Another dismal turnout for school elections

Roughly one out of 10 registered voters go to polls

By Times Editorial Staff

School board elections have a history of low voter turnout. After some investigation by the Tri-County Times, it was discovered that some residents didn’t know where to vote, and many didn’t even know if they were eligible to vote if they didn’t live in the town where the school was located or didn’t have children in the school district. Each school district has various precincts. Here is an overview of this year’s voter turnout for the school board election.

Fenton schools

The voter turnout for Fenton Area Public Schools’ Board of Education was higher than the last school board election. But many voters were confused as to where they should go to vote in their respective precincts. See ELECTIONS on B4

A day in the life of our judge

Judge Mark McCabe presides over his courtroom in Fenton and serves as the chief judge of Central Court in Flint. “I do enjoy being a judge, it is a privilege.”

McCabe shares his experience at 67th District Court in Fenton

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Honorable Mark McCabe

67th District Court judge

Summary

Judge Mark McCabe sees a variety of cases in Fenton, up to one-year misdemeanors, and hears felony cases at the Central Court in Flint.

If you get a ticket, file a civil case, or commit a misdemeanor in the area, he’s the man you’ll be standing before, and perhaps, should consider yourself lucky. McCabe is friendly and enthusiastic. “I love my job, I like coming in, every part is enjoyable,” he said.

As a judge, his duties include sentencing people to jail or probation, or choosing a winning side in a civil case. But, he tries to keep in mind what the people before him are experiencing. “When people are out there before you, people are nervous, it’s upsetting. I think if you understand their situation, that’s a good thing as a judge.”

See JUDGE on 12A

Fenton budget further in the hole every year

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — With the economy weighing down on local communities, it’s only natural to expect the next few years to be difficult as they try to maintain services for its residents, while staying within budget. See BUDGET on 11A

Southern Lakes looking to lease old Depot for $1

City officials in favor of having organization use building for office space

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — City leaders authorized the city manager and attorney to move forward on a lease agreement with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR). The organization approached the city about leasing the old Depot Building for $1 per year, for office space. See LEASE on 13A

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**Beyond cell phones — options abound**

Many unconventional devices are just as effective, and cheaper

By William Axford

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Cell phones and text messaging seem to be the most popular forms of communication these days. But, as technology advances, more and more options become available. Here are just a few of them.

**Magic Jack** - An Internet-based telephone service (VoIP) that works by plugging into your USB port.

Using a standard phone jack, the user can make free phone calls over the Internet. The device costs $39.99 at RadioShack in Fenton and gives users a phone number before their first call. Free local and long distance is included.

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Mom’s hands

A friend sent me an e-mail the other day that got me thinking about my mom’s hands.

For me, Mom’s hands are the first thing that comes to mind when I think of her. Some days I can recall them more clearly than her face. Often they were red and raw from hot dishwater, wrinkled from bath water, and they were battle-scarred from years of accidental burns from scooping skillet and hot irons. But they were the most important hands in my life and — to me — they were beautiful.

Mom’s hands reached out from the delivery room for me and each of my six brothers and sisters in the first few moments of our life and never really let go until the day she died.

Mom’s hands spent countless hours spoon-feeding a seemingly endless parade of baby from endless jars of Gerber strained vegetables and fruits. They changed our diapers, washed our faces, combed our hair and wiped our runny noses. They reached out and caught us when, as toddlers, we crashed to the floor while learning to walk. They held our trembling bodies when we awakened from bad dreams in the middle of the night.

Mom’s hands dried our tears and applied Band-aids to our scraped knees and elbows. They toned our coats, pulled on our mittens and taught us to tie our shoes. They waved a finger an inch from our noses when we misbehaved and washed our mouths out with Ivory soap when we were disrespectful.

Mom’s hands prepared an incalculable number of meals to feed her family. They transformed flour, sugar, spices and apples into award-winning pies. They took thousands of photos of birthday parties, graduations and weddings. They clapped at hundreds of plays and league ceremonies and ballet recitals. They tied bows on countless birthday and Christmas gifts.

Mom’s hands proudly displayed her wedding ring to show the world that she had married the love of her life. They shook in fists of anger when she was hurt or angry. They trembled when she wrote weekly letters to her older brother serving his country in Vietnam. They folded in prayer each night before she slept. They shook when she buried a son, her parents and her baby sister.

They eagerly turned the pages of textbooks and proudly accepted a college diploma when she attained her dream of becoming a nurse after her children were grown. They lovingly cradled each of her dozen grandchildren.

Mom’s hands held the hands of countless relatives, friends, neighbors and patients who sought her comfort in times of need.

When, near death, she couldn’t walk, couldn’t see and couldn’t speak, her hands could still weakly squeeze our hands in acknowledgement of our presence right up until mere hours before she died.

And it was these same hands that God reached out and took hold of when He took her home.

Mothers are God’s most precious and under-appreciated gift. If I were King, every day would be Mother’s Day. And I’d give anything I possess if I could, just for a moment, to hold my mom’s hands in my hands again.

To all moms — Happy Mother’s Day.

Compiled by William Axford, Staff Reporter

What is the best advice your mother ever gave you?

“Just be good to others, treated people how you would want to be treated.”

— Don Burgess
Fenton Township

“To be very supportive of my children and involved with their lives. She was big on education.”

— Elaine Dobrawski
Argentine Township

“If you have nothing good to say, then don’t say anything at all.”

— Rachel Gajown
Grand Blanc Township

“Be true to myself and live an honest life.”

— Katherine Blumenstein
Fenton Township

“To live by the Golden Rule, do unto others as they would do to you.”

— Deb Coleman
Rose Township

“Always tell the truth. Everyone’s told a white lie, but it’s better to be honest.”

— Joanne Amador
Fenton Township
Holly marijuana dispensaries on hold — for now anyway

By Tim Jagielo

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Last Wednesday, the Holly Village Planning Commission held public hearings for two, special land-use permits for medical marijuana dispensaries in the village, which drew about 30 residents to the meeting. Several residents offered public comment. The board voted to postpone both requests, with commissioners Jack Hollands and Gary Okonski casting dissenting votes.

Both village and Holly Township have passed ordinances allowing medical marijuana dispensaries, with some restrictions.

Caregivers of America was requesting a special permit to open a medical marijuana dispensary at 4048 Grange Hall Rd., near the Subway restaurant. The request was postponed because the owner of the company was not present, and could not answer questions from the board.

“I’m not comfortable acting on this without someone to ask questions and make things clear,” said Commissioner Ryan Blazdik.

The second company, which is doing business as “Well Greens,” was postponed because they requested a space that did not fall within the distance restrictions set in place by the village ordinance, at 15190 N. Holly Rd., Ste. D. Before the May 25 meeting, Well Greens will amend their request to use a location that falls within the acceptable distance, per the ordinance.

Both companies will sit before the planning commission again at its May 25 meeting.

Attorney Denise Pollicella, of Howell, spoke on behalf of the owners of Well Greens. Pollicella also answered direct questions from the audience.

“Dispensaries are not legal, period,” said Mary Ann Vergith, of the Holly Community Coalition, during public comment. She asked why permits are being considered if dispensaries are not provided for in the medical marijuana law.

“The fact that it is not addressed specifically in the act does not make it illegal,” said Pollicella, in response to Vergith’s public comment. “If the majority of state prosecutors thought (dispensaries) were illegal, there wouldn’t be 170 of them.”

Holly Village budget in good shape

➤ Council question answered at final budget workshop

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Holly — The Holly Village Council conducted its fourth and final budget work session at a special meeting on Tuesday.

The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held Tuesday, May 24 at the regular village council meeting in the council chambers.

The 2011-12 budget is balanced, with $13,795 in the general fund over expenditures, said Village Manager Jerry Walker. “We’re actually a little bit ahead,” said Council member Sandra Kleven.

The previous workshops focused on various sections of the proposed budget, said Kleven. “This one put everything together.”

Council members asked Holly Village department heads questions about line items on their individual budgets. For the most part, expenditures stuck within the expenditures from last year, said Kleven.

Fuel prices forced some departments over. “They did a very conservative budget,” said Kleven. “Barring having any unforeseen accidents, disasters, I think it’s a doable budget.”

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Holly Village council member

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To prepare for a loss in statutory revenue sharing from the state of Michigan, the village has cut unnecessary training, not related to certification, from departments, in anticipation of the loss of revenue from the state.

The proposed budget also reflects both water and sewer plan options, which is up for public hearing and a council vote.

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The Freedom Center to host drug awareness program

By Sharon Stone
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There is just no stopping the local war against drugs. In response to several eye-opening deaths, caused by drug use, community members are emerging to lead their support, expertise and love to prevent one more young person from losing a life to drugs.

Prompted by the recent local deaths of Briona Jawhari and Erika Schlissler and then compounded by the drug-related deaths of Kevin Harden and Curtis Perry, a group of local adults took action, forming the Community Parent, Inc.
The Community Parent worked together with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department to put together a compelling drug awareness program, “Chasing the Dragon.”

Chasing the Dragon has been presented at Lake Fenton High School and Linden High School. The organizers are now preparing for a presentation at Fenton High School on Tuesday, May 10. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Later that day, The Fenton Freedom Center will be holding an open house and related program, featuring speakers who have asked to share their stories and to offer their help.

Youth Pastor Jason McKay said the program will be informal and there will be a time for guests to share faith. During the open house, parents or their children can stop by tables and speak directly with police, judges and experts. Police will have drugs on hand so that parents can see precisely what they look like.

McKay said education is imperative for parents so that they are able to spot any red flags with their children, and possible drug use. With a capacity of 600, the pastor is hoping to fill the church.

“Our idea is to empower the community through education and faith,” said McKay. “Giving your child a drug test does not make you a bad parent. It makes you a good parent.” he said. He added that he is constantly reassured that the kids want to stop this drug epidemic after many teens have begun opening up to him to talk.

Repsresentatives from a drug treatment program, Life Challenge, are set to attend. McKay said it has about an 86-percent success rate. Recovering addicts will share their stories.

“We’re trying to save families,” McKay said. “Save the family — save the world. We’re done losing lives.

“The only thing more powerful than heroin, is God.”

Jason McKay
Youth pastor at The Freedom Center

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Fenton High School
Parents are invited

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Class project: Fifth graders interview police chief

By Sharon Stone

Linden — School-aged children and a chief of police got close up and personal for an interview recently. Brett Smith’s fifth-grade class at Linden Elementary School interviewed Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter for a classroom project.

Summary

A fifth-grade class at Linden Elementary School interviewed Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter as a classroom project.

The police chief fielded several questions from the students, which included questions about why he became a police officer, to whether he ever arrested a person on the FBI’s most wanted list.

Student Tabatha Severn said, “It was nice to meet him. He seems to be happy, fun-loving and caring.” She told the class that sometimes the police chief felt bad for the people he was arresting, because he understood their situation.

The chief told the class that he does not believe in bad people, just bad decisions. “He was a great speaker,” Tabatha said.
ELECTIONS
Continued from Front Page
In order to vote in the Fenton school board election, voters must live within the Fenton school district. The school district has students in three counties (Oakland, Livingston, Genesee) and three townships (Fenton, Tyrone, and Holly), as well as the city of Fenton.

In the city of Fenton, 5 percent of registered voters cast a vote in Tuesday’s election, a total of 492 votes. Those numbers are higher than the last year school board election, where only 379 votes were cast, a less than 4 percent voter turnout. Fenton City Clerk Jennifer Naiman said she was surprised by the increase and attributes it to the library millage on the ballot.

Fenton Township residents within the Fenton school district voted at Lake Fenton High School. A total of 1,168 ballots were cast this election by Fenton Township residents, or 9.35 percent of the 12,495 registered voters.

Unofficial Results
Candidates (two 4-year seats)
Larry Godlewski 598
Chris Fletcher 544
Carrie Dershem 305
Dave Foerster 204
Candidate (partial term)
Kristi Ocenasek 685

Linden schools
Write-in Steven Losey will take the open Linden School Board seat with 122 write-in votes. John Walsh had 99 votes, and Marty Rymarz had 63 votes. Losey, Rymarz and Walsh vied for the open seat at Tuesday’s election.

There are 10 precincts for Linden school, including the townships of Argentine, Fenton, Deerfield, Mundy, Tyrone and Gaines.

From city of Linden voters, Losey received 76 votes, Walsh 52, and Rymarz 26, for 154 votes.

Fenton Township voters gave Steven Losey 47 votes, Walsh 37, and Rymarz 12 votes.

Fenton Township has 3,683 residents who are registered voters in the Linden school district, and 292 cast ballots on Tuesday. Ninety-six voters cast write-in ballots for the Linden board of education.

Tyrone Township has 1,383 registered voters in the Linden School District. 91 voted in the election, and 61 cast write-in votes. The remaining townships of Argentine, Deerfield, Gaines and Mundy account for 178 votes for the Linden school board election.

With 10 precincts and 489 votes cast in the school board election, 154 came from Linden city residents.

Although the total number of votes could be tabulated and published by the Genesee County Clerk Elections Division, the winner could only be decided by the Board of Canvassers because the voting machines cannot read write-in candidates. The board of Canvassers finished their count Friday afternoon.

The Board of Canvassers read all 489 write-in ballots for Linden school board and counts the totals for each candidate.

When a candidate’s name is misspelled, the Board of Canvassers makes the decision if the misspelled name is counted for the candidate.

The board met on Wednesday and only made it through the city of Flint write-in votes, according a spokesperson at the County Clerk’s Office Elections Division. The board met again on Friday afternoon to count ballots in the outstanding counties and cities.

In Linden, 462 votes were cast in total for the school board, library millage and Mott Community College trustees.

“I thought it was good, we had almost 16 percent,” said Linden Clerk Marty Donnelly. “My voters get out and vote.”

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► 243 precincts
► Registered voters - 347,999
► Ballots cast - 35,910
► Voter turnout - 10.32 percent

The Genesee County Clerk website, http://www.co.genesee.mi.us/ clerk, lists all the voting locations for each precinct. To find the voting locations are for each precinct, click on the election link, scroll down to “Precinct Address List” and click on it. If you need to speak with someone directly, the telephone number is (810) 257-2383.

Where to vote
Residents can go online at the link below to find out where they vote.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
ON SATURDAY, MY sister and I went to “Fidlers Restrung” at Lake Fenton High School. What a very entertaining and well-constructed program. I hope many people liked it.

CONGRATULATIONS, BRYAN TERRY, for being elected Mr. Fenton. What a year you have had, young man.

I WOnder if the guy who is always complaining about President Obama is going to vote and complain about him catching Obama Bin Laden.

NOW THAT OBAMA has been fed to the sharks, who do you think the next “Dictator of Deed” will be. I don’t suspect we’ll know, until he is supposedly, hidden away in a cave. Stay alert. Terrorists are still out there.

DO THE TAXPAYERS who support Fenton Area Public Schools realize the AGS Ellen Street Campus will be open with four classrooms after the sixth grade moves in? I think the building is going to be just fine. This doesn’t seem right. A real savings would be to close this building, if our school board understands fiscal responsibility.

IF MORE OIL has been discovered underground in Montana and North Dakota than exists throughout the rest of the world, can anyone seriously tell me why drilling there has not taken place? This information needs to be confirmed and steps taken to begin drilling. Now, I believe the oil companies are ripping us off, and putting blood money into office and other Washington.

SO EXCITED for the Van Gilder family to be grand marshal. Reading that article makes me miss working for the family. They all are such wonderful people.
Newly elected school board members ready to get to work

By Times Editorial Staff
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Larry Godlewski, Christopher Fletcher and Kristi Ocenasek are the newest members of the Lake Fenton Board of Education.

Godlewski, 40, is a research engineer at the Ford Research and Innovation Center in Dearborn. He is president of the Lake Fenton Little League, which now has 330 players.

“It has been 30 years of the board affecting the kids,” he said. He and his wife, Kim, have an 11-year-old son, Gavin, and a 9-year-old daughter, Taylor. He believes it’s important, considering the cuts that schools are finding necessary, to understand what money is being allocated and to where. The board is in the process of updating all of its policies. Godlewski said he is glad that he can contribute to that.

Fletcher, 38, is the director of engineering and technical service at IRMCO. He and his wife, Sarah, have four children, Caleb, 15, Jacob, 12, Abigail, 10, and Matthew, 7.

“As a rookie, Fletcher admits that training will be necessary. “There will be some hard things to deal with, as well as good things. It will be a little bit of an overload. I’ll take it in stride.”

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The budget is the most pressing issue right now and he knows there is much concern of where the cuts will be made. “We’ll spend some time and look at where our dollars are being spent,” he said.

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Carter, who is a recent member of the Athletic Foundation and has coached soccer and basketball teams. He is also involved with the IB Committee.

The new board member will begin their duties on July 1.

HOT LINE

CONTINUED

TEACHERS ALWAYS COMPLAIN about expenses, such as buying supplies for the classroom or continuing education, but every job has expenses. Truck drivers purchase meals, since they can’t prepare them on the road, pay for showers, health insurance, and purchase everything for their truck. I don’t hear them complaining. If you’re not happy teaching, change careers.

THE RECENT WESTERN hoedown at the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden was delightful. Both the dinner and the entertainment made it a very enjoyable evening. Kudos to the choir as they tackled some tough cowboy songs, and they did so with perfection. I was very impressed with the entire program. Thanks, for a night of fun.

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE day it was, working as a volunteer with the Tri-County Christmas in Action group, last Saturday at a house on Broad Street in downtown Linden. It was my first time with this fantastic organization, and I’ll definitely be doing it again, next year. Helping others in need is one of the best things that you can do with your life.

EVERYONE LAUDS DEMOCRATS as friends of the working man. Well, here’s a slap in the face to American workers in the auto industry. The democratic New York City mayor just agreed to replace the cab fleet with Nissan autos, made in Mexico. Unbelievable, or is it?

I HAVE A child at AGS Ellen Street, and I just need to say to parents picking up your children from this school, you need to learn how to properly park in a parking spot. Also, please be more aware of those around you. It is a school, so there are tons of children trying to get to their rides. Please slow down and be patient.

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DATE SET TO INTERVIEW HOLLY VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER

The interview date for the clerk/treasurer applicants has been set for Thursday, May 12. The first of three interviews begins at 9 a.m. Each interview is expected to last around half an hour, and is open to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR HOLLY VILLAGE WATER/SEWER RATES LOCATION CHANGED

The public hearing for the proposed water and sewer rates for Holly Village is being held at the Karl Richter Campus at 920 Baird St. at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday May 17. The hearing was moved from the Council Chambers.

City goes high-tech for future elections

Grant will cover costs of new Electronic Poll Books

By Sharon Stone
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According to Naismith, once the city commits to using the EPBs, it cannot go back to the old way. The EPBs are expected to improve efficiency and voter service. When voters arrive at a polling location to vote, they would still fill out the sign-in form and hand that form to an election worker. The election worker would then scan the voter’s driver’s license or Michigan ID card by sliding it through a slot on the device.

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“This is a good opportunity for us to move forward,” said Naismith.

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**BUDGET**

**Continued from Front Page**

Last Saturday, the Fenton City Council held its annual budget workshop, where department heads presented their budget proposals and much discussion was held. A public hearing is set on the proposed budget Monday, May 9 for comment from residents. If council members are satisfied with it, they could vote on it, according to Mayor Pro Tem John Rauch. If not, a balanced budget must be adopted by Monday, May 16.

In his written summary, City Manager Lynn Markland said, despite the city making substantial reductions in operating costs during the past three years, it is falling further behind each fiscal year and is not closer to sustainability. Markland believes that in order to reach a sustainable financial future, the city must be able to consider a Headlee over-ride in addition to the reduction in costs and the financial contribution that some employees have made. (see sidebar).

In order to achieve the balanced budget, several contributions from other funds are necessary, as well as many difficult reductions, including the layoff of two full-time Department of Public Works (DPW) employees, said Markland.

The city manager said he wanted to thank the employees who agreed to changes in their health-care coverage and agreeing to pay 20 percent of the monthly premium. “These employees made this decision willingly and by doing so, expressed an understanding of our financial condition and a commitment to the city,” he said.

Based on the actual figures and projections for the remainder of the year, fiscal year 2011 would close with a very small surplus in the general fund. Circumstances contributing to the decline in revenue are less development, more foreclosures and declining property values.

Budgeted expenses from the general fund for fiscal year 2012 are expected to be $4,924,446, which is approximately 7 percent less than last year. Of that amount, more than $805,450 (16.3 percent) of general fund revenues will be transferred to other funds to subsidize their expenses.

Significant projects (see sidebar) represent $6,052,724 in infrastructure improvements and the expected grant funding for these projects will be $1,998,932. Markland is recommending that the city maintain the current millage and collect 10.6226 mills for fiscal year 2012. Police Chief Rick Arro said his department’s budget proposal was reduced by $70,000 from last year’s budget.

### Headlee Roll Back

Headlee requires a local unit of government to reduce its millage when annual growth on existing property is greater than 11 percent. As a consequence, the local unit’s millage rate is “rolled back” so that the resulting growth in property tax revenue, community-wide, is no more than the rate of inflation. A “Headlee override” is a vote by the electors to return the millage to the amount originally necessary to counteract the effects of the “Headlee Rollback.”

*Source: Michigan Municipal League*

**Significant projects for FY2012**

- $1.6 million for the North LeRoy Street resurfacing
- $5.3 million for the completion of the Adelaide Street and North Road water main
- $229,694 for Walnut Street resurfacing
- $723,030 for completion of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program
- Replacement of the 911 equipment for the Emergency Dispatch Center

**Proposed reductions**

- A reduction in the police department overtime of $70,000
- A reduction in the fire department budget of $33,000
- A reduction in health-care expenditures of $47,000 by changing to a high-deductible plan and employees contributing 20 percent of their monthly premium.
- Reductions in legacy costs by changing retirement health care and various other reductions.

**Proposal A** dramatically decreased the amount of property taxes paid by Michigan residents and limited future increases. Starting in calendar year 1995, property taxes have been levied on taxable value instead of state equalized value. Taxable value increases are constitutionally limited to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

### Did you vote in the school board election on Tuesday?  
**YES** 55%    **NO** 45%

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His day on Tuesday began at 8:30 a.m., with 75 cases, including landlord-tenant and civil cases, and discovery exams.

The set of cases he'll be hearing is called a docket. He looks over the docket either the night before or that morning when he arrives, around 6:30 a.m.

McCabe spends more than half of his time on the bench in Fenton, but he also shares a rotation with five other district court judges at Central Court in downtown Flint, where he serves as chief judge.

At Central Court, he handles criminal cases, custody arraignments, felony cases, felony and misdemeanor warrants, and pretrial exams for murder. “Those are very busy days,” he said. He presides over jury trials every other Thursday and Friday. His schedule is drafted one year ahead, by the court administration. “Every day basically has a purpose,” he said.

Being a district court judge is a full-time job, at least 40 hours per week. McCabe spends significant time in his courtroom, and doing legal research for his cases.

When he retires for the evening, his workload is not necessarily over. McCabe is always on call for search warrants. Sometimes, he will receive a call from a police officer in the middle of the night. McCabe then puts the officer under oath, and the officer gives him the details of the case. Sometimes, the officer needs a warrant approved for a drinking/driving-related blood drawing.

“You just get used to getting up immediately, at 1 or 2 o’clock in the morning and you have to wake up pretty quickly and clear your head.”

The officer will fax a search warrant and affidavit to his home directly for McCabe to sign and fax back. McCabe is scheduled for 14 weekend and holiday arraignments, each year.

His role, in his words:

“The judge has to be an individual who is very attentive to listening to what the facts are, applying the law and reaching a decision that is correct under both the facts and the law, no matter who the parties are and what’s at stake. You are an impartial arbiter.”

McCabe became an attorney in 1976, and was appointed to the bench in 1993. He has been at the Fenton court on Silver Parkway since 2002.

As a judge, safety is always a concern. Security is always available, and the buildings have secured areas. He said he has generally felt safe and secure while working, and is rarely disrespected in court.

“I think people are very respectful of the court, and the court system. I think they’re very respectful of judges. I think that’s a very important comment to make about our society.”
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DENTAL ASSISTANT needed. Warm, caring, experienced. Fax resume to Dr. Rachor, 810-629-5493.

FASCH Paced Chiropractic office, seeking dedicated CA. Must be outgoing, organized, personable, with excellent communication skills. Send resume/cover to abovebeline@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 11th.

FOOD SERVICE - Clarkston area, full time, $8-10 per hour. Call Tammy, 248-245-0978.

INSERTED WANTED to stuff ads into newspaper. Pay by the piece.
Monday, 8-3p.m., Tuesday, 8-3p.m., Saturday, 4:30a.m. - 8:30a.m. Must be able to stand for long periods of time.
Call Gale Dean, 810-423-6794.

LOCAL COMPANY looking for team member, will train. P.O. Oil Change. 3509 Owen Rd., Fenton. Apply in person, E1.

LOCAL FENTON Financial Firm seeks Administrative Assistant. Job duties include, answering multiple phone lines, filing, appointment scheduling, computer work, equipment operation. Part time, Monday-Friday, must pass background check. Fax resume and cover letter to 810-714-5577.


MAINTENANCE PERSON - Clarkston area, 25 hours a week. Call Tammy, 248-245-0978.

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WOULD you like to learn the ropes in the newspaper industry? The Tri-County Times is seeking an enthusiastic individual to serve as an unpaid, entry-level administrative department. Must have transportation and be willing to learn. Contact commission@tctimes.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION ADOPTION

At their meeting of May 2, 2011 the Fenton Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 736, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the PUD conditions and conceptual site plan for the Gables of North Shore condominium development.

A complete copy of the adopted ordinance may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantua Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinance is also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fenton township.org.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PRE-OWNED AUTOMOTIVE MARKET
Want to sell your car? Call 810-629-8281 to reserve the space in this week’s Tri-County Times Pre-Owned automotive page.

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2006 DODGE RAM 1500
$15,250. Quad Cab, Cloth interior, AM/FM/CD Radio, 4WD.
Hall Chrysler Jeep & Dodge, 888-249-1361

P1580
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$7,450. Leather interior, AM/FM/Cassette Radio, FWD, great gas mileage!
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P1588
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64313AX
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HELP WANTED FULL TIME AUTO DETAILER/PORTER
Must be a hardworker. Apply in person at Hall Chrysler Jeep Dodge 15123 North Rd. • Fenton

1999 CHEVROLET EXPRESS cargo walk van, includes shelves, 350,000 miles. Runs good. $1,050. Call 810-433-6793.

PUBLIC AUCTION due to unpaid rent at Fenton Storage South, 3144 Copper Ave. on May 24th at 10:00 or later. Pam Redfern, 572; all units contain miscellaneous items.

HOLLY - garage sale, multi family. 1004 Winifred Dr., Thursday, May 12th through Saturday, May 14th, 9-4:30p.m.

HOLLY - PRE-MOVING sale. Yard sale, furniture, house hold items. May 12-15th, 9-4p.m., 216 Park Avenue.

HOLLY - Ultimate guys garage sale. Woodworking equipment, tools, fishing gear, etc. May 14-15th, 8-4p.m., 554 Blue Water, Milford and Rose Center west.
RUSTIC, PRIVATE camping property for rent. A quiet hideaway located in Glen Arbor, just north of Traverse City, in the Leelanau Peninsula. Nestled between Lake Michigan and Alligator Hill. Crystal river running to kayaking, tubing, hiking all within the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes national shoreline surrounded by 170,000 acres of national forest. Short boat ride to the Manitou Island for a day trip. Very secluded, totally private. 213-835-0733, referrals $50.

SAGINAW - DOWNTOWN HOLLY. 2 large bedrooms, eat kitchen, appliances, spacious backyard. $625/month. 248-935-7409.

LINDEN - LAKEVIEW FARMS sales, off Lobdell, half mile west of Linden Road, May 12-14, 9-4p.m.
LINDEN - GARAGE sale,. Pine St. between Bridge Street, Loose Senior Center. Collectibles, furniture, miscellaneous.

LINDEN - 1ST time garage sale! 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, end unit, golf course condo at Whisperwood Community. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in North Towne Manor. 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, end unit, golf course condo at North Towne Manor. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, great location, $18,000.

LINDEN - 3 BEDROOM, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, exercise room. ONE UNIT AVAILABLE! BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED 2 Bedroom Unit Large Bath Walk-in Closets Security Gated Entrance with monthly on-time rent bonus $595/month.

Real Estate For Rent

ROSE TWP. - neighborhood sale! 14 homes, May 13-14, 9-5p.m., off Rose Center west, follow signs.

Linden

LINDEN - 1ST time garage sale. May 14-15th, 9-4p.m., 15392 Seymour Rd.
LINDEN - GARAGE sale. May 13-14th, 9-2p.m., 707 N. Bridge Street, Loose Senior Center. Collectibles, furniture, guys stuff. 8-4p.m., May 13-14th.

LINDEN - TWO days! May 13-14th, 9-2p.m., 707 N. Bridge Street, Loose Senior Center. Collectibles, furniture, miscellaneous.

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Real Estate

$106,500 - WELL maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Whispered Pines Community. Fireplace, vaulted ceilings, loft with skylight, finished basement and attached garage. View listing #22841649 at ForSaleByowner.com or call 248-207-8125.

FENTON TWP - 12 apartments on 2 1/2 acres, discounted $250,000, NOW $325,000. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-248-207-8125.

FOR SALE BY OWNER - cozy 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, end unit, golf course condo at Davison Country Club. Open house Saturday and Sunday, 1-4p.m. Call 868-436-8186 or 810-348-8901.

FENTON - LOON waterfront and wooded lots. $16,000 and up. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

Fenton Estates

LINDEN - 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, great location, $18,000. 2 and 3 bedroom, lease to own from $14,000. 2 bedroom, garage, senior park $19,000, lease to own. Happy Mother’s Day from Five Star Homes, LLC. 810-629-9584.

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NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING

CITY OF LINDEN

City of Linden residents are advised to check their water before using for laundry, etc. on Monday, May 9, 2011 through Saturday, May 14, 2011. THE LINDEN DPW WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS ON THESE DAYS.

Scott Fairbanks,
Public Works Department

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

You are hereby notified of a regular public hearing to be held Tuesday May 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM by the Charter Township of Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals at 12600 Mantaowa. This hearing will be held to consider the following:

ZBA11-006 Michelle Morgan 15124 Restwood Dr. requesting variance to fence standards Article 4 Section 4.14 C.2 to allow 20 ft. of 6 ft. privacy fence in the actual front yard. Parcel 06-30-501-009

ZBA11-007 Fenton Lakes Sportsman Club 1140 Butcher Rd. requesting variance to Sign Ordinance 693 to allow off-premise sign on vacant lot at the corner of Fenton Rd. and Butcher Rd. Parcel 06-13-300-021

ZBA11-008 Robert Wisniewski 13324 Wenwood Dr. requesting land area variances for lot A and lot B and lake frontage variances for lot A and B to replat lots 13324 & 13326 Wenwood Dr. Parcel 06-13-505-021 & 022

ZBA11-009 Royalty Services P.O. Box 550 Linden requesting variance to Sign Ordinance 693 to allow off-premise sign on vacant property at intersection of Owen Rd. and Linden Rd. on Linden Rd. Parcel 06-31-400-034

Copies of the above listed applications and the township ordinances are available at the township office for your review. Your opinions may be expressed verbally at this hearing or in writing to the board of appeals prior to this hearing. The Zoning Board of Appeals encourages your participation in these appeals.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12600 Mantaowa Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537.

Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYMPOSIS
April 13, 2011

Supervisor Kalcev called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Kalcev, Miller, Slaughter, Gordon, Scheib-Snider. Board Members Absent: None

Approved: Agenda for the April 13, 2011 regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees as amended.

Approved: Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2011 Meeting as amended.

Public Hearing: Special Assessment RollWilliams Dr.Special Assessment District

Approved: Authorize the Clerk to sign the Amendment to the Standard Form Agreement between the Township of Rose and Redstone Architects.

Approved: Resolution of Intent to appoint Linda Kerr as administrative assistant upon receipt of legal opinion at a scheduled Special Meeting.

Approved: All previous bids Contract for Removal of Various Items from Property.

Approved: Bruce Lowe Excavating contingent upon signing the Agreement of Removal and providing appropriate insurance certificates.

Tabled: Blanket order of chlorine application until next Special Meeting.

Tabled: Tri-Party Projects.

Approved: Resolution Confirming the Assessment Roll for the Williams Drive Special Assessment District.

Approved: Expenditure of a $960.00 match contribution to Swallow-wort removal and authorizes sending a letter of support to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Approved: Continue with Clean-Up Day at no charge to residents with 4 passen
gers tires per household.

Date Set: Annual Meeting for June 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: Resolution for annual compensation for the Township Clerk shall be $ 45,000.00.

Approved: Resolution for annual compensation for the Township Supervisor shall be $ 45,000.00.

Approved: Resolution for annual compensation for the Township Treasurer shall be $ 45,000.00.

Appointed: Debbie Miller as an alternate to the Holly Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors.

Tabled: FY 2011 Budget Amendment Proposal until end of month Special Meeting.

Approved: Funding participation in West Nile Virus Mosquito Control Program through Oakland County.

Appointed: Committee to develop and propose bylaws for a cemetery oversight committee for Rose Township.

Approved: Ordinance adding a Section 6.28 violation to Chapter 6, Article II of the Rose Township Code of Ordinances.

Adjourned: By motion at 9:40 p.m.

Alison Kalcev, Supervisor
Debbie Miller, Clerk
The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Appointed Robert Krug as Chairman Pro-Tem.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $166,483.22.
5. Accepted the 1st quarter 2011 Ordinance Enforcement Report.
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 736, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the PUD conditions and conceptual site plan for the Gables of North Shore condominium development.
7. Approved the sale of tax-reverted parcel #06-02-400-011 to Joshua Sharich and Rebecca Colburn.
8. Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
On May 9th, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the first National Mother’s Day Proclamation. The second Sunday in May was to be observed as a “public expression of… love and reverence for the mothers of our country.”

In 1986, President Reagan said “A Jewish saying sums it up: ‘God could not be everywhere—so He created mothers.’

To all the mothers out there who sacrifice each and every day to make our world a better place...

**Have a wonderful Mother’s Day!**
MICHIGAN BRANDS

Faygo — A Detroit based beverage company, Faygo is a main staple for most Michiganders. Some very rare flavors of Faygo include pineapple orange, kiwi strawberry, and jazmin blueberry.

Better Made chips — Detroit-based, family-owned potato chip company is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. Some of their unique chip flavors include Salvatore’s parmesan & garlic flavored, sweet BBQ, and krinkles.

Spartan — A Grand Rapids-based food chain that supplies nearly every grocery store in Michigan. It is the 11th largest grocery distributor in the nation.

Consumers are finding that the generic or store brand is just as good as the national brand, if not better.

My, how we’ve changed.

First Michigan Bank

(And how we haven’t.)

First Michigan Bank has a new name, Talmer Bank and Trust.

Why the change? Well, it’s not the result of a merger or an acquisition — it’s a tribute by our two founders to their grandfathers (whose last names were Talmage and Merzon), two men who dedicated their lives to community service.

The same friendly people who take care of you at our banking centers are still here. Your existing checks and ATM cards will work just fine too.

Stop by and see us again soon. Some things may look a little different, but our people — and their commitment to you — remain the same.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WITH GAS AT more than $4 a gallon and one oil company having made multi-billions in profits for the first quarter of 2011, don’t you think they should be the ones to rebuild the devastated areas from the recent tornados? They have the money that the average hard-working American doesn’t have, or never will have, with the national debt that will never be paid. I pray each day for this insanity to end.

GOV. SNYDER is being vilified as a hatchet man on public school funding. Here’s what you need to remember about Snyder. He promised to make all public agencies, including schools, accountable for what they spend. He also promised to actually do something about the lack of jobs in Michigan. He’s probably doomed to be a one-term governor, but we will all be better off because he wasn’t afraid to bite the bullet.

I APPRECIATE OUR teachers, police, and firefighters, honest. However, we, the taxpayers, can no longer afford your current benefits structure. Most of us also have ongoing education expenses and we lost our benefits and pensions years ago. The sense of entitlement is hard to stomach when we’ve already sacrificed more than what your proposed cuts are. Be grateful for what you have, and think twice, next time you get a MESSA-paid massage.

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Mothers — from famous to infamous

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—The Wall Street Journal

THE SINGING HUMPBACKS Male humpback whales are avid singers, and some of their tunes turn into undersea hits. Scientists have discovered that the giant beasts have a complex musical culture, developing popular songs that rapidly spread from pod to pod across the ocean. “It’s a culturally driven change across a vast scale,” University of Queensland researcher Ellen Garland tells BBCNews.com. The latest hit is usually a variation on a classic, “like splicing an old Beatles song with U2,” Garland says.

COST OF LIVING 55% OF AMERICAN drivers say they’re changing their driving habits as a result of high gas prices. 38% say recent events in the Middle East are to blame for the high prices, while 33% blame oil companies. 11% blame President Obama and Democrats, and 8% blame congressional Republicans.
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Mel Gibson doesn’t blame you for hating him, said Allison Hope Weiner in Deadline.com. But he insists that he’s not really the angry madman heard on the infamous audiotapes, yelling racial slurs and physical threats at ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva. “I’ve never treated anyone badly or in a discriminatory way based on their gender, race, religion, or sexuality—period.” Gibson says. “I don’t blame some people for thinking that, though, from the garbage they heard on those leaked tapes, which have been edited. You have to put it all in the proper context of being in an irrationally heated discussion at the height of a breakdown, trying to get out of a really unhealthy relationship. It’s one terribly awful moment in time, said to one person, in the span of one day and doesn’t represent how I’ve treated people my entire life.” Nonetheless, he says he deeply regrets “the humiliation” he’s caused his children, and is resigned to the fact that his career—already badly damaged by his drunken, anti-Semitic rant during a 2006 DUI arrest—may be over. “I don’t care if I ever act again. It’s not a problem.”

How Mel Gibson defends himself

A new iPhone app embraces the power of GPS tracking and allows users to track belongings, pets and people. The app called MyTraxxit is free at the iTunes store and requires at least one Traxxit 360 GPS tracking device for it to operate. Traxxit software is a leading commonsense interface with Google Maps integrations.

Penguin falls in love with boots

The penguin keeper at a zoo in Germany had to stop wearing his favorite black-and-white rubber boots after a male penguin fell in love with them. The penguin, known as Bonaparte, has been obsessed with keeper Dennis Kühler’s boots since the start of mating season, evidently mistaking them for a female, and would nuzzle them passionately.

Lowering the drinking age to 18

In a country where 18-year-olds can vote, marry, and go to war, they should be able to buy and drink a beer without breaking the law, said Michelle Minton in National Review. The federal law that forced all 50 states to establish 21 as the legal drinking age has backfired, and “created a culture of hidden drinking and disrespect for the law.” Most of the underage drinking takes place at colleges and universities where 18-20 year-olds are learning to make their own decisions.

The iphone turns into an eye phone

WIT & WISDOM

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” Henry Ford, quoted in the Modesto, Calif., Bee

“It’s a very sobering feeling to be up in space and realize that one’s safety factor was determined by the lowest bidder on a government contract.” Astronaut Alan Shepard, quoted in the Associated Press

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A story about Ann Deemer, a single mother who remarried and raised Terri, her biological child, and Eric, her stepson. The story highlights the challenges and successes of stepmotherhood.

**STEPMOMS**

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day Kaitie went off to school, and I didn’t

when John did,” said Kathy. “She was the

While steprelationships often carry

them with a negative connotation, the

“evil stepmother” is really just a myth

for many families. Many step moms and

stepdaughters really do live “happily

ever after.”

Colleen Woodruff’s daughter, Grace, 6, is about the same age that her stepson, Eric, was, when she met him 12 years ago. He was 7, and his sister, Sarah, was 8, when their father, Larry Woodruff, started dating Colleen. It took Sarah a few months before she would even talk to Colleen. However, once Sarah opened up to her, the relationship flourished.

For the first time, Eric, Sarah and Grace are living “under one roof” with Colleen and Larry. And Colleen is enjoying every minute of having a “full house.”

“We had to miss a lot when the kids were so busy in high school in Lake Orion,” said Colleen. “Now, Eric is 19 and about to enter the U.S. Navy, and Sarah has been accepted at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. I’m so proud of them.”

Colleen doesn’t treat her older children any differently than she treats Grace, and never referred to them as “stepkids.” “I will introduce myself to other people as

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step kids. They’re all my kids,” she said.

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“I wouldn’t trade her for anything in the

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Ann Deemer, of Linden, a divorcee with three children, married two years later, we had a large
divided family with four kids under one

roof,” said Ann. “Now, with this new marriage,

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mother. They have their own relationship

with her.”

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her birth mom, it was my fault.” Thirty

years later, Ann can see the situation
today much more clearly.

“As a little girl living alone for years

with her dad, they had established their

own routine and their own set of rules,” said

Ann. “Now, with this new marriage,

Terri not only had to move into a house

where she had to share her dad with a new

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Lessons learned from a gentleman

I met Orlen while in my 20s, and serving my first church. He was the pastor of a thriving congregation. He had poor eyesight, but his spiritual insight more than made up for his limited vision. Impressed by his accomplishments and the relationship he enjoyed with his church, I once questioned him about the secrets of his success.

‘The Bible says the meek will inherit the earth,’ Orlen replied. ‘What do you mean?’ I asked, a bit bewildered by his answer. ‘The pastor who is meek will inherit his church,’ he explained.

Orlen’s view was new to me, but, to my surprise, I found it to be true for great leaders through the centuries. Moses, chosen to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt, was known as the meekest man on earth (Numbers 12:3). Earlier, while in a position of power and influence, he had failed as a leader. Finally, after losing his high place in the government and leading sheep for 40 years, he was meek enough to lead people.

It’s important to know, however, that meekness doesn’t mean weakness. Biblically speaking, meekness means gentleness or humility. Orlen was a gentle, humble man, like his Lord. No wonder he had inherited his church, along with their love and devotion.

My second lesson learned from Orlen came when our church joined his in aiding a needy family. The husband and father had recently been released from jail where men from our two churches carried on a weekly outreach to prisoners. Together, our churches supplied food, clothing and housing for this homeless family and made numerous attempts to help them find work so they could have a new start.

As time passed with little progress being made in moving this family to self-sufficiency, I began to be discouraged, doubting that this former prisoner was putting forth much effort to provide for his family. I saw our earnest efforts failing and the whole project as a poor investment, so I voiced my concern to Orlen.

His response to my now negative attitude has been unforgettable. ‘It is better that they fail us than that we fail them,’ he replied.

An anonymous writer in a brief but powerful piece entitled ‘My Eternal Preference’ summed up Orlen’s attitude about caring for people. ‘When we are given our rewards, I would prefer to be found to have erred on the side of grace rather than judgment; to have loved too much rather than too little; to have forgiven an undeserving rather than to have refused forgiveness to one who deserved it; to have fed a parasite rather than to have neglected one who was truly hungry; to have been taken advantage of rather than to have taken undue advantage; to have believed too much in my brothers rather than too little; having been wrong on the side of too much trust than too much cynicism; to have believed the best and been wrong, than to have believed the worst and been right.’

My third lesson from Orlen grew out of his view that newspapers are the most overlooked means of communicating with people. I took his words to heart and started writing a column. You’re reading it, and that’s the rest of the story.

Roger Campbell is an author, a columnist and broadcaster who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.com.

Eagle Scout

Jon-Claude Howd, son of Rick and Pam Howd, received the rank of Eagle Scout on April 13. He is a member of Troop 212 Fenton, Tall Pine Council. He completed his project at Seven Lakes State Park in Holly. Jon-Claude led his volunteers to fix a soil erosion problem. His successful project is now preventing many cubic yards of soil from getting into Sand Lake after rain or wind events.
Academic achievements

Erica Jorgensen, daughter of Paul and Colleen Jorgensen, graduated summa cum laude from Northwood University with a bachelor’s degree. She will begin her career with Dow in Midland.

Marcie Anne Harris, a 2002 graduate of Fenton High School, has just completed her double Masters degrees from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids. She received a degree of Master of Health Administration, Health Service Management, as well as a degree of Master of Public Administration, Nonprofit Management and Leadership. Marcie previously earned a Bachelor’s degree in International Business, with a major in Spanish from Aquinas College, in Grand Rapids, as well as studied at the Universidad de Salamanca, Spain. She is the daughter of Robert and Lee Anne Harris of Fenton.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

OK TRUMP, SIT down and shut up. Nobody wants to hear or watch you and your self-righteous opinions on what is important to fellow Americans.

I SEE THE DDA is going to spend up to $102,510 on 14 welcome signs in the city of Fenton. Then they award it to a Grand Rapids company. They can’t even find anybody local to make the signs?

TO THE PERSON concerned about the oil speculators running wild, and Congress letting them do so, you might want to check your 401K and your IRA and look into the mutual funds that you have invested in. You might find that are one of these evil oil speculators.

DUE TO MY work schedule, I am not able to attend the city of Fenton council meetings and I am always interested in what is going on in my town. But I have noticed they have had their meeting minutes posted online lately. I wonder what’s up with that.

I’VE LIVED in Linden since 1967. My family has lived here since 1921. The Summer Happening is just something that Linden has always done. Why do we have to have a beer tent to have Summer Happening? Since there is no liquor license out at Byram Park, well big deal. Why not just let it happen for couple days. I don’t really see what the big deal is.

WARS, FAMINE, EARTH changing, no jobs, taxes, national health care (that I don’t want), high gas prices, now we’re all forced to watch the Royal Wedding on every channel. My God, you people want that kind of entertainment, go rent Cinderella.

MY LIFE is no better now than what it was 50 years ago. All you people rooting for your party, both Democrats and Republicans, have run this country in to the ground. For what, just to line their own pockets with our money. They should all be tried for treason, and if guilty, give them the death penalty.

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Damen Winchester, 12, of Holly, shot this wild turkey on April 18, while hunting with his Grandpa.

The Tri-County Times wants to give our readers the chance to show off the trophies they get this season. If you have a turkey worth showing off, snap a photo and bring it in or mail it to the Times office.

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Calendar of events

Saturday, May 14
Sigma Phi Gamma annual Spring Style Show is set for Saturday, May 14 at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. Tickets are $25. It begins at 11 a.m. with a 12 p.m. luncheon. Proceeds benefit victims of domestic violence. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Kay Lambert at (810) 730-6701.

Tuesday, May 10
The monthly meeting of the Linden Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at Shiawassee Shores Clubhouse 1 at 7:30 p.m. David Kincaid will give a presentation, “A Driving Tour of Linden.” All members are urged to attend and guests are welcome.

May 12-14
The Fenton Lions Club will be holding their annual White Cane Drive on Thursday, May 12 through Saturday, May 14 at various locations in Fenton.

Saturday, May 14
LeBau Salon & Day Spa in Fenton will conduct a Bone Marrow Donor Drive on Saturday, May 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit a 13-year-old girl, Emma Hudson, a seventh grade student at Grand Blanc West Middle School. Emma was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on Oct. 6, 2009. Tropical Smoothie Cafe and Mancino’s of Fenton will provide refreshments and/or gift certificates. For more information, call (810) 714-1489.

Monday, May 16
The Tyrone Historical Society will meet Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tyrone Township hall, 10408 Center Rd. It is potluck. Beth Hammond will give a presentation on Tyrone’s cemeteries. Guests are welcome.

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FAMILY:
My parents are Andrew and Gail Thorpe. My brother, Keagan, is 21. He goes to University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. My sister, Kalee, is 25. She works for the Department of Homeland Security in Washington D.C.

SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:
I run track and cross-country. I’m just getting into diving. I coach gymnastics at Phoenix Gymnastics. I did gymnastics for years and it feels good to be back in the gym. I’m also in National Honor Society and assistant editor for the yearbook. I’m going to be co-editor in chief next year.

PERSONAL MOTTO:
Everything comes with patience.

MY DREAM CAR:
It actually is a red Ford F-350 pickup truck. I want to be a horse vet and this would be perfect.

ALL TIME FAVORITE MOVIE:
‘How to Train your Dragon.’ I had surgery on my leg and that’s what I watched in the hospital. My whole family watched it from my hospital bed. It was so much fun.

I always have a smile on my face.

I never: am negative.

Is there an event in your life for which you would like a “do-over”? No. I might not like all my choices, but those choices made me who I am. I like who I am.

If you could make one rule, everyone had to follow, what would it be? Give at least one compliment to everyone you see.

What physical or mental attribute, if any, would you change? It would be so nice to be 2 inches taller. At 5-feet, 2-1/8-inches, I get so much teasing. You know you’re short when you add on the 1/8 inch.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? The Last Supper. It would be so cool to be with all the disciples and Jesus on that last day.

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What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? I’m going to D.C. on May 17 with my family to visit my sister for a cousin’s wedding. My whole family will be there.

What is the best day of your life so far was: when I was 15 and went to visit my sister in D.C. We saw all the monuments in the freezing cold and rain. I spent the whole day with her. We saw ducks in the pond and gave them senators’ names. It was so much fun to goof around with my sister.

My parting advice for a better world: Learn from your mistakes.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? I’d like to have heat vision. I hate having cold food. It’s such a hassle to use the microwave sometimes.

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

My most valued possessions: are my animals. I raised my two cats from birth, and my coonhound that I got as a puppy from Adopt-A-Pet.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? Jason Aldean. He’s a country singer. He’s playing in Detroit on Sunday.

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Micklachow Orthodontics opens practice in Fenton

By Sally Rummel
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Whether you’re the parent of a child who may need braces in the future, or you’re an adult looking for cosmetic orthodontics, Michalkow (pronounced Me-shall-co) Orthodontics has opened in Fenton to “bring a great smile” to local residents.

A specialist in orthodontics, Brian Michalkow, DDS, MS, has taken over the long-time practice of retiring dentist David Drake, DDS, MS, transitioning to this new practice December 2010. He brings with him years of practice in Southfield and Flint, developing a passion for family-focused orthodontics after completing his dental school training.

“I’m looking very forward to working with area families in my practice of orthodontics,” said Michalkow. “I offer a free initial consultation/evaluation, so that we can begin a process of monitoring growth and development to prevent bigger problems down the road.”

Michalkow earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and his DDS degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. He completed a one-year advanced education in general dentistry residency at the University of Detroit Mercy and Detroit Receiving Hospital, strengthening his skills as a general practitioner.

He continued his postgraduate studies for two more years at the University of Detroit Mercy in the Department of Orthodontics, graduating with a master’s degree in science.

Michalkow’s practice utilizes the latest in orthodontic technology, from bondable, ceramic braces to the use of flexible, heat-activated “memory” wire. “This allows for lighter forces over a longer period of time, reducing the discomfort of ‘tightening,’” he said.

Michalkow is a member of the American Association of Orthodontics and the American Board of Orthodontics. Assisting him in the office is Patti Kovalcik, board-certified internist; Vickie Evans, certified massage therapist; Kathleen Strauch, certified Rolfig® Structural Integration specialist; Jing Fei Huang, certified acupuncturist; Ann Heusted, RN, EDS specialist and Mickey Kellogg, medical assistant. Dr. Downing will attend the open house.

The office staff will also be there to direct visitors and answer questions. Activities at the open house will include a tour of the office and a chance to learn more about the services. Guests will also have the opportunity to learn more about some of the products the clinic recommends and carries.

The Downing Clinic celebrates 20-year anniversary

The Downing Clinic, a Clarkston-area internal and integrative medicine medical practice since 1991, will hold an open house on Wednesday, May 11, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at 5715 Bella Rose Blvd., Ste. 100 in Clarkston.

The clinic was founded by Nedra Downing, DO. She sold the practice to her daughter, Laura Kovalcik, DO, FACOI, in 2004.

The Downing Clinic is a medical practice, which provides integrative internal medicine. They focus on natural treatments where possible, preventive health and treatment for symptoms of menopause and andropause for men and women experiencing changes at mid-life.

The open house will provide the opportunity for people to meet the staff, which includes Kovalcik, board-certified internist; Vickie Evans, certified massage therapist; Kathleen Strauch, certified Rolfig® Structural Integration specialist; Jing Fei Huang, certified acupuncturist; Ann Heusted, RN, EDS specialist and FirstLine Therapy Lifestyle Modification Program coordinator; Sharella Tackett, RN, IV therapy specialist; and Mickey Kellogg, medical assistant. Dr. Downing will attend the open house.

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Financial Plus announces new public relations specialist

Financial Plus Federal Credit Union has named Katrina Khouri the public relations specialist serving Financial Plus’ five Genesee County locations.

Khouri is responsible for matching Financial Plus Federal Credit Union’s resources with outside opportunities for community betterment and growth. Khouri will coordinate and execute more than 60 sponsored events and lead nearly 200 volunteers in community endeavors each year. She also provides financial seminars and education to Financial Plus members and youth in Genesee County.

Vic Canever steps up to the plate for Little League

Fenton — Vic Canever Chevrolet is supporting the local community through a partnership with area Little League organizations. Linden, Holly, Fenton and Lake Fenton Little League groups will receive complimentary baseball equipment, instructional clinics, a monetary donation and an opportunity to raise an additional $10,000 in funds with a Chevy vehicle giveaway-fundraiser.

The effort is part of the Chevy Youth Baseball initiative, from March through July. “Vic Canever Chevrolet is bringing that level of commitment for youth baseball to the local community, where our customers and their families live,” said Matt Stevens, sales manager for Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton.

In addition, a check will be presented to each Little League organization. The team also will have an opportunity to raise additional funds for their use as part of a Chevy Youth Baseball Fundraiser. Sponsored leagues will receive 2,000 fundraiser entry tickets to distribute for a suggested donation, and the proceeds raised will be presented to each Little League. The team also will have an opportunity to raise additional funds for their use as part of a Chevy Youth Baseball Fundraiser. Sponsored leagues will receive 2,000 fundraiser entry tickets to distribute for a suggested donation, and the proceeds raised will be presented to each Little League.

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CREAMY MUSHROOM SPAGHETTI

• Salt
• 1 lb. whole-wheat or whole-grain spaghetti
• 1/2 pounds mixed mushrooms - shiitake, crimini, any that don’t drip your eye at first
• 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, eyeball it
• 2 leeks
• 3 to 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
• Freshly ground black pepper
• 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh thyme leaves
• 1/2 cup dry white wine
• 1/2 cup cream
• Grated Parmigiano-Reggiano or Romano, for topping

DIRECTIONS

Heat water to a boil for the pasta, salt water, drop in pasta and cook to al dente.

Wipe mushrooms clean with damp towel. Remove woody stems. Thinly slice the mushrooms.

Heat a large deep skillet with extra-virgin olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and cook to al dente, 10 minutes.

While mushrooms cook, halve the leeks lengthwise. Cut off the stems. Thinly slice the leek then vigorously wash in a large bowl of cold water, separating all the layers to free of grit. Let leeks sit a few minutes then lift out of the water and dry on kitchen towel.

Add leeks to mushrooms along with garlic and season with salt, pepper and fresh thyme. Cook 3 to 4 minutes more then add wine, reduce half a minute then stir in cream and heat through. Toss pasta with mushrooms and adjust seasoning. Top with grated cheese at the table.
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dying, while guiding the Missionaries of Charity’s expansion, throughout India and beyond. Following her death, she was beatified by Pope John Paul II and given the title “Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.” She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

Mother Lode is the name given to the long alignment of hard rock gold deposits stretching northwest to southeast in the Sierra Nevada of California. The term is also used metaphorically to refer to the origin of something valuable or in great abundance.

Mother of Invention. It is a phrase, which means that if someone really wants to do something they will find a way to do it.

Mother of the Bride is, well, the mother of the bride. She typically assists her daughter and future son-in-law with planning the wedding. The most recent mother of the bride making news is Catherine Middleton’s mother Carole Middleton. Catherine married Prince William.

Stepmothers are often portrayed as evil or wicked characters in movies, such as the one Cinderella lived with. This does an injustice to all of the wonderful stepmothers out there who work tirelessly to be a loving parent of their spouse’s children, i.e. Carol Brady of the television show Brady Bunch.

Mothers of multiples have their hands full. Remember the McCaugheys’ septuplets (seven) born in 1993 or the Dionne quintuplets (five) born in 1934. About one in 190 human births (1.1 percent) results from a twin pregnancy, according to a 1995 report in Progress in Reproductive Medicine Volume II.

Whistler’s Mother is a famous 1871 oil-on-canvas painting by American-born painter James McNeill Whistler.

Kate “Ma” Barker was the mother of several criminals who ran the Barker gang. She lived from 1873 to 1935, a time when gangs of criminals in the Midwest made headlines across the country.

Mother Mother is a five-piece Canadian band based in Vancouver, British Columbia. Mommie Dearest is a memoir and exposé written by Christina Crawford, the adopted daughter of actress Joan Crawford. The 1978 book depicted Christina’s childhood and her troubled relationship with her mother.

Mother Waddles — for nearly four decades, the late Rev. Charleszetta Waddles devoted her life to providing food, hope, and human dignity to the downtrodden and disadvantaged people of Detroit. People can donate to the Mother Waddles Car Donation Program.

Mother Hen is a person, not necessarily a mother, who fusses over others in an overprotective manner.

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OLD FATHER GANDER.
When the wind was fast and loose Would ride through the air On a very fine goose.

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Social News

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North Oakland County Fire Authority Chief Jeremy Lintz and firefighter/paramedic Mike Schoenbeck hold NOCFA’s out-dated map books.

Grant will pay for map books for fire authority

Holly Twp. — Thanks to a $1,000 grant from Enbridge Energy, the members of the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) in Holly Township will be receiving upgraded and more detailed map books for each of its emergency vehicles. The map books will have detailed addresses and highlighted water source locations.

“My people are my pride and joy. I have a love for what I do, and will continue to work hard for the people of the town,”(Quote)

“NOCFA’s current map books are several years old and do not list all the numeric addresses on a street, sometimes making it difficult to find certain properties,” said Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz. “These new maps will help us improve water delivery and response times.”

Enbridge Energy operates pipelines that are located in Rose Township.

Walker steps down from board of education after 16 years

By William Axford

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Fenton — David Walker has been a member of the Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Education longer than most students have been in enrolled at Fenton schools. After 16 years of service, Walker is not seeking re-election.

“I’ve been on the board since 1992,” said Walker. “It’s time to let someone else step up and take the position.”

Walker, who has been president of the board for the past four years, was recognized for his years of service at the board of education meeting Monday night.

“Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen spoke on Walker’s behalf, complimenting him on his commitment to the community. Walker said the best part about being a part of the board of education was watching the area grow over the years. He is impressed by the school system’s academic achievement. During his tenure he has witnessed the area improve continuously.

“I enjoyed the interface with students, teachers and administrators. I’ve made a lot of really good friends,” Walker, 51, is married to Barbara and owns Hartland Insurance Agency Inc. Both of his children graduated from Fenton Schools.

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Holly, Fenton baseball split Metro League twinbill

Both Bronchos’ teams are 8-0 entering Metro meet
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Fenton — Halfway through their Metro League track season, the Holly varsity track team is perfect.

The boys and girls teams each improved to 8-0 with wins against Fenton and Kearsley Wednesday.

The boys defeated Fenton 91.5-41.5 and defeated Kearsley 92-45, while the girls beat Fenton 101-36 and Kearsley 98.66-38.33. Meanwhile, the Fenton girls defeated Kearsley 80-57.

“Thad was one leg of our journey,” said the Holly varsity coach for both programs Rob Basydlo. “But we are not done.”

Against Fenton, the Bronchos won all four relays and took a first in nine individual events.

Rachel Derocher was the only Holly participant to capture two individual events, winning in the 1,600 (5:43.1) and the 3,200 runs (12:35.8). The other individual winners were Merissa Moorhead in the 100 hurdles (15.8), Mariah Ridal in the 400 (1:02.9). See HOLLY on 17B

Sparked by David Lenzi’s 12 strikeouts, the Tigers won the opener 6-2. In the nightcap, Blake Ordway went 4-for-4 and also pitched five innings, leading Holly to a 6-3 win.

In the opener, Lenzi allowed seven hits, but struck out 12, keeping Holly from mounting any huge inning.

The Bronchos (3-3, 9-7) took a 1-0 lead in the first when Pat O’Connor singled, stole second and scored on a wild throw when he stole third. The only other run the Bronchos mustered was a solo home run by David McNeely in the fourth inning.

Early on, the Tigers’ only run was scored on an RBI-single by Cory Kline.

With Fenton trailing 2-1 after the McNeely homer, the Tigers scored two runs in the fifth, sparked by consecutive bunt singles by Neil Jennings and Ryan Surface. Kline started the inning with a single, and the bunts loaded the bases. A double play grounder by Eric Mowery scored pinch runner Steven Rachor.

Then an infield single by Chad Schupbach scored another, putting Fenton up 3-2.

A three-run sixth by Fenton provided breathing room. Garcia and Rachor singled, and Kyle Jenkins provided a two-run single. Ryan Surface followed with his fourth hit of the game, an RBI-single. But it was Lenzi’s pitching sparked the win. “I was really feeling the fastball,” Lenzi said. See SPLIT on 16B

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Holly track teams cruise to victories

Both Bronchos track teams compete in its first meet
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Finally, the Lake Fenton varsity track and field program has started its season.

After a couple of weather cancellations, the Blue Devils competed in their first meet of the season against Mt. Morris, Montrose and Goodrich.


The Lake Fenton boys had two over-all firsts. The 400 relay team of Kyle Frank, Rob Kesler, Zac Zielinski and Austin Grotton won with a time of 1:39. Meanwhile, Danny Brodie was the only Blue Devil to capture an overall first, winning the high jump (5-10).

Others earned firsts between at least two of the three teams. They were Sawyer Scott in the 1,600 (5:20), Andrew Tester in the pole vault (8-6) and 1,500 (4:33.1). See SPLIT on 16B

The 1911 Detroit Tigers won their first 11 games at home. It was an MLB record until 2009.

Holly’s Dallas Crandell won the 110 hurdles in the Bronchos’ meet with Fenton and Kearsley on Wednesday.

Fenton wins key Metro match vs. Holly, 4-2

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Fenton — Allison Ciałkoszewski has been working hard for over a month trying to score her first goal of her varsity soccer career.

Finally, it came on Wednesday night. And just about eight minutes later, she had her second.

The Fenton freshman forward scored two goals, leading the Tigers to a 4-2 victory against the Holly Bronchos.

The loss dropped Holly to 1-1-1 in the Metro. However, the Tigers’ (2-0-1 in league play) won gave them back control of their own destiny for a league title.

“My team pushed me through it all the way,” Ciałkoszewski said. “I’ve been trying to get it in the net for awhile, and my team just helped me through it.”

Talk to the Fenton team and one theme is prevalent. Love has been the word the last few years. This season it’s “tough love.” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan wants his team to remain close, but close enough to be able to have girls challenge teammates, consequently making them better. It did Wednesday.

The Tigers outshot Holly 23-7, won the majority of the 50-50 balls and seemingly possessed the ball for at least two-thirds of the game. Holly had troubles getting the ball to its key forward Natasia Cieslak. When they did get it to her, she hardly ever had any open space with that ball. And if that wasn’t enough, the Tigers remained energetic, using constant substitutions. Even with all those issues, the Bronchos were tied at 1-1 after a converted penalty kick by Melissa Smiles with 16:39 left in the first half.

However, Ciałkoszewski’s second goal came about eight minutes later on a rebound shot, with the initial shot coming from Katie Delavergne. Ciałkoszewski’s first goal came during the 10th minute, on a shot from about 20 yards out that was bobbled by the Holly keeper.

“The first one, I was surprised it went in,” Ciałkoszewski said. “It went to the goalie, she bobbled it a bit and it went in. The second one, she bobbled it again and I just tapped it in. My team helped me all the way through.”

In the second half, the Tigers took control for good with two goals in the first 14 minutes of the half. A lead pass from Kristin Wing to Ed Davis resulted in a goal with 28:09 left in regulation. Then, less than two minutes later, Payton Maxheimer collected the ball near midfield, dribbled the net on a breakaway and scored. Fenton led 4-1.

Holly cut the gap to 4-2 on Smiles’ second goal, this one coming on a free kick from about 35 yards out, but never seriously threatened the lead.

“They hustled more than we did,” Holly coach Mike Stiebel said. “When you hustle, you own the ball. That’s the way it works.”

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Fenton — There’s nothing like a doubleheader split to make two baseball teams end the day with a sour taste in their mouths.

Holly and Fenton both hoped to move themselves a bit into the Metro League contender field on Thursday, but the two teams left the twin- ball with that dreaded split.

The Phoenix Suns, who lost a coin toss with the Milwaukee Bucks for a ball in midmouths, are 98.66-38.33.
Fenton sweeps Linden in softball DH

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Linden — A year ago, Sarah Collier was on Fenton’s varsity soccer team. Always a softball player as well, she decided to change to the softball squad this school year.

On Tuesday, the Tigers were glad she made that change.

Collier was one of many key offensive players for the Tigers in their 9-2, 8-1 doubleheader sweep of the Linden Eagles Tuesday at Linden High School.

Collier had five of Fenton’s 31 hits and also provided the twinbill’s only home run in the sweep of their area rivals.

“I always played softball in the summer time and played travel ball,” Collier said about her softball career. “I didn’t know which one I wanted to play in high school, so this year I decided to play softball. To be honest, I thought I’d do well in softball.”

She did really well on Tuesday. While the name of the game for Fenton most of the night was putting the ball in play and using their speed to create havoc, Collier put her own trademark on the game with her power. In the opener, she provided an RBI-double, plating Marina Cleis, who singled, giving the Tigers a 1-0 lead. In the fifth inning the speed and power both came into play. With Fenton leading just 2-1 entering the stanza, the Tigers got singles from Sierra Hollis, Ellie Cowger and Sarah Halstead, loading the bases. Two of the hits were slap hits or bunts.

Sammi Cowger then provided a two-run single, and Cleis had an RBI-ground out, making it 5-1. Collier then followed with an RBI-double. Ashley Kendrick hit an RBI-single after that, blowing the lead to 7-1.

In the seventh, she provided her biggest blow of the twinbill — a two-run homer, giving Fenton a 7-2 lead.

“It was right down the middle and kind of low, so I waited on it and took a swing at it,” Collier said.

Fenton also scored a run in the third inning when Ellie Cowger singled and eventually scored on Gabi Johnson’s RBI-single.

Sammi Cowger pitched well, tossing a four-hitter and striking out 10. Linden scored a run early, and also collected one in the sixth on consecutive singles by Morgan Gantner, Savannah Weaver and Holly Sherman. Weaver drove in the Eagles’ other run with a single.

In the nightcap, the Tigers pounded out 13 hits, putting the game out of reach with a four-run third. During that stanza, Ellie Cowger and Halstead singled, setting up the threat. Sammi Cowger drove in one run and Cleis drove in two with a double. Collier followed with an RBI-single.

In the seventh, Halstead and Cowger walked, setting up a three-run inning. Field singles by Johnson and Cleis and a fielder’s choice grounder that was booted off of Collier’s bat scored the runs.

Fenton took a 1-0 lead in the first when

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Elliott Cowger singled, stole two bases and scored on Johnson’s double. Linden tied it up at 1-all with back-to-back doubles by Weaver and Taylor Wilson. However, Elliott Cowger started out seven hits and struck out three. 

Fenton’s speed created a lot of their hits and resulted in 15 stolen bases, seven by Elliott Cowger alone.

“In this game, speed gives you a lot of advantages, not only offensively, but defensively,” Fenton coach Rick Bescoe said. “Our team philosophy is speed, scoring a lot of runs and making the defense make mistakes.”

“They are a tough team. A lot of breaks went their way and we made enough mistakes that helped them,” Linden coach Gord Jamison said. “They put the ball in play.”

HOLLY
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Melissa Bott in the 800 (2:34), Kelly Ray in the 200 (29.8), and Rachel Domagalski in the pole vault (9-0).

Winning relays were Abby Lewandowski, Breeanna Konoaski, Bott and Ridal in the 3,200 relay (10:06); Ray, Christine King, Tatum Harmon and Paige McElroy in the 800 relay (1:54.3); Ray, Kailey Harris, McElroy and King in the 400 relay (54.1); and Ridal Lewandowski, Bott and Harmon in the 1,600 relay (4:14.1).

Fenton won four individual events. Alessandra Kozlowski won the 100 (12.68), while Alyssa Sander won the 300 hurdles (50.3). Brittany Robinson won the long jump (14-11 1/4) and Gilbert won the high jump (4-10).

“We have come a long way since the beginning of the season,” Fenton coach Todd Mills said. “We are looking to finish the season at 7-1.”

The Holly boys also won all four relays and had three participants win two individual events against Fenton. The individual double-winners were: Dallas Crandell in the 110 hurdles (15.17) and the 300 hurdles (41.3); Keon Ellison in the 400 (51.78) and the 800 (2:04.3); and Colin Banes in the shot put (40-0) and the discus (138.9). Other individual winners were John Williams in the 200 (23.08), T.J. Peak in the long jump (19-11 3/4) and Joey Spencer in the pole vault (12-6).

Relay winners were Mike McCarty, Davis Nixson, Keon Ellison and Luke Schwerin in the 3,200 (8:21); Anderus Gray, Williams, Evan Papuga and Zack Deihl in the 800 (1:34.4); Deihl, Papuga and Peake in the 400 (55.93) and Deihl, Davis Nixson, Ellison and Williams in the 1,600 (3:32.9).

“We have two weeks to prepare for (the Metro meet),” Basdyko said. “The kids did their second-last hard workout on Monday, and now we start to bring it down. We should be fine. We are keeping them thinking positive and we are trying to keep the seniors focused.”

Fenton had four individual winners against Holly. They were Trenton Grimes in the 100 (10.8), Matt Gilbert in the 1,600 (4:38.2), Max Krzyza in the 3,200 (10:15.9), and Nabil Gheriani in the high jump (6-0).

What’s On Television?

SATURDAY

GOLF

(GOLF) PGA: Wells Fargo Championship ... 1 p.m.

(CBS) PGA: Wells Fargo Championship ... 3 p.m.

BASEBALL

(FOX) MLB regional coverage ... 1 p.m.

(FSD) Tigers at Blue Jays ... 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

(B10) Minnesota at Michigan ... 6 p.m.

RACING

(FOX) Sprint Cup Series ... 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

(ESPn) NBA Playoffs ... 5 p.m.

(ABC) NBA Playoffs ... 8 p.m.

HOCKEY

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Fenton 5K race, Hoedown slated for May 15

By David Troppens

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With budgets being tight, about a year ago, Fenton athletic director Mike Bakker had a discussion with coaches and parents about fundraising possibilities.

One idea came up quickly — the idea of having a 5K race.

Now, that thought is reality. Fenton Area Public Schools will be hosting a 5K Fun Run/Walk. But that’s only half of it. On the same day, the athletic department will be sponsoring a Hoedown.

“We wanted to think of ways that we could help raise money back to the general fund for Fenton Area Public Schools,” Bakker said. “We talked about some things and (the race) was one that took hold. Since then, it’s taken off.”

The 5K Fun Run/Walk will be on May 15, starting at 9 a.m. on Fenton High School’s track. The course extends within the City of Fenton, departing the Fenton High School campus and travelling east on Shiawasee. It crosses over Owosso Road and into the industrial park. The race will end back on campus at the track. The entry fees range from $17 to $25, depending on when you register and if you are a student or not.

“We made it as flat as possible so runners and walkers of all ages can do it and not be stressed,” Bakker said. “We kept it within Fenton City limits.”

The Hoedown occurs later that same day, starting at 3 p.m. There will be carnival games, along with a pig roast. Tickets for the Hoedown are $9 for adults and $5 for senior citizens and children. Tickets are being sold in advance. If it rains, the Hoedown will be moved to the pool.

“We will have a dunk tank, a Punt, Pass and Kick competition and a lot of other kids’ activities,” Bakker said. “We want people to come out, have a good time and enjoy the family atmosphere.”

For more information about either event, contact the athletic department at (810) 591-2608.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Hoyes, Kyle Susalla, Blake Bloomfield

Eagles’ 3,200 relay team of Jacob Phillips won the 1,600 (4:53.70). The Eagles’ 800 (1:51.92) and 400 (43.62) were also first.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

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SOFTBALL

Lake Fenton 25-35, Beecher 0-0: The Blue Devils collected 35 hits in just six innings of work, earning the sweep.

Ashley Rinks had two home runs to go with her four hits. Alex Wilkinson and Alexis Melton led the team with six hits each: Paula Valacak and Alyssa McCoy had four hits each.

On the mound, Andrea Roe tossed a three-inning perfect game, striking out six. Valacak tossed a one-hitter over three innings, striking out seven.

Lake Fenton 10-6, Montrose 8-4: The Blue Devils (12-0) remained perfect for the season with the doubleheader sweep of Montrose.

Clio 9-5, Linden 5-1: In the opener, Julie Guckian struck out 12 batters, it wasn’t enough to keep the Eagles from the loss. Olivia Williams had two hits in the opener. In the nightcap, Majia Saltovskiy paced the offense with two hits, driving in the only run.

Fenton JV 3-1, Imlay City 9-18: Kayla Hivelley, Hannah Gadola and Donna Idoni had two hits each. Idoni also drove in three runs.

Fenton JV 13-13, Linden JV 12-11: Hannah Gadola drove Maze Martin in the bottom of the seventh of the first game, clinching that win.

For the twinbill, Kayla Hivelley and Emily Pasztor had four hits each, while Dorian Carpenter had two hits. Martin, Hivelley and Martin scored four runs each, while Pasztor drove in four runs.

BASEBALL

Montrose 6-7, Lake Fenton 1-6: Montrose collected four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning of the second game, earning the Rams the doubleheader sweep. Spencer Quick paced Lake Fenton (4-2, 11-2) with three hits.

Linden 6-3, Clio 2-6: Tyler Benedict struck out five and allowed just eight hits, earning the complete-game victory in the first game. Mitch Juhl had four RBI, hitting a triple and a single. In the nightcap, Juhl had two more hits.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Linden 97, Clio 39; Linden 91, Lapeer East 46: Mayce Varacalli won the 1,600 (5:46) and the 800 (2:53.3) helping spark Linden to the win. Other individual winners for Linden were Sydney Elmer in the 3,200 (12:40), Kayla Briscoe in the discus (72-7) and Ellyn May in the pole vault (8-0).

Relay winners were April Lalonde, Heidi Sack, Dani Stari and Aleshsha English in the 3,200 (10:58.5); Brooke Enciso, Rachel McCloskey, Angelina Garcia and Kristyn Resseguie in the 800 (1:54.9); and Enciso, McCloskey, Garcia and Resseguie in the 400 (51.62).

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Linden def. Clio, Lapeer East: Ted Parcher won the 100 (10.93), the 200 (23.63) and the 400 (53.64) dashes, leading the Eagles to the wins against Clio and East. The Eagles’ 400 times were freshman school records at Linden.

Kyle Fisher won the shot put (41-0) and the discus (139-2), while Roger Phillips won the 1,600 (4:53.70). The Eagles’ 3,200 relay team of Jacob Hoyes, Kyle Susalla, Blake Bloomfield and Kirk Bennett also earned a first-place performance (9:04.30).

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Lake Fenton 10-6, Montrose 8-4: The Blue Devils (12-0) remained perfect for the season with the doubleheader sweep of Montrose.

Clio 9-5, Linden 5-1: In the opener, Julie Guckian struck out 12 batters, it wasn’t enough to keep the Eagles from the loss. Olivia Williams had two hits in the opener. In the nightcap, Majia Saltovskiy paced the offense with two hits, driving in the only run.

Fenton JV 3-1, Imlay City 9-18: Kayla Hivelley, Hannah Gadola and Donna Idoni had two hits each. Idoni also drove in three runs.

Fenton JV 13-13, Linden JV 12-11: Hannah Gadola drove Maze Martin in the bottom of the seventh of the first game, clinching that win.

For the twinbill, Kayla Hivelley and Emily Pasztor had four hits each, while Dorian Carpenter had two hits. Martin, Hivelley and Martin scored four runs each, while Pasztor drove in four runs.

BASEBALL

Montrose 6-7, Lake Fenton 1-6: Montrose collected four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning of the second game, earning the Rams the doubleheader sweep. Spencer Quick paced Lake Fenton (4-2, 11-2) with three hits.

Linden 6-3, Clio 2-6: Tyler Benedict struck out five and allowed just eight hits, earning the complete-game victory in the first game. Mitch Juhl had four RBI, hitting a triple and a single. In the nightcap, Juhl had two more hits.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Linden 97, Clio 39; Linden 91, Lapeer East 46: Mayce Varacalli won the 1,600 (5:46) and the 800 (2:53.3) helping spark Linden to the win. Other individual winners for Linden were Sydney Elmer in the 3,200 (12:40), Kayla Briscoe in the discus (72-7) and Ellyn May in the pole vault (8-0).

Relay winners were April Lalonde, Heidi Sack, Dani Stari and Aleshsha English in the 3,200 (10:58.5); Brooke Enciso, Rachel McCloskey, Angelina Garcia and Kristyn Resseguie in the 800 (1:54.9); and Enciso, McCloskey, Garcia and Resseguie in the 400 (51.62).

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Linden def. Clio, Lapeer East: Ted Parcher won the 100 (10.93), the 200 (23.63) and the 400 (53.64) dashes, leading the Eagles to the wins against Clio and East. The Eagles’ 400 times were freshman school records at Linden.

Kyle Fisher won the shot put (41-0) and the discus (139-2), while Roger Phillips won the 1,600 (4:53.70). The Eagles’ 3,200 relay team of Jacob Hoyes, Kyle Susalla, Blake Bloomfield and Kirk Bennett also earned a first-place performance (9:04.30).
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