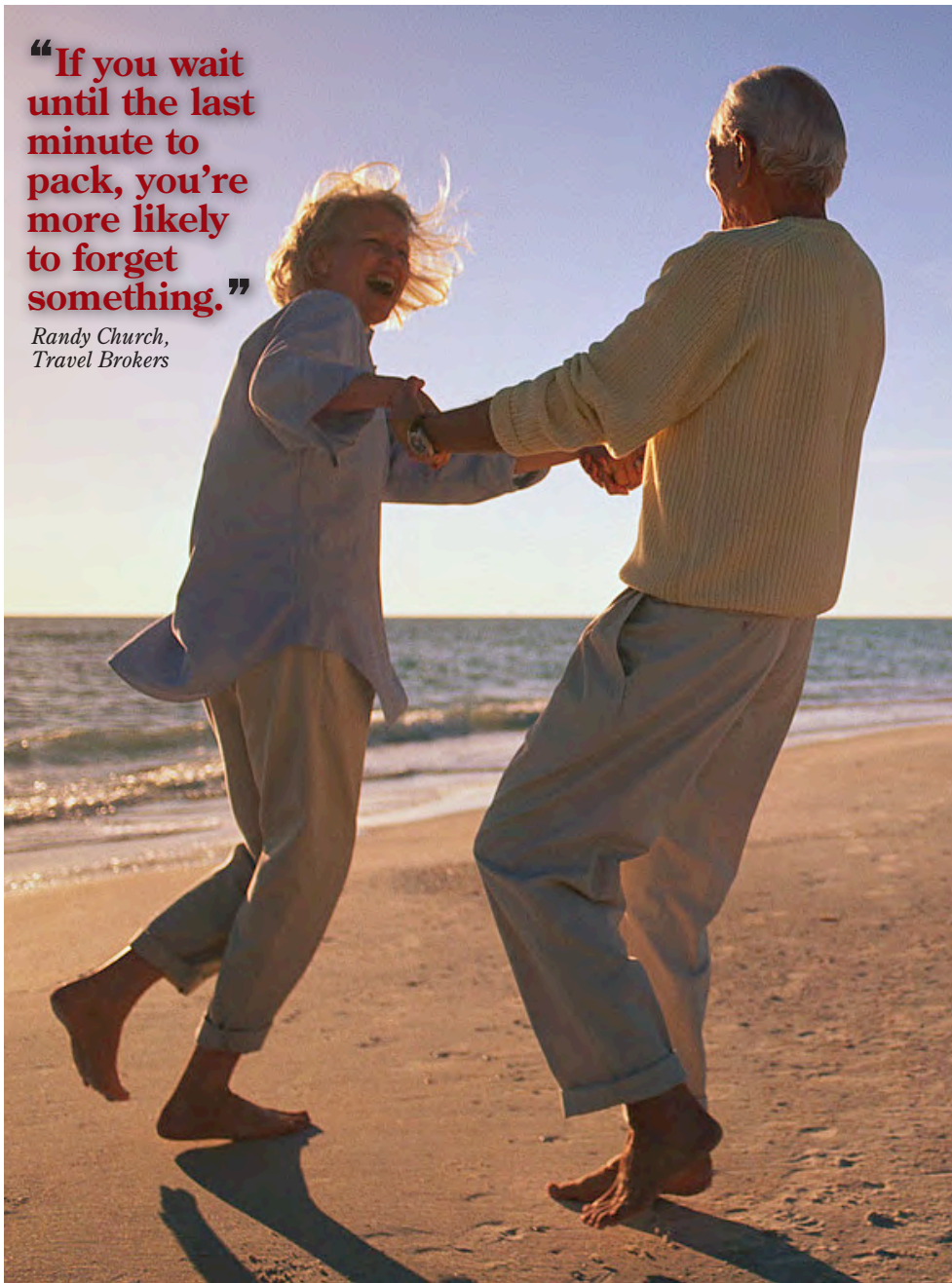
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“If you wait until the last minute to pack, you’re more likely to forget something.”

Randy Church,
Travel Brokers



Travel tips for seniors

Planning and preparation are key

By Tim Jagielo

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What keeps every senior safe while traveling is what keeps all travelers safe, according to Randy Church, vice president of Travel Brokers in Fenton. “A lot is common sense and would apply to all ages,” he said. “Most of it is just planning ahead. Be ready to do things you don’t usually do.”

And Church suggests planning early. “Make lists of things you’ll need, such as extra clothing. Bring your phone and its charger. If you wait until the last minute to pack, you’re more likely to forget something,” he said.

When on a trip or vacation travelers walk more, get in and out of cars more, and spend more time in the sun. “They have to plan for that,” Church said. Travelers should remember sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. Comfortable shoes are very important, also.

Seniors more likely have more medication than younger travelers, and need to make sure they bring enough for the duration of the trip. Some drugs that are legal and avail-

able in the United States might not be available in a different country.

Church suggests that seniors have adequate health insurance coverage when leaving the country. Find out if your coverage will protect you where you are going. It also wouldn’t hurt to visit a doctor before traveling, especially when traveling abroad.

Church also advises checking on the weather conditions of your travel destination. Bringing a variety of clothes will ensure a safe and comfortable trip. Also, make sure you have the correct documentation for the destination, including visas, and passports.

If traveling by air, get up and move around the cabin a little to keep circulation in your legs, especially on longer flights. If possible, get a seat by the bulkhead for the extra room.

Quick travel tips

- ▶ Plan ahead with packing.
- ▶ Check on health insurance if traveling overseas, and bring enough medication.
- ▶ Remember sunscreen, sunglasses, and comfortable shoes.



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Gordon and Dianne Scheib-Snyder voted in favor of it.

Kalcec said, because of the lingering issues with the township's audit, the township needed to hire a bookkeeper. "It's a good solution for everyone," she said.

An independent audit for fiscal year

Summary

►The Rose Township Board of Trustees, in a split vote, approved naming Deputy Treasurer Linda Kerr to the position of bookkeeper/administrative assistant, pending the legality of the job title and description.

2010 found several violations and the state treasury department has asked for corrective measures. If issues are not resolved, the township faces a variety of actions from the state.

Slaughter, who receives a full-time salary of \$45,000 per year, has not worked at the township office since April 2010. The supervisor has said that her absence has

hindered the township's ability to have accurate records.

Slaughter has said she fell, had surgery and subsequent complications. The office is not yet handicap accessible and Slaughter says she will not return until the building is brought up to code and until her doctor says, she can return. In the meantime, she works from home.

In response to a resident's question and a request that she resign, Slaughter told the audience, "I'm a disabled person. I had surgery, had complications and cannot function normally at that building."

"I can work from home as much as the township allows me, until the office is fixed. When the building is fixed, I'll be there."

Miller pointed out that the township already hired a certified public accountant to perform these tasks. She said, "She (Kerr) doesn't, nor will she have, access to the general ledger. The bookkeeper is a like a personal secretary to the supervisor."

"That is a conflict of interest. This is

unlawful. I won't give up my statutory duties."

Slaughter said, she contacted the Michigan Township Association and was told that a deputy treasurer cannot be the bookkeeper. "She can be the deputy treasurer and administrative assistant, but not the bookkeeper," said Slaughter.

Gordon was in favor of having Kerr be the bookkeeper/administrative assistant. "The auditors say we need a bookkeeper," he said.

Kalcec suggested they remove the word bookkeeper from the job title if that is what it takes to have Kerr assist with the work. Kerr, who was in the audience, told the board that she has already been assisting and would continue. "I do all the treasurer's work without you (Slaughter) at the office," Kerr said. "I like the deputy treasurer's work. I like bookkeeping."

"It's not about the title, it's about helping."

"I feel it could work both ways, but not if we're all not working together. I'd be willing to help everyone."

Slaughter said the township needs to obtain a legal opinion on this move.

Kalcec motioned that the board adopt this resolution with the intent of moving forward, pending the legality.

Gordon said, "We need

someone to watch over you two (Slaughter and Miller)."

Kalcec said it was imperative to keep the township business going regardless of the politics.

"Your actions are unlawful," Miller said

Kalcec said, "We'll find out if it's legal."

Chester Koop, the former township supervisor, attended the meeting. He said the board has been discussing the hiring of a bookkeeper since 2009. He accused board members of protecting their turf, rather than addressing the issues at hand.

Board members were asked to bring back suggestions as to finalizing the job title and job description so that Kerr would be permitted to assist with the finances.

"We need someone to watch over you two (Treasurer Susan Slaughter and Clerk Debbie Miller)."

David Gordon
trustee

CLOGGED

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Bonnie Mathis said when clogged sewer lines at pumping stations were recently cleaned out, workers found not just one professional mop head stuck in the line, but two. The township has 57 pumping stations that it monitors, approximately the same as the city of Detroit, according to the supervisor.

Mathis said businesses and homeowners must refrain from putting anything down sink drains or toilets that could clog the lines. Workers have found diapers, hygiene items, cleaning rags, LEGO toys,

Summary

►Fenton Township officials are urging residents to be aware of what they are placing in their sinks and toilets. Workers have had to pull inappropriate items out of the lines at several of the 57 pumping stations within the township.

paper towels and grease, possibly from cooking in the drains.

Mathis and Treasurer John Tucker, who serve on the sanitary sewer system committee, said the sanitary system users' quarterly bill of \$255 is

bad enough without having to incur these unnecessary costs.

If a clogged line is not cleaned out, it has the potential of backing up into residents' homes, said Mathis. When residents or businesses pour grease down the sink, cold weather could solidify the grease, causing a blockage.

Tucker was baffled as to how two mop heads ended up in the sewer lines. He urges residents who see anyone other than real sewer workers opening or inserting items into sewer manholes to call the township office at (810) 629-1537.

"We need to know about it," said Tucker. He and Mathis suspect how these items may have gotten into the lines; however, they do not have evidence yet to back it up.

Tucker said it is costing thousands of dollars and that it is a frustration for the township. "Please call the township," he said.

"How did two mop heads get in our sewer system?"

John Tucker
Fenton Township
treasurer

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

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Sunday's Jumble answers

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Just on the cusp of World War II, King Edward VIII (Guy Pearce) of England abdicated his throne, basically handing the crown to his younger brother, Prince Albert, the Duke of York (Colin Firth), who really would rather have stayed a prince than take the responsibility of the Empire on his shoulders. The main problem — a

lifelong debilitating speech impediment that prevented him from speaking in public. His wife, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter), arranges for her husband to see an eccentric speech therapist, Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush). After a rough start, the two delved into an unorthodox course of treatment that allowed the King to overcome his stammer and take charge of his nation.

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Eight months after their little boy is killed in a car accident, Becca and Howie Corbett (Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart) are trying to return to their everyday existence — but are caught in a maze of memory, longing, guilt, recrimination, sarcasm and tightly controlled rage from which they cannot escape. While Becca finds pain in the familiar, Howie finds comfort. Becca hesitantly opens up to her opinionated, loving mother (Dianne Wiest)

and secretly reaches out to the teenager involved in the accident that changed everything (Miles Teller); while Howie lashes out and imagines solace with another woman (Sandra Oh). Each reaches out in their own way to re-engage themselves in their new world.

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- 8 Pond organism
- 12 Wealthy
- 13 Boxer Muhammad
- 14 Adolescent
- 15 Old portico
- 16 Home aquarium
- 18 Shirt style
- 20 Third rock from the Sun
- 21 Anonymous Richard
- 22 Lobbying org.
- 23 English composition
- 26 Sarge in military slang
- 30 Before
- 31 Dine
- 32 Female deer
- 33 Fight with both fists and feet
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- 38 Under the weather
- 39 Bronze
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- 43 Grandstand location
- 47 Strap in a car

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- 55 Criterion

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- 4 Energy point, in yoga
- 5 Actor Willem
- 6 Paper fastener
- 7 Greek
- 8 Charge
- 9 Mad Shake-spearean king
- 10 Courteous bloke
- 11 Egyptian cross
- 17 Jalopy
- 19 Plaything
- 22 Burst
- 23 "A mouse!"
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To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I'm 61, and I don't take medicines. I feel good. I have been exercising for two years. I would like to increase my activity. What's considered a safe way to do so? — L.P.

ANSWER: Follow the 10 percent rule. It's safe to increase exercise by 10 percent each week. Increase means increasing exercise speed, exercise duration, the number of repetitions you lift a weight or the number of pounds you lift. Don't increase all aspects. Take one at a time. If you jog, increase either the distance or the time by 10 percent. One week make it distance; the next, speed.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THROUGHOUT HISTORY, THE average democracy lasts about 200 years. The demise starts when those elected realize that they can vote themselves, and friends, money, benefits, favors and protections that exceed those of the people that elect them. Our problems today are not political, but stem from greed. Politics has become the practice of masking greed with fear and deception.

STOP THE ATTACK on teachers. Have you ever heard the saying, 'You get what you pay for?' If these attacks on teachers keep coming, who will teach your children? I am a teacher and work hard. Unions are not the problem. If there are bad teachers, the district has quite amount of time to get rid of them. I find it interesting that people believe the only bad workers are in the teaching field.

THE CIVIL WAR was 150 years ago. Perhaps it's time for another civil war. America is on the brink of disaster until its population wakes up and takes back the country from those who expect to be given everything from the government. We, the working people, are the only producers of goods and services. If you can't understand that, you will soon enough, when we all fall over the cliff.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. EATON and Mrs. Kaz for getting nominated for Michigan Teacher of the Year, and to Mrs. Crawford for getting nominated for Crim Fitness of the Year. I am so proud that my kids go to North Road Elementary School and have a chance to have you all as teachers.

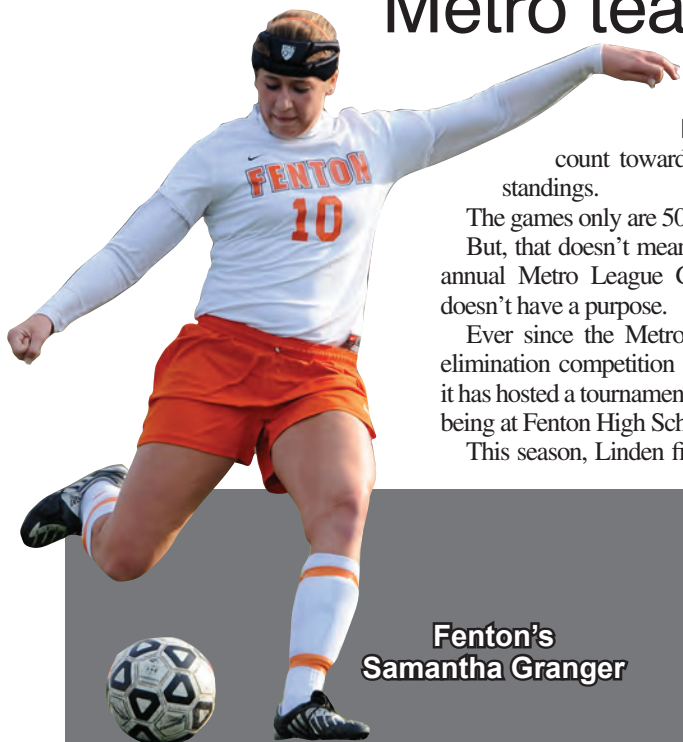
TELL US MORE about the lady who walks around in the bathing suit on Fenton Road, between Thompson and Baldwin roads. Was it a one- or two-piece suit?

ACTUALLY, 'THE END of an error' was on Jan. 20, 2009, when Bush left office.

YES, THE AVERAGE teacher may make 55K a year. That is only after teaching 10 years and spending \$100K to get their degree. Then, they must pay thousands more for their master's degree. What was an average GM worker making before going bankrupt and costing billions for a bailout? How much paid time off did they get each year and what was their income (sub pay) even though laid off. Give teachers a break.

DON'T BELIEVE THE fear tactics. Grandma and children won't starve by cutting this monstrous government spending. Democrats have controlled both houses 78 percent of the time since Hoover. Promising bigger pensions and guaranteed increases at the expense of the taxpayer is breaking our nation. Necessity is the mother of invention. Partisan promises for a vote are not to be relied on.

Metro teams compete, enjoy comaraderie at meet



Fenton's
Samantha Granger

By David Troppens
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Fenton — It doesn't count toward the Metro League final standings.

The games only are 50 minutes long.

But, that doesn't mean that the Metro League's annual Metro League Girls Soccer Tournament doesn't have a purpose.

Ever since the Metro League went to single-elimination competition during its regular season, it has hosted a tournament each year with that event being at Fenton High School.

This season, Linden finished with a 5-0 victory

against Clio and a 1-1 draw against Lapeer East. Fenton battled to a scoreless draw with Swartz Creek and also defeated Brandon 2-0. Holly defeated Kearsley 2-0, but then lost to Lapeer West 2-0.

"The best thing about it is having all the kids being with each other in the Metro," Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. "We get to see everybody. We did this so everyone gets a chance to be around everyone in the league. It's about good sportsmanship. The coaches get to see each other play and get to evaluate each other's play. The coaches and the kids like it, too. It's laid back."

"We are able to see a lot of the other teams," Linden coach Kevin Fiebertz said. "The main thing

is we got out of it healthy and now we get to start Wednesday with our league games."

Linden opened the tourney with the 5-0 win against Clio. In that game, Samantha Thorton and Mary-Kathryn Fiebertz had two goals each. Kelsey Brecht added one as well. In the 1-1 draw with East, two teams expected to be in the mix of the Metro League race, and Fiebertz scored the Eagles' only goal.

"From what I saw there the Metro League is going to be a race to the end," Fiebertz said. "The team that doesn't make the crucial mistake or lose people for a good amount of time will have a chance. It will be a dogfight."

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Q Who was the first hockey team to overcome a 3-0 deficit to win in the Stanley Cup Finals?

A Quit reading Red Wings fans. In 1942, the Wings led three games to zero and led 3-2 in game 4, but lost that contest and the next three to lose in the finals.

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LF's Crider working hard to make NFL dream come true

► Several teams showing interest in Northern Michigan player

By David Troppens

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Blake Crider knows it will take a lot of hard work, and it may take a bit of luck to reach his ultimate goal.

But, when it comes to working hard, Crider, a 2006 Lake Fenton graduate, has no issues with that.

The Northern Michigan University graduate and five-year tight end for the school's football program has one dream he'd like to see accomplished during the next four months. He wants to play in the National Football League. And right now, he's doing everything in his power to make that dream come true.

Before the lockout, he already had talked to the Detroit Lions, the Miami Dolphins and the St. Louis Rams. He may have had more contacts, if the lockout hadn't ended all conversations among free agents and the organizations. But, no matter what, when the lockout ends, Crider does seem to have some interest in his services.

"I have heard so many great things," he said. "Teams were contacting me and showing interest. But now that there's the

CRIDER FILE

Blake Crider hopes to land a spot at one of the NFL's training camps this fall. Here is a quick look at his football career at Northern Michigan.

- **2006**
Redshirted.
- **2007**
The tight end earns his first varsity letter.
- **2008**
Catches five passes for 53 yards.
- **2009**
Catches 10 passes for 154 yards and two TDs.
- **2010**
Catches five passes for 82 yards and two TDs.

combine with 16 teams in attendance and got his name out there with some of his performances.

He ran the 40 in 4.8 seconds and the 20 in 2.74 seconds. Finally, he ran the 10 in 1.59 seconds. He did 20 bench reps at 225 pounds and had a vertical jump of 33 inches, among other things.

"We ran our 40 and they basically started cutting people and telling them thanks for coming," Crider said. "I was still there so I continued on. Teams liked my numbers and asked me to stick around, do some tests, run routes and do some position drills."

Some teams took even more interest than that. The Lions gave him the Wonderlic test, a test given to NFL prospects, and the Dolphins were in the process of doing background checks into Crider's present and past.

As a Division 2 athlete, Crider realizes that when the NFL draft starts on April 28, chances are his name won't be called. However, he's done the work that it's likely, when the lockout is over, at least one team will give him a call to their tryouts.

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Lake Fenton graduate and Northern Michigan football player Blake Crider leaps to make a catch during a game this fall. Crider hopes to have a shot at playing in the National Football League this fall.

Linden track teams do well at Corunna Relays

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity boys track and field team is off to a strong start, placing third at the Corunna Relays Friday.

The girls also had a strong performance at the meet.

The boy's squad earned three first-place finishes. The 400-meter relay team of Garrett Bolen, Kevin Baker, Andrew Lucky

and Ted Parcher led the Eagles to a first-place performance with a time of 45.08 seconds, while the 800 relay team of Luke Belmore, Taylor Anderson, Baker and Parcher won with a time of 1:34.65.

Finally, the freshman-sophomore 400 relay team of Belmore, Taylor Anderson, Zach Fish and Parcher earned a first (45.63).

The Eagles used Baker, Max

Powell and Fish to earn a second in the long jump relay (52-2 1/4).

The Linden girls broke a record in the hurdle sprint relay with the team of Kristyn Resseguie, Aleighsa Engisch, Angela Stable and Rachel McCloskey. Meanwhile, Heidi Sack, Danielle Starrs,

Sydney Elmer and Mayce Varacalli won the 3,200 relay.

The girls have already broken or tied three other indoor track marks at the Michigan State Indoor Meet.

The Linden track program
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Linden's Macye Varacalli (left) and Sydney Elmer run during a cross country meet in the fall. The pair helped Linden's 3,200 relay team to a first-place finish at the Corunna Relays.



On this date:

Danica Patrick becomes to first woman to win an IndyCar racing event, winning the Japan 300.

Tigers sparkle in 5-1 non-league win vs. South Lyon

►Toaso scores two goals, dishes one assist

By David Troppens

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Flint — Competition is a beautiful thing.

The Fenton varsity girls soccer team has that this year, and it started to show on the pitch Monday night at Fenton High School.

The Tigers took that same aggressive attitude that coach Matt Sullivan sees during practices, and incorporated it in its play on Monday, resulting in a 5-1 non-league victory against South Lyon.

"When I talked about some of the good things with this team (during the pre-season), I said we had a lot of competition," Sullivan said. "Every single day in practice we had girls getting into each other, applying pressure on each other. We don't back off, and you can catch a team off guard, and score goals that way. That hard work paid off tonight."

It certainly did. The Tigers passed the ball from unit to unit efficiently. When they didn't have the ball, they frustrated the Lions' usual strong possession game by winning 50-50 balls, earning steals or just by forcing the action through its defense. And that effort translated into goals, and a lot of them — five to be specific.

One of the major beneficiaries on offense due to Fenton's aggressive nature was senior Callie Toaso, who scored two goals and had an assist. She scored the game's first goal with 14:39 left in the first period. Later, she scored the Tigers' fourth goal with 26:16 left in regulation, making it 4-0.

"Maggie (Dewan) crossed it and it got tangled up in the middle," Toaso said while describing her first goal. "I found the ball. I had an opening, shot it and it went in."

"We have improved so much, and we

FOR OPENERS

Weather pending, the Flint Metro League's regular season for girls soccer starts today.

Today's games

Linden at Swartz Creek, 4:30 p.m.
Lapeer West at Fenton, 6:45 p.m.
Holly at Lapeer East, 6:45 p.m.

are only going to get better during the season. It takes time to get our momentum down, our rhythm down. And I think we are going to go far this year."

While it took just over 25 minutes to score, in truth, the Tigers dominated from the start, enjoying a 20-8 shots edge during the contest. Before the first half was over, the Tigers gave themselves a 2-0 lead when Samantha Granger assisted Amanda Hoag's goal.

In the second half, the Tigers scored three goals in about five minutes. Granger scored with 28:18 left, followed by Toaso's second goal with 26:16 left.

South Lyon broke the shutout with a goal just 23 seconds later, but Fenton responded with another goal. This time Ed Davis scored on a cross from Toaso with 23:40 left.

The Tigers open their Metro League season today with a home game against Lapeer West. The contest starts at 6:45 p.m.

"I think we all get together really great," Toaso said. "There is no drama that other teams have. We all act as a family — we are all one. If one person falls down, we all pick them up."

"(Today's five goals) was a great improvement. Hopefully we can win against Lapeer West like we just did here."



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Fenton's Amanda Hoag gets a header in the Tigers' 5-1 victory against South Lyon on Monday.

CRIDER

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Crider's career at Northern Michigan started in 2006, as he was redshirted that season. In 2007, the tight end lettered for the first time. In 2008, he caught five passes for 53 yards. During his redshirt junior season, he had his best statistical year, catching 10 passes for 154 yards and two TDs. This year, he caught five passes for 82 yards and two TDs.

"College football was awesome. I loved every single minute of it," Crider said. "I am glad I chose Northern. The GLIAC is probably the best Division 2 conference in the nation to get noticed. I enjoyed it and loved every second of it."

His process for possibly making it into the NFL started his junior season. Crider

NFL Draft

Listed below are the dates and times for this year's NFL draft.

April 28: First round, 8 p.m.

April 29: Second & third rounds, 6 p.m.

April 30: Remaining rounds, noon

started working with a personal trainer to improve his speed and strength, and then he started looking for agents.

Getting noticed in D2 isn't as easy as the D1 level, so Crider was very proactive.

"If you want it, you have to work hard. It's hard work," Crider said. "Like it or not, you have that D2 tag and people wonder why you want D2 and not D1. You have to show them that you are

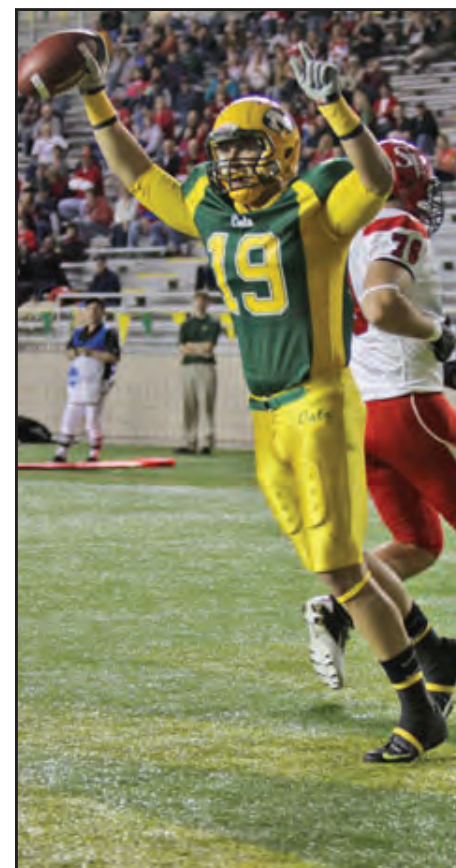
serious about this. And once you prove to them you are serious, that's when the ball gets rolling. But you have to do it yourself. You have to sell yourself."

And now, it's a matter of the waiting game. First, waiting to see what happens in the draft. And if his name isn't called, he'll have to wait until the lockout is over to pursue his free agent options.

"Most of the time people know where you are going to go minutes after the draft," Crider said.

"With the lockout, you have to wait. I think I have a shot right now, but I have to play the waiting game. I have to be self-motivated and keep working at it."

You can bet Crider will continue doing that.



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Lake Fenton graduate and Northern Michigan University tight end Blake Crider celebrates after scoring a touchdown during his college football career. Crider hopes to get a shot at playing in the National Football League this fall. He has been contacted by several teams, including the Detroit Lions.



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Holly tennis on an early season roll

► Defeats Brandon in pivotal Metro meet

By David Troppens

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When it comes to the weekend, the Holly varsity girls tennis team never takes a weekend off, if it can help it.

Last weekend was a perfect example of that.

A trip to a meet in Traverse City was cancelled on Thursday. And after earning two huge Metro League victories already last week against Fenton and Brandon, no one could blame them if they wanted to take the a break.

Instead, the Bronchos found a spot in the Grand Blanc-Clarkston Invitational and competed there.

And the Bronchos did relatively well, earning third place. Clarkston, who has three singles players nationally ranked, dominated the event, with 24 team points. Grand Blanc followed in second, with Holly in third and Carman-Ainsworth in fourth.

"We had our eight-team tournament in Traverse City cancelled," said co-coach Brennan Brown. "But we finagled a way into the Grand Blanc-Clarkston tournament at Genesys. At least we were playing."

"That happened due to the magical work of Brennan Brown," co-coach Will Sophiea said. "We want to play. It's a short season, and we want to make the most of it."

The Bronchos got one person in a flight championship match. That was No. 2 singles player Bri Rodriguez. However, she lost to one of Clarkston's nationally ranked tennis players.

But that event was just a bonus, just a chance to play some stronger competition so that the Bronchos will be stronger when they play the Metro foes. And that happened last week. Holly opened the week with a 6-2 win against Fenton and then closed it with a 6-2 win against Brandon.

Just as they did against Fenton, the Bronchos won all four doubles flights. Halie Weiss and Audrey Crimmins won their No. 2 doubles match 6-0, 6-0 and the No. 4 team of Natalie Clink and Jessica Aderholdt won 6-1, 6-0. The other two matches were a little closer. Courtney Munger and Leah Moller (No. 3 doubles) won 6-3, 6-2, while the No. 1 team of Stephanie Collier and Carley Postma won a tight 6-4, 6-4 match against Brandon seniors Jessica Begley and Kristin Wilson.

The Bronchos also won the top two singles matches. Rodriguez (No. 2) won a 6-1, 6-0 match, while Shannen Renehan defeated Brandon's Heidi Fluck 6-3, 6-0.

The Bronchos opened the season with three freshmen in the doubles lineup, each paired with a senior or a junior. Those freshmen are now a combined 6-0 in Met-



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Holly's Tabitha Steigerwald returns a ball during a recent match. The Holly Bronchos are 2-0 in Metro League action, earning wins against Fenton and Brandon.

ro action.

"The unknown of having three freshmen and having them step in and be part of this lineup has been a positive," Sophiea said. "So far we've been really impressed with them. We have a couple of four-year varsity players that we think highly of, and we can count on as well. So far, we're very impressed with the way the girls have responded."

And now, just one week into the Metro season, the Bronchos are well set up to win their potential 29th straight Metro League title.

Weather pending, Holly played Swartz Creek in a Metro match on Tuesday. Holly travels to Clio on Thursday and goes to the Hawk Invitational on Saturday.

RELAYS

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travels to Brandon for a Metro League meet with Brandon and Holly on Wednesday.

Holly at the Milford Balawajder Classic

The Bronchos competed in the event that allows the boys and girls teams to compete together against some very talented track and field programs.

The Bronchos finished fifth in the event.

Davis Nixon, Keon Ellison, Breanna Konopitski and Melissa Bott won the

3,200 relay with a time of 8:52. They were the team's only first-place performance.

The discus relay team of Colin Banes, Sarah Dewaelsche, Jenna Mitchell and Bill Spencer also took third.

"It was a lot of fun, but it was a tough meet," Holly coach Rob Basydlo said. "We want them to do two things — A, have fun and, B, step up and run up to the competition. We thought it was a good meet for us."

Holly travels to Brandon for a Metro League meet with Brandon and Linden today at 4:30 p.m.

PREP REPORT

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

► **Holly 120, Lapeer East 16; Holly 110, Lapeer West 27:** The Bronchos (2-0) dominated their Metro opener. Rachel Derocher had a strong meet, winning the pole vault and the 1,600 (5:51), while Marissa Moorhead had a strong day in the hurdles, winning the 100 hurdles (17.65) and the 300 hurdles (54.3). Paige McElroy won the 200 (29.0), while Melissa Bott won the 800 (2:40). Jennifer Beckner captured the 3,200 (13:06). Elizabeth Hawley won the shot put (30-11), while Jenna Mitchell won the discus (109-4). The 3,200 relay team of Breanna Konopitski, Mariah Ridal, Abby Lewandowski and Bott won (10:29).

Holly travels to Brandon to face the hosts and Linden today in a key Metro meet.

BOYS GOLF

► **Linden 168, Fenton 168:** Fenton's Jake Foguth posted match medalist honors at Spring Meadows with a one-under 35, but the Eagles came away with the victory. Linden's Kurtis Jones and Eric Guckian had 41s, while Chris Jacques posted a 43. Jared Peterson netted a 45. It was fifth-man Jamie Iordanou's 46, breaking the tie. Kevin Berry carded a 41 for Fenton, while Alex Gerber had a 46, and Hunter McClelland had a 48. The match was both teams' first Metro League dual meet of the season.

► **Linden at Haslett Invitational:** The Eagles were led by Kurtis Jones' 10th-place finish of 80 at Forest Acres East. Chris Jacques and Jamie Iordanou had 85s, while Eric Guckian carded an 86.

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Case No. 10-93544-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Genesee, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 16 day of February, A.D., 2011 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee in trust for the benefit of the certificate holders for asset-backed pass-through certificates, series 2003-11 (was) (were) the Plaintiff and FIFTH THIRD BANK (EASTERN MICHIGAN), a Michigan for-profit corporation, FIRST MORTGAGE FUND, INC., a Michigan for-profit corporation, ROBERT FIELD, an individual, SAMUEL RAGNONE, an individual, and TARIUS BOYD, an individual, (was) (were) the Defendant(s). **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the Genesee County Circuit Court (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 18 day of May, A.D., 2011 at 10:00AM o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Flint, County of Genesee and State of Michigan, described as follows: Lot 53, Dye Krest Woods No. 2, Flint Township, Genesee County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 47, Pages 39 through 50, Genesee County Records. This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: March 30, 2011 William Trier, Deputy Sheriff Potestivo & Associates, P.C. By: David G. Marowski (P57261) Paul Poles (P73138) Attorneys for Plaintiff 811 E. South Blvd. E. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 853-4400 Our File #09-06182 Attorneys for Plaintiff Published: 3/30/11, 4/6/11, 4/13/11, 4/20/11, 4/27/11, 5/4/11, 5/11/11 Ad #11255: 2011-03-30 2011-04-06, 2011-04-13 2011-04-20 2011-04-27 2011-05-04 2011-05-11

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tools are well-thought out and planned from the ground up."

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Kevin Coombs

General Manager at McKay's Hardware

Coombs used the Crown Pro as an example. He said the Crown Pro, a simple jig for setting crown moulding at the correct angle to cut on a miter saw, looks fairly similar to a couple of other products. But, when you really look

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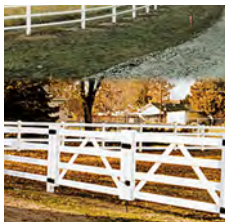
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