North LeRoy Street to get $1.25 million facelift

Summary
The Fenton City Council took the first steps to make improvements to North LeRoy Street by hiring an engineering firm. Federal funding of $750,000 and city funds of $500,000 will be used to rehabilitate North LeRoy Street, from North Road to the northern city limits.

Engineering firm hired on Monday
By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — The Fenton City Council approved spending up to $147,860 for the engineering services of Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, Inc. (OHM) to improve North LeRoy Street. Plans have been underway for some time to rehabilitate North LeRoy Street, from North Road to the northern city limits, which borders Fenton Township.

Fenton Township has separate plans of widening and resurfacing North Fenton Road, at the border of the township and Fenton City, north to Butcher Road. The city is to receive $750,000 in federal funding through the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Plow Dayz
The soil at the Holly Heritage Farmstead was almost too wet to plow during Plow Dayz on Saturday, but a few tractors and this team of horses took a few passes. “They’re straining a little bit,” said horse team driver Bode Martin.

Twenty teachers to receive pink slips
Holly board of education adopts 2011-12 budget with deep cuts
By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — After some deliberation, the Holly Area Schools (HAS) Board of Education approved the 2011-12 budget, which reduces staff by 30, closes Sherman Middle School and raises some fees. The 2011-12 budget is $1.25 million less than last year.

One-day event may replace Linden Summer Happening this year
Car show, pancake breakfast, book fair, chicken barbecue still planned for June 25
By William Axford
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Linden will not be ushering in the summer with the Linden Summer Happening for the first time in 37 years. But, the Linden City Council is attempting to have one-day event on June 25 in its place. No plans are concrete for the event but the council did vote to close portions of Broad Street in case activities are planned.

Petroleum — from the ground to your tank
The United States consumed 18.8 million barrels per day in 2009
By Sharon Stone
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Have you ever wondered where the gasoline you’re pumping into your car came from? Was it created in a lab or did a company drill into the ground and extract the sparkly yellow liquid from the earth? Gasoline begins as crude oil, just like what viewers saw on the old Beverly Hillbillies television show. Think back to when Jed Clampett joked about the thick, black crude oil bubbling out of the ground. He called it “black gold.” Gasoline is most likely a blend of U.S. and imported crude oil. Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Brazil, Norway and Mexico are large producers of crude oil.

See PETROLEUM on 15
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Police: Increased patrols on Memorial Day weekend

► ‘Click it or Ticket’ in effect

By William Axford
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For many, Memorial Day weekend is the official arrival of summer, a season that stirs the desire to travel. Michigan police will be out in force, making sure travelers are safe.

The Office of Highway Safety’s “Click it or Ticket” campaign runs May 23 to June 5, ensuring that motorists wear their seatbelts as they travel around the state. Those caught driving without a seatbelt will have to pay a $56 fine.

According to the Michigan State Police (MSP) website, the annual, federally funded program will enact more than 900,000 daytime seat-belt enforcement zones. Nighttime patrols will also increase since seatbelt use is more lax during the night and early morning. More than 200 local police departments in 35 counties will be part of the campaign.

Lynn Surfin, a spokesperson for the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, said the 95-percent seat belt usage amongst drivers in Michigan is a testament to the campaign’s success. Michigan is one of the top five states in the country for seat-belt safety.

“Memorial Day pretty much kicks off summer travel and there are more people on the road,” Sutfin said. “Seat-belts reduce fatalities or serious injuries by at least 50 percent. See POLICE on 17

Planes, trains and... the megabus?

► Beat the high cost of travel with a $1 road trip

By Sally Rummel
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If the high cost of gas has you concerned about your summer vacation plans, you can beat the price of “the friendly skies” or the open road — with a few alternative methods of transportation.

Megabus

For families interested in visiting Chicago this summer, it could cost as little as $1 per person, each way — if you take the low-cost express bus service offered by Megabus.com.

This city-to-city bus, which launched in August 2006, provides low-cost service to nearly 50 cities from five hubs at New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Toronto. Megabus will pick up passengers at local stops in Ann Arbor and Detroit for the approximately four-hour ride.

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where Michigan had a
$2 million lottery winner
who was told by social
services he still qualified
for food stamps? Love
the psychology of the
‘winners’ in our state.

YESTERDAY, OBAMA
STATED that the Israel/
Palestine borders should
go back to 1967, which
would make Israel eight
miles wide at one point
and unable to have any
security in this area. If you don’t think
this guy is radical now, you must have
found those holes I dug in the sand to
stick your heads.

DO NOT FOLLOW the advice of the
person who suggested that people call
the DNR when they see a dead
doe on the side of the road. Do you really
think they will send a car out for every
deer carcass? What a waste of time
and money that would be. The DNR is
already busy with other things.

HAVING A LOCAL dispatch is a ridicu-
ously unjustifiable cost. County sheriff’s
offices have used a central dispatch for
years, and they provide excellent police
service. The local offices will respond
to the scene, not the dispatcher.

A BIG THANK you to all the volunteers
who worked at Fenton Athletics’ first
annual 5K and hoedown. It was great
to see so many people early on a
Saturday morning cheering on all the
runners/walkers. Thank you to all who
came out and participated. Came back
to the hoedown later and enjoyed great
food and games. Thank you to every-
one who supported this event.

DAVE, THERE ARE plenty of fans of
Holly’s new police chief. In fact, many
people in Memphis were upset that he
was leaving. I wonder what criteria you are
using to pass judgment on these new
administrators. I think you may be
surprised if you gave
these people a chance,
and actually made an ef-
tort to get to know them.
Then, you wouldn’t have
much to complain about,
would you.

TO ALL OF us, who
insist on driving these cars and moto-
cycles with the overly loud exhaust,
how about just wearing a T-shirt that says
‘Look at me, I need attention.’

I HEARD THAT if I use a cell phone
to dial 911 while on U.S. 23, your call
automatically goes to the county’s
911 system. Is it true that the county
tells people a different number to call
for city of Fenton service? If that’s
true, how does having a Fenton 911
system result in a quicker response
time? Doesn’t having two different
911 systems in the Fentons cause
confusion and thus delays?

CONGRATULATIONS to the Fenton
World of Wonder preschoolers and
SKP families. Their Trion-a-Thon for St.
Jude’s Children’s Hospital raised more
money than any other Trion-a-Thon in
the United States. Way to go, kids.

I STRONGLY AGREE with the
person objecting to our many $1 leases. I also
think of the house the library bought
with an overgrown lawn and no obvious
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American families, and money that would be.

The local officers will respond
any of the house the library bought
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Finally, the Times reporter could get this

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What’s on your mind?
Write to your editor.
This is what has been
on my mind this week.

It was nice to see that a festival
will be held in place of the Linden Summer
Happening. Excluded from the festivities
are the beer tent, carnival and fireworks.
The popular summer festival had been put
hold due to issues with the beer tent.

Festivals are important to small towns
and the Linden Summer Happening has
been around for 37 years. The tri-county
area has already lost two other popular
events, the Carrie Nation Festival in
Holly and Jubilee Days.

Take heed when tornado sirens sound
The storms this year have been more
deadly than ever. It has been reported
that 2011 is the deadliest year for tornadoes,
with 454 deaths, from 1,000 tornadoes.
The tornado that struck Flint on June 8,
1953 and killed 16 people no longer
holds the record as being the deadliest
single tornado. The devastating tornado
that struck Joplin, Mo. on Sunday now
tops the list, reported to have killed 160
people while causing $1 billion in damage.

Many people in the Fenton and Holly
area still remember the tornado that
whipped through this area in August 2007.
But it can’t be compared to the strength
and power of the storms this year.

Take heed when the tornado sirens sound.
I know I will. My heart goes out
to the families in Joplin, Mo.

Memorial Day
The Great Lakes National Cemetery
in Holly Township will hold its Memorial
Day observance at 1 p.m. Sunday,
May 29. Several hundred veterans,
families and community mem-
bles are expected to attend the ceremo-
ny honoring deceased veterans interred
at the cemetery.

Memorial Day weekend is also the
kickoff of the summer travel season.
Despite the high cost of gas, more than
1.1 million Michiganders will travel on
vacation, according to AAA Michigan.
Whatever your plans may be, traveling
up North, grilling in the backyard, plant-
ing flowers, or attending Memorial Day
observances, we at the Times wish our
readers a safe and happy holiday.

Enjoy your week.
Supervisor, parks board butt heads over budget

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Holly Township to help pay police energy costs

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Holly Township has agreed to help bear the burden of the Groveland Post of the Michigan State Police (MSP) that serves Holly, Groveland and Rose townships. Groveland Township has paid for the upkeep of the building and all of the utility bills since it was opened.

Groveland Township Supervisor Robert DePalma asked for help at the Wednesday township board meeting. Rose Township has already agreed to help pay their share of the utility bill.

DePalma estimated the utility costs of the MSP post at about $9,000 annually, and asked that each township pay $3,000 annually. He gave a $24,200 roof as a recent example of costs borne by Groveland Township, without getting help from Rose or Holly townships.

“We’re not asking for the 15 or 16 years that we paid the building back to DePalma, who estimated the cost of the past years to be in excess of $100,000. “I think it would be reasonable going forward to share in the utility costs.”

“We all pay for the state police with our taxes,” said Trustee Janet Leslie. Leslie mentioned experiencing infrequent patrols or delayed response times from the Groveland Post.

“We would be spending money that we haven’t spent before, and we wouldn’t be providing a greater level of service to our residents,” said Leslie, who also said her concerns would not likely affect her vote.

“You’ve had a 15-year free ride,” said DePalma, who also asked Leslie if the Township would be better off with no state police post.

Upon hearing Leslie’s comments, a resident offered her support of the MSP, saying she had always received great service.

Clerk Karin Winchester made a motion to write up an agreement for all three townships that can be offered at the June township board meeting, which was passed unanimously.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

REMEMBER CASH FOR CLUNKERS? It didn’t do me any good. I don’t drive newer cars. Now, there are fewer parts available to me.

EVERY TIME I drive down the new Adelade Street, I’m so happy. It just looks so nice. Good job, folks.

YOU KNOW, I just have a hard time seeing Gingrich in a church pew.

SUMMER HAPPENING OR NO Summer Happening, the Linden Library Board is still having their book sale on June 24-25, from 9 am. to 4 p.m. at the mill. Come over and see beautiful downtown Linden.

I DIDN’T PAY taxes for 50 years to watch Snyder and the GOP take my retirement away from me and give it to his cronies. The GOP has been trying to bust the unions for years. When they lose, it will be the 1850s all over again, people.

ISRAEL IS A U.S. ally. Why we have a president who doesn’t seem to appreciate them. He wants Israel to turn over some of its land to the Palestinians, shrinking the size of the country like it was in 1967. I wonder how Obama would feel if the Civil Rights Amendment would be turned back to 1967. I can’t wait for this president to be replaced.

OUR CITY CAN pay a man to check our permits for garage sales. But where is the man who checks on properties that have a big junkyard right next to the bedroom? An unlicensed car and trailer in the back yard, cars behind the yard sinking into the ground and a nasty old trailer falling apart in the drive? Who knows what is breeding in those pieces of junk.
Tall grass on foreclosed property is eyesore

‘We shouldn’t have to live this way’

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — Dawn Overmyer, of Southwood Drive, asked Fenton City Council for help on Monday. With a number of foreclosed and abandoned homes in the area, it’s becoming evident which homes are empty because nobody is taking care of the lawns.

Grass at a neighboring home is more than 2 feet tall, which is upsetting to her and her husband, Paul. Adding to the unsightly yard is an orange and white road barrel that has been covering a hole at the end of the driveway for some time.

Overmyer told council members that it’s just not right that taxpayers homeowners are keeping their lawns up while no one is taking care of the vacant ones. “We shouldn’t have to live this way,” she said.

City ordinance states that grass can be 10 inches high before the city can step in to remedy the situation. With recent rains, grass is growing like weeds.

“Change the ordinance, or do something,” said Overmyer. “I live in the city, not a hayfield.”

City attorney Stephen Schultz told council members that some communities have more vacant homes than Fenton and some of those areas require the banks that own the property to register with the city so that the local government will know who is responsible for taking care of the foreclosed home.

City Manager Lynn Markland told Overmyer he would look into the situation on Tuesday.

Brad Hissong, building and zoning administrator, said the local ordinance states that the grass must be 10 inches tall before the city can act. The property in question on Southwood Drive was recently placed on the list and is expected to be mowed today.

Police academy starting for area youth in Argentine

Argentine Twp. — The Argentine Township Police Department will be establishing a Youth Police Academy for students 11-14 years of age. The program will be an annual event that will begin July 11. It will operate Mondays through Thursdays, concluding on July 21.

The mentoring program was designed to provide students with a look into the career of law enforcement. Classes will include daily physical fitness training, ROTC type drills and ceremonies, Internet safety, drug abuse and prevention, K-9 operations and much more.

Police Chief Dan Allen says similar programs have been operating in other communities, including the Clare Police Department, and the Michigan State Police, with great success. “It is a positive peer experience for the youths and allows them a view into what a career in law enforcement could be like,” he said.

Summary

The Argentine Township Police Department will be holding a Youth Police Academy this summer. Call the police department (810) 735-5317 for details.

Doctor Helps LEGALLY BLIND to Read & Drive!

International Academy of Low Vision Specialists member helps macular degeneration sufferers with reading, driving, TV & maintaining independence.

By Elena Lombardi, Freelance Writer

Just because you have macular degeneration (or other vision-limiting conditions) doesn’t always mean you must give up driving or reading.

Ever look through a pair of field glasses or binoculars? Things look bigger and closer, and easier to see. A Michigan optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith, is using miniaturized binoculars or telescopes to help people who have lost vision from macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy or other eye conditions. “Some of my patients consider me the last stop for people who have vision loss” said Dr. Smith, a low vision optometrist who limits his practice to visually impaired patients in his offices throughout Michigan.

Macular Degeneration is the most common eye disease among seniors. The macula is one small part of the entire retina, but it is the most sensitive. When it degenerates, Macular Degeneration leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it impossible to recognize faces, read a book, or pass DMV’s vision test.

“In some states, Bioptic Telescopic Glasses can be used to pass the vision test for driving,” says Dr. Smith. “This can allow some with conditions like macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy to continue driving.”

“Our job is to figure out everything and anything possible to keep a person functioning,” says Dr. Smith. “Whether it’s driving, reading, TV, seeing faces, check writing, bingo or bridge. We work with whatever is on the persons “wish list”.

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**FENTON HIRES NEW LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT**

Due to growing claims of excessive landscaping costs, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority ended its relationship with Grissim, Metz and Andrieuse as its landscape architecture consultants. On Monday, Monday City Council approved a request by the DDA to allow them to hire Joseph Wright, of Landscape Architecture Services, of Lansing, to become the new landscaping consultant. As an independent consultant, the DDA will pay Wright $75 per hour. He has overseen several downtown streetscapes including those in Lansing, Jackson, Durand and Gaylord. Grissim, Metz and Andrieuse is still responsible for completing Phase 1 of the Wayfinding project, however, Wright would be responsible for the second phase and any new DDA projects.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**I AM ALSO** a parent of a Fenton prom goer, and it wasn’t Mr. Suchowski who decided to cancel the bridge walk. The parent volunteers decided that it was too cold and there was too great a chance of rain to have it. So the decision was made to cancel the bridge walk. Next time if you want to help, volunteer.

**GOOD JOB** on the Crosswall Rd. City of Fenton. Now, if you could just time your ones on Silver Lake Rd at Adelaide and LeRoy streets. It’s annoying.

**THE PERSON** who said, ‘I live right by the school and am retired so I am very aware of the traffic,’ you’re wrong. I work there and those statistics are accurate.

**WHAT LAW STATES** that churches and ministers do not have to pay taxes? The churches have prime property. They should be paying taxes just like us. Let’s take a vote and see how many people feel they should pay. Some say they do charitable work. Well, I do, too. So, I should not have to pay taxes.

**I WAS DISAPPOINTED** in the AGS eighth-grade awards ceremony this year. My child earned ‘High Scholastic Honors,’ which used to be the ‘Best of the best.’ Now, they were told just to stand for applause, while the children with the ‘Thinker,’ ‘Caring’ and ‘Risk taker’ awards were called up on stage. What message is the IB program sending our kids? GPA and working hard is no big deal anymore? We teach them to stand for applause.

**I JUST FOUND** out that on Friday at Fenton High School, the seniors and some other kids had a food fight in the school with food provided by the taxpayer. Cake, cottage cheese, etc. was all over the ceiling, floors and walls and some students were covered with food. And guess who had to clean it up? The tax-paid custodians. The Fenton schools need entirely new management, immediately.

**The Homeless and Michigan’s Sex Offenders Registration Act**

Since Oct. 1, 1995, a Michigan law called the Sex Offenders Registration Act (SORA) has required criminal defendants who have been convicted of certain listed sex offenses to register as a sex offender. They are also required to periodically report to the local law enforcement agency or sheriff’s department having jurisdiction where they are domiciled or reside or to the state police in or near to the county where they are domiciled or reside for verification of their domicile or residence.

The purpose of this reporting is to keep law enforcement informed with current information as to where a sex offender is residing and so that members of the public can know as well. Residence is defined in the statute as follows. ‘For registration and voting purposes, that place at which a person habitually sleeps, keeps his or her personal effects, and has a regular place of lodging. If a person has more than one residence, or if a wife has a residence separate from that of the husband, that place at which the person resides the greater part of time shall be his or her official residence for the purposes of the Act.’

In 2010, the Michigan Court of Appeals, in People v Dowdy, was faced with a question of first impression as to whether a homeless defendant who was a convicted sex offender was required to comply with SORA as to the reporting of his domicile or residence. In its Feb. 2, 2010 Opinion the Court held that the homeless defendant had neither a domicile nor a residence and therefore was not required to comply. The court further urged the legislature to consider changes in the law so that it would apply to homeless defendants in the future. The Dowdy case is now pending before the Michigan Supreme Court and a decision should be rendered this year.

In the meantime, the legislature has in fact taken action on this and a number of other aspects of SORA including specifically addressing the definition of residence as to the homeless in Public Act Number 17 of 2011. The new statute takes effect on July 1. Under the new law, if a person is homeless or otherwise lacks a fixed or temporary residence, residence means the village, city, or township where the person spends a majority of his or her time.

I won’t go into everything here, but suffice it to say, there are a number of important changes to a number of sections of SORA. I will detail the highlights in a future column.
What do carpenter ants like best?

Young scientists answer their own questions with projects at Linden Elementary School

By Sharon Stone 810-433-6786

Linden — Carpenter ants, batteries, wires, dirt, empty soda bottles, carpet and sugar were just some of the items students used to create their first science project at Linden Elementary School.

Fourth-grade teacher Bridget Koledo and Teresa Wright, who teaches a fourth/fifth-grade split, worked with the students to display their projects for parents and classmates.

Koledo said the students learned that science could be fun. Participation was about 99 percent.

For the project, students had to come up with a question and hypothesis. They researched their topic and started running experiments. Entries had to be original, creative and were followed up with a written report on what they learned.

“They totally enjoyed it,” said Koledo.

Fourth-grader Liam Murray wanted to learn if he could pick up more paper clips if he hooked up a magnet to an electricity source. He and his grandfather worked together and created his experiment, called “Shocking Attraction.”

Liam discovered that when he flipped the switch, the electrical current made his magnet more powerful, which resulted in more paper clips attaching to himself. “My grandparents helped me,” said Liam. “He knows a lot about science.”

Liam’s classmate, Lauren Gocha wanted to find out what carpenter ants like better — sugar water, salt water or fresh water. She created an experiment by spreading out puddles of each type of water and then letting the ants decide what tastes the best.

“They like the sugar water the most,” said Lauren. She said the ants left the salt water quickly. A surprising turn of events was when she observed the ants taking the sugar water back and sharing it with the other ants.

Happening

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secured for the day. The one-day event will not be called the Linden Summer Happening.

Some of the events proposed by City Manager Christopher Wren are the Linden Firefighters Association pancake breakfast, the Linden Library annual book sale, a car show, chicken barbecue and triathlon at Byram Park. Wren also said that The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Linden Kiwanis and Linden VFW are a few organizations that may participate on June 25.

According to Wren, the Skerbeck Carnival would not be part of the festivities due to financial reasons, though they are very interested in coming next year. Also missing will be the entertainment tent and fireworks. The VFW withheld permission to have the entertainment tent on its property and the Summer Happening Committee was unable to secure a location for alcohol service.

Councilor Ed Ciesielski said that the Linden Hotel will be a part of planned activities, however, and will be serving alcohol.

Councilor Ray Culbert addressed the public concern on how the event almost did not happen, and commended Wren for trying to gather sponsors and activities for the event in such a short amount of time. “Some people feel like they’re missing something this year, and they are, but we’re doing the best we can,” Culbert said. “Next year has the potential to be the biggest Summer Happening, ever.”

Tim Murphy, who has been the general chairperson of the Linden Summer Happening for the past 17 years, said that the VFW’s refusal to allow their property to be used and the lack of noise regulations were the two main reasons why the annual event was canceled this year.

“It’s usually a four-day event,” Murphy said, who was completely unaware of the council’s proposed event in lieu of the cancellation.

Murphy said that the VFW tried to sell food in the entertainment tent at last year’s Summer Happening and lost significant funds. Murphy attributes the loss as the reason why the VFW would not allow their property to be used for this year’s Summer Happening.

“We tried to set it up in the parking lot but the staking and roping would go into the VFW property,” Murphy said. “Even if the VFW changed its mind right now, its way too late in the game to even try and organize the Linden Summer Happening.”

Wren said that nothing is concrete yet but he does hope to meet everyone interested in the one-day event by the end of this week.

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40-minute trip to Union Station in Chicago. The price of the ticket varies from as low as $1 to $33 per trip for the first people who reserve seats on the Megabus via the Internet, up to about $33 a seat at peak travel times on Fridays and Sundays. Seats can be reserved about six weeks in advance.

“I usually pay between $10 and $15 a ticket each way,” said student Brian Lyles, 20, of Holly, who attends Illinois School of Technology. “I’ve never seen a ticket for more than $33. I’ve even gotten lucky with a few $1 fares.”

He has taken the Megabus about a dozen times, usually three or four times a school year: “I use it every time I come home,” said Lyle, who at 6-feet, 3-inch tall, admits it can be a little cramped. “But it’s not bad, it’s not really uncomfortable.”

The Megabus offers free wifi, one suitcase up to 50 pounds in cargo and one carry-on, according to megabus.com. There’s also a bathroom on board and the bus does stop once in Marshall for a short “pit shop,” said Lyles. There’s no food or beverages available for purchase on the bus, but passengers are welcome to bring their own.

For Erin Mentier, 26, of Fenton, the Megabus is a low-cost alternative to driving to Chicago, and she likes it better than taking the Amtrak passenger train.

“I’ve taken the Megabus several times and I like it,” said Mentier, who visits friends in Chicago.

“It’s great with the cost of gas being so expensive, plus the parking. It’s not the most glamorous way to get to Chicago, but it’s definitely the cheapest.”

Amtrak passenger train
For riders who’d like a “step up” in transportation to and from Chicago, Amtrak offers passenger service from Durand to Chicago seven days a week. At $26, one-way, regular fare, Amtrak estimates the trip to Chicago to take approximately five hours and 12 minutes. The train leaves Durand at 7:47 a.m. seven days a week and arrives in Chicago at 12:59 a.m. (note: time zone change).

The return trip from Chicago to Durand will cost a passenger $36, leaving Union Station at 4:10 p.m., daily, and arriving back in Durand at 10:15 p.m. (time zone change) for a five-hour, five-minute trip. On a typical day, between 10 and 30 people leave Durand for Chicago daily, via Amtrak.

For Mentier, who did take Amtrak on one of her trips to Chicago about four years ago, the trip was closer to eight hours. “We constantly had to stop to pick up other passengers and to let other trains through,” she said.

From mid-Michigan, at least four railroad stations offer travel options all over North America. Daily passenger service is offered to and from Durand, Flint, Lapeer, East Lansing and Ann Arbor. Most travel agents can customize a package of Amtrak transportation and hotel accommodations for a memorable, convenient trip between one of its nearby stations and Chicago.

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2 - Rings! Bob & Bev Suski are clearing their warehouse. Most items are great prospects & need refinishig or repair. Hundreds of pieces of furniture & other great items including 1959 Duck Riata; 1967 El Camino; Olympia music box; French curio cabinet; china cabinets; burl walnut smoking stand; oak Hoosier-style cabinet; oak secretaries; claw feet tables; iron beds; wagons; toys; binoculars; phonographs; radios; showcases incl. tobacco; wicker furniture; fainting couch; Murphy roll-away bed incl. sink, mirror & drawers; floor lamps; children’s items; bar stools; lots of chairs; lots of dishes; dolls, large metal train; banister bookcases; porcelain-top kitchen tables; several trunks; peanut dispensers; table-top arcade shooting gallery; ice cream parlor set; tea carts; several desks; spinning wheel; several clocks; wide range of antique smalls; hardware scales; Edison player whoms; stereophonic; antique shoes; cherry pitter; dough box; sn. accordion; duck decoys; Victorian tables; large & small cabinets; wardrobes; Motto horse; porcelain-lined ice box & wood refrigerator; pump organ; handi-box dresser; light fixtures (from St. John Catholic Church, Fenton); pie crust table; square & round oak tables; horn tank bicycle; wash stand; fireplace mantle; spoil cabinet; butter churn; Sterling parlor stove (complete). Many, many other items yet to be discovered. Visit 653 N. Holly Rd., Holly, 810-266-6874. See over 73 photos at www.nashiauctions.com.

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Auto Mobiles
The driving distance from Fenton to Chicago is 293 miles. In a vehicle getting 20 mpg with gas approximately $4 a gallon, it would cost about $128 in gas, plus at least $50 per day to park, even in most hotel parking lots.

BUS
Megabus will cost between $1 and $33 each way, leaving from University of Michigan (State Street) Park & Ride in Ann Arbor and arriving at Union Station in Chicago. It is also available to leave from Detroit.

PLANE
Approximately $219 round trip fare from Flint to Chicago, plus luggage fees of $25 per bag, and other taxes.

TRAIN
Approximately $62 round trip from Durand to Union Station in Chicago, plus taxes.
Garland ‘Red’ Edmundsun, (left) of Holly, plays the banjo in an impromptu session with Mark Simpson at Plow Dayz in Holly Township on Saturday.

Fourth annual Plow Dayz is a good time

By Tim Jagieło

Holly Twp. — A bright, sunny day was the backdrop for the fourth annual Plow Dayz event in Holly Township on Saturday. The air was scented with fresh cut grass and popped kettle corn. On site were more than a dozen classic farm tractors, from John Deere, Farmall, and International Harvester.

“I think it’s neat,” said Shirley Sargent, of Holly. “It gives our kids and grandkids an idea of what our parents and grandparents used to work with.”

Yesteryears’ Tractor Club organizes Plow Dayz. The event is held on the Holly Heritage Farmstead property on Holly Road. Holly Parks and Recreation owns the property and assists at the event.

Despite the events’ name, little plowing could be done because rain had left the field far too wet, said event organizer Harvey Sorensen, chairperson of the Farmstead Committee.

A team of Belgian horses and a few tractors still ventured into the thick mud of the field for a few labored passes.

There were many other activities, with rope making, yarn weaving, a buzz saw demonstration and farm animals like alpacas for families to have a good time.

“It gives our kids and grandkids an idea of what our parents and grandparents used to work with.”

— Shirley Sargent

Holly resident

Summary

The Yesteryears’ Tractor Club held its fourth annual Plow Dayz event on Saturday, drawing around 300 people with antique tractors and farm equipment.

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School, and draws $1 million from the HAS fund balance. The vote was unanimous.

The board also voted 6-1 for teacher layoff notifications, with vice president Sue Julian casting the dissenting vote. Julian voted against the lay-off notices because she felt that the state might provide a bump in per-pupil funding that could reduce the number of teachers laid off. “All of us hope there might be amendments to the budget later,” she said.

Superintendent Kent Barnes said he expected no windfalls from Lansing. Before the vote, Julian had concerns that the budget will not accurately reflect how the state budget numbers could affect certain areas of the budget. “We don’t have firm information at this time,” she said.

The board debated possibly postponing the vote until state numbers came in, but Superintendent Kent Barnes urged against it. Trustee Michael Newcomb said he doubted waiting would make a difference to the budget. “The district has to move on and get things done,” he said.

Julian agreed, saying that should the need arise, the budget could be amended later.

The deep cuts for the 2011-12 budget are in response to the possible $4.6 to $5 million revenue loss from the state of Michigan. The passing of the budget leaves educational programs mostly intact, while reducing staffing levels to match the reduction in student numbers.

Barnes had presented a proposed budget to the board of education at its last meeting. Twenty elementary school teachers are among the 30 staff members that will be laid off, as well as 10 special education health-care paraprofessionals, and athletic department secretary and groundskeeper.

“The district has to move on and get things done.”
Michael Newcomb
Trustee, HAS Board of Education

Summary
The HAS board of education has approved the 2011-12 budget that includes deep staffing cuts.
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Immediately following the Annual Meeting, a Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees will be held to conduct township business and, in accordance with state law, a Public Hearing on the following:

Proposed Rose Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 covering estimated revenues and proposed expenditures

AND

Proposed 2011 Tax Rate for Rose Township.

Ten (10) days prior to the hearing, copies of the proposed budget will be available for review during regular office hours at the Clerk’s Office or the Treasurer’s Office, 9080 Mason Street in Rose Township. Office hours are 10:30 AM to 6:30 PM Monday and 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Tuesday through Thursday, except for holidays.

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Oil refineries take the crude oil and break down its hydrocarbons into different products, called refined products, including gasoline, diesel fuel, heating oil, jet fuel, liquefied petroleum gases and residual fuel oil. Performance of the gasoline must meet industry standards and environmental regulations.

The source of the crude oil used at a refinery may vary on a day-to-day basis. Most refineries use a mix of crude oils from various domestic and foreign sources. The mix of crude oils can change based on the relative cost and availability of crude oil from different sources.

Once the oil is processed, it’s loaded into tankers that carry it to consumers all over the world. Transporting the oil via pipelines is the most efficient method. Pumps push the product through the lines.

Tankers are also necessary. There are two types of oil tankers, the crude tanker, which moves large quantities of unrefined crude oil and the smaller, product tanker, which moves petrochemicals to points near consuming markets. The largest tankers are capable of carrying 3 million barrels of oil, or enough to fill 25,000 tanker trucks. Tanker tracks then transport gasoline to the more than 160,000 retail outlets across the nation, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

World crude oil prices reached record levels in 2008 as a result of high world-wide oil demand relative to supply. As of late, shopping for gas involves finding the lowest price. Prices spiked to about $4.25 a week or so ago, to about $3.85 this week.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has significant influence on world oil prices, because its members produce more than 40 percent of the world’s crude oil and have more than two-thirds of the world’s estimated crude oil reserves.

Gasoline prices tend to increase, as the available supply of gasoline grows smaller relative to real or expected demand or consumption. If crude oil prices do not change, gasoline prices typically increase by 10-20 cents per gallon from January to the summer months.

Did You Know?

• In 2009, the United States produced 11 percent of the world’s petroleum and consumed 22 percent.

• The United States has no national oil company. The largest three U.S.-based international oil companies (ExxonMobil, Chevron, and ConocoPhillips) are accountable to their shareholders, not the U.S. government.

• ExxonMobil is the world’s largest publicly traded international oil and gas company. It holds an industry-leading inventory of global oil and gas resources. It is the world’s largest refiner and marketer of petroleum products, and its chemical company ranks among the world’s largest. It is also a technology company. ExxonMobil markets fuels and lubricants under three brands: Esso, Exxon and Mobil. Source: www.exxonmobil.com

• Chevron has approximately 58,000 employees and about 4,000 service station employees. In 2010, it produced 2,763 million barrels of net oil-equivalent per day, 2.2 percent higher than in 2009. About 75 percent of that volume occurred outside the U.S. Chevron had a global refining capacity of more than 2 million barrels of oil per day at the end of 2010. Source: www.chevron.com

• ConocoPhillips is the fourth-largest refiner and the sixth-largest reserves holder of non-government-controlled companies. Source: conocophillips.com

• The United States imported about 51 percent of the petroleum, which includes crude oil and refined petroleum products that we consumed during 2009. Just over half of these imports came from the Western Hemisphere. The United States’ dependence on foreign petroleum is expected to decline in the next two decades.

• The United States consumed 18.3 million barrels per day of petroleum products during 2009, making this country the world’s largest petroleum consumer, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

• Gasoline is sold at about 162,000 retail outlets across the nation. Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

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The United States has the lowest price. Prices spiked to about $4.25 a week or so ago, to about $3.85 this week.

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Survey: Gas prices impact where homebuyers choose to live

The high cost of gasoline is not just emptying wallets. It is also impacting where consumers choose to buy a home. According to a new Coldwell Banker survey among its network of real estate professionals, 75 percent said that the recent spike in gas prices has influenced their clients’ decisions on where to live, and 93 percent said if gas prices continue to rise, more home buyers will choose to live somewhere that allows for a closer commute to their work.

Live close to work or work from home

Out of those who said gas prices affect where consumers want to live, being closer to work was the leading consideration. Drive time and racking up miles en-route to the office caused 89 percent to say buyers look for homes closer to work. Forty-five percent are seeing buyers choose homes closer to shops and services as a result of increasing gas prices.

Skip the commute

More than three quarters of the real estate professionals surveyed (77 percent) said more buyers today are interested in having a home office compared to five years ago, and 68 percent said that they believe the high cost of gas contributes to this new work from home trend. Currently, there are more than 25,000 homes available on coldwellbanker.com that includes “office” as part of the listing description.

NORTH LEROY
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Planning Commission as part of the 2012 County Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). In addition, for fiscal year 2012, the city has budgeted $50,000 toward this project. The overall projected cost of the project is $1,250,000. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will administer the project. However, MDOT requires the city to have design engineering completed. With approval of the city council on Monday, OHM will do this required engineering.

OHM has prepared a scope of services that includes all the work necessary to take the street improvement ideas and turn them into design plans that can be bid out through MDOT. Daniel Czarnecki, Fenton Department of Public Works director said bids would be put out this winter, with the intention of starting this project next spring.

The fee for OHM’s services is about 12 percent of the proposed construction cost.

A separate contract with a geotechnical services company will be needed. The city anticipates this cost to be $8,700.

Czarnecki said there are drainage issues in some areas of the road and revamping the infrastructure is necessary so that the project is done right.

Councilman Benjamin Smith concurred with Czarnecki that fixing the infrastructure is important. With so many water main breaks on North Road, he said that he would hate for the same thing to happen on LeRoy.

Czarnecki said he would eventually like to look into the prospect of landscape improvements in this section, as well. “It’s the gateway to the city,” he said.

Gerry Willey, owner of Fenton Home Furnishings said he is glad to hear that North LeRoy Street will be improved next spring. His furniture store has been in business on this road for more than 30 years.

“I’m glad it’s being redone, as long as they keep it open to customers,” he said. “It needs to be done.”
HOT LINE CONTINUED

DO AS I say, not as I do. The Fenton DDA goes out of our area for architectural advice to develop Silver Lake to the Methodist church area for $100,000. Fenton; the article is the ‘Spend it Here Keep it Here’ ad. Do they, the DDA, know about Fenton’s drive to keep business in Fenton?

IT’S QUITE COMICAL what trivial things people complain about. Our point was so right. Those of you who have life so good that your only worries are about the length of your neighbor’s lawn, check in to reality. Our neighbors houses are being foreclosed, families are being evicted, children are going without meals, families lack health care, not in some remote village in Russia, but right here. Instead of complaining, do something positive.

THE ISRAELI LEADER educating our president on TV in front of the world has never been done before. Talks like this usually happen behind closed doors. Let’s hope the American people and president wake up.

YEAH, TO THE lady who got her $93,000 in back child support after 30 years. Now those are some Friends of the Court workers. I want those employees handling my case. See, you can’t get out of paying it. All because of the people in power.

I JUST READ that Torrey Hill has decided to use a portion of the proceeds from the fun fair to buy a nacho machine. Wow, in these tough times of budget cutting, that is really spending the money that the community provided wisely. Couldn’t you have found some educational need to spend the money on, rather than something to make students fatter?

GET YOUR FACTS straight. Obama did stop cost-of-living increases since taking office, and into next year.

IF HAVING YOUR own dispatch center was such a great idea, many more townships and cities would have their own. Only two places have them in Genesee County, the cities of Fenton and Grand Blanc. It’s a waste of taxpayers’ dollars to try to do everything yourself.

IN RESPONSE to the person who believes the Linden Summer Happening Committee failed and should have nothing to do with it again; the committee had been working on this issue since last year at this time. Were you there to support them when they addressed the city council or the county commissioners? Check on you for lashing out, instead of pulling together and backing them.

HEY, IT IS Sunday morning and I’m still here. So much for giving my stuff to that person who gets her $93,000 a year, fully seems to Wednesday, Saturday morning, and Sunday afternoon.

WHEN THERE ARE no wealthy people, no big business, no big oil companies, when nobody is left except the people, tell me exactly who or what is going to give you a job and a pay check? Some people just don’t get it.

ALL YOU PEOPLE who aren’t supported by a union are just what the Republican Party wants, no benefits, no insurance, no medical help, no cost of living and barely paid more than minimum wage. As the billionaires can become billionaires.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S RECORD is a dismal failure. He has proven himself inept, corrupt and dangerous to our country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Fenton boys JV baseball team, who are having a fantastic season. I would like to recognize two of our pitchers, Jake Martin and Sam Coffey. Jake pitched a perfect game May 9 versus Brandon High School. Sam pitched a no-hitter May 16 at Lapeer East. What a great accomplishment for you both. Congratulations to the entire team for a great season.

WHY DOESN’T THE DDA turn the former Farmer Jack grocery store into a roller-skating rink? Everyone in the community could enjoy?

SO, THE REPUBLICANS taking over the House explains the gas prices. Yet when gas prices went up last time, the Democrats had the House and the Senate.

POLICE

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Should you get into an accident, a seatbelt is the best chance for survival.

Lynn Sutphin
Spokesperson, Highway Safety Planning

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IF ANYBODY WATCHES Fox News at all, they are probably Republicans. All Fox News ever says is get rid of the Democrats. The Republicans are the only ones who can run the world.

and hydration is a big thing,” Aro said. “Every year, it seems like someone is overcome by the heat by the time the parade ends at the cemetery.” Aro recommends parade goers bring plenty of liquids, just in case.

Sgt. Lynn Walker, of the MSP Grove-land Post, said that I-75 is particularly busy Memorial Day weekend. Littered with campers and trailers, Walker said state police will be teaming up with the Oakland County Sheriffs Office to make sure travelers arrive to their destination safely.

“With a lot more people on the road, it can be easier to get into an accident,” Walker said. “Click it or Ticket” is advertised pretty well, though, and I think people tend to hear a lot of the commercials. I want to remind drivers to please be safe and wear your seatbelts.”

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GNOMEO AND JULIET

James McAvoy and Emily Blunt lead an all-star cast of voice talent in a fresh, funny and family-friendly animated twist on one of the world’s most timeless stories. The secret world of garden gnomes meets William Shakespeare’s legendary tale of Romeo and Juliet, as two star-crossed gnomes from completely different worlds fight the odds to be together. Caught up in a feud between neighbors, Gnomeo and Juliet must overcome as many obstacles as their namesakes. But with flamboyant pink flamingos and epic lawnmower races, can this young couple avoid tragedy and find their happy ending?

RELEASED THIS WEEK

DVDs & Movies

I AM NUMBER FOUR

Three are dead. Who is Number Four? Alex Pettyfer and Dianna Agron star in director D.J. Caruso’s sci-fi action thriller about an extraordinary young man on the run. John Smith is a mysterious fugitive teen trying to evade ruthless enemies sent to destroy him. Masking his true identity and moving from town to town with his guardian Henri, John is always the new kid with no ties to his past. In the small Ohio town he now calls home, John encounters unexpected, life-changing events — his first love, powerful new abilities and a secret connection to the others who share his incredible destiny.

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Wednesday Sudoku

Sunday’s Jumble answers

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Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times
Broncos qualify for state meet in 12 track events

By David Troppens
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When the Holly varsity track program goes to the Division 1 MHSAA State Track and Field Championships on June 4 at Rockford High School, they may not realize that it’s the state meet.

That’s because, in some respects, there may be a sense of “too many athletes” being there for it to be the state meet.

The Holly Broncos qualified boys in seven events and girls in five events for the state meet after earning strong finishes at the Division 1 regional held at Brandon High School on Friday.

Fenton did fine itself, earning state qualification in three events, but the Broncos’ large numbers impressed their coach.

“It’s kind of nice,” Holly coach Rob Basyendo said. “At first getting just one there was special, and now we have to get three vans. That’s awesome. That’s the goal. On a personal level I would’ve liked to win a third straight regional title, and tie (ex-Holly coach Duane) Raffin’s three in a row, but not one coach sets it up to win regionals. You get nothing but a neat trophy from it. We could’ve ran a couple of kids in a few more events and scored more points, but we decided to not put them in those events, let them be strong in the events they do and see what happens. They did very well.”

Holly still did well at the meet despite not really fielding teams to win the event. The girls finished second with 76.5 points, 9.5 points behind champions Rochester Adams. Meanwhile, the boys placed third with 78 points. The Fenton boys took ninth (29 points), while the Fenton girls were 11th (26 points).

Four Bronchos are going to have busy state days, because they are qualified in three events.

They are Mariah Ridal, Melissa Bott, Luke Schwerin and Keon Ellison.

Schwerin may have had the most impressive day of the group. He placed second in the 800 (1:56.0).

See STATE on 22

Fenton Tigers capture Metro League crown

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Many squads say it takes a total team effort to win a league title.

The Fenton varsity girls soccer team not only believes it, the team lives it.

The Tigers continued making several substitutions and playing everyone on their roster, helping spark a 3-1 Metro League championship victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Monday.

“This is a big deal,” Fenton senior Elizabeth Davis said, “We won it our freshman year, so it’s a big deal to come back our senior year and win it. It’s real exciting, because everyone stepped up, pushed through and we won.”

“I am so ecstatic our team was able to win Metro again,” senior Callie Toaso said. “It took us a few years. Freshman season we won. Sophomore year we went to the state finals, but didn’t win the Metro, and in our junior year we didn’t have the strongest year. But this year we got it. I am so happy we pushed each other to get it.”

And if you ask any Fenton player, they’ll say that was a big part of the team’s championship season — they pushed each other to be better. They call it tough love.

“We push each other at practice,” Davis said. “We can yell at each other, and make comments. But we take it as a good thing because it turns into great things on the field. We don’t get mad at each other. I like having a team like this, because they can criticize me and make me better, and I can do the same thing back-and-forth. It’s really nice.”

The Tigers have a great mix of veteran leaders and talented younger players. That showed on Monday. All three goals were provided by freshmen, while Davis provided two assists. In net, senior Alyssa Ostrowski and junior Daniella Garza combined for the victory.

“I think the younger girls look up to us, and we set examples for them,” senior Samantha Granger said. “They strive to be like us, and we mesh well as a group.”

The Tigers entered the half tied at 1-all, but had a strong wind at their back in the second half. It resulted in almost the entire second-half being played in Creek’s defensive end. Just eight minutes into the second half, Kaleigh See CROWN on 22

Tigers sweep Creek; league title up for grabs today

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity softball team is one win away from earning at least a share of the Metro League title. With two more wins, the Tigers will win outright.

The Tigers earned that scenario with a Metro League sweep of Swartz Creek on Monday.

Lake Fenton cruised to an 18-3 victory in the opener, but had to fight off the Dragons in the second game, winning a 6-5 verdict in eight innings. The sweep means the Tigers (12-2 in the Metro) have control of their own destiny entering today’s road twinbill at Kearsley. Because Lapeer West has already finished its Metro season with a 13-3 record, Fenton must win at least one game to earn at least a share of the crown. Kearsley is in the mix as well, entering the twinbill with a 10-2 mark.

During Monday’s second game, senior Lauren Reynolds led off the eighth inning with a triple and scored on a grounder off of Sarah Halstead’s bat, earning Fenton the win.

Creek got four runs in the fourth inning, three on a home run by Haley Cruthers, putting Creek up 4-2. Creek still led 5-3 through five innings. During that stanza, Fenton’s Sammi Cgewer reached base on an error and Marina Cleis singled. A wild pitch advanced the runners, and Sarah Collier followed with a two-run single, forcing extra innings.

In the opener, the Tigers scored three See TIGERS on 22

See GOLFERS on 22

Area golfers struggle at league meet

By Al Zipsie
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Davison — The tri-county Metro League boys golf teams hit the links Monday for the Metro League meet.

The local trio and all of the other league teams were victims of host Swartz Creek who won the team championship shooting a red-hot low of 303, earning the overall season championship. The tri-county squads struggled, with Linden finishing sixth (336), Fenton in seventh (338) and Holly in eighth (354).

Linden, who had a 5-3 dual record, finished fourth in the overall standings. Linden did not have any top 15 individual finishers, but had good balance of five of their top golfers in the top 30. The lowest scores were Chris Jacques and James Jordano, both who shot 83s tying for 18th place.

Fenton finished the season tied for sixth, with its seventh-place tourney finish.

“We are disappointed,” Fenton coach Steve White said. “We see GOLFERS on 22

Q: Has a Stanley Cup playoff game ever ended in a tie?
A: If we are asking the question, that means it probably happened. In 1988, a game between Edmonton and Boston experienced a power outage. The game was tied 3-3 at the time of the power outage.

SPORTS TRIVIA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

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Fenton’s Kaleigh Keyandwy (face showing) and Mackenzie Murphy hug after Keyandwy’s goal in the Tigers’ 3-1 victory against Swartz Creek on Monday.

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did you know?

On May 23, 1895, the Brooklyn Dodgers forfeited a game because they didn’t have enough baseballs.
Eagles qualify athletes in nine events for state meet

By David Troppens
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The Linden varsity boys track team has a little double-duty in the upcoming weeks. Not only did some of its participants earn bids to the MHSAA\’s Division 2 State Track and Field Championship Meet, but the Eagles will be competing in the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Team State Meet on Saturday.

But at the regionals at Williamston on Saturday, it was all about qualifying for the MHSAA state meet, and the Eagles did that in five events. The girls also had qualifiers in four events.

Freshman Ted Parcher made the most waves, qualifying in three events. He won a regional title in the 100 (10.81) and also finished second in the 200 (22.22). Meanwhile, he teamed with Andrew Lucky, Taylor Anderson and Luke Belmore to take second in the 400 relay (44.14). Parcher will be more than a participant. He\’s entering the 200 with the fourth seeded time, and the 100 with the fifth seeded time.

\"Ted winning the 100 was a pleasant surprise,\" Linden coach Nick Douglass said. \"Not that we didn\’t think he could win, but the field was phenomenal. I have never seen a closer finish than the 200 (nails) in person. I have heard of \'photo\' finishes, but didn\’t have that in mind. They printed the finish and it is unbelievable.\"

\"The 400 relay was exciting as we thought we might make the state automatic qualifying time of 44.4, but taking second overall to the sprint field was a little surprise.\"

In field events, Kyle Fisher had a big day as well. He won a regional title in the discus (142-4) and took fourth in the shot put (49-4 1/2), earning the automatic qualifier distance to get the bid.

\"Kyle Fisher was great in winning the discus after going into the finals in fifth place,\" Douglass said.

\"All in all, it was a great day. We had lots of PRs, and we are looking forward to the FML this Wednesday and MITCA States this Saturday.\"

The Linden girls didn\’t have any regional champs, but had their share of state qualifiers. Lexi Downes took second in the discus (103-9), while the 3,200 relay team of Heidi Sack, Danielle Starrs, Sydney Elmer and Mayce Varacalli (9:30.6) earned runner-up honors as well.

Two other individuals earned automatic qualifying times. Elmer took third in the 3,200 (11:42.03), while Varacalli took fifth in the 800 (2:24.64).

Both teams are in today\’s Metro Meet at Chio High School.

Lake Fenton at Bath regional

The Blue Devils had two event state qualifiers at the Bath regional. The 400 relay team of Kyle Frank, Rob Kesler, Matthew Hommer and Austin Gorton took second (44.98), earning an automatic qualifying bid to state.

Meanwhile, Danny Brodie placed third in the high jump, qualifying for state by clearing 6-foot-1.

Lake soccer bests Lake Fenton, 3-1

By Cole Holloway
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Lake Fenton — Even on a sunny day at Lake Fenton High School on Friday afternoon, the weather still managed to cause problems for the players on both sides.

The Linden girls varsity soccer team was able to come up with the 3-1 victory against their neighboring Lady Blue Devils, but the opposing team was not the only problem for the Eagles.

\"The field was still really wet from all the rain that we have gotten over the past few days,\" Linden coach Kevin Fiebennitz said. \"We were lucky to get out of the game without any significant injuries. I was happy we were able to come out with the tough win and still come out relatively healthy.\"

The area teams are experiencing strong seasons.

\"It\’s great that we can play tough competition so close to home,\" added Fiebennitz. \"Lake Fenton has a solid team, and I was, obviously, happy to come out on top.\"

The scoring began with a little over 20 minutes remaining in the first half. A corner kick was taken by Linden\’s Sam Thornton and was headed in by Mary-Kathryn Fiebennitz, giving the Eagles a 1-0 advantage.

\"Sam was able to have a nice corner kick there and we were able to capitalize,\" coach Fiebennitz commented.

The Eagles\’ lead was not held long, as Lake Fenton was able to strike back with a goal of its own.

Lake Fenton\’s Sydney Scott was able to knot the contest after kicking in a rebound shot that was deflected off the post on a free kick. Sierra Bruder assisted.

\"Our defense has been a little shaky,\"
Fenton’s Kyle Schrade makes contact during the Tigers’ games against Swartz Creek on Monday. The Tigers got swept by Creek, but did win a weekend tournament at Hope College.

Fenton baseball wins weekend tourney, gets swept by Swartz Creek

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity baseball team has had an up-and-down season, to say the least.

But during the weekend, the Tigers enjoyed some of the “up” of the season. The Tigers (7-7, 13-18) competed at the Hudsonville Unity Christian Invitational at Hope College’s baseball facilities, earning the title.

Fenton (13-16) opened with an 8-5 victory against Spring Lake, and then followed with a 6-5 victory against Unity Christian.

The downs continued on Monday with a pair of losses to Swartz Creek 11-7 and 10-7.

In the tournament opener over the weekend, Fenton scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth, breaking a 5-5 tie. The Tigers scored three runs on two hits, two walks and two errors. The Tigers also had to escape a serious jam during the top of the fifth.

With one out Unity Christian had runners on second and third. Josh Bryant entered the game and struck out the next two batters, ending the threat. Then came Fenton’s runs. David Lenzi tossed the seventh to earn the save.

In the first inning, Chad Schupbach had an RBI-triple, while Jamie Garcia had an RBI-single.

In the second game the Tigers were able to come back from a 5-2 lead by scoring four runs in the top of the seventh with the aid of no hits outside the infield. Kyle Schrade and Eric Mowery walked, followed by a Ryan Delecki bunt single, loading the bases. An out later, a balk scored a run. Garcia followed with another infield hit, plating a run. Two wild pitches scored Delecki and Garcia.

“We didn’t hit the ball past the pitcher’s mound and got four runs,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said.

In the seventh, Cory Kline got the win. Derek Jenkins made a diving catch at second for the first out. A walk followed, but the Tigers responded with a double play ground out.

“It was a nice weekend,” Logan said. “We went over, stayed the night and got to play baseball on a fabulous facility. Sometimes people forget that small colleges can have nice facilities, but they do at Hope College. It was a great place to play.”

Against Swartz Creek, Eric Mowery led the offense with four hits.

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Finally with eight minutes remaining, Linden’s Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz was able to slide a shot past Marchlewski, giving the Eagles a comfortable 3-1 lead.

Linden finished the contest with strong defense, led by senior defender Jayce Holmgren. She was key in holding off a late strong Blue Devil attack.

“It was a good game, and a little closer than the score indicated,” Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glasstetter said. “Linden did control the play a little more, mainly in the second half.”

The Eagles were able to pick up the victory and are looking forward to the week ahead. The Eagles traveled to Lapeer Tuesday afternoon for a tough league game against Lapeer East, a team that can still earn a co-title with Fenton.

“This is an important week for us, we need these games,” said Fiebernitz. Lake Fenton continues GAC tourney play at home today. The Blue Devils opened the GAC tourney with an 8-0 victory against Lakeville on Monday.
Holly baseball wins weekend tourney

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Holly lost its first game, but finished strong, winning the Cadillac Invitational on Saturday.

The Bronchos also split a pair of games against Brandon on Monday, losing the opener 12-0, but winning the second game 8-7.

The Bronchos (5-8, 14-13) got an RBI-double and strong pitching from Blake Ordway in the championship game of the tourna-
ment, defeating Haslett 6-2. Ordway struck out six and allowed just one earned run in six innings of work. Davis McNeeley also doubled.

Holly’s Max Lambert, Joe Scanlon (two doubles) and Matt Brack each had two hits in a 5-2 win against Ogemaw Heights. Scan-
lon was the winning pitcher, tossing five-in-
nings of two-run ball, with both runs being unearned.

Holly lost the opener 2-0. In it, Joel Perry tossed six innings of strong one-run ball.

“We had a good weekend up there,” Hol-
ly coach Matt Parker said. “We have some good pitchers. We don’t have one power pitcher, but we have a lot of guys that are at the same level, and give us a good chance to win. We used a lot of arms, but at this time that’s good. It gives everyone some game ex-
p’erience.”

In the nightcap against Brandon, Holly
won the game in the bottom of the eighth in-
ning. Perry opened the inning with a hit, was bunted to second by Todd Ray and moved to third on Pat O’Connor’s fly out. Matt Beck
ner platted him with a two-out single.

Beckner went 4-for-4 with two RBI and a double in the contest.

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Keyandwy tapped a free kick to Macken-
zie Murphy resulting in a free kick goal,
her second goal of the game. Fenton led 2-1.

Then, with 26 minutes left, Davis sent
a cross on a corner that Keyandwy headed right into the net for a 3-1 lead. It proved more than enough.

In the first half, Davis assisted a long blast from Murphy, resulting in a 1-0 Fen-
town lead with 27:58 left in the half. How-
ever, Creek responded with a goal about seven minutes later, when Nicole Jewell
named to the Metro League’s first team with identical 78s. They both carded 40 on the front nine and 38 on the back nine. The Ti-
gers Kevin Berry, who shot an 82, was near
the leaderboard with a 37 on the first nine holes, but he struggled with a 45 on the back nine to tie for 15th place. He finished as a second-team Metro selection.

“I left some shots short,” Bowles said. “I gave myself too many two- and three-putts.”

Like his team, Foghath had higher expecta-
tions than his final outcome.

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were hoping to play well. We felt we were
as good as everybody else and felt we had a
chance to win it. We were 4-4 in the season, with all four being tough losses — two by tie-
breaker, one by only one point and the other
by just four points. No reason why really. It
was just a bad day, golf can be day-to-day.”
Fenton junior Jake Foghath and Holly sen-
ior Chaz Bowles tied for seventh and were
scored. It mattered little though, because
Fenton dominated the second half.

For men, it was her seventh. Metro title
of her career — in volleyball and two in basketball and soccer.

“It’s kind of a cherry on top of my high school career,” Granger said. “I’m so excited to get it.”

“I hit 14 of 18 greens, but had five three-
putts, just leaving every shot short,” Foghath said. “Take away puts I usually make and I
would have shot a 74 (the champion Zyber
won with a 73).

“I am not sure what happened. We expec-
ted to do much better as a team.”

“We have to get in the top six places at dis-
trics to go to regionals and make state.”

“Jake played well. He had five three-putts. Take that away and you look at him being the top medalist,” said White.

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runs in the first, 10 in the second and five in the third, resulting in the three-inning 15-run mercy rule win.

Gabi Johnson led the Tigers with three hits and two RBI, while Halstead had two hits and scored three times. Collier had two hits, while Sierra Hollis scored three times and walked three times. In the twinni, Collier, Cleis and Johnson had four hits.

Today’s doubleheader at Kearsley High School starts at 4 p.m.

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individually, earning the sixth-best seeded time in the state. Meanwhile, he teamed with Ellis, Dixon and Mike McCarty to win a regional title in the 4x100 relay.

The team, with a school record in the 3,200 relay (7:56.8), also reunited with Nixon, Ellison and John Wil-
liams to take third and qualify for state in the 1,600 relay (3:24.1). The top two finishers in each event quali-
fied for state, as did other performers who surpassed state qualifying times and distances.

“We know he could run a good half, we didn’t know he could run a 1:56 and hang on to (Grand Blanc’s) Omar Kaddurah’s tail,” Basydlo said. “He’s capable, he’s excited and faster. Now he knows he can do it, which allows him to push up. That’s good for him. That’s exciting.”

Ellison’s other state-qualifying ef-
fort came in the 400, taking second (50.0).

Ridal and Bolt teamed with Tatum Harman and Paige Myer for a regional championship and school-
record 4:04.3 run in the 1,600, and also teamed with Abby Lewan-
dowski and Rachel Douglas to earn a state-
qualifying time of 9:36.2 in the 3,200. They finished third in the event.

Individuals, Ridal took second in the 400 (58.6) and Bolt placed sec-
ded in the 800 (2:18.2).

For the boys, Dallas Cranell is seeded ninth in the 300 hurdles after posting a second-place time of 39.8 seconds.

Joey Spencer tied for sec-
ded in the pole vault (12-4), while T.J. Peake placed second in the long jump (20-7). For the girls, Jenna Mitchell placed second in the discus (119-11) and is placed eighth over-
all.

Fenton had two boys that qualified. Matt Gilbert placed third in the 1,600 (4:22.4), while Max Kryza was third in the 3,200 (9:43.9). For the girls, Meredith Brown is headed to state, taking second in the long jump (16-1 1/4).

Both teams compete in today’s Metro League Meet at Clio High School.

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2011-2012 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2011-2012 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 3100 Owen Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.¹

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