ENDORSEMENTS

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Compiled by the Tri-County Times Editorial Committee

Your school board makes the decisions that determine how your children are educated and how your tax dollars are spent. On Tuesday, you have the opportunity to make your voice heard and ensure that a quality education is provided to our students with your vote. Please vote Tuesday, May 3. See Page 9A for voting times and locations.

FRONT PAGE

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Seven lawsuits pending in local municipalities

By Tim Jagielo

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At this moment, there is a good chance that your city, village or township has been sued, or is involved in litigation. Lawsuits against municipalities are so common that covering legal defense and any winnings against the municipality are part of the required insurance policy the townships, cities and villages hold.

Of the 10 local municipalities, four currently have lawsuits pending against them. See LAWSUITS on 12A

Linden council takes pay cut

■ City manager gets vacation days in lieu of raise in salary

By Sharon Stone

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Linden — On Monday, the Linden City Council voted in favor of reducing their pay by 10 percent. City councilors had been receiving $150 per year for their service, while the mayor receives $500 per year.

In keeping with the attitude of sacrifice, Mayor David Lossing said it was only right that council members take a cut, just as city workers did. He acknowledges that 10 percent of their pay does not See PAY CUT on 24A

ALTERNATE COVER

First phase of cultural center to begin

■ Contributions, pledges to be used to build classroom in community center

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — The Fenton Community & Cultural Center (FCCC) might be getting a new arts and cultural classroom. The FCCC Board of Governors is managing a capital campaign and has both cash contributions and pledges yet to be honored, for an extension to the building, said President Dave Denier. See CULTURAL on 6A

PART 2: OUR TEACHERS: Everything you want to know

Salaries, benefits similar in all local school districts

By Times Editorial Staff

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Recently, many local residents have questioned and/or defended teachers’ salaries and benefits. Tax money supports the local schools, and many want to know more about what they are paying for. Last Sunday, the Times ran an in-depth story on how much administrators and teachers in Fenton earn. Today, the story continues, revealing the pay and benefits of administrators and teachers in Lake Fenton, Linden and Holly.

LKE FENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Student enrollment — 1,854

Number of teachers — 89

Total revenue — $15,553,395

See TEACHERS on 8A

What does a school board member do?

■ Voters will elect new members on Tuesday

By Sharon Stone

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It might not be the election to determine the next president or governor, but the election on Tuesday is very important to the education of our youngest citizens. On Tuesday, registered voters in the Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton school districts will head to the polls to decide on which individuals will be elected to their respective boards of education. See MEMBERS on 23A

Fenton — The school board will benefit from the business skills of Fletcher and Godlewski, as well as their commitment to excellence. If their contributions match their objectives, the board will continue its recent history of fiscal responsibility combined with judicious decision-making.

LAKE FENTON SCHOOL BOARD

The current board will welcome the return of Walsh and Rymarz’s community involvement and coaching history ensure a well-rounded mix of skills and fiscal perspective. Steven Losey is a teacher, as well as a union representative. It would be difficult to vote objectively under those circumstances.

LINDEN SCHOOL BOARD

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MARTY RYMARZ

CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER

LAUREN GODLEWIKI

JOHN WALSH

What’s new in the tri-county area

TRI-COUNTY TIMES — TIM JAGIELO

Susan Ohlert, a teacher at Holly High School, conducts parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, for three hours in the afternoon, and three hours during the evening.

First phase of cultural center to begin

A new arts and cultural classroom is in the works along with planned upgrades to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.
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It’s time for prom

Local schools are gearing up for the prom and it is as integral a part of high school as pep rallies and pop quizzes.

A significant amount of fundraising is put into holding proms. Holly High School students for example, raised around $18,000 including ticket sales for prom, and even some cash for next year. “We did good this year,” said Susan Oehler, a teacher at the high school.

The word “prom” is derived from “promenade,” or the grand march at the beginning of a special social event. In fact, scholars believed that the concept of a high school prom originated from the debutante balls and other balls of the upper class where individuals were introduced to high society. Women wore elaborate gowns and gentlemen were dapper in fine suits.

Middle-class families envied the balls of the rich and famous and aspired to have a prom. Many high school students are finalizing the details to make this year’s prom, one to remember. Gowns, tuxedos, limousines, flowers and fancy hairdos add to the experience.

Spring and summer camping preview

What’s new in the tri-county area

Local proms

Holly High School
Date: Friday, April 29
Time: Check in is at 6 p.m. Dance ends at 11 p.m.
Location: Woodfield Country Club in Grand Blanc
Theme: “The Rhythm of the Night”
Ticket Price: $50, includes dinner

Lake Fenton High School
Date: Saturday, April 30
Time: Red carpet walk begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Dance ended at midnight.
Location: Gateway Center in Flint
Theme: “Diamonds are Forever”
Ticket Price: $50, includes dinner

Linden High School
Date: Friday, May 6
Time: Red carpet walk begins at 7:30 p.m. Dance ends at 11:30 p.m.
Location: Lyon Oaks Golf and Banquet Center in Wixom
Theme: “A Night at the Oscars”
Ticket Price: $50, includes dinner

Triage, trauma and the face of terrorism

The term “terrorism” is hotly contested topic between the political and defense communities. It is a term that seems to have entered the public conscience only recently. However, its roots can be traced back to the 18th century and the French revolution. The term was first used by the French general, Napoleon Bonaparte, in 1793 to describe the use of violent acts by a nation-state to achieve its political ends.

Triage, in the medical field, is a process of sorting and prioritizing patients based on the severity of their injuries. It is used in emergency situations, such as natural disasters or acts of terrorism.

Garret Chappell, left, and Matt Hammond of Haddon Nursery plant a sugar maple tree at Seven Lakes State Park campground in Holly on Friday.
School board elections fraudulent by design

In nearly every community in America, school boards have the dubious distinction of being the group of individuals whose decisions are the most crucial in determining the health and welfare of our children. While at the same time being the group of individuals who are the least representative of the actual will of the people.

Why? Because school board elections are held in May and thus lack the media coverage and glamour associated with general elections and their high-profile candidates and issues. By design, these ‘orphan’ school board elections are fleeting, singular events intentionally designed to fly under the radar of busy moms and dads who, not surprisingly, tend to view them as inconsequential affairs of little or no importance.

Why are they held in May? Because school board elections have been carefully crafted over the years to be easily manipulated to benefit not the children who attend the schools, and not the parents whose tax dollars fund the schools, but the individuals whose salaries and retirement packages are determined by the school boards.

Here’s how it’s done. There are 9,177 registered voters in the city of Fenton. In the 2008 General Election 62.67 percent of these registered voters — 5,902 to be exact — cast their vote for a variety of elective offices. Conversely, in the last school board election held in May 2010, a ridiculously insignificant 379 residents of Fenton took the time to vote for the school board members who represent the educational interests of the roughly 25,000 of us in the school district.

In the May 2009 school board election, an astonishingly scant 189 Fenton voters turned out. Each of these elections cost Fenton taxpayers more than $10,000. To put it another way, less than one-half of one percent of the eligible voters in the Fenton school district choose the school board members who singularly determine how much more than $30 million of our tax money is spent.

When only 379 out of 9,177 voters go to the polls in these elections, the outcome is easily predetermined by the behind-the-scenes manipulations of the very people who benefit most from the outcome. It may not illegal, but it most certainly is illogical, if not immoral.

There is absolutely no logical reason in the world for these elections to be intentionally corrupted in order to circumvent the elective process. School board elections should be held at the same time as the general election in November in order to ensure voter participation, and thus the true will of the people.

But, until that happens, it’s time for us to start paying attention and, more importantly, to vote! Currently, we have a decent school board in Fenton. More importantly, we have an outstanding staff of caring, dedicated teachers and administrators in our school system. But all that could change overnight. We could wake up one morning to find that the wacko ‘condoms-on-cucumbers’ crowd snuck into our sixth-grade classrooms when no one was watching.

Let’s get in the game. This is our house and our schools, and most importantly, these are our children.

Vote on Tuesday, May 3. Read up on the candidates (available at www.tctimes.com in the Sunday, April 24 edition) and cast your vote for the ones you feel most are qualified.

It is imperative that we be ardently proactive in choosing the individuals whose actions and agendas are so critical in determining the future of our children, and our communities.

See you at the polls.

Op-eds of 300 words or less, or letters of 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number to receive the right to edit for clarity and length. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

Fenton deletes Facebook comments

When a broken watermain on Hickory Street in Fenton was reported the Thursday before Easter, residents were told that repair would take place the following Monday, despite flooded basements and backed-up sewer lines. My husband and I watched water flow down Hickory Street, turn down Barnes, and run down Silver Lake Road toward Adelaide for days.

Without a clear explanation from the city about the cause of or solution to the problem, my husband took to the city of Fenton’s Facebook Page to civilly express his disappointment. His post was deleted.

The power social media can lend an institution is incredibly valuable. Individuals today have an audience by way of social media, and they know institutions, companies, and even cities should realize it, too. People will always have opinions (good and bad) to share.

Social media allows entities, like the city of Fenton, an invaluable opportunity to participate in that conversation. Once upon a time, a customer with a bad experience would tell a few friends. Today, that customer can tell hundreds, who might tell hundreds more, with the click of a button.

When my husband posted on the city of Fenton Facebook Page, the city was offered a chance to intercept negativity, to explain, to clarify. Why would anyone want to throw that opportunity away?

If Fenton is simply looking to broadcast its official message to an unrivaled community without any feedback, perhaps social media isn’t for them. After all, shouldn’t social media be ‘social’?

— Alaina Wiens, Fenton
It’s grass fire season

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It might not look like it right now, but it is grass fire season. Even with recent snow and rain, grass and leaves quickly dry out with one warm day, which is the main fuel source for grass and forest fires.

The Fenton Fire Department, as well as all other local departments are preparing for the season. This time of year is a transition period and departments are ensuring that all of their equipment and vehicles are inspected and ready.

On April 21, the Fenton Fire Department conducted a controlled grass fire to help prepare its members for the upcoming season. “This training, which we try to do every year helps our veteran and newer firefighters experience what it is like to fight a field fire,” said Lt. Jeff Shook. “They can actually observe how the fire behaves with various factors taken into account such as humidity, temperature, wind speed and direction and the terrain as fire moves differently with all these variables,” he said.

Summary

►Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff warns residents that, despite the recent rainy days, this is grass fire season.

or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff reminds residents that their recreational fire could become bothersome to their neighbors. “Being a friendly neighbor goes a long way and most of the time this will resolve the situation,” said Cairnduff. “If it doesn’t, then we will come out and investigate.”

The Fenton Fire Department also responds to calls in Tyrone Township. Tyrone Township residents have similar criteria, but in rural areas, different rules apply. Residents are advised to check local ordinances regarding burn permits and burning.

Tyrone Township residents must obtain $5 burn permit, while Fenton City does not issue permits.

Burning rules

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www.cityoffenton.org/fire

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Dear Friends,

We are so incredibly thankful to our community for participating in our Helicopter Easter Egg drop this past Saturday at Hartland Middle School. To see that many people from all walks of life come together with their families for an event was truly amazing. Our hearts entering into the event was simply to bless the community with something that was free for the entire family. We know that with the economy being what it is, it is still important to make memories with those you love in a way that you can afford. We also know that kids love candy, so we thought this event would be perfect for them. As a staff, with over 200 volunteers for the event, we were so excited to just come and bless you all that came. As the morning progressed however we soon realized that the turnout far surpassed what we had expected. In the past, for various events, we have advertised on the radio, with multiple billboards and fliers and have only drawn out around four thousand people, sometimes less. However, with this event we are now estimating that between 10,000 to 15,000 people were in attendance. Though we stopped accepting people in registration and turned them away after our registration wristbands were given out, it didn’t stop people from coming. What seemed like a lot of eggs, 30,000, we realized was not enough. Within 20 seconds of the eggs being dropped they were gone, leaving many families and children without a single egg.

We wanted to send out a public apology from Cornerstone to you, attendees, for those of you who left disappointed without eggs. We know many of you and your children were heartbroken and that you invested a lot of time into attending. We also want to apologize for those of you that felt overwhelmed by the event. Again, we did not expect this many people attending.

Our promise to you is that we will make it right. To Hartland Middle School we will work with you to repair your grounds. To our parents and all you precious families that came out, we promise that if we do this event again it will be revamped. First of all, we will organize it best for your safety and the safety of your children. And, not a single child will leave the event without receiving some Easter eggs and candy. We promise that, to the best of our ability, you will leave having made wonderful memories with your family.

Thank you to all the parents who left comments on our facebook page and for those that emailed us. We value you and your children. We value your experiences and responses. We cherish you as people.

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Sincerely yours,
Cornerstone Church

Lake Fenton schools’ Fun Fair set

Former astronaut Mike Bloomfield to attend, sign autographs

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton — The Fun Fair and Silent Auction are right around the corner. Rain or shine, the family-friendly event is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Parents Julie Maloney, Tammy Fray, Michelle Wilhelm and Kathy Mosier are busy lining up activities and donations to make the annual festival, held at Torrey Hill Intermediate School and West Shore Elementary School, a success.

Maloney said she and the other organizers are especially excited about a visitor at this year’s event. Former astronaut Mike Bloomfield, a Lake Fenton graduate, is scheduled to be available for signing autographs and photos from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities include a raffle, games, a bounce house and slide, Lake Fenton robotics team, Fenton Township fire truck, police vehicles, a disc jockey, a dunk tank, pie in the face and plenty of food.

The Silent Auction includes donated items and gift cards from more than 150 Fenton area businesses. “I have been collecting donations for the auction for the past four years and I’m always amazed at how giving the businesses are to the schools,” said Maloney.

Proceeds usually top out around $8,000 to $9,000, which go toward needs of the two schools.

WEST SHORE/TORREY HILL

Fun Fair & Silent Auction 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 14

CULTURAL

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The board of governors’ goal is to add the arts and cultural room. They have not finalized size and other details yet and there is no start date for it. But, they are much closer to their goal than in the recent past, Kasper said.

“We are pursuing some fairly exciting options to do that. We believe we are getting pretty close.”

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director/Assistant City Manager Michael Burns said this might take place while the restoration and upgrades to the community center are being done.

Patricia Lockwood, co-chair of the fundraising efforts of the cultural center said the dollars raised thus far are specific to the cultural center and if the building renovations are approved, this would be the perfect time to start the first phase of their cultural project.

This arts and cultural room could be used for the artist guild, pottery, dance, and music. “It’s not just a meeting room,” said Lockwood.

Lockwood said approximately $300,000 has been raised and there is an additional $300,000 in pledges. Money raised has been turned over to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint and can only be put toward the cultural project. She said all of the donors have been contacted on the progress and have been kept in the loop.

When the Fenton Village Players moved to its new location on Torrey Road, Lockwood said some of the donors pulled their money and directed it toward the FVP. Other donors let their donations remain to support the cultural center.

Lockwood said the DDA believed it was very important to get the building upgraded, including the installation of a new elevator at the south end of the building. “This would be a good time to start our phase.”

“Once they see work done and a step forward, I believe more will come on board and support,” Lockwood said.

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Police & Fire Report

FIVE VEHICLES ENTERED
A homeowner reported from the 10000 block of North Road, in Fenton Township, that her garage was entered, with the resident confirming that the garage contained several vehicles. Upon arrival, the officer found one vehicle inside the garage, which had been tampered with.

TEEN ASSAULTS YOUNGER TEEN
At 2:30 p.m. on April 24, a Holly police officer was called to a home on South Saginaw Street to investigate a fight in progress. Upon arrival, the officer found a 14-year-old male, with an injured hand. The teen admitted to striking the younger one. He was released to a guardian and referred to Holly Area Youth Assistance.

MOTORCYCLES STOLEN
On April 16, a trooper with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post responded to a home in the 6400 block of Holdridge Road, Groveland Township to investigate a breaking and entering complaint. The resident reported that someone kicked in the front door of the house. The officer observed minor damage to the door and lock. Nothing was missing.

JEWELRY STOLEN FROM HOME
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Street to investigate a fire. Detectives photographed the scene and recovered fingerprints.

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New linden teacher/coach loves job, anxious for state budget
Debi Mayner, 24, describes herself as a "newbie" teacher, having worked at Linden High School for only a year, and finished her certificate just last week. Mayner teaches special education in grades 9 to 12. He is also usually coaching after school. Currently, he is an assistant coach for the varsity baseball team. In the fall semester, he is an assistant eighth-grade basketball coach and an eighth-grade football coach. "I kind of do it all," he said. As an assistant coach, he gets practice-going, he coaches first base, works on strength and conditioning and helps handle academic issues with the players. "I just love sports, I love coaching. I love dealing with the kids," he said. Mayner said he spends about 55 hours per week on school activities, and is paid for about 45 hours. "I don't really look at it as hourly," he said. Mayner got into teaching to give back to the community he grew up in, and he realizes the new state budget might make life different for teachers. "We're all pretty upbeat, just kind of anxious to see what's going to happen," he said.

**TEACHERS**

Continued from Front Page

Total expenditures — $15,617,973
Amount and percentage of expenditures that go toward personnel — $9,704,554 (62 percent)

**Salaries**

There are six administrators and one superintendent at Lake Fenton, who earns $138,400. The superintendent earns $118,000.

A first-year teacher, with a bachelor's degree at Lake Fenton will earn $38,503 for the 2010-2011 school year, according to the pay scale agreed on by the Lake Fenton Education Association and the board of education. The highest teacher is at Step 11 with the level of educational specialist. That salary is $82,362.

**Longevity pay**

The teachers' pay scale goes beyond just steps 1 through 11 years of teaching, at their level of education. Teachers with 12-14 years of service receive an additional $300 per year to their base pay. Teachers with 15-19 years of service receive an additional $600 per year. Teachers with 20-24 years of service receive an additional $700 per year. Teachers with 25-plus years receive an additional $800 per year.

**Health care for union members**

The teachers' union, as most teachers' unions, has a health care provider. The LFEA selected MESSA's Choices II plan for their health, dental and vision coverage. Members pay a co-pay of $10 for generic prescriptions and a co-pay of $20 for name-brand prescriptions. Of the 89 teachers, 74 signed up for health care through the district. Thirty-nine teachers signed up for a full (family) package, which costs the district $1,505 per month ($18,060 per year). The employee contributes $150 per year for their coverage. Nineteen teachers signed up for the member/dependent package, which costs the district $1,350 per month ($16,200 per year).

Sixteen teachers signed up for member-only coverage, which costs the district $602 per month ($7,224 per year). The employee contributes $150 per year for their coverage. Administrators have the same health care package as teachers, but with a $5 and $10 co-pay on prescriptions. Wright expects this to change with the new budget. For more details about personnel expenditures for Lake Fenton, click on this link, found at www.lakefentonschools.org.

**Village of Holly DDA Presents**

Friday - May 6, 2011
5pm - 9pm

Ladies Night Out

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**Holly teacher shares daily routine**

Beverly Volkman teaches seventh-grade language arts at Sherman Middle School in Holly. She teaches 153 students everyday, five, 55-minute classes and has a 90-minute lunch period, and a conference hour to meet with other teachers or grade papers. Aside from face time with students, Volkman grades papers, creates lesson plans, confers with parents and volunteers for committees on her own time. "At the end of the day, we have a set of goals and objectives that we have to hit," she said. "In order to do that, we have to meet with parents and give them ideas for their child. You try to make sure that every child is on track." Volkman estimates that she works between 50-60 hours each week as a teacher. One full hour is spent e-mailing and talking with parents directly. "We have great parents in Holly," she said. "The parents in Holly have great respect for teachers."

Volkman is the National Junior Honor Society advisor. She coordinates activities, and the volunteer time for 60 students, all adding up to around 10 hours per week, for an annual stipend of about $300. Volkman’s job is challenging and rewarding at the same time. She sees the faces of her students light up when they understand something, and she sees the students who may be underfed or dealing with difficulties at home. The reason we went into education is, we want to make a difference in the lives of children," she said. "They are our No. 1 priority, and we never lose sight of that." After nine years of teaching, Volkman falls between the starting salary of $36,578 and top salary of $76,923 at Holly Area Schools. Twelve percent of her paycheck goes toward vision, dental and medical coverage. "I think it’s a general belief that most teachers don’t go into teaching for a fat paycheck," she said. "We really don’t look at the numbers. We keep on asking ourselves, ‘What is best for the kids?’" Volkman said teachers are willing to sacrifice their time to do what is best for their students. "Really hope the public realizes that they’re getting a great education," she said.

The aligned building administrators, including the high school principal, assistant principal and food service/community education coordinator, gave up 3 percent of their salary, or benefits and furlough days, to help balance the budget for the 2010-11 school year, according to Superintendent Ed Koelho.

All other administrators, excluding the athletic director, gave up 8 percent of their salary, or benefits and furlough days, this year, in order to balance the budget for the 2010-11 school year.

**School Community News**

Student enrollment — 2,990
Number of teachers — 146
Total revenue — $25,089,964
Total expenditures — $24,242,985
Amount and percentage of expenditures that go toward personnel — $18,837,489 (78 percent)

**Salaries**

Starting salary for a teacher, with a bachelor’s degree in Linden is $36,318. The highest paid teacher earns $73,630. Average pay is $62,286. According to Superintendent Ed Koelho, the average teacher total compensation with health/retirement benefits is $98,000.

There are seven administrators and one superintendent at Linden. Principals’ salaries range from $85,839 to $98,339. The athletic director’s salary is $40,000. The assistant superintendent earns $93,506.

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School numbers at a glance

FENTON
Highest teacher salary — $74,325
Lowest teacher salary — $36,621
Total revenue — $30,163,391
Total expenditures — $30,145,365
Percentage of expenditures (salary and health care) that go toward personnel — 86 percent

LAKE FENTON
Highest teacher salary — $82,362
Lowest teacher salary — $38,503
Total revenue — $15,553,395
Total expenditures — $15,617,973
Percentage of expenditures (salary and health care) that go toward personnel — 62 percent

LINDEN
Highest teacher salary — $73,630
Lowest teacher salary — $36,318
Total revenue — $25,089,964
Total expenditures — $24,242,985
Percentage of expenditures (salary and health care) that go toward personnel — 78 percent

HOLLY
Highest teacher salary — $76,923
Lowest teacher salary — $36,578
Total revenue — $36,315,800
Total expenditures — $37,096,974
Amount and percentage of expenditures that go toward personnel — $14,748,652 (80 percent)

Salaries
Starting salary for a teacher at Holly, with a bachelor’s degree is $36,578. The highest paid teacher’s salary is $76,923, which requires 27 years of experience and a master’s degree. The superintendent has a salary of $125,783, plus benefits.

Health care for union members
Employees pay anywhere between seven and 25 percent toward health, vision and dental insurance. Holly Area Schools pays $6,410 per year for a single person plan, $14,402 for a double, and $16,000 for a full family.

Where to vote
Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

FENTON SCHOOLS
St. John Activity Center
514 Lincoln St.
Fenton

LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS
Lake Fenton High School
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Linden

LINDEN SCHOOLS
Faith Baptist Church
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Linden

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**How much will prom cost?**

It all depends on your budget. Cost can vary greatly. It could cost anywhere from $175 to $2,100.

**Tickets** — Tickets can cost $20 to $250, depending on the location. If your prom is being held in a fancy hotel, it may be more costly than if it is being held in your school gymnasium.

**Pre-prom dinner** — Many proms don’t provide a full dinner, so you may decide to go out to eat. Dinner could run anywhere from $25 to $130 per person. It depends on where you decide to dine.

**Hair, make-up, nails & stuff** — This cost will vary depending on your choices. You may decide to go to a salon to get your hair, make-up, and nails done, or you might opt to do it yourself. The cost here could be anywhere from $30 to $275.

The dress — The cost of a prom gown is completely up to you, and your budget. You may stitch one up yourself, go to a “one-of-a-kind” boutique, visit a thrift store, or hit a department store. Most prom dresses cost between $100 and $400.

**Flowers** — The boy’s boutonniere usually costs from $10 to $20. It depends on the type of flowers.

**Photography** — Prices for professional photos range from $30 to $125. Most prom committees arrange for a photographer to take portraits of couples at some point during the evening. You will probably receive a price list beforehand.

**Limousine rental** — Renting a limo is an extravagant option, but it is very common. They could cost anywhere from $200 to $500. The best approach is to get a group and split the cost.

*Source: Promgirl*

**PERIODONTAL DISEASE**

(Silent Killer)

Periodontal Disease, also known as Gum Disease or, in our grandparent’s day, Pyorrhea, is an infectious disease of the supporting structures of the teeth. The supporting structures are the gums and the jaw bone. I call Periodontal Disease the “Silent Killer” because, unlike tooth decay, Periodontal Disease is associated with little or no pain and discomfort. The vast majority of people who have periodontal disease don’t know they have a problem until they have an examination and periodontal disease is found by their dentist. Often times the first sign or symptom that people do notice is that their smile has changed because of the shifting of their teeth. I’ll have a new patient come to see me because they notice that a tooth has shifted creating a gap in their smile. This movement of teeth is due to the loss and weakening of the gums and alveolar bone which support the teeth. If periodontal disease is found early it is easily treatable and controlled. Tooth shifting and movement is, unfortunately, a sign of advance periodontal disease. For those patients who come to me because they notice changes in their smile, I often have the sad task of informing them that they will have to lose their teeth and have dentures because of the advanced state of their disease. If you haven’t been to the dentist in years, I highly recommend that you call for a cleaning and check-up.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net
CURRENT LAWSUITS AGAINST MUNICIPALITIES:

Fenton Township:
One lawsuit
What it’s about: The fire department

Holly Township:
One lawsuit
What it’s about: Land rights

Argentine Township:
Two lawsuits
What it’s about: Police, and a zoning issue concerning docks

Holly Village:
Three lawsuits
What it’s about: Police, personnel

Rose Township:
No current lawsuits

Tyrone Township:
No current lawsuits

City of Linden:
No current lawsuits

City of Fenton: No current lawsuits

Attorney Charles McKone advises the city of Linden in legal matters. He said that governmental immunity provides a great deal of protection against lawsuits. “We may get a lawsuit each year in each of the municipalities that I represent,” he said. McKone also represents the city of Flushing, Durand and the village of New Lothrup.

If the plaintiff is seeking monetary damages against the municipality, the insurance would kick in, and McKone for example, would not defend his city in a lawsuit. Attorneys provided by the insurance company would defend the lawsuit, and if the city lost, insurance would cover the damages.

Linden currently does not have any lawsuits brought against the city, but there are several exceptions that could leave any municipality open to a lawsuit, and most of them involve public safety.

Each municipality is responsible for keeping its buildings, bridges and sidewalks safe, so a village or city with more infrastructure is more likely to have action brought against it, said McKone. Villages and cities also operate more vehicles on the public roads, which they are also legally responsible for.

Police services are also targets for lawsuits, McKone said. Police need to skirt a fine line between upholding the law and protecting civil rights. Linden recently had a case dismissed involving a police officer who assisted police in Argentine Township.

HOLLY VILLAGE

The village of Holly has three lawsuits brought against it, currently. Two involve police activities during an arrest, said village Manager Jerry Walker.

The third suit has been brought by former manager Marsha Powers who was fired in September by the village council. For her lawsuit to be successful, Walker said her counsel needs to prove that she was discriminated against, or was a whistleblower under the Elliot-Larsen Act of 1976.

FENTON TOWNSHIP

Township needs to defend against ordinances that residents believe are unfair, which is what Fenton Township has faced in the past. In 2011, Fenton Township budgeted $103,700 for insurance, which includes lawsuit coverage. One suit is pending against the township involving the fire department. “Those kinds of things can happen,” said Operations Manager Jerry Walker.

FENTON CITY

The city of Fenton does not currently have lawsuits brought against it.

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Funeral home to honor vets

Sharp Funeral Homes will honor America’s veterans with a free breakfast and special tour of the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

The funeral home is inviting veterans and their spouses for a breakfast followed by a slide show presentation “Honoring Our Hero’s” at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 12. A chartered motor coach bus will then transport visitors for a tour of the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

“Many veterans aren’t aware of the benefits this cemetery offers,” said Roger Sharp, funeral home owner and Army veteran.

Cheryl Marshall, a certified pre-planning consultant for Sharp Funeral Homes added, “This is a way that we can both honor those who served so selflessly and educate them on the benefits they are entitled to. This is an excellent way for our veterans and their spouses to enjoy the combination program and tour together as a group, some of whom may not have the ability to visit Great Lakes National Cemetery on their own.”

Great Lakes National Cemetery is located at 4200 Belford Road in Holly.

Space is limited. For more information and to reserve a spot, call (810) 239-8800 or (877) 537-4277.
CAMPING
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For the 2011 season, the campground will have a full-time Adventure Ranger on hand to lead nighttime hikes, games for families, and teach visitors how to fish, said Unit Supervisor Jim Case. A new, permanent pavilion will be built over the spring season for large gatherings, instead of the canvas tents that had to be replaced frequently. The showers and toilets are also being rebuilt for visitors’ convenience. New trees were recently planted after the park was selected along with 10 other Michigan parks.

The park has also been promoting the new state park passport system that allows Michigan residents to buy a $10 sticker when they renew their registration at the Secretary of State. It would normally cost $24 for an annual park pass, and $24 for a boat launch pass, said Case. Residents can use all of the state parks in Michigan, and boat launches for $10, saving $38 annually. Having a passport opens the door for savings of up to 10-percent with participating businesses. “We’re getting real good support from Holly and Fenton,” said Case. There are 29 participating businesses in Holly alone.

KOA Campground in Holly has been open since April 1. After Memorial Day weekend, two new zip lines will likely be installed, if the ground is thawed. “The weather hasn’t been cooperating with us,” said General Manager Lowell Patterson. The adult’s zip line will be 250 feet long, traveling down a hill, dropping about 10 feet from top to bottom. The children’s zip line will be 100 feet long. “You always have to do something new to keep people excited,” he said.

Patterson could not say for sure, but the idea of a paintball target course is being discussed. “We’re looking forward to a good season,” he said.

EVENTS AT SEVEN LAKES STATE PARK:
June 11: Spring Fishing Derby
Fishing contests for all ages includes trophies. Runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
June 12-13: Free Fishing Weekend
No license required.
Aug. 20-21: “Survival Weekend”
Competitions: Families who are camping can compete in foot races and other competitions against other families. This event has grown in the last three years, with 12 families competing. Other challenges include leg races, canoe races around the lake and a balloon-launching contest.
Aug. 28: Classic Car Show
Bring your classic car to Seven Lakes State Park. Last year, more than 150 classic cars were parked at the beach.

EVENTS AT KOA CAMPGROUND:
May 13-14: Kids Care Camp
Camps will pay for one day, and get the next day free. During the weekend, KOA will accept donations that will go toward camping programs for children with cancer.
May 20-21: Armed Forces Weekend
Members of the Armed Forces, past or present, camp for two days for the price of one.
May: Mother’s Day Weekend
June: Father’s Day Weekend
Mothers and fathers camp two days for the price of one.

CLEANING TIPS FOR THE KITCHEN

1. To eliminate odors, pour vanilla extract into a bowl with a paper towel and wipe down the refrigerator.
2. To remove food residue, run an empty dishwasher with a cup of white vinegar.
3. To eliminate stains, place a few drops of olive oil, citrus peels in garbage disposal, turn on cold water and then the disposal for 15-30 seconds. After turning off disposal continue to rinse with hot water for 15 more seconds.
4. Wipe interior microwave surfaces with a mixture of two tablespoons baking soda and one quart water to remove food stains.
5. Use a sponge with a mixture of 1/2 cup bleach, 1/4 cup baking soda and four cups warm water to avoid yellowing of white appliances. Let it set for 10 minutes before rinsing and drying.
6. To remove food residue, mix a 1/2 cup baking soda and enough water for 15-30 seconds. Turn off disposal and let hot water run until soap and grease are gone.
7. Heat a microwaveable bowl of vanilla extract for three minutes and use to wipe surfaces for stubborn residue and stains in the microwave.
8. Clean condenser coils located behind the frigidaire disposable filters for the refrigerator with a vacuum to remove dirt, dust and pet hair.
9. Use a sponge with a mixture of 1/2 cup bleach, 1/4 cup baking soda and four cups warm water to avoid yellowing of white appliances. Let it set for 10 minutes before rinsing and drying.
10. To remove food residue, mix a 1/2 cup baking soda and enough water for 15-30 seconds. Turn off disposal and let hot water run until soap and grease are gone.
11. Heat a microwaveable bowl of vanilla extract for three minutes and use to wipe surfaces for stubborn residue and stains in the microwave.
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NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING CITY OF LINDEN

City of Linden residents are advised to check their water before using for laundry, etc. on Monday, May 9, 2011 through Saturday, May 14, 2011.

THE LINDEN DPW WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS ON THESE DAYS.

Scott Fairbanks,
Public Works Department

INVITATION TO BID
FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE
OF MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The City of Linden will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 132 E. Broad St., P.O. Box 507, Linden, MI 48451, for the development and maintenance of a municipal website on May 18, 2011 at 2:00pm.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the main office of the Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad St., Linden, Michigan. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked “WEBSITE BID – DDA.”

A pre bid conference will be held on May 10, 2011 10:00 am. All perspective bidders must attend to qualify for bidding. The pre bid conference shall be held at the Linden City Hall. Separate meetings will suffice in lieu of the pre bid conference.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Linden City Offices, 132 E. Broad St., Linden, Michigan and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Sealed proposals must be submitted on the bid forms furnished by the City.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

NOTICE
ROSE TOWNSHIP
2011 ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP DAYS

Rose Township will hold its annual Roadside Clean-Up for residents and property owners on the following date:

Saturday May 14, 2011 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Residents and township organizations are encouraged to participate in the clean-up of the roadsides.

Rose Township will hold its annual Re-Use Day for residents and property owners on the following date:

Friday May 13, 2011 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Dumpsters will be located in the Rose Township Park located on the northwest corner of Milford Road and West Rose Center Road. Refuse to be disposed of must be accepted at a price of $4.00 per tire and $25.00 per tire for tractor or large truck tires.

Burning permits to allow the burning of leaves and brush are available by telephone at (248) 634-2620.

Bags for cleaning roadsides will be available at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan beginning April 18, 2011 until May 13, 2011 and also at the clean-up day location on clean-up day.

Rose Township’s regular recycling date is May 7, 2011. Residents may call 248-634-7551 with any questions.

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS OF ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 25, 2011

Call to order @ 7: 01 p.m.
Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Hallman, present, Ciesielski, present, Cole, present, Schmidt, present, Graves, present. Absent: none.
Motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed.
Motion to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.
Motion to approve payment of bills as printed in Board packet. Motion passed.
Motion to approve resolution 2011-4 Child Abuse Prevention.
Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-4 declaring April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Argentine Township. Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Ciesielski, yes, Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes.
Motion passed unanimously. Resolution is adopted.
Motion to select option 1, the lowest cost option on the tender of the Mercury Vapor Lights proposal with Consumers Energy. Motion passed.
Resolution 2011-5 to establish Treasurer’s salary- tabled
Motion to sign up with Santanna to be our gas supplier. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves, Clerk
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SATURDAY, MAY 14
Hope Lutheran Church in Linden is hosting "Craft Day" on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is a fund-raiser for the Linden Elite Cheerleaders to compete for the national title. The cost is $25 and includes table space and three meals. If interested in attending, call Lisa at (810) 735-6060.

TUESDAY, MAY 10
Training for new Genesys Hospice volunteers begins Tuesday, May 10, and runs through Thursday, June 2. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Genesys Administrative Services. Building, 5445 Ali Dr., Grand Blanc. For more information on Genesys Hospice Building, 5445 Ali Dr., Grand Blanc. For more information on Genesys Hospice Training for new volunteers, call Lisa at (810) 735-6060. It's important.

2. Classes are held every Tuesday, 10, and runs through Thursday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is a fundraiser for the Linden Elite Cheerleaders to compete for the national title. The cost is $25 and includes table space and three meals. If interested in attending, call Lisa at (810) 735-6060.

“Studies clearly show that patients treated at certified stroke centers have better outcomes. It’s that simple.”
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Spring style show set for May 14
Sigma Phi Gamma will hold a Spring Style Show on Saturday, May 14 at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. A social hour at 11 a.m. will be held before the 12 p.m. luncheon. All proceeds from the show will benefit the Gamma Eta Chapter of Domestic Violence. Tickets are $25 and available by calling Kay Lambert at (810) 730-6701.

On May 3rd Vote to Keep Pamela Faris Your Mott Community College Trustee
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MEMBERS
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School boards receive their power and authority from the state, and as agents of the state, they are governed by state law and must carry out that law, according to Alberta Martin, who has been serving on the Lake Fenton Board of Education since 1982. Prior to her service to Lake Fenton, Martin also served on the Detroit Public Schools Board of Education for 12 years.

In response to the data revealing low voter turnout in past school board elections, Martin said, “It’s sad.

“We’re electing representatives in office to carry out our wishes.

“When you don’t take the time to vote, anyone can become elected.

“It’s important.”

While following state law, all school boards also are responsible for establishing policies within their own district, by which local schools are governed.

“School boards represent the public’s voice in public education and incorporate the community’s view of what they want in their school system,” said Martin.

One of major responsibilities of school boards is to improve student achievement. Martin said, to do so, school board members must establish the long-term vision of the school district and clearly define expectations of what students should know and be able to do. Board members must quantify those expectations by setting agreed-upon measures for achievement.

“Once this is done, all other responsibilities of the board, including setting policy, hiring the superintendent, approving a budget, establishing district goals, monitoring progress through review of data are done in support of the vision,” she said.

“A visionary board that focuses primarily on student achievement and holds the district accountable for achieving results can lead a district to true success for all students.”

Duties of the school board
• Establish policies
• Improve student achievement
• Establish long-term vision of district
• Define student expectations
• Hire the superintendent
• Approve the budget
• Establish district goals

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TIME
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**Newsbriefs**

**Gleason to host town hall meeting about Asian carp**
Sen. John Gleason is hosting a town hall meeting regarding the current state of Asian Carp in the Great Lakes on Monday, May 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 125 S. LeRoy St. in Fenton. Also speaking is Patty Binkholz, director of the Office of Great Lakes (MDEQ) as well as a representative from the Michigan United Conservation Club. Following the status update, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.

**Pool of clerk/treasurer applicants down to three**
The Holly Village council has narrowed the field of about nine applicants for the clerk/treasurer position to three. The names of the applicants have not been released. Each council member assigned three points to their top choice, two to their second, and one point to their third choice. The personnel subcommittee compiled the figures for the top three choices, and included two alternates that received the forth and fifth most votes. Village Manager Jerry Walker was directed to pick a vehicle history report.

**PAY CUT**
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equal all that much, but, every dollar adds up when putting together the city’s annual budget.

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By day, Michelle St. Andre is a soft-spoken hairdresser, and a wife and mother of two. By night, she turns into “Tat2 Bar-B” — a Roller Derby Girl in full derby regalia, who knows how to block, hit, slide and stop as part of the Mid-Michigan Derby Girls team.

She and her team practice three times a week during Derby season, September through May at Skateland in Mt. Morris. There, the team practices for monthly “bouts” with other derby teams throughout the Midwest. During the summer months, the team plays scrimmages as far away as Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Roller skating is more than just fun

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

Whether you choose to enjoy the sport of roller skating on traditional roller skates or in-line skates, the health benefits to roller sports are many.

Nationally certified, roller skating coach Jamie Noll, of Holly, operates her own teaching academy, One Skate Ahead, using the rinks at Roll-haven in Grand Blanc Township and Rollerasa in Brighton for classes. As an accomplished skater, she experiences the mental and physical health benefits herself and enjoys sharing the fun and fitness aspects of the sport to her young students.

See ROLLERSKATING on 7B

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Donald Trump for president

> Is he really serious about running?

“If this is all a big joke,” said Eugene Robinson in The Washington Post, “I’m having trouble laughing.” Until this week, it was widely assumed that Donald Trump’s public flirtation with running for president was just the latest “over-the-top publicity stunt” from a man who has made an art of grabbing headlines over four decades in the public eye. But “the waxen-haired real-estate tycoon” continues to insist that he’s serious, and now a stunning new poll shows Trump actually leading the field of GOP candidates for the 2012 nomination. Behind the scenes, some Republican insiders are genuinely starting to “embrace Trump’s presidential bid,” said Charles Babington in the Associated Press. Some of his positions may be controversial, from his championing of the “birther” theory that President Obama was born overseas to his declaration this week that we should invade Middle Eastern countries and, as Trump says, “take the oil.” But with the GOP hungry for a “forceful, colorful figure” to take on Obama in the general election, a Trump candidacy is looking more viable every day.

How much does it cost to keep a royal family?

The crown receives $62 million a year from the government — about $1 for every citizen — to pay for palaces, staff, and travel. However, critics argue the true cost is closer to $300 million a year, if you include the royal’s security costs and deferred taxes. But even if this last figure is correct, royalists say the monarchy is good value for the money, as foreign tourists spend $820 million a year visiting royal castles and attractions.

“A German presidency costs about the same as the queen,” wrote conservative commentator Gerald Warner in the London Telegraph. “But how many tourists line the streets of Berlin to catch a glimpse of...er, what’s his name?”

Elderly customers in banks get hypnotized

Police in Russia are searching for a portly hypnotist who approaches elderly customers in banks and hypnotizes them into withdrawing cash for him. The suspect has been captured by surveillance cameras in the city of Stavropol, and is believed to have targeted at least eight seniors. “I remember this man coming up to me and saying he desperately needed money and I would help him,” said one victim, Mayra Sivic. “The next day my bank manager told me I had withdrawn my life savings.”

Lightning struck White House Easter night

President Obama failed to issue an Easter or a Good Friday greeting to the nation. By comparison, the White House has released statements recognizing the observance of major Muslim holidays and released statements in 2010 on Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr, Hajj, and Eid-ul-Adha. The White House did release an eight-paragraph statement heralding Earth Day. Maybe this is why the White House appears to have been struck by lightning on Easter night.

Cat returned home with an arrow through head

A 3-year-old cat that had been missing for two days in Northern California returned home with an arrow through its head, but apparently, no worse for wear. Its owners rushed the cat to the vet, and the arrow, which had narrowly missed its brain, was successfully removed. “The cat is actually a very bumbling guy and trying to get back outside,” said Todd Stouy, a Santa Cruz County animal care official. “But the owners have decided that he’s an inside cat now. He’s under house arrest.”

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**Dorothy V. Bock**, Dorothy V. Bock - age 91, died April 22, 2011. Services provided by Temrowski Funeral Home.

**Margaret L. Hart**, Margaret L. Hart - age 92, died April 28, 2011. Services provided by Temrowski Funeral Home.

**Gary Burgess**, Gary Burgess - age 63, died April 25, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Patricia Diroff**, Patricia Diroff - age 60, died April 25, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Marceau Leger**, Marceau Leger - age 90, died April 29, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Raymond Trauth**, Raymond Trauth - age 83, died April 28, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Betty Erway**, Betty Erway - age 89, died April 20, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Helen Brady**, Helen Brady - age 86, died April 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**James Taylor**, James Taylor - age 44, died April 25, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Maria Keely**, Maria Keely - age 70, died April 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Sherry Wilmot**, Sherry Wilmot - age 58, died April 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Catherine DeLauder**, Catherine DeLauder - age 100, died April 28, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Marion Bristol**, Marion Bristol - age 75, died April 28, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Rita Siwik**, Rita Siwik - age 75, died April 21, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

**Mary Andrews**, Mary Andrews - age 73, died April 21, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

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**Harold Jefferson Harris**

1929-2011

Harold Jefferson Harris - age 81, of Lake City, died Wednesday, April 27, 2011. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton. Pastor Walter McConkey, Sr. officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday from 12 PM until time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Shriner’s. Harold was born December 22, 1929 in Flint, the son of Lyman Jefferson and L.S. Jane (McGinnis) Harris. He was a graduate of Flint Northern High School. He married Velma Prime February 4, 1950 in Flint. Harold retired from Buick after 35 years of service. During his lifetime he built 7 homes and after his retirement he built and operated Super Kleen Laundromat in Lake City for 8 years. He was a member of Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Lake City, Lake City Masonic Lodge F.A.M. #408, Elf Khurafah Shrine. Surviving are: wife, Velma; daughter, Diana and husband Michael McMillan of Fenton; son, Larry and wife Lori Harits of Lenon; special family friend, Brenda Harris of Fenton; 3 grandchildren, Kim and husband Bill Fiscus of Goodrich, David Sutton of Flint and Sheena Harris of Fenton; 7 great-grandchildren, Adam (Becky), Kasey, Anthony, Michael, Alyssa, Jonny and Hyde; sister, Shirley and husband Walter Snow of Millington; sister-in-law, Snook and husband Bernie May of Alger; several nieces and nephews. He was preceeded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, Clarence, Erminie and Lyman Harris; 2 sisters, Emma Klock and Dorothy Zitterkoph. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Ann Allard**, Mary Allard - age 73, died April 23, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

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- 1 inch ginger root, finely chopped or grated, optional
- 1 orange, zested
- 1/2 red bell pepper, diced small
- 1 small tin, 6 to 8 ounces, sliced water chestnuts, drained and chopped
- 3 scallions, chopped
- 3 tablespoons hoisin, Chinese barbecue sauce, available on Asian foods aisle of market
- 1/2 large head iceberg lettuce, core removed, head quartered
- Wedges of navel orange – platter garnish

DIRECTIONS

Remove tough stems from mushrooms and brush with damp towel to clean, slice mushrooms. Chop chicken into small pieces. Preheat a large skillet or wok to high. Add oil to hot pan. Add chicken to the pan and sear meat by stir frying a minute or two. Add mushrooms and cook another minute or two. Add salt and pepper to season, then garlic and ginger. Cook a minute more. Grate zest into pan, add bell pepper, pepper bits, chopped water chestnuts and scallions. Cook another minute, continuing to stir fry mixture. Add hoisin Chinese barbecue sauce and toss to coat the mixture evenly. Transfer mixture to a plate. Remove tough stems from mushrooms and brush with damp towel to clean, slice mushrooms. Chop chicken into small pieces. Preheat a large skillet or wok to high. Add oil to hot pan. Add chicken to the pan and sear meat by stir frying a minute or two. Add mushrooms and cook another minute or two. Add salt and pepper to season, then garlic and ginger. Cook a minute more. Grate zest into pan, add bell pepper, pepper bits, chopped water chestnuts and scallions. Cook another minute, continuing to stir fry mixture. Add hoisin Chinese barbecue sauce and toss to coat the mixture evenly. Transfer mixture to a plate.

Ask Amy

DEAR AMY: I am a proud new mom of a beautiful, 9-week-old baby. I am blessed to have a mother-in-law who lives close by and is ready and willing to help with the baby. Family is very important to me, and after 10 years of marriage I feel accepted by the in-laws. I’m afraid that this huge life change has raised questions about raising children, but my mother-in-law acts very offended when I ask her to do something differently. For instance, when I asked her not to hold the baby when he’s crying, she asked me to leave and had my brother-in-law escort me from my car. She also does not wash her hands after changing a diaper. It seems like common sense to wash your hands after touching a dirty baby. I’m not a germ freak and know that kids can’t defend themselves against germs — or aggressive grandmas. Here’s how you should handle the hand-washing question: “Gran, could you do me a favor and remember to wash your hands after changing the baby? I’m worried about germs.” If your mother-in-law has an alternate idea, suggest or point of view, listen respectfully. Consider this a little test. If you find yourself forced off the property, you should not bring your baby back until you receive assurance that other family members will respect you and your husband’s reasonable wishes.

DEAR MOM: According to you, your mother-in-law basically threw you out of the house for making a simple suggestion — and you went back in for more. These extended family relationships are important, but you are a mom now and you probably need to become the rule maker for your baby. Your Mom can’t defend herself against germs — or aggressive grandmas. She knows that you handle the hand-washing question: “Gran, could you do me a favor and remember to wash your hands after changing the baby? I’m worried about germs.” If your mother-in-law has an alternate idea, suggest or point of view, listen respectfully. Consider this a little test. If you find yourself forced off the property, you should not bring your baby back until you receive assurance that other family members will respect you and your husband’s reasonable wishes.

DEAR AMY: You recently published a letter from “Frustrated,” who was considering having an affair with her husband because his wife stopped wanting sex. Having an affair is not going to help his marriage or make him feel better; he obviously loves his wife, and faithfulness is a cornerstone of lifelong love. I experienced the same situation and went through five years of almost total celibacy. I didn’t have an affair. I realized that if my wife was physically unable to have sex, that would not give me permission to go elsewhere — and this was different. Eventually, I moved to another bedroom. Once I did that, my constant frustration went away. To my surprise, after about a month, my wife came into my room one night. I stopped her and said, “I made a new rule for myself that any woman who wants to share my bed has to be available for sex.” She said, “OK,” and got in. From then on, we had not had further sexual problems. I still don’t understand it.

DEAR FAITHFULNESS: I don’t understand it, either. But I think this shows that there are myriad reasons for sexual problems in a relationship — and a variety of ways to try to solve them.

Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Can animals warn us of impending earthquakes and other natural events?

Q: Songbirds began to sing outside my bedroom window around five minutes before the recent earthquake. I assume birds usually are sleeping in the middle of the night! I’ve never seen anything like it. I have heard of animals warning people about earthquakes. Have you received other reports like this?

— S.T., West Salem, IL

A: Many readers emailed similar stories. I highly doubt that songbirds living outdoors were trying to warn people, however. It’s more likely they sensed something was wrong and were communicating with each other. Do animals know an earthquake, tsunami, or other. It’s more likely they sensed something about earthquakes. Have you received other reports like this?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 73-year-old woman. I have an abdominal aortic aneurysm. I have sonograms regularly. I am in a bowling league. I bowl each week. My bowling ball weighs 10 pounds. Should I bowl? My last ultrasound shows that the aneurysm is 3.8 cm. — F.S.

A: Your doctor is the only one who can answer your question with authority. He or she knows all the circumstances of your health. However, I can tell you that most people with an aneurysm of your size are encouraged to be active. Lifting heavy weights is discouraged. A 10-pound bowling ball isn’t considered a heavy weight. The size of an aneurysm determines its risk of breaking apart and bleeding profusely. Aneurysms smaller than 4 cm are not in danger of suddenly rupturing. When an aneurysm reaches 5 to 5.5 cm, then surgical repair is recommended. You are quite a distance away from the danger zone. For readers: Aneurysms are bulges of an artery wall, and are weak spots.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: How do I get a doctor to correct or change his written report? Twice in my 77 years I have pointed out incorrect statements in their reports. Each time I was told that it could not change anything. I petitioned in a written report. There must be a way to correct an error, especially before sending the report to other doctors. Do you have any suggestions? — G.J.

A: I do have a suggestion. The doctors are afraid of changing information because such changes can be damaging to them if the records are required in any legal proceedings. However, they can make a current note in the chart, explaining how previous information in the record was not correct. That’s not going to get them any trouble. It seems to me that not doing so would be dishonorable. Having an affair would not give me permission to go elsewhere. In this case, it seems to me that not doing so would be dishonorable. Having an affair would not give me permission to go elsewhere. In this case, it seems to me that not doing so would be dishonorable.
Mother’s Day is the perfect day to honor all the special women in your life.

Every spring, individuals celebrate their mothers on Mother’s Day. It has evolved from a day to honor mothers to one that recognizes all special women. Therefore, if there is a woman in one’s life who isn’t a biological mother—but special nonetheless—Mother’s Day can be a time to tell her how much she is appreciated.

There are many reasons a person may want to honor a woman who is not his or her mother. Perhaps the person’s own mother has passed away or is not prominent in this individual’s life. Maybe there is a grandmother or aunt with whom one is especially close. There may be a teacher or mentor that has touched the life of a person in a special way. Although Mother’s Day is built around giving thanks to mom, it’s certainly acceptable to thank women in addition to ’dear old mom.’ Furthermore, one needn’t wait until a specific day in May to honor a notable woman. This can be done all year long with certain gestures and sentiments. For those who are celebrating all women on Mother’s Day, here are some ways to set the day apart.

- Create a handmade card with personalized sentiments that reflect the unique relationship with this special woman.
- Find out her interests and spend a day doing entirely what she wants to do. It doesn’t necessarily have to take place on Mother’s Day. A trip to a museum or a day at the park can be a nice outing.
- Treat her to a special dinner. Ask about favorite foods and create a meal at home. If dining out is a must, choose a day other than Mother’s Day, especially if you are also honoring your own mother on Mother’s Day.
- Find something you both enjoy. Maybe you met up due to a hobby or interest. Remember the first day you met and reminisce by heading to that place for a celebration.
- Have an extended family fiesta. Host a Mother’s Day party at home and single out all the special women in attendance. Mother’s Day is a special time of the year to honor not only a person’s mom but also any other notable woman in your life.

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The sport of roller skating is traditionally thought of on “quad” skates, in which a wheel in each corner creates a square. According to SkateFAQs.com, roller skates consist of four wheels, set in a “square” shape with two in front and two in back. The wheels are mounted to a steel plate, which is then attached to the skate boot. Quad roller skates are often used in artistic skating, in roller derby, and are popular among recreational skaters due to their stability. Inline skates, on the other hand, are preferred for sports such as roller hockey, aggressive skating, and cross training. Many recreational skaters also wear inline skates.

According to SkateFAQs.com, there are a number of small differences in a skater’s form when a skater is using roller skates compared to inline skates. Inline skates require a form similar to cross-country skiing, in which the entire body is committed to each “push” to gain momentum. On quad roller skates, however, the “push” of each foot is made with a bent knee, and the upper body does little except help the skater maintain balance.

Both types of roller skating provide a strong cardiovascular workout and many other health benefits. While inline skating is often enjoyed outdoors, most roller skaters use a rink for their sport.

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**Pancake breakfast for mom**

Breakfast in bed is one of the staples of Mother’s Day celebrations. Pancakes are an ideal breakfast to serve mom. Easily created, pancakes can be made with just a few ingredients that are usually kitchen staples. Young children should be supervised if helping with the preparation of breakfast.

**EASY PANCAKES**

1. Sift dry ingredients together then add the wet ingredients. Mix until just incorporated and let stand 5 minutes.
2. Prepare a griddle or flat skillet by heating 1-2 T. butter or non-stick cooking spray.
3. Spoon about 1/4 cup of batter onto griddle for each pancake. Wait until bubbles form in the center and then flip. Let cook on other side until golden brown, and then remove.
4. Repeat until pancake batter is done.
5. Cut a small cleft into the top of sliced strawberries to make them look like hearts and garnish the plate with powdered sugar.

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17-year-old senior
Linden High School

FAMILY:
Family: My dad is Kevin and my mom is Mary. I have a sister, Jeanette, who is 23 and a brother, Phil, who is 19. I'm the youngest.

SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:
I play soccer and basketball. I also kicked for the football team. That was very interesting, very different. The guys welcomed me and protected me very well. I also enjoy the lake and hanging out with friends. I'm very big into family things.

PERSONAL MOTTO:
'The greatest achievement comes from the greatest commitment.' It's worked very well for me.

MY DREAM CAR:
A new, black Chevy Camaro, with blackened windows.

All-time favorite movie: ‘Step-brothers,’ with Will Ferrell.

Ok, you’re the school principal, what’s the first change you would make? Students would be allowed to have cell phones in class. Kids do it anyway. I think if you get emergency texts or calls, you won’t miss it if you have your cell phone.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? I’d like to fly. It would be fun. You could go everywhere and not have to buy gas. It would be easier to travel.

What is your earliest memory? Playing my first soccer game when I was 4. I played for AYSO. I remember scoring a lot of goals.

I always: try my best
I never: give up.

Is there an event in your life for which you would like a “do-over”? I went to nationals for soccer in Kansas. I’d like to go back and try it again. My team was Michigan Hawks. We didn’t do so well. We had a good shot and I’d like to accomplish the goal we had.

If you could ask the president one question, what would it be? I’d ask him why gas prices are so high?

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? I’d like to go back and watch the USA women’s soccer team win the gold medal. They’ve done it a few times.

What physical or mental attribute, if any, would you change about yourself? I would be more lean.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say? ‘Smile.’

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Graduation. I’m playing soccer at MSU next year. I cannot wait.

My parting advice for a better world: Respect others the way you want to be respected.
Fenton area Chamber invests in ‘Shop Local’ marketing efforts

By Sally Rummel
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Don’t be surprised to see a lot more “Shop local” marketing and promotion through the partnership of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-County Times. The chamber board has voted to approve upcoming “Shop Local” promotions, presented by the Business Development Committee of the chamber. Their goal is to increase the awareness of the importance of shopping locally, by keeping messages in front of people through upcoming “Shop Local” promotions.

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Fenton Chamber
NETWORKING SCHEDULE

MAY 19
Blessing Plumbing & Heating
Tropical Smoothie Cafe

JUNE 15
Fenton Health Care

JULY 23
Brown & Brown
Insurance Agency

AUG 18
Linden Academy of Dance & Music

SEP 15
The State Bank

OCT 20
Coldwell Banker Professionals

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Georgetown Park Apartments

DEC 15
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Fenton Chamber
EVENTS DATEDLINE

MAY 19
NETWORKING @ NOON
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Blessing Plumbing & Heating & Tropical Smoothie Cafe
EVENT LOCATION:
Blessing Plumbing & Heating

MAY 26
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING LUNCH
FOOD PROVIDED BY:
Canadian Steak, Fish & Sandwich Co.

JUNE 3
CHAMBER GOLF SCRAMBLE
EVENT LOCATION:
Fenton Farms Golf Club

JUNE 16
NETWORKING @ NOON
SPONSORED BY:
Fenton Heath Care
EVENT LOCATION:
Fenton Heath Care

JULY 4
FENTON FREEDOM FESTIVAL
EVENT LOCATION:
Downtown Fenton

AUG. 13
TASTE IN FENTON
EVENT LOCATION:
Fenton Community & Cultural Center

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‘Our chamber rocks’...

New membership campaign shares chamber benefits with non-members

By Sally Rummel
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“Our Chamber Rocks,” and the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce wants everyone to know it. The chamber conducted a membership campaign April 26 to April 28 with volunteers calling area non-members to invite them to enjoy the benefits of chamber membership (see sidebar).

The board of directors voted in January to bring in the services of Joan Testa, of Chamber Development Services, to conduct the upcoming campaign.

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Taste in Fenton — a continued success

Enjoy a ‘taste’ of the good life on Aug. 13

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You’ll want to mark Saturday, Aug. 13 on your calendar for the 11th annual Taste in Fenton event, set for 12 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center — rain or shine.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, State Bank and Vg’s sponsoring this event. Taste in Fenton highlights local dishes, music, activities and fun.

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Canadian Steak, Fish and Sandwich Co. serve up delicious treats at the Annual Taste in Fenton.
Van Gilder family named as festival grand marshals

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Everyone knows that VG's (Grocery) stands for the last name of the Van Gilder family of Fenton. What may not be as well known is the humble way in which the Van Gilders not only fed local families through the doors of their grocery stores for more than 50 years, but also nurtured the community through the generous gift of their time and resources.

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Chamber message from the chairman

By Patrik Welty
Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Spring is finally here. Our ongoing mission to serve our members and promote prosperity and growth for our region has led to a large number of projects. Our staff and committees are as busy as bees, working on goals we hope to accomplish this calendar year.

Among those goals is growth in our membership. Already, we are encouraged by the members who have joined this year, and considering our membership campaign, we fully expect that to continue.

We also hope to promote greater communication and stronger ties with the surrounding downtown development authorities, cities and townships. To that end, we recently attended a work session for the city of Fenton to present a summary of the projects and committee work being handled by our organization this year. We hope to schedule a similar presentation for the city of Linden soon.

And, as always, we are looking for innovative ways to drive customers to our members. We hope to encourage people in our community — both businesses and the public — to ‘shop local.’ Our marketing campaign, including the ‘Shop Local’ promotion with the Tri-County Times, is generating positive feedback and our networking opportunities continue to be an example of how effective our organization is at bringing the business community together.

Last week, we had one of the best-attended “Networking at Noon” events I have ever seen. It was hosted by Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. We will continue to look for new opportunities to assist our members.

These are just a few of the things we are working on to continue to promote the great communities we live and work in. We appreciate your encouragement, support and look forward to seeing you at the great events in the months ahead, including the chamber golf outing and the Taste In Fenton.

— Patrik Welty, chairman
Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce
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Inc. in Bedford, Texas, based on the huge success rate other area chambers received from using their services. “Joan has worked with other chambers, from Saginaw and Midland to Frankenmuth and others,” said Shelly Day, president.
“We felt it is worth the expense because the campaign has proven to be so successful in other places. We wanted to bring that success here to our local chamber.”

Chamber membership director Rochelle Jones has coordinated this effort locally. “Rochelle has worked extremely hard to coordinate volunteers for this campaign, while retaining the current membership,” said Day.

Board members, Ambassadors, active members and other volunteers have staffed a call center at Premier Sports in Fenton this past week, hoping to increase membership by up to a third.

“Volunteers aren’t just making ‘cold calls’ from a telephone book,” said Jones. “Specific businesses are being targeted by volunteers who feel that that business will benefit directly from chamber membership. The average volunteer brings in three new members through this campaign.”

Here’s how Chamber Development Services works. “We are your strategic partner,” said Testa on her website, www.chamberdevelopment.com. “We tell you what to expect from us, and what we expect from you. After more than 700 programs in which each volunteer averaged three new members, we know what works.

According to Testa, there are three things a chamber needs to do to build its membership:
1. The chamber has to have a benefit package that validates this statement: Chamber membership is an investment, not a donation.
2. The community should have at least 300 local prospective members with a small business membership of at least $200 annually.
3. The chamber should embrace a partnership that will measure success not only by gaining new dollars but also by gaining new direction.

A typical partnership between CDS, Inc. and a chamber involves this time-tested process.
Step One: Analysis
CDS will work with the staff to gather information about the chamber, the market, and the membership and will provide recommendations and strategies based on this analysis.

Step Two: Training
CDS will travel to the community, at their expense, to train volunteers and staff involved in their project. The remainder of their work will go toward a workshop that will turn current members into disciples for the Chamber.

Step Three: Outreach
In one week, CDS will return to the community to oversee an outreach program aimed at attracting new members, with no cold calling. The purpose of this effort is to encourage current members to attract new members based on their personal experience about the benefits, networking, productivity and joys of being a Chamber member.

Step Four: Recognition
At the conclusion of the week, CDS will present personalized certificates of achievement to many of the volunteers. They will recap the activities in a brief meeting with key staff members, directors, volunteers or ambassadors.

Step Five: Retention
The chamber will receive an analysis of new members and their sponsors. CDS’s exclusive Attention to Retention manual is a journal to keep and use. In addition, for an entire year, the chamber is welcome to consult with CDS on topics such as new-member support, involvement and retention.

Grace Bible Church ribbon-cutting
The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomed Grace Bible Church of Grand Blanc into its membership at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 15.

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Fenton Chamber scholarships

To be awarded to three local high school students

By Sally Rummel
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Calling all local high school students. You may be the fortunate recipient of a $500 scholarship awarded this spring by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

“Community involvement is an important component of this application,” said Tricia Overfield, career connections committee coordinator, who works with local high school counseling offices in setting up this scholarship. Chelsea Mills is chairperson of the committee.

This is the second year that the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce has awarded this scholarship. It was started in Linden as a chamber project of their own, and when the chambers of commerce merged, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce decided to continue and expand the scholarship to the Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton school districts.

Funding the scholarship is a Silent Auction held during the chamber’s annual dinner, as well as the monthly luncheons hosted by chamber ambassadors. The scholarships are awarded during the annual awards ceremonies conducted at each local high school in May.

For more information about the scholarship, contact the chamber office at (810) 629-5447 or the high school counseling offices.
Smitty’s provides friendly, convenient service

You won’t find a more genuinely friendly environment than that of Smitty’s Exit 80 Sunoco, located on North Road, off Exit 80 in Fenton. For Fenton-area residents, Smitty’s has become much more than a tank of gas or your morning coffee. It is an experience that generates regulars, who return daily, in most cases.

Employees at Smitty’s are knowledgeable as well as endlessly helpful and dedicated to the customer. Whether you visit daily or stop in on your way through town, it is obvious to patrons that this is not your average gas station.

The business is family-owned by Doug and Cindy Smith, who not only know the town of Fenton, due to 25 years of residency, but also exemplify the meaning of “convenient” at all levels. It is a one-stop shop for all summer-fun needs as it serves as a propane refill station, full-line bait shop, Michigan Lottery picks, gas refill or simply a place to stop by and talk about fishing.

Although Smitty’s hasn’t been in business long, it is already deeply rooted in the community. The Smiths donate to more than 10 local charities and sports teams, and are dedicated to supporting the community that similarly supports their business.

Smitty’s is the only gas station in Fenton that belongs to the chamber of commerce. Sunoco gasoline is the only gasoline that is produced by 100-percent U.S. oil. Along with gasoline, they also offer kerosene and diesel fuel.

The only way to experience the passion for convenience that Smitty’s has to offer is to stop by and check it out for yourself.

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restaurants and provides guests with an opportunity to sample delicious foods and enjoy a “total culinary experience” in downtown Fenton. Attendees will also be able to enjoy live music.

People will once again be able to reserve a table for the entire day — up to a maximum of 10 per table - so they will have a front-row seat or a shady spot from which to enjoy all the festivities, especially if they have family and friends “stopping by” all day. ‘Just call our office to make these arrangements,” said Shelly Day, Fenton Regional Chamber executive director.

Taste in Fenton is held on Saturday along with Fenton Kiwanis Club “Art in the Center” event, so there will be many activities to encourage visitors to spend the day in downtown Fenton, according to Day. The Fenton firefighters will also be holding their morning 5K race downtown, and there are many kids’ activities planned, among all the organizing groups.

“We have changed the layout a bit this year so that people can easily find all the events and activities that are taking place,” said Day. “People will find it very easy to get around.”

This year’s main event sponsors are VG’s Grocery and The State Bank in Fenton. Returning as sponsors of the root-beer floats will be Financial Plus Credit Union. The Fenton Winery & Brewery will be the main ale sponsors.

New this year, will be “Put ‘n Stuff” miniature golf. “We’ll be having games, inflatables and more activities for kids,” said Day.

This year’s Taste in Fenton is expected to draw at least 4,000 participants.

Networking at Noon - March/April

Approximately 60-80 Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce members, along with guests, gather monthly at different business locations for “Networking @ Noon.” This event has become so popular that the sponsor or host has booked dates through mid-year 2012. Several years ago, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce held the traditional Business After Hours. After experiencing a decline in attendance, the chamber looked to the members for reasons why they were not attending. A majority of members responded. They just wanted to go home after work, they were tired. They wanted to spend time with their family or they were attending school/sporting events. As a result, the chamber staff decided to develop an event during the day, but at a time when most business owners or employees were available — lunchtime. Hence, the evolution of “Networking @ Noon.”

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- Linden Academy of Dance & Music
- Lynn North - Airborne International
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- Sharp Family Homes
- Sign-A-Rama of Flint
- Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation
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“We are making an investment in our community through our ‘Shop Local’ efforts,” said Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. “We want members to shop where they live, work and play, which extends the reach of our campaign.”

Using the tagline “Where Community & Commerce Connect,” the chamber is promoting the importance of the relationships between local businesses and the communities they serve. “We want to use this tagline more often, because this is truly what our chamber is all about,” said Day.

The Business Development Committee of the chamber recently put together a proposal for ways to make this investment work.

Advertising and Promotion

The Tri-County Times and the chamber are coordinating an in-newspaper promotion that will kick-off in May. The theme will be “Shop Local,” with the chamber sharing the space with a business, whose name will be selected from a monthly chamber drawing. The chamber is also advertising on Charter cable TV, which premiered on April 11.

Incentives for local shoppers

At the 2011 Community Expo, the chamber matched $250 in gift cards with local business donations of gift cards, so that one lucky shopper won a $500 Shopping Spree, after presenting receipts from three local businesses: Eclections, VG’s and Target.

Increasing public awareness

The “Shop Local” logo will be presented on athletic banners at three local high schools in Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden, providing a message in front of local people during their leisure time at sports activities.

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Yeo & Yeo, P.C. has promoted Kristy Brown, CPA to manager. She provides tax planning and preparation services, as well as management advisory services in the firm’s Flint office. Brown holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Ferris State University.

The Old Newsboys of Flint are partnering with the Genesee County Fair to encourage family fun for a good cause. The fair, which runs from Aug. 15 to Aug. 21, has made available the Genesee County Fun Fair Pass, which provides admission to the fair all week, and premium seating to all Grand Stand shows for $20 and all-week parking for $15. A portion of every ticket sold through the Old Newsboys office is donated back to the organization. Tickets are available at the Old Newsboys office or by calling (810) 744-1840.

Comfort Keepers & Friends is presenting the third annual Spring Fling Senior Prom. The event will be held on Monday, May 16, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Stonegate Banquet Centre, 1084 N. Irish Rd. in Davison. There will be a light dinner, from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by dancing, from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be door prizes and great music for only $10 per person. For more information or for tickets, call Comfort Keepers at (810) 249-2561.

Brian Haaraajoa, VG’s Food and Pharmacy, was inducted into the Western Michigan Food Distribution Hall of Fame.

Horizon Church opens its doors in Fenton

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Horizon Church has opened its doors to the community of Fenton, meeting Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the home of its pastor, Chris Vitarelli and his wife, Judy.

The church was officially chartered in December 2010, with the mission of connecting with people and introducing them to Jesus Christ, “the only one who can truly change their lives,” according to Vitarelli. “In a 10-mile radius around Fenton, there are almost 100,000 people — 70 percent of whom have no meaningful connection with a church,” he said. “Our mission is to reach people who are far from God and see their lives transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.”

Horizon Church will soon be moving to a more permanent location, but for now, meets at the pastor’s home. For more information about the location, e-mail Vitarelli at cvitarelli@live.com or obtain more details about Horizon Church at www.horizonchurch.us.

“We believe our church needs to be active outside the building, meeting with and getting to know people where they live, work and play,” adds Vitarelli. “We are Bible-centered, ‘come as you are’ casual, but we take worshiping God seriously. We are committed to family, friendships and a sense of community — showing love to people with no strings attached. We believe in ‘keeping it simple.’”

In addition to Sunday evening worship at 6:30 p.m., Horizon Church also holds Bible studies in area coffee shops.

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Roll-N-Save Tobacco opens in Fenton

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If you’re used to spending hundreds of dollars every month on cigarettes, a new Fenton business may save you about half of those dollars.

Roll-N-Save Tobacco has been open for about a month at 1236 N. LeRoy St. next to Lockes Party Store. It is the third Roll-N-Save store to open in mid-Michigan, including locations in Howell and Burton.

What sets Roll-N-Save apart from other smokers’ stores is that this business offers a way to cut down on the cost of smoking, rather than selling a myriad of tobacco products. “We offer two ‘roll your own’ cigarette machines, plus, the assistance of a helpful staff member,” said store manager Norm Riopelle. You can save up to about $125 a month, compared to traditional cigarettes.

“In just eight minutes, you can roll between 190 and 200 cigarettes for only $27, saving you hours of time and money,” he added. “At Roll-N-Save, we guarantee that you’ll take home 190 cigarettes. It usually takes people about three hours to roll all of their own cigarettes at home, and the end product is not nearly as consistent as what will come out of our machines.”

When a customer comes in for the first time, he or she will be asked what brand of cigarettes they usually smoke, so that Roll-N-Save staff can help them match their taste with a custom-blend tobacco.

“We have red, gold, silver and menthol-flavored tobacco,” said Riopelle. “Customers will also appreciate that the tobacco is tested for freshness daily, is custom blended and there are no chemicals added or fire-safe filters.”

Roll-N-Save Tobacco also offers cigarette cases and lighters for sale. The store is open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Fenton store at (810) 750-3100.

Kidz Kompany rehearsing for ‘Krazy Kamp’

Young actors who are working on a local play about summer camp recently visited a real camp to do research for their roles. The 72 youngsters from Kidz Theatre Kompany (KTK) have been rehearsing a musical comedy called “Krazy Kamp.”

On April 16, they spent the day in the country south of Holly at historic Camp Wathana, which is run by Camp Fire USA.

“We always like to give the kids real-life experiences that relate to the situations in our shows,” said Rhonda Carr, chairperson. “Some of them have never been to camp before, and now they know what it’s like.”

Kidz Theatre Kompany, a subsidiary of Fenton Village Players, is the only youth theatre group that accepts all youngsters who wish to perform on stage. They will open their production of “Krazy Kamp” at Fenton Village Playhouse on May 6.

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A worthless word

In his bestselling book, “Confessions of a happy Christian,” inspirational writer, Zig Ziglar wrote that he had given a number of things after becoming a man of faith.

He gave up staying awake at night because he realized the Lord is awake all the time. He gave up worrying about tomorrow because he came to understand that God is already there. He gave up his concerns about financial obligations because he became convinced that the Lord is more concerned about our needs than we are, and that His unlimited resources will always be up to the occasion. In other words, Ziglar’s newfound faith enabled him to overcome his worries.

A noted 19th century writer said, “The very essence of anxiety is to imagine that we are wiser than God. We believe that what we need, He will forget. We try to carry our own weary burdens and act as if He were unable or unwilling to take them.”

According to the Bible, the opposite is true. Joseph Scriver, who wrote “What a Friend we have in Jesus,” did so to help his mother overcome her fears, and said we forfeit peace and bear needless pain by not taking everything to God in prayer. That is exactly what we do when we insist on bearing burdens that God has offered to bear for us.

Scriver insisted that God invites us to take our troubles to Him, stop worrying about them and leave them in His capable hands. When we do so, we can be sure that He will take our worries away.

Each day, we’re faced with a choice between faith and worry. Faith imparts light and moves mountains. Worry just makes mountains out of molehills. One wise man compared worry to sitting in a rocking chair. “It keeps you busy,” he said. “But you don’t go anywhere.”

Worry is not only damaging to our health, it is a waste of time. Worry has never placed a loaf of bread on a table nor paid a delinquent bill. Worry has never added a ray of sunshine to a dark day. Worry has never brought healing to the sick. Worry has never lifted a burden. Worry doesn’t provide strength for tomorrow, it just drains strength from today.

“All true,” you say.

“But how can we stop worrying?”

We can overcome worry by exercising faith. Worry and faith are opposites. As faith increases, worry decreases.

The still highly regarded 19th century English minister, C.H. Spurgeon, wrote, “A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

So, no matter how dark things seem today, expect the best tomorrow.

Rid yourself of that worthless word, ‘worry.’ Doubt your doubts; believe your beliefs. ‘For with God nothing shall be impossible’ (Luke 1:37).

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DERBY GIRL

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“It’s like football on roller skates,” said St. Andre, 39, of Holly. She admits she was just a “regular skater” until the derby bug hit. She saw a Detroit derby girl bumper stick on the back of a car, and decided she wanted to be one.

“I was an ‘80s girl, so I knew how to skate,” said St. Andre, a hair designer at Alure Hair Company in Fenton. “It took only three months for me to go from being ‘just a skater’ to being a derby girl. I had to learn all the slides, stops and hits during a 60-day training period, then take a Women’s Flat Track Association test, skating 25 laps in five minutes. After that, I had to take a grueling five-hour physical test, showing I could “receive and give,” skate in a pack, then I had to take a written rules test.”

While thoughts of Roller Derby conjure up punching, kicking, elbowing and other types of assaulative behavior, St. Andre insists that Mid-Michigan Derby Girls “play nice.” There is no punching, tripping, shoving or swearing. “We’re aggressive and competitive, but we respect each other, other players, the refs and the spectators,” said St. Andre. “But make no mistake, the bouts are rough. Out there, I’m not soft-spoken Michelle. I’m aggressive ‘have no fear’ Tat 2 Barb-B. I even have my own fan base.”

Three of her most devoted fans are her husband, Scott, and her two children. Scott does his own transformation as a Coca-Cola corporate guy by day and “Slim Sk8ie” Roller Derby ref by night. The couple’s children, Isaac, 13, and Gabbie, 10, are both students in Holly schools. They come to all of her Saturday night bouts, making signs and cheering their mother on.

Roller Derby isn’t a sport for sissies. Andre has sustained a dislocated thumb, a fat lip and a black eye. One of her fel-

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While some couples go to a movie on “date night,” husband-and-wife team Scott and Michelle St. Andre, of Holly, roller derby together.

Low team members broke her nose just two weeks ago and blown-out knees are relatively commonplace in the sport. But injuries have been “few and far between” this season.

What does it take to be a derby girl? St. Andre believes it is a combination of aggressiveness and competitiveness, plus a “have no fear” attitude. “You can never be OK with ‘just good enough,’” she said. “You’ve always got to be looking for improvement, learning every time you watch a bout.”

St. Andre loves the great workout that being a derby girl provides, with speed skating, agility, endurance and core training part of every practice. “I can’t imagine going back to the gym for a workout,” she said. “That would be such a humdrum activity compared to what we do at Roller Derby.”

She also loves the “glam side” of being a derby girl. “It takes me two hours to get ‘Derby’d up before a bout,” said St. Andre. “When I wake up on Saturday morning before a bout, I’m so excited that it’s ‘derby time.’ As soon as my feet hit the floor, my adrenaline starts running.”

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Fenton soccer edges Linden in Metro League thriller, 2-1

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Linden — At times, the Fenton varsity girls soccer team seemed to be impersonating a hockey team on Tuesday.

It seemed with every dead ball, two to five players were running off the field, replacing others that were out there for about five minutes.

But there was a method to Fenton’s madness at Linden High School’s Claude M. Cranston Field. With the changes, the Tigers were a fresh bunch, helping spark a key 2-1 Metro League victory against their area foes.

“It’s fast. It keeps our energy going,” said Fenton senior Janelle Keyandwy, who scored one of Fenton’s goals. “The more breaks we have, the more energy we have going at the end of the game.”

That showed a bit during Tuesday’s tight and entertaining contest.

After having to fight against the wind in the first half, the Tigers (4-2-1, 1-1) had the wind at their backs in the second half, producing two goals. However, it wasn’t like Linden was without fight themselves. They scored against the wind, tying the contest at 1-all with about 30 minutes left in the contest on a Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz header off a Sam Thornton cross.

From there, the teams battled for that game-winning goal, a tally that was produced by Callie Toaso from about 20 yards out with about 23 minutes remaining in the contest.

“You just see the ball and you go after it. I got the ball, saw the keeper was to the far side, and I knew that the defenders were coming toward me,” Toaso said while describing her goal. “So I pushed it out.

Fenton girls edge Linden track
Holly women remain perfect in Metro League action

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Linden — Fenton varsity track and field girls varsity coach Todd Mills was worried his team may be a little flat.

But apparently his concerns were a bit exaggerated.

The Tigers captured a key Metro League victory against Linden 75-62 and also defeated Lapeer West 107-28 at Claude Cranston Field on Wednesday. Linden defeated West 107-28.

“I was kind of worried the way we started out. We seemed a little flat,” Mills said. “But our three seniors — Alyssa Sander, Alexandra Kozlowski and Brittany Robinson — helped set the tone.”

They certainly did that. The trio won every event they competed in.

The trio teamed with Lauren Davis to win the 800 relay (1:53.80) and with Emily Bennis to win the 1,600 relay (4:24.20). Meanwhile, individually, Sander won the 100 hurdles (17.21) and the 300 hurdles (51.62), Kozlowski won the 100 (13.42) and the 400 (1:05.30), and Robinson won the 200 (27.94) and the long jump (15-7 1/2).

The Tigers also earned two other individual firsts. Julie Gilbert won the high jump (4-10), while Taylor Thorpe won the 3,200 (12:41.40).

“We are doing well, but the times are not what we were hoping,” Mills said. “We seem to run a little faster when it is cold and wet, but it was nice to see the sun peeking through the clouds.

“We have a young group that is continuing to improve, which just helps to make the team faster and stronger.”

Linden had its share of firsts, collecting seven of them. Alexis Downes earned two individual firsts, winning the discus (83-3) and the shot put (31-5). Other individual winners were Mayce Varacalli in the 1,600 (5:58.80), Heidi Sack in the 800 (2:36.60) and Ellyn May in the pole vault (7-6).

The team also won two relays. Sack, Dani Starns, Aleighsha Engish and Varacalli won the 3,200 relay (10:39.50), while Kristyn Resegue, Brooke Enciso, Rachel McCluskey and Angelina Garcia won the 400 relay (53.30).

Fenton faces Holly and Kearsley track in a Metro meet on Wednesday, while the Linden Eagles face off against Clio and Lapeer East.

Holly girls sweep in Metro League play after the two victories on Wednesday.

— Merisa Moorhead was a three-time winner for the Holly Bronchos. She won the 100 hurdles (16.6), the 300 hurdles (54.14). See TRACK on 21B

Holly tennis continues its winning ways

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Grand Blanc — The Holly varsity girls tennis team shutout Kearsley 8-0 Tuesday, indoors at Genesys, to notch its 74th straight Metro League girls tennis match dating back to 1995.

Carley Postma, a freshman who plays No. 1 doubles with senior Stephanie Colliex, was not even born when the streak began. The Bronchos are looking for a staggering 29th league championship in a row. Holly is off to the right start, unbeaten in four Metro league tennis matches, and is already in first place in the league. The state record for league and non-leagues straight dual wins is 108.

“The 28-in-a-row Metro League See HOLLY on 20B

Linden field events spark boys’ win vs. Fenton

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Linden — Linden’s varsity boys track and field team showed the importance of the field events on Wednesday.

The Tigers competed well on the track, but the Eagles scored 37 of a possible 45 points in field events against Fenton, resulting in a 74-63 victory.

Both teams also defeated West by similar 127-9 scores.

Linden’s Ted Parcher continues to impress on the track. The freshman won four events. Individually, he won the 100 (11.24) and the 200 (23.30). He also teamed with Taylor Anderson, Andrew Lucky and Lucas Belmore to win the 800 relay (1:34.80). Finally, Parcher teamed with Austin Gargagliano, Lucky and Belmore to win the 400 relay (45.0).

“I think the highlight of the meet was Ted Parcher’s anchor leg in the 800 relay,” Linden coach Nick Douglass said. “Ted got the baton from Lucky with about a 30-meter deficit, and ran down Fenton’s anchor leg with a split of 21.9 seconds to get the victory for Linden.”

The Eagles also had a strong performance from Max Powell. Powell won the 300 hurdles (45.06) and the long jump (19-5). Kyle Fisher dominated the throwing events, winning the discus (124.6) and the shot put (42.5).

One key event for Linden was the pole vault. While the Eagles didn’t get an overall first in the event, they did earn a first against Fenton and swept the event. Connor O’Connell took first against Fenton (10-6). They also swept the shot put.

“Our points on the field were phenomenal, sweeping the shot put and pole vault and placing the top two spots in the long jump and discus,” Douglass said. “Max See LINDEN on 21B

Linden’s Max Powell won the long jump competition against Fenton and Lapeer West on Wednesday.

did you know? The United States’ Mike Powell holds the world long jump record at 29 feet, 4 3/4 inches long.
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Swartz Creek — The Holly varsity soccer squad evened its overall record at 4-4. More importantly the Bronchos won the Metro League season opener over Swartz Creek 3-1 Wednesday.

“We changed some things and they reacted very well,” said Holly coach Mike Steibel. “We played more aggressive. The team is jelling, which was one of my concerns. It is a nice win to get things rolling. How the league works you need them all.”

Holly has a busy upcoming week. Holly plays Linden on Monday and Fenton on Wednesday, both road contests.

In less than a 10-minute span, the Bronchos scored the first two goals of the game midway through the first half. The first score came as Holly’s Keller Williams assisted a goal to Natalie Cieslak. Cieslak slipped in a shot into the right corner of the net. Just 102 seconds later, Nicole Rombach scored on a rebound for a 2-0 lead.

Holly freshman goalkeeper Ellie Curtis returned after leaving the Powers game on Monday with an injury. She allowed only one goal. The Ione Creek goal came with 9:54 left in the first half. The Dragons’ Sarah Haynes drew Curtis out of the box and then booted a long shot into an empty net. Curtis scrambled back to defend the goal, but was too late, cutting the lead to 2-1.

In the second half, Curtis stepped up and kept the Dragons off the board with good defensive help. Holly added an insurance goal when senior captain Olivia Smith scored on an assist from Kayla Skopek.

“The goalie came out, and I made a horizontal move,” Smith said. “I was slotted right and got the pass from Kayla, and made the move to get off the shot.”

“We wanted to attack tonight more than we have, and score as much as possible. We came out knowing Swartz Creek has been winning a lot of games. I am very proud of our team and the outcome.”

The Bronchos almost made it 4-1 with 13:25 left on Audrey Konns’ perfect corner kick to Rombach for an apparent goal. However, the goal was nullified by an offsides call.

Holly soccer opens Metro with 3-1 win
Linden Summer Happening’s 5K Road Race still scheduled

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The Linden Summer Happening may be off this year, but one event based around its usual date will remain.

The Linden Summer Happening’s 5K and 1 Mile Road Races will be held June 26 this year.

“The race will go on, even if the actual Linden Summer Happening does not,” said event coordinator Dan Skinner. “We started the race around the festival, but it is not tied to it in any way except in name.”

The race isn’t a large one, but it has been reasonably successful since it started.

The races start on Hyatt Elementary School’s campus and runs through Linden County Park. The proceeds for the event, which is starting its fifth year, goes to all the running programs in Linden, from cross country to track from elementary programs right through high school.

“The race was started so the running programs could build funds to buy items to enhance the programs, and to make them more enjoyable for the kids and parents/volunteers involved with the program.”

The one-mile race starts at 8:30 a.m., while the 5K starts at 9 a.m.

“It’s a low-key event,” Skinner said. “It’s been going on a few years, but most of the people are local.”

Linden’s Mayce Varacalli (front) takes the baton from teammate Dani Starrs during Wednesday’s meet.

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and teamed with Christina King, Kelly Ray and Avery Johnston to win the 800 relay (1:57).

The Bronchos won all four relays. Other relay winners were Mariah Riddel, Abby Lewandowski, Melissa Bott and Shannon Westfall in the 3,200 (10:38.7); King, Ray, Kass Eggert and Kailee Harris in the 400 (55.0); and Paige McElroy, Tatum Harmon, Bott and Ridal in the 1,600 (4:17.5). Other individual winners were Jenna Mitchell in the discus (101-2), Harmon in the 400 (1:03.3), Bott in the 800 (2:25.8), Elizabeth Hawley in the shot (33-3), Megan Powsavariski in the high jump (4-10) and Rachel Domagalski in the pole vault (8-0).

Holly faces Fenton and Kearsley in a Metro meet on Wednesday.

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Powell and Zac Fish both had PRs in the long jump. Ian Jacobson had a PR in the shot to place as well.”

Fenton’s Matt Gilbert had a strong meet, winning four events. Individually, he won the 1,600 (4:41.80) and the 800 (2:03.00). Gilbert also teamed with Max Kryza, Nick Jones and Trevor Wierfel to win the 3,200 relay (8:29.50).

Fenton faces Holly and Kearsley in a Metro meet on Wednesday, while Linden faces off against Clio and Lapeer East.

Holly 72, Swartz Creek 65

Holly 117, Clio 20

The Bronchos improved to 6-0 with the sweep at home on Wednesday.

Dallas Crandell won two individual events, taking first in the 110 hurdles (15.78) and in the 300 hurdles (40.69).

Meanwhile, Keon Ellison took part in three firsts. He won the 400 (50.89) and took part in two relay wins. He teamed with Mike McCarty, Luke Schwerin and Davis Nixon to win the 3,200 relay (8:36.3) and with Nixon, Zack Deehl and John Williams to win the 1,600 relay (3:31.35). Other individual firsts for Holly included Colin Bames winning the discus and Joey Spencer winning the pole vault (13-4).
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aimed toward the near-post and it went right in.

“I think our strategy has changed a bit the last few games. I think we are sub-
boring out more frequently. It gives everybody more energy, gives us more of a rest. That way we are more rejuvenated and able to score.”

The first half had a lot of activity, but featured very little in terms of scoring chances. Perhaps the best chance either team had of scoring came on a Payton Maxheimer shot from about 10 yards out, which was saved.

The second half was a much different story. The Tigers scored about three min-
utes into the half on a Samantha Granger cross to Keyandwy.

“All I saw was Sam Granger pass it. And I know her passing, so I was open and I hit it right in the center.” Keyandwy said. “Every time that corner is passed, someone has to be open and just sneak it right through, and I was there.”

Linden (0-1, 4-1-1) responded about eight minutes later with Fiebernitz’s header, deadlocking the game at 1-all. However, with about 23 minutes remaining, Toaso scored the game-winner.

There were other scoring chances by both teams down the stretch. Linden’s best came on a direct kick from Fiebernitz from about 35 yards out. It was a liner right at the net, and Fenton keeper Alyssa Ostrowski made the save. With about a minute left, Fiebernitz had another direct kick, but this time the ball sailed just a bit high.

“We are not out of this,” Linden coach Kevin Fiebennitz said. “We just have to get it together. The one through six teams can beat each other. That’s what I told the

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A few thoughts about the area’s sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.

A LITTLE ABOUT THE DRAFT

The National Football League draft started on Thursday.

The opening round was completed. During it, the Detroit Lions made their first selection, defensive tackle Nick Fairley.

I’m not going to try to pretend I know anything about Fairley, more than what I can get on the Internet in the next 10 minutes, but generally, I’m OK with the selection.

Was defensive tackle the Lions’ pri-
mary need? No. In fact, the defensive line as a unit is their biggest strength. So in some ways, the selection has some mystery clouded around it. But, then again, when was the last time you could go into an NFL season and say, “The Lions have a position of strength on the defense?” It’s been a long time.

And while the defensive line may not have been their biggest need, it doesn’t hurt to make a line that was al-
ready one of the best in the NFL a year ago, better. The defensive line covered up a lot of issues with the Lions’ back seven a year ago and made the defense a reasonable unit. Certainly, adding some more talent, youth and depth to the position will only make it better.

It’s also nice to see the Lions make a selection and being able to under-
stand their thought process. Over the last dozen or so years, that couldn’t be said about nine or 10 times.

THREE DAYS - TOO LONG

About 20 years ago, the NFL draft held interest, but nothing like we see now.

The NFL draft is scheduled for three days. Is that really necessary? I didn’t even watch last night’s opening round, and have no intention of watching Friday or Saturday’s coverage. I don’t understand the need when I can turn on my computer, check a few sites and get all the information about the Lions’ picks in 10 minutes.

But, hey, I guess some people can’t get enough football.

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