

TRI-COUNTY TIMES 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**

VOTE

FENTON SCHOOL BOARD



**DAN
CARTER**



**TAMARA
VALLEY**

Both have a history of involvement within the school system, as well as business management skills. Each candidate also has children in the Fenton school district. Clearly, the two most qualified candidates of an excellent field.

LINDEN SCHOOL BOARD



**MARTY
RYMARZ**



**JOHN
WALSH**

We believe Walsh's experience 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.

LAKE FENTON SCHOOL BOARD



**CHRISTOPHER
FLETCHER**



**LARRY
GODLEWSKI**

The current 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

GENESEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Vote NO — The library millage is a six-year tax increase. This is not the time for any tax increases — period. To endorse a yes vote would be to endorse the dysfunction of our politicians who say they want the deficit lowered. If the library has to adjust services or hours, we will have to live with it. It's no different from what most of us are doing during these challenging economic times.



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PART 2: OUR TEACHERS: Everything you want to know



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.

Salaries, benefits similar in all local school districts

“The reason we went into education is we want to make a difference in the lives of children.”

Beverly Volkman
teacher, Sherman Middle School

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.

LAKE FENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Student enrollment — 1,854
Number of teachers — 89
Total revenue — \$15,553,395

See **TEACHERS** on 8A

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

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

First phase of cultural center to begin



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

A new arts and cultural classroom is in the works along with planned upgrades to the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

► 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 Doran Kasper.

See **CULTURAL** on 6A

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When stomach butterflies strike, sit down, place your left hand over your lower abdomen and your right hand over your heart, then close your eyes and breathe deeply for 60 seconds. Acupressure experts say this makes anxiety melt as the tension blocking energy channels between the heart and kidneys is released so you can keep your cool.

2 Relax muscles



Keep your cool with this acupressure trick: Using the tip of your index finger, lightly tap the crown of your head in one place while breathing deeply for 30 seconds. The body's energy channels converge at the top of the head, so stimulating the area sends relaxation signals to all of your muscles so tension will melt away.

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 prom. 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 Ohlert, 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
See PROM on 10A



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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.

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 began 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: Genesys Banquet Hall
Theme: "Red Carpet Affair"
Ticket Price: \$40

Fenton High School

Date: Saturday, May 14
Time: Red carpet walk begins at 7 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

Spring and summer camping preview

►What's new in the tri-county area

By Tim Jagielo

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The Fenton, Linden, and Holly areas are rich with fresh water lakes and wooded areas. Spring and summer are times to enjoy nature, and camping provides one of the best options to do so. Local campgrounds are opening up, and have new activities and changes this year.

Despite budget cuts from the state of Michigan, Seven Lakes State Park campground is adding programs and personnel, and is opening May 6 for camping.

See CAMPING on 14A

Summary

►Local campsites provide family fun and the opportunity to get in touch with nature.



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

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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, benefits and retirement packages are determined by the school boards.

Here's how it is 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 other 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 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 pre-determined by the behind-the-scenes manipulations of the very people who benefit most from the outcome. It may not be 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 are most 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.

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By Foster Childs



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WELL, SHUT MY MOUTH, the downtown development authority of Fenton finally did something intelligent. I take back everything I ever said negative about them. Way to go, folks.

TO THE SCHOOL support staff person, if you'd like to make as much as a teacher, get a bachelor's degree and then continue your education for the rest of your career. Do lesson plans, grade papers, respond to parent e-mails, conduct conferences, etc., and teach all day, every day. I promise, you'll make more money this way. Stop complaining about teachers.

THIS MESSAGE IS for the guy who bought the plant stand from my garage sale. I found your missing piece to the unit. Feel free to come back and pick it up.

TO THE SQUIRREL, crow and geese killer over on Buckhorn Lake, I think it's pretty sick that you feed these animals and then kill them. If you don't like animals coming to your yard, perhaps you should move to an apartment where you don't have to worry about the critters. Be careful, the DNR might be watching you.

HOW CAN WE expect educational reform, high-performing schools and competitive educational opportunities for our children if we continue to demean and devalue the very people

that are on the front lines? If all you can do is bash teachers, you are part of the problem and not the solution.

ONE WAY TO get back at the oil companies, see how many miles you get to a gallon on your car and how many miles you drive in a week. Buy just that amount of gas. Don't fill your tank. Maybe we can make a difference. Let them sit on that gas.

I ATTENDED THE egg hunt in Hartland last Saturday. It was a disaster. My 5 year old left crying because she wasn't able to even collect one egg. Shame on you parents for grabbing eggs and putting them

in your child's basket. They're old enough to do that on their own.

TEACHERS OF FENTON, students have heard of teachers talking strike. The community is aware the job you do is a very important one. Remember, you are also role models for these kids. Don't let this consume you on your job. Teachers are paid more than most firefighters and police officers. Are you saying the money you put out for your career is more important than them risking their lives for the community?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Readers write

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Fenton deletes Facebook comments

When a broken water main 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 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 it. 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 take part 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 own messaging to an uninvolved community without any feedback, perhaps social media isn't for them. After all, shouldn't social media be 'social'?

— Alaina Wiens, Fenton



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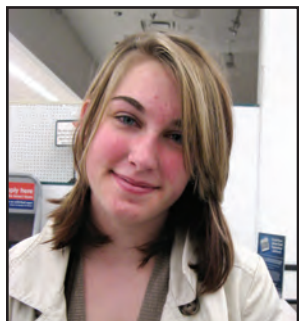
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What are your thoughts about teachers' pay and benefits?

streettalk



"I'm studying to be a teacher right now. I don't think it's right when teachers are laid off every year, then called back."

— Elizabeth Lawson, Linden



"I think their pay is about right. I have a granddaughter who's a teacher."

— Leora Townsend
Linden



"I think teachers should be paying at least some of the cost of their health care benefits."

— Diane Gilman
Fenton



"I don't think they're paid too much, not for what they do."

— Teri Morris
Commerce Township



"They should be compensated better, but picked with scrutiny. I don't mind paying teachers more, but I want to see better results."

— Jim Wright, Fenton



"Most teachers work hard and don't get credit or respect. I'm a retired teacher and my son and daughter-in-law are both teachers."

— Carolyn Kelly, Linden



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | COURTESY OF FENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Barely seen through the smoke, Fenton firefighters battle a grass fire with Indian Water back packs.

It's grass fire season

By Sharon Stone

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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.

Summary

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

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.

Fenton City has adopted rules governing burning in the city, according to Shook. Certain recreational outdoor fires are fine unless the smoke or odor becomes offensive or if atmospheric and

Burning rules

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www.cityoffenton.org/fire

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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.

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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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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.

Summary

►Former Astronaut and Lake Fenton graduate, Michael Bloomfield is to attend the Fun Fair and Silent Auction at West Shore Elementary School and Torrey Hill Intermediate School on May 14.

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

Continued from Front Page

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."

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Police&Fire report

FIVE VEHICLES ENTERED

A homeowner from the 13000 block of North Road, in Fenton Township filed a complaint with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department on Monday, April 25. Det. Sgt. Michael Ignash said the resident reported that someone entered five unlocked vehicles parked at his house and stole personal belongings, including a GPS. A passenger seat in one of the cars was set on fire. Detectives photographed the scene and recovered fingerprints. The case remains under investigation.

TEEN ASSAULTS YOUNGER TEEN

At 2:30 p.m. on April 24, a Holly police officer was sent to a park on North Saginaw Street to investigate a fight in progress. Upon arrival, the officer found a 14-year-old male, with an injured hand. The teen said a 15-year-old male had assaulted him. Police located the older boy, who 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 was sent to a home in the 7600 block of Milford Road, in Rose Township to investigate a motorcycle theft. The 54-year-old

complainant said his children rode their motorcycles the night before and parked them in the unlocked garage. The motorcycles were blue and white Yamahas, with a total value of \$10,000. The case remains under investigation.

BREAKING AND ENTERING

On April 20, a trooper with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post was sent to the 17000 block of Holly Shores Drive, in Rose Township to investigate a burglary. The resident reported that someone kicked in the front door of her home. The trooper observed minor damage to the door and lock. Nothing was missing. The resident suspected a former tenant might be responsible.

JEWELRY STOLEN FROM HOME

On April 8, 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 said during the day, someone kicked in the door to the home and stole a jewelry box and coins. Det. Julie Bemus of the Holly Police Department advised MSP that she had received intake slips from a pawnshop and gold exchange. She believed the incidents might be related. The case remains under investigation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I'M SURE THEY are busy people, but it would be nice if the local school boards could get the meeting minutes online after the meetings and the agendas up as soon as possible.

SO HAPPY, AS a retail worker I will not have to price items after Sept. 1. And where I work, no jobs will be cut. Thank you, Snyder.

HIGH PRAISE FOR Ryan Croney. At last week's "Street Talk" when asked "What does Easter mean to me?," he was the one with the right answer. Thank you, Ryan.

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New linden teacher/coach loves job, anxious for state budget

Desi Mayner, 24, describes himself as a "newbie" teacher, having worked at Linden High School for only a year, and finished his 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 — \$9,701,554 (62 percent)

Salaries

There are six administrators and one superintendent at Lake Fenton. The salaries of the administrators range from \$82,400 to \$92,000. 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 paid 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 in Michigan, uses MESSA as its 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 the coverage.

Administrators have the same health care package as teachers, but with a \$5 and \$10 co-pay on prescriptions. Wright ex-

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 ½-hour 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.

"A teachers' day really is 10-12 hours," she said. "A lot of time, teachers will give up their lunch hours to give kids extra help. That can happen once or twice per week."

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, 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. "I really hope the public realizes that they're getting a great education," she said.

pects 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.

LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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 Koledo, the average teacher total compensation with health/retirement 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.

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 Koledo.

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

Health care for union members

Teacher health benefits at Linden Schools are through MESSA Choices II plan. Teachers have \$10 co-pay on prescriptions. They do not contribute any dollars toward their health care plan.

The school district pays \$779.48 per month (\$9,353.76 annually) for single (member only) plans, \$1,576.15 per month (\$18,913.80 annually) for double (member and spouse) plans and \$1,735.48 per month (\$20,825.76 annually) for the family plan.

Administrators have a \$5 and \$10 co-pay on prescriptions. They have a deductible of \$1,250 (single) and \$2,500 (family), paid for by the district. Single plans are \$413.17 per month, double plans are \$929.64 per month and family plans are \$1,032.93 per month.

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Highest teacher salary — \$74,325
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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

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HOLLY

Highest teacher salary — \$76,923
Lowest teacher salary — \$36,578
Total revenue — \$36,315,800
Total expenditures — \$37,096,974
Percentage of expenditures that go toward personnel - \$29,794,281 (80 percent)
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.

SCHOOLS

Continued from Page 8A HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS

Student enrollment — 3,663
Number of teachers — 219.2
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.

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PROM

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similar dances where teenagers could be schooled in social graces. A school dance seemed the perfect avenue for this. The first formal dances were highly chaperoned and were restricted only to the senior class.

The first reference to "prom" was actually in the 1890s at Amherst College. A student made mention of attending the prom, which was likely a formal dance. The current incarnation of the high school prom didn't become fully instituted until the 1930s, when they started being mentioned in yearbooks.

In the 1950s, the country experienced a post-war boost in the economy and proms started to become elaborate. The prom court also emerged as socially important and students were clamoring to be the best dressed and have the best dates.

Today, prom has been elevated to almost cult status, thanks to popular teen movies and the hype surrounding the event. However, the significance of prom continues to rest in the hands of each student who does or doesn't attend.

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 your 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 pricelist beforehand.

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I welcome your questions and comments.
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LAWSUITS

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LINDEN

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 Lothrop.

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 TOWNSHIP

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

Townships tend to have 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 Man-

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: The 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

ager/Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker. "It's part of doing business as a unit of government. We don't panic, not to say they're unimportant."

HOLLY TOWNSHIP

Holly Township budgets \$25,000 for legal advisement out of a \$656,300 budget. Supervisor Jesse Lambert said he does his best to keep disputes out of a courtroom. Holly Township has one lawsuit involving a land dispute.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Argentine Township has seen its share of lawsuits. It was reported previously that the township was dropped by its former insurance provider over costly lawsuit settlements forcing them to pay higher liability premiums with a new provider.

A lawsuit filed by a former firefighter was settled this year for \$400,000. The lawsuit was filed against former fire chief William Harvey by former firefighter Blythe Amenson.

Terry VanKeuren, a former Argentine Township police chief, filed a lawsuit in 2006. The township's insurance company awarded him \$650,000. The township was required to pay \$140,000 back to the insurance company to cover VanKeuren's salary for the remainder of his five-year contract. Michele Russ, a former Argentine Township police officer filed a lawsuit in 2007. The township was required to pay its \$25,000 deductible to the insurance company and \$75,000 (in two payments of \$37,500) to Russ, in back pay.

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"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."

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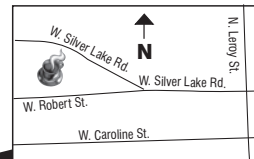


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CAMPING

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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

"You always have to do something new to keep people excited."

Lowell Patterson

General manager, KOA Campground, Holly

will be 100 feet long. "You always have to do something new to keep the 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
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June 11-12: Free Fishing Weekend
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Aug. 20-21: "Survival Weekend"

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EVENTS AT KOA CAMPGROUND:

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KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS

1 Lump

5 Showed sorrow

9 Anthony of "Boston Public"

14 Jambalaya ingredient

19 Hammett hound

20 Where to find an onager

21 Songwriter Greenwich

22 Spine-tingling

23 Fertile soil

24 Tumble

25 Java joints

26 -garde

27 Start of a remark

31 Herriot title start

32 Vigoda or Saperstein

33 Slippery character?

34 Brit. fliers

37 Singer

38 Manchester

41 Celt

44 Faucet

47 94 Across highlight

49 Pants part

50 "The Jungle Book" boy

52 Cask

54 Part 2 of remark

57 "Love — the Ruins" ('75 film)

58 Neon —

60 Cap or dolman

61 Bookstore section

62 Bog

63 Precambrian —

65 In honor of

66 Snick and —

68 — above (somewhat superior)

69 Part 3 of remark

75 Baseball family name

76 Antitoxins

77 Mouth piece?

78 Long or Peeples

79 Solidarity leader

81 Forger's need

83 Cultural

88 Wear away

89 Carthaginian

90 Part 4 of remark

93 Comic

94 Bizet opera

96 Nasty

97 "How sweet —!"

98 Cpl.'s superior

100 Type of fuel

101 Porgy and bass

104 Fast flier

105 He gives a hoot

107 Cooke or Donaldson

108 Male swan

110 End of remark

121 Biblical city

122 "That's —" ('54 tune)

123 Actress Thompson

124 Gymnast Korbut

125 "West Side Story" role

126 Porsche propeller

127 Tel —

128 Crucifix

129 Texas' state tree

130 Marvel's marvels

131 Coty or Clair

132 Dweeb

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1 French

2 Sudan, today

3 Command to Fido

4 Mead's milieu

5 Breakfast treat

6 Morales of "NYPD Blue"

7 Disagreeable sort

8 Hard to believe

9 Priam's wife

10 Cheer

11 — Romeo

12 Mortgage, for one

13 Actor Arnaz

14 Serenity

15 Disgust

16 Composer Khachaturian

17 Deep red

18 Volleyball divider

28 City on the Danube

29 Kind of kiln

30 Fenwick or Carter

34 Snitches

35 Inland sea

36 Prix —

38 Baton Rouge coll.

39 Cloth finish

40 — Mateo, CA

41 Errs

42 It darkens your doorway

43 Bird-to-be

45 Join

46 Follow

48 "— la vie"

50 2001, to Tiberius

51 Skater Midori

53 Publisher Conde

55 At any time

56 Brewer or Wright

57 Orion, for instance

59 Part of Q.E.D.

61 Tofu base

62 Occupation

64 Sail through

65 Cozy cloth

67 Tons of time

69 Mild cigars

70 Fermented tea

71 Deplored

72 Shock

73 Word with baby or snake

74 Inauguration Day event

75 Filled with wonder

80 Instant, for short

82 Coq au —

84 — polloi

85 '87 Streisand film

86 Egyptian deity

87 "— la vie"

89 Supportive of

90 Princess bruiser

91 Klutz

92 Plastic —

95 Bill of Rights grp.

96 Interoffice communique

99 Honda competitor

101 Wimsey's creator

102 From C to shining C?

103 TV's

106 '81 John Lennon hit

107 Senator Thurmond

109 Borg of tennis

110 Actress Skye

111 Bank's backup org.

112 Clammy

113 "Typee" sequel

114 A bit of Beethoven

115 Weekend warriors: abbr.

116 Donated

117 Frigga's fellow

118 South African plant

119 Sikorsky or Stravinsky

120 Diane of "Chinatown"

121 Weaken

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword and Wednesday Sudoku Puzzle are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 27 mins.

C	H	I	A	P	S	E	A	G	R	A
S	U	N	P	E	E	N	D	O	O	R
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O	R	E	O	J	I	F	F	Y		
S	W	I	G	S	P	R	O	F		
T	A	C	O	F	R	O	S	T	I	N
U	K	E	G	L	O	S	S	N	E	E
D	E	S	C	R	I	B	E	O	V	E
D	E	B	U	G	A	M	I	D		
A	L	A	R	I	N	V	I	T	E	E
T	A	L	C	V	E	E	R	R	E	P
A	N	K	H	Y	O	R	K	S	K	Y

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

M	A	S	I	S	W	E	P	T	H	E	A	L	D	P	R	A	N
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L	O	A	M	F	A	L	L	C	A	F	E	S	A	V	A	N	T
I	F	I	O	U	F	I	L	L	O	U	T	A	N	I	N	C	O
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T	A	X	R	E	T	U	R	N	A	M	O	N	G	T	E	T	R
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S	O	D	O	M	A	M	O	R	E	S	A	D	A	O	L	G	A
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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

8	9	3	5	4	7	1	6	2
1	5	6	8	9	2	3	4	7
2	7	4	3	1	6	5	9	8
6	1	9	4	5	8	2	7	3
3	8	2	7	6	1	4	5	9
5	4	7	9	2	3	6	8	1
9	3	1	6	8	4	7	2	5
7	6	5	2	3	9	8	1	4
4	2	8	1	7	5	9	3	6

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

4	7	2	3	6	8	9	1	5
3	1	6	7	9	5	2	8	4
9	8	5	1	2	4	6	7	3
1	4	9	5	3	7	8	6	2
5	2	3	6	8	9	7	4	1
8	6	7	4	1	2	3	5	9
6	5	4	2	7	3	1	9	8
7	3	8	9	5	1	4	2	6
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TYRONE TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

MAY 5, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board & Planning Commission Joint Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2011

Clerk's Warrants & Bills

COMMUNICATIONS

#1 Planning Commission Approved Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2011

#2 Planning Commission Approved Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2011

#3 Zoning Administrator's Report – April 30, 2011

#4 Fire Billing Activity Report – March 2011

NEW BUSINESS

#1 Road Commission presentation.

#2 Cemetery gate repair.

#3 Supervisor's appointment of Strategic Planning Committee members.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham

Clerk Keith L. Kremer

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TYRONE TOWNSHIP

All electors are hereby given notice that a School Election will be held in all voting precincts of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Electors of the Fenton and Linden School Districts will be voting for Board of Education Candidates and Mott Community College Board of Trustee Candidates. Electors of the Hartland School District will be voting for one Board of Education Candidate position and for the following proposal:

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Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 East Highland Road, Howell, Michigan 48843, telephone: (810) 626-2100.

List of polling locations:

Precinct #1

(Linden School District voters)

Fenton Church of the Nazarene

11075 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton

Precinct #2

(Fenton School District voters residing north of White Lake Road)

Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church

10235 White Lake Road, Fenton

Precinct #3

(Fenton School District voters residing south of White Lake Road)

Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church

10235 White Lake Road, Fenton

Precinct #4

(Hartland School District Voters)

Tyrone Township Hall

10408 Center Road, Fenton

All of the above polling locations provide voting access for individuals with disabilities and contain voting instructions in alternative formats, including audio and Braille.

Applications for absent voter ballots are available for the May 3, 2011 School Election and may be obtained at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Requests for absent voter ballots must be in writing.

Keith L. Kremer,

Tyrone Township Clerk

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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 transported to the dumpsters. **THERE IS NO ROADSIDE PICK UP.** No commercial dumping will be allowed.

Constable Emile Bair will be on duty to verify residence and/or property ownership. Fire department personnel will be there to assist with loading materials into the dumpsters. Propane tanks will be accepted. No barrels, gas or fuel oil tanks, stumps, brush or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or cat litter. Each household will be permitted four (4) car tires; additional tires will 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

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.

Prosecutor David Leyton addressed the Board Members.

Police Department: A written report was submitted.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted.

Building Department: 4 permits were issued that total \$3,042.00.

Planning Commission: Trustee Ciesielski gave an oral report.

Attorney: Attorney David Lattie gave an oral report.

Old Business: Workman's Compensation insurance quote- Tabled.

Motion to not participate in or contribute to Keep Genesee Beautiful.

Motion passed.

New Business: 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 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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FENTON TOWNSHIP

13111 Torrey Road

Sparkling Shore Frontage

on Lake Fenton on popular Crane's Cove. Unique cottage with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, cathedral ceiling in kitchen, heated sun room, 1st floor laundry, 750 sq. ft., +375 in finished basement and deck. Updates decks, dock, seawall, electrical and kitchen.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP

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DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

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FENTON TOWNSHIP

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GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP

7188 Anna Street

Very cute house on a dead-end street. Beautifully landscaped yard that backs up to Centennial Farms & nature. 3 bedroom ranch w/dining room & eat-in kitchen, Large master bedroom w/fireplace, breezeway, 1296 sq. ft., light basement w/room to grow & plenty of storage. Updates: electrical, bathroom, floor covering, roof & water softener.**\$69,900**

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LINDEN

1600 W Rolston Road

Beautiful private setting on 3 acres+ Just perfect for a large family. This 2 story home has 4 bedrooms, breakfast nook, dining room, bonus recreation rooms, 2.5 bathrooms, central air for the summer, wood fireplace, walk-out patio, 3600 sq. ft. and 2 car garage with loft and storage shed.**\$114,000**

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Calendar of events

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 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.

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 volunteer opportunities, or to sign up for training, call (810) 636-5021. Pre-registration is necessary.

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 through its service project, Victims of Domestic Violence. Tickets are \$25 and available by calling Kay Lambert at (810) 730-6701.

MEMBERS

Continued from Front Page

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

"When you don't take the time to vote, anyone can become elected."

Alberta Martin
Lake Fenton Board of Education member

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, estab-

lishing 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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News briefs

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 Birkholz, 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 fourth and fifth most votes. Village Manager Jerry Walker was directed to pick possible interview dates based on the council member's availability, and will likely be held in the middle of May.

Council approves Fourth of July fireworks

The Holly Village Council has issued a permit for the Fourth of July fireworks celebration, to be held at Lakeside Park at dusk. The fireworks display has a budget of \$7,500, paid for by donations from the Holly business community, said Village Manager Jerry Walker. Ace Pyrotechnics LLC will discharge the fireworks.

PAY CUT

Continued from Front Page

equal all that much, but, every dollar adds up when putting together the city's annual budget.

Although their pay is minimal, the mayor said council members do have opportunities to earn extra income if they take part in classes offered by the Michigan Municipal League (MML). Incentives range from \$150 to \$225.

The council also approved a proposal to give City Manager Christopher Wren 10 additional vacation days for the next fiscal in lieu of a salary increase. Wren received high marks on his annual evaluation. However, the city was unable to compensate him with more pay.

Due to the skyrocketing gas prices, the council also approved allotting additional funds to cover Wren's fuel cost when traveling on city business.

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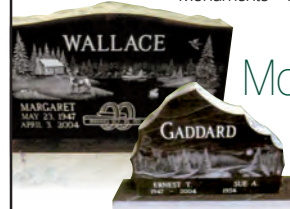
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES

TIM JAGIELO

Michelle St. Andre, a hairstylist, mother and wife by day, is a roller derby player by night, using the name "Tat2 Bar-B."



HAIR DRESSER
BY DAY

DERBY
GIRL
BY NIGHT

Summary

Holly native Michelle St. Andre has a double life as a hairdresser, wife and mom — and a Derby Girl.

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

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 prepares 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.

See **DERBY GIRL** on 18B

“Out there, I’m not soft-spoken Michelle, I’m aggressive ‘have no fear’ Tat2 Barb-B. I even have my own fan base.”

Michelle St. Andre

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 Rollerrama II 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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SPAT OF THE WEEK

PAPER PUBLISHES WRONG LOTTERY NUMBERS

Jim and Dorothy Sprague checked Sunday's Pueblo (Colo.) Chieftain and discovered they'd won \$4.3 million in the Colorado Lottery. Then, they learned the paper had made a mistake. "It was a case of going from rags to riches and back to rags again," says the husband. Yesterday's Chieftain blamed the error on "misinformation and an oversight."



GOSSIP

Nicolas Cage was arrested in New Orleans last week after an alleged drunken rampage, said tmz.com.



Cage, 47, was charged with domestic abuse, public drunkenness, and disturbing the peace after the incident, which happened early Saturday morning in New Orleans's French Quarter. The actor allegedly grabbed the arm of his wife, Alice Kim, and beat on several parked cars after he tried to lead her into a house he mistook for one they were renting. When officers arrived, he became belligerent, which led to his arrest.

ODD COUPLE



A puppy and a pigeon, who the owner claims are best friends, walk through a park in Arizona.



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 can-

didates 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 vis-

iting royal castles and attractions. "The 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?"



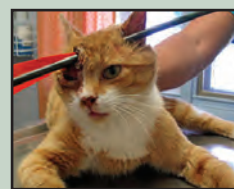
Lightning struck White House Easter night

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.

— Source: cavenews.com

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 his head, but apparently, no worse for wear. His owners rushed the cat to the vet, and the arrow, which had narrowly missed his brain, was successfully removed. "The cat is actually a very rambunctious guy and trying to get back outside," said Todd Stosuy, a Santa Cruz County animal care official. "But the owners have decided that he's an inside cat now. He's under house arrest."



— Source: cavenews.com

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 Sovic. "The next day my bank manager told me I had withdrawn my life savings."

WIT & WISDOM

"What's vice today may be virtue, tomorrow."

Henry Fielding, quoted in the *Associated Press*

"It is seldom indeed that one parts on good terms, because if one were on good terms, one would not part."

Marcel Proust, quoted in the *Monterey County, Calif., Herald*

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Kurt Vonnegut, quoted in the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*

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Harold Jefferson Harris

1929-2011
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- Coarse salt and coarse black pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 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 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 the hot chopped barbecued chicken to serving platter and pile the quartered wedges of crisp iceberg lettuce along side. Add wedged oranges to platter to garnish. To eat, pile spoonfuls into lettuce leaves, wrapping lettuce around fillings and squeeze an orange wedge over.

BY STEVE DALE

my pet world

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 natural event is about to occur? Or do they just sense something is amiss? No one knows for sure. I believe this is worth studying. It's interesting to me that birds, mammals and even reptiles seem to be able to telegraph natural events. If so, why can't people? Maybe we can but have somehow turned off that sensory ability. There is documentation that companion animals are often intent on finding ways to warn their people something is about to happen. Are pet dogs, cats and parrots able to rationalize that warning people enhances their chances of surviving? Do we interpret their generalized expression of anxiety as a warning? Or are pets really concerned about our welfare? No one knows, of course.



Mom and in-law at odds over baby care

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 not surprised 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 pacifier in the baby's mouth when it was clear the baby did not want to take it, she asked me to leave and had my brother-in-law escort me to my car. She also does not wash her hands after changing a diaper. It seems like common sense to wash your hands after touching poop. I am not a germ freak and know that kids will be exposed to plenty of germs that will build up their immunity. But I find myself cringing every time I see her touch my baby's cheek or pick up her pacifier. I feel the need to ask her to wash her hands after diaper changes, but I am not sure how to do this without offending her. I really have a hard time dealing with this "my way or the highway" attitude; but I refuse to deny her time with her grandchild because of disagreements between us. Family is more important to me than disagreements. How can I ask for my mother-in-law to practice basic hygiene with my child without sacrificing our relationship?

— New Mom

Amy Dickinson



Ask Amy

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 your priority should be to advocate for your baby, who can't defend herself against germs -- or aggressive gran-nies. Here's how you should handle the hand-washing question: "Gran, could you do me a favor and remember to wash your hands after you change the baby? I'm worried about germs." If your mother-in-law has an alternate idea, suggestion or point of view, listen respectfully. Consider this a little test. If you find yourself escorted 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 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 reasoned that if my wife were physically unable to have sex, that would not give me permission to go elsewhere -- and this was no 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've 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 have not had further sexual problems. I still don't understand it.

— Faithfulness Is Best

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.

JUMBLE

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

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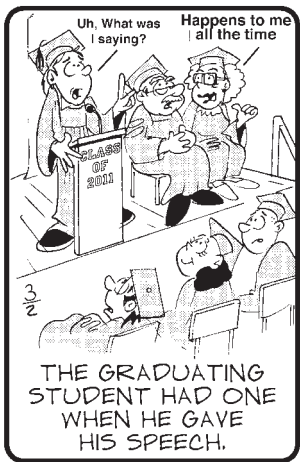
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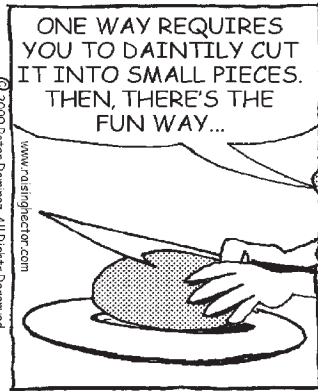
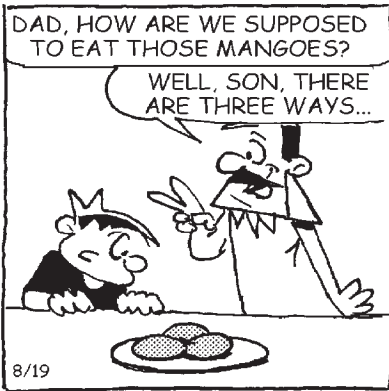
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Mother's Day is the perfect day to honor all the special women in your life.

Mother's Day — not just for moms

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 that 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.

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ROLLERSKATING

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Some of these benefits include:

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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 SkateFAQ.com, roller skates consist of four wheels, set in a "square" shape with two in front and two in back.

Summary

►Roller skating, whether using traditional quad skates or inline skates, provides many mental and physical health benefits.

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.

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

1½ c. all-purpose flour

¾ t. baking powder

1 t. salt

1 T. white sugar

1¼ c. milk

1 egg

3 T. butter, melted

Strawberries and powdered sugar, for garnish

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 over medium-high heat and greasing with butter or non-stick cooking spray.
3. Spoon about ¼ 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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Look Who's Talking

By Sharon Stone, Staff Reporter



Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz

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.

Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz

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.

If you could make one rule, everyone had to follow, what would it be? Everybody loves everybody.

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 most valued possession is: my family. They're always there for me and they always support me.

My children will never be allowed to: get bad grades.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? Justin Bieber.

The best day of my life so far was: winning Regionals for soccer, with the Michigan Hawks.

My parting advice for a better world: Respect others the way you want to be respected.

Student Body asked at Linden High School

What teacher has had the most influence on your life?

KATELYN WEBSTER, JUNIOR



"Mr. (Chris) Landrem, because he's a positive person and a good teacher. If you're having a bad day, he'll make you feel better."

KALI RUSH, JUNIOR



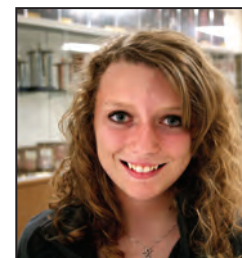
"Mrs. (Sonia) Quinlan, she always gives me good advice. She's really funny. She makes her class entertaining and it's impossible to fall asleep in there."

JORDAN HENSLEY, JUNIOR



"Mr. (Dan) Schneider, because in his class, he has crazy outbursts and I learn. He's just a funny guy."

CASSIDY DOLBY, JUNIOR



"Mrs. (Meg) Walton. She always inspires us to be our best. Her class is always fun."

BRODIE THOMAS, JUNIOR



"Mr. (Spencer) Bodzick, he actually made government not boring. He understands where you're coming from as a teenager. He'll actually listen to you."

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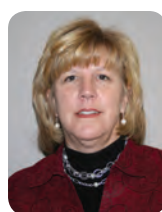
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than words, and you
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watching what you
are doing. Make sure
you are genuine.”



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(Back) from left, Ken Brant and Greg Cislo; (front) Tom Hufton and Gordon Leonard pose for a team photo sponsored by Online Auto at the 2010 Fenton Chamber Golf Scramble.

Plans for chamber golf scramble in full swing

By Sally Rummel
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Plans for the Fenton Regional Chamber’s second biggest fundraiser of the year are in full swing, according to event chairperson Mike Scully, president of operations for Sharp Funeral Homes.

Summary

► The annual golf scramble will tee off on Friday, June 3 at Fenton Farms Golf Club

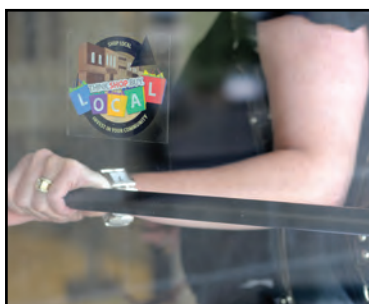
The annual golf scramble will tee off on Friday, June 3 at Fenton Farms Golf Club, after an overwhelming response from participants who enjoyed the event there so much last year. “We’ll rotate the event

around our various member golf clubs starting again next year,” said Shelly Day, president of the chamber. “But there was resounding support for returning to Fenton Farms again this year.”

Living up to its theme, “More than just golf,” there will be prizes and fun galore at this year’s event. Fenton Farms Golf Club will, again, offer one warm-up round for each player, which must be used before the scramble, with the exclusion of Memorial Day Weekend. Bramblewood Golf Course will give away a business membership for each team that signs up, good for one tee-time

See **SCRAMBLE** on 14B

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.

See **SHOP LOCAL** on 14B

‘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,

See **CHAMBER** on 11B

“Specific businesses are being targeted by volunteers who feel that business will benefit directly from chamber membership.”

Rochelle Jones
Fenton Regional Chamber
of Commerce

Taste in Fenton — a continued success

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

By Sally Rummel

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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, sponsors this event. Taste in Fenton highlights local

See **TASTE** on 13B

Summary

► Annual Taste in Fenton is set for Saturday, Aug. 13, from 12 to 8 p.m.



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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

By Sally Rummel

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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.

That is why the Van Gilder family is being honored as the grand marshals of the 2011 Fenton Freedom Festival Parade, according to Pat Lockwood, whose committee made the selection in January.

"The Van Gilders were the unanimous choice of our committee," said Lockwood.

"We are surprised and honored with this recognition," said Lisa Van Gilder, who retired from her position as president and CEO when the family-owned grocery store chain was sold to Spartan Stores in 2008, because of Lisa's personal health issues. "Our entire family looks at Fenton as our home."

Members of four generations of the Van Gilder family, all raised in Fenton, will be riding in the Freedom Festival parade, set for Monday, July 4, on a new parade route because of construction on North Adelaide Street, said Lockwood. "We'll be starting further down on Shiawassee, at Rounds Drive," she said.

Russell Van Gilder got his start in

the grocery business as a "carry out" when he was 16 years old at the former Comber and Fox grocery store on Caroline Street in Fenton. He and his wife, Shirley, opened the first VG's store in Clio in 1976. They relocated their business, changed the name to VG's and moved it to Owen Road. The grocery store chain grew to 17 stores with 15 in-house pharmacies.

"Dad and mom 'recruited' their children, Rusty, Julie and me as 'carry outs,'" recalls Lisa. "Not only were Russ and Shirley involved with the stores, but also my brother, Rusty, and two of my uncles, not to mention numerous cousins, a brother-in-law and my husband, Bill Ogle."

It wasn't just the grocery story where the Van Gilders made their mark in Fenton. They were, and continue to be, very community-oriented, supporting the arts, numerous charities from Special Olympics to area food banks, the Flint Cultural Center, to name just a few.

"For 50 years, VG's has always been a part of who I was and who I still am," said Lisa, speaking on behalf of her entire family. "I had wanted to run the stores ever since I was a little girl. I think about our families of VG's stores and employees every single day."

The Van Gilder family will be honored at an adult reception, compliments of the Fenton Hotel, on Thursday, June 30 at 8 p.m.



Chamber message from the chairman

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 new 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 worksession 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



Membership Campaign Success Brings in over 95 New Members!

Over the last 18 years, never once have I questioned the fact that belonging to a Chamber of Commerce is a good business decision. This week has been a true testament and has confirmed the reason I am so proud to be employed by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. Participating in our Membership Campaign, 32 Chamber Volunteers from our Board of Directors, Ambassador Committee, and Members at-large dedicated their time and connections to help our Chamber grow!

For three days, at Premier Indoor Sports, our volunteers gave a minimum of 4 ½ hours each to help make our Campaign a success. Enjoying treats provided by The French Laundry, our volunteers contacted people they do business with. No one was cold-calling! The purpose for the Campaign is spread the message of how and why the Chamber is a good value — and that's what our volunteers did with sincerity and passion!

During the Campaign, the Chamber offered a \$1,000 advertising package in addition to all the other benefits that come with membership. This offer was created to help our volunteers sell memberships so that non-members will give us a chance to prove to them the value of Chamber Membership.

Our volunteers totally exceeded our expectations. Over 95 new businesses joined our Chamber thanks to our OUTSTANDING volunteers!

Again, I can't express enough my sincere appreciation and pride that I have when working with our business members. They are the reason that the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce connects Community and Commerce!

— Shelly Day, president

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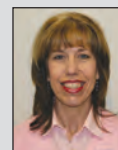
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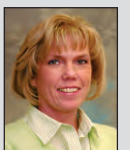
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Inc. in Bedford, Texas, based on the huge success rate other area chambers received from using their services. "Joan has worked with other chambers, from Saginaw and Midland to Frankenmuth and others," said Shelly Day, president. "We felt it is worth 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

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- ▶ Tax deductibility.
- ▶ Special awards programs and events.
- ▶ Participation in community-wide promotions, from Taste in Fenton to Community Expo.
- ▶ Ribbon cuttings and grand opening support.

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 key 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



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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.



Membership Director

Report

By Rochelle Jones

In the recent membership drive, 35 new members joined the Chamber for 2011. Chamber membership offers businesses the opportunity to meet a broad client base through events and activities the Chamber provides.

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The Chamber partnered with Joan Testa of Chamber Development Services to host a Membership Campaign on April 26th, 27th, & 28th. The focus of the campaign was to increase the understanding the role the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce plays and how membership can be valuable for local and area businesses. The campaign also stresses to perspective members the importance of advocacy for business, fostering economic growth and advancing quality of life. Our chamber is a productive partner in our region's future. Our motto is "Where Community and Commerce Connect."

If you didn't join during our campaign, it is not too late. We accept new members year round!

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Driver Fatigue

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- Do not be afraid to pull over in a rest area, truck stop, or a public parking lot to rest. Avoid resting more than 30 minutes, as long periods of rest can make you feel groggy. If you feel like you need more sleep, check into a motel or hotel and get a normal night rest.
- If you are taking a long trip, plan ahead for stops at hotels or motels. Give yourself enough time to rest at these stops. If driving with others on a long trip, take turns driving and get some rest during the time you are not driving.
- Taking a break and stopping for food at a sit-down restaurant can be beneficial, but avoid eating a lot of heavy foods if you're driving long distances. Eating heavy foods can cause fatigue.
- Get a good night's rest before driving. This is especially important if you are taking any long trips. Driving without adequate sleep is dangerous.
- Take breaks frequently from driving. It is recommended that drivers rest at least once every two hours of driving.
- If you are taking any medicine, be aware of the side effects. Many medicines often come with warnings of drowsiness and fatigue. Consumers of these medicines should not be driving after consumption.
- Avoid alcohol consumption if you plan on driving. Not only does alcohol impair your judgment, it leads to drowsiness.
- Keep the interior of the automobile cool and well ventilated. Opening the windows is a good way to help keep the driver focused. Music is also a great way to keep a driver from getting tired. Avoid playing light music.
- Driving at night is much more hazardous than driving in the day. If you plan on driving a long distance, start the journey early in the morning.

Don't be one of the thousands of Americans each year involved in an accident caused by driver fatigue. While driving, avoid being in a rush to reach your final destination. It is much more important to focus on the safety of passengers in the vehicle, mainly children. Passengers can be beneficial to drivers by chatting with them while driving. If you find yourself staring at the white line for too long while driving, don't be afraid to pull over. Using the tips provided can and will drastically decrease the chances of the driver becoming fatigued.

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The Wagoner family and friends attended last year's Taste in Fenton, and enjoyed sitting at their reserved table.

TASTE

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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 "Putt '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 hosts have 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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Entertainment is part of the fun at the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce annual golf scramble.

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per week — a \$250 value.

Many of the holes will have special "events" of their own, from a flag toss to a putting contest. Food is another huge draw to the annual golf scramble. Local restaurants will be offering a "taste" of

their best offerings, which golfers enjoy more than a large meal, according to Day.

"It's going to be a perfect day," predicts Scully, who has chaired the event for the past several years.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at 810-629-5447. To register on-line, visit www.fentonchamber.com.

SHOP LOCAL

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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: Elections, 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.

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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 Haaraoja, **VG's Food and Pharmacy**, was inducted into the Western Michigan Food Distribution Hall of Fame.

Horizon Church opens its doors in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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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 worshipping 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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business profiles

Roll-N-Save Tobacco opens in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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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 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.



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Assistant Manager Matt Muldoon shows a recently rolled cigarette at Roll-N-Save Tobacco in Fenton.

"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."

"In just eight minutes, you can roll between 190 and 200 cigarettes for only \$27, saving you hours of time and money."

Norm Riopelle
Manager, Roll-N-Save Tobacco

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.

Business briefs

Dan Bates recognized for superior sales and service

At the annual Farm Bureau Insurance Multi-Line Marketing Convention held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City in February, Dan Bates, of Fenton, was recognized for superior sales and service during 2010.



Dan Bates

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— John

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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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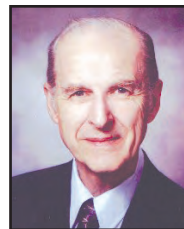
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By Roger Campbell



A worthless word

In his bestselling book, "Confessions of a happy Christian," inspirational writer, Zig Ziglar wrote that he had given up 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 Scriven, 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.

Scriven 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 life 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 one who is 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 and 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 Allure 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 assaultive 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' Tat2 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 Gabbi, 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."

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

By David Troppens

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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 Thorton 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."

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Fenton's
Janelle Keyandwy

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Q What is the most losses in a row the Detroit Tigers have suffered to start a season?

A In 1920, the Detroit Tigers started the season 0-13. The Tigers ended the season with a 61-93 record.

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DAVID TROPPENS
Fenton's Kira Rentschler attempts the shot put during the Tigers' meet with Linden and Lapeer West Wednesday.

Fenton girls edge Linden track

►Holly women remain perfect in Metro League action

By David Troppens

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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, Alesandra 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 Bemis 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 in-

dividual winners were Mayce Varacalli in the 1,600 (5:58.80), Heidi Sack in the 800 (2:36.60) and Eilyn May in the pole vault (7-6).

The team also won two relays. Sack, Dani Starrs, Aleighsha Engisch and Varacalli won the 3,200 relay (10:39.50), while Kristyn Resseguie, Brooke Enciso, Rachel McCloskey 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 114, Clio 14
Holly 111, Swartz Creek 17

The Bronchos remain undefeated in Metro League play after the two victories on Wednesday.

Merissa Moorhead was a three-time winner for the Holly Bronchos. She won the 100 hurdles (16.6), the 300 hurdles (54.14),

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Holly tennis continues its winning ways

By Al Zipsie

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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 Collier, 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

By David Troppens

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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

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



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Holly soccer opens Metro with 3-1 win

By Al Zipsie

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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 Kellee 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 lone 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 off-sides call.



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Holly's Natalie Cieslak (left) fights to keep the ball in a recent contest. The Bronchos defeated Swartz Creek in their Metro League opener on Wednesday, 3-1.

HOLLY

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championships began way before I was born," said Postma. "I felt some pressure of wanting to keep winning the Metro League every year. Playing well as a team has helped ease things up."

"I am brand new to the varsity. Before, I just played some middle school, summer tournaments and here at Genesys."

Holly won every flight. Tabitha Steigerwald (No. 3 singles) had the tightest match, taking three sets to win her match 6-2, 5-7, 7-6(2).

The Bronchos had four 6-0, 6-0 sweeps. In singles, Shannen Renehan (No. 1) and Bri Rodriguez (No. 2) won by that margin. Meanwhile, Collier and

Postma (No. 1) and Natalie Clink and Jessica Aderholdt (No. 4) accomplished the feat in doubles.

Other winners were Melanie Hawks (No. 4 singles), Halie Weiss and Audrey Crimmins (No. 2 doubles), and Cortney Munger and Leah Moller (No. 3 doubles). Holly has three freshman starters in doubles flights — Postma, Clink and Moller.

"It's exciting to see the older experienced players mentoring the younger players," co-Holly coach Will Sophiea said. "Shannen Renehan and Steph Collier have worked hard. It is hard to split them at doubles after they have made state the last two straight years, but both are doing well."

"I like mentoring my freshman partner (Postma)," Collier said.

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Linden Summer Happening's 5K Road Race still scheduled

By David Troppens

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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 Ridal, 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 (1:03.5), Bott in the 800 (2:25.8), Elizabeth Hawley in the shot (33-3), Megan Piwowarski in the high jump (4-10) and Rachel Domagalski in the pole vault (8-0).

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

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Fenton's Alex McPhail-Fausey clears the high jump pole during the Tigers' loss to the Linden Eagles on Wednesday.



LINDEN

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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 Wuerfel 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 Diehl and John Williams to win the 1,600 relay (3:31.35). Other individual firsts for Holly included Colin Baines winning the discus and Joey Spencer winning the pole vault (13-0).

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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 subbing 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 minutes 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 Fiebernitz said. "We just have to get it together. The one through six teams can beat each other. That's what I told the



TRI-COUNTY TIMES SCOTT SCHUPBACH
Linden's Sarah Ford (front) fights with Fenton's Payton Maxheimer for possession of the ball in the Tigers' 2-1 victory against Linden on Wednesday.

girls. You have to strap it up. They won the 50-50 battles and out-hustled us. We learned a little bit. We will regroup and figure it out."

Linden has another big Metro League battle on Monday, hosting Holly. The Eagles then travel to Clio for another league tilt on Wednesday.

Fenton hosts non-league Davison on Monday. The Tigers return to Metro action on Wednesday hosting the Holly Bronchos.

David's Dabblings

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' primary 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 already 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 understand 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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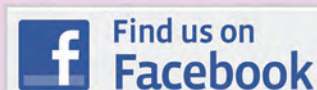
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