Does contracting services really save money?

Schools and local governments outsource to save costs

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Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo may have done the fiscally responsible thing by contracting out all of the custodial services to a company, but he didn’t like it.

“I lost friends,” he said. “Literally, guys I fished with were custodians. And I’m saying ‘goodbye.’ It’s not what I wanted to do.”

For Koledo, the cost savings outweighed the negative aspects of not having a dedicated custodial staff. Faced with a stagnant economy and reduced state See SCHOOLS on 12

Summary

To save money in a weak economy, municipalities and schools lay off workers and contract with outside companies for services to save money.

Linden fined $1,000 by MIOSHA

Police not properly trained for equipment in vehicles

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The Linden City Council agreed to pay a $1,000 fine imposed by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) at its meeting on Monday. The fine was given because of a respiratory device located within police officer Gary Conklin’s police vehicle, which Conklin was not properly trained to use.

See FINED on 7

Sign, sign, everywhere a sign

Welcome to Downtown Fenton

Carl Rickard (left) and Mark Koster, of Universal Signs, installs a 300-pound welcome sign in Freedom Park Tuesday afternoon. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is spending an estimated $250,000 to $300,000 on the sign project. The second phase will include directional signs and informational kiosks. This is one of four large signs to be installed.

Fenton gets $200,000 in revenue sharing

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — With no comment provided at the public hearing on Monday, the Fenton City Council unanimously approved a motion to approve a revenue share of $200,000 from the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) to the city’s general fund.

Some store receipts not adding up

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Many consumers overcharged since the passing of Michigan Scanner Law

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Some Michigan customers aren’t too happy about their shopping bill now that stores are no longer required to use individual pricing stickers on their products.

The Shopping Reform and Modernization Act, or Scanner Law, has been in effect for a month, abolishing a previous law that required stores to individually price every item. Complaints See RECEIPTS on 6

“Our policy is, when in doubt, give the customer the price they think it should be.”

Chris Palmer
assistant director at VG’s Supermarket, Silver Parkway

Summary

The appeal on labeling every item with a pricing sticker has confused some consumers. Businesses are doing their best to adapt to the new law.
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Rezoned parcels to be used for auto display

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Getting your vehicle ready for winter

Cold weather takes toll on antifreeze, tires, and batteries

By Tim Jagielo

January and February are not the months you want to be outside, troubleshooting why your car won’t start. Now is the time to get your ride ready for the cold weather ahead.

Hall Chrysler, Jeep & Dodge of Fenton service adviser Ken Hollerman first suggests getting your battery tested, to help avoid a dead battery on cold mornings. “As it gets colder it gets weaker, and it might not be able to pull the amps to start the vehicle,” he said.

A harsh, cold morning can kill a battery forcing you to jump-start.

Many service stations can test your battery to see if it can handle the cold weather ahead, testing it while it’s still under your hood.

If you do need a new battery, he suggests buying one that is recommended by the manufacturer, and has the same or better cold-cranking amps than the battery you are replacing. Hollerman advises to always maintain the battery, by keeping the terminals clean of corrosion. Use a steel bristled brush to remove any oxidation or see VEHICLE on 10

Winter weather adds more stress to your vehicle, and requires preventative maintenance to keep you on the road.

Basic tips:

1. Get your battery tested, replace if needed.
2. Check antifreeze for strength.
3. Check your tires, make sure they have enough tread.
4. Check your belts and test your heating system.
5. Have front end components and brakes checked.

Extra virgin olive oil

Adds taste, health benefits to many dishes

EVOO, derived from the first pressing of the olives, is the highest grade of olive oils. It has the strongest flavor and overall health benefits.

By Sally Rummel

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See OLIVE OIL on 9

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Vote for Obama – because he’s black

At the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston, Sen. Barack Obama said, ‘...There is not a black America and a white America and Latino America and Asian America – there is the United States of America.’ Those were welcome and commendable words. Unfortunately, they appear to be only words. Since then, Obama has divided us along race and class lines more than any modern president.

Some of his strongest, high-profile supporters in the black community are now saying that Obama’s race alone, should be enough for black voters to vote for his re-election. Krishah Thompson of The Washington Post reports that on ‘The Tom Joyner Morning Show,’ which has an estimated eight million radio listeners, Joyner, who is black, said, ‘Stick together, black people.’ The show reaches one in four African-American adults. Joyner went even further on his blog, writes Thompson: ‘Let’s not deal with the facts right now,’ he said. ‘Let’s deal with just our blackness and pride – and loyalty. We have the chance to re-elect the first African-American president, and that’s what we ought to be doing. And I’m not afraid or ashamed to say that as black people, we should do it because he’s a black man.’

If a black president cannot be held accountable for his policies and must receive the votes of African-Americans solely because of his race, then all of the marching for equal rights has been for nothing. The question ought to be this: Are African-Americans, indeed, are all Americans, better off than they were when Barack Obama took office? By any objective standard, the answer must be no.

What the shift in Obama’s support in the African-American community demonstrates is that increasing numbers of black people are beginning to understand they have been played for suckers by the Democratic Party. Their loyalty should not be to a party, but to themselves, their families and their best interests, which lie outside a welfare system that has locked too many of them into dependence and an addiction to a government check.

What they need instead is a reality check.

Cal Thomas
National syndicated columnist

What is the one thing you wish had never been invented?

“All the TV shows that are filled with filthy language and too much sex. How can we expect our nation to have any morals when this is what we show our kids?”
— Nancy Cleis, Fenton

“Well, it’s hard to talk about anything, if you don’t have a cell phone.”
— Josephine Carpenter, Linden

“Spandex, because some people definitely not be wearing it.”
— Cliff Movers, Linden

“The cell ballistics being shot at the lake. Don’t put them in harm’s way, or move to the safety of a nice suburban neighborhood.”

“I WANT TO thank the Rotary Club for what they’ve done for me. They built a new ramp for me to get in and out of my house. They are real fine gentlemen. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

“I’m pretty happy with everything. I’m just glad it’s all been invented.”
— Rita Tato, Fenton

Halloween fun

Halloween conjures up images of black cats, witches flying on broomsticks and Jack-o’lanterns sitting on a fence post casting eerie glow on a black October night. Last year in October, I gave my daughter in Traverse City a Halloween decoration for the grandkids to enjoy. It was a skull head that hung on the door and when someone walked past it, the skull head lit up, flashing green and white lights and sang very loudly, ‘I ain’t got NO BODY.’ Well, the older grandkids loved it, but it scared the daylights out of Noah, who was 4 at the time. He’d run off screaming and crying, ‘Turn it off, TURN IT OFF,’ much to the delight of his older brothers, who continued to turn it on repeatedly, just to see his reaction.

When Noah finally realized it was just a toy, he turned it on so many times my daughter got sick of hearing, ‘I ain’t got no body,’ with the kids singing along — very loudly, I might add. Some-time before Halloween, the skull head disappeared. My daughter said someone probably stole it, but I’m sure I saw it hidden in the trashcan. So much for trying to have a little Halloween fun.

But Halloween is just plain fun. And in Traverse City last year, it was quite the celebration. The old part of downtown was turned into a gigantic Halloween festival. The big houses that line the streets were decorated to the max, and there weren’t any bowls of candy set outside, there were bushel barrels of it. Thousands of kids and parents alike were dressed in Halloween costumes, from witches, to superheroes, to the more bizarre. And I’m not really sure who was having more fun, the kids or the parents. But it was quite the sight to see. One homeowner had a machine set up and gave away cotton candy for Halloween treats.

My favorite part of Halloween is carving scary faces on the pumpkins and cooking pumpkin seeds with the kids. And it wouldn’t be Halloween without trick or treating. It also wouldn’t be Halloween without watching ‘Hocus Pocus’ or ‘Beetlejuice.’ There are plenty of activities to do for Halloween in the tri-county area. The Times is participating in the chamber’s An Event So Good It’s Scary. Bring the kids and come see us on Monday.”

‘Get in the spirit’ and have a Happy Halloween.
Fenton grants IFT exemption request for Acument

Fenton City Council unanimously approved an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) five-year exemption at the request of Acument Global Technologies’ North American Technical and Processing Center (Ring Screw, LLC) in Fenton. Tonya Molloseau, city assessor, said the company submitted their application for exemption for new personal property to run production to plate, heat treat and patch automotive fasteners. The facility has nearly 50 employees. Molloseau said an estimated annual revenue loss to the city by granting this request is approximately $7,500.

Fenton grants IFT extension request for Creative Foam

The Fenton City Council unanimously approved a five-year extension of Creative Foam’s Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) exemption, originally granted in 2006. The extension will expire Dec. 30, 2016. The exemption is for the personal property equipment that runs the Foam Design Rotary Former, which produces insulating materials for Chrysler vans. The company has maintained the 12 employees at this location. The estimated annual revenue loss to the city by granting this extension would be $600.

Fenton agrees to continue home rehabilitation program

The Fenton City Council unanimously approved the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Subrecipient Agreement on Monday. Approval will allow the NSP to continue. The foreclosure crisis that began a couple of years ago prompted the creation of the NSP to assist in preventing blight in neighborhoods by allowing funding for cities to purchase homes and rehabilitate them. Once these properties are rehabilitated, the city would be able to sell the home. The criteria for purchasers include mid-income level families. To date, the city has purchased five homes with two being rehabilitated and sold. Of the remaining three, one is in the process of rehabilitation and the remaining two are waiting for rehab work to begin. The NSP is a continuation of the program and the agreement provides $225,000 for this program, administered by the city assessor.

Millage for Linden schools up for renewal

A non-homestead millage proposal for the Linden Community Schools is up for renewal on Tuesday, Nov. 8. A total of 21.4 mills has been in effect for the past 10 years and accounts for 8 percent of the school district’s budget. Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo said the millage is not a tax and is essentially mandated by the state school-funding model. The millage has been active since the adoption of Proposal A in the mid ’90s. Homes are exempt and passing the millage will not require an increase in funding from local businesses, since the millage is currently in effect.

Waste pick up in Linden switched to Fridays

Republic Waste Services will now serve the city of Linden for waste services. Waste will be picked up on Fridays instead of Mondays. Switching services will save the city $32,207.04 when compared to its current services with Waste Management of Michigan.

Holly schools dips into fund balance to reduce deficit

► School programs safe, for now

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — On Monday, the Holly Area Schools (HAS) Board of Education voted to allow the district to dip into its $2.1 million fund balance to make up for unexpected revenue deficits.

Holly schools were socked with an unexpected drop in students for the 2011-12 school year, leading to a loss of $586,788 in state revenue.

The board voted to allow money from the fund balance to be used instead of making mid-year cuts to programs or staff. Superintendent Kent Barnes presented several other options for saving money, all of which had a negative impact on the students, including cutting sports programs or eliminating building principals. “For the school district can cut their way out of this,” said Barnes.

Barnes suggested using the fund balance as a temporary fix to avoid affecting students, allowing a budget committee to convene and make suggestions for actual cuts in the 2012-13 school year.

“’We’re not at bare bones anymore, we sold the bones,’’ said Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Noni Miller during the meeting. “We sold the bones.”

If the board was not satisfied with his proposals, Barnes said he would understand that if next year, the board sees new leadership, and possibly a new vision as he plans to retire in 2013. “I’m not trying to be a martyr and fall on the word,” he said.

Summary

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The importance of leadership in the family

I recently came upon an interesting book by D. Quinn Mills titled ‘Leadership: How to Lead, How to Live.’ Mr. Mills is a professor of business administration emeritus at Harvard University and is a noted authority on the topic of leadership.

Chapter 1 of his book is The Importance of Leadership and the first paragraph is as follows:

‘Few things are more important to human activity than leadership. Effective leadership helps our nation through times of peril. It makes a business organization successful. It enables a not-for-profit organization to fulfill its mission. The effective leadership of parents enables children to grow strong and healthy and become productive adults.’

What especially struck me about this paragraph is the last sentence describing the leadership role of parents in ensuring that their children become productive adults.

On the positive side, I see countless examples of this parental role being carried out on a daily basis.

Space does not allow me to describe all of these examples but the next time you see a parent attending a parent-teacher conference or their child’s school recital or athletic event or taking their child to a similar event, please rest assured that this is the type of leadership example that Mr. Mills is talking about.

Sometimes as a judge, I have before me a young adult who has been either accused or convicted of a crime. There is no litmus test as to how they happened to have put themselves in this position, but many times, there is a parent there in the courtroom to help the young person navigate their way through their troubled waters.

Without being overly solicitous, I sincerely hope that all parents or parental figures continue to lead by example and show their children the right way in their lives.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Stuff the Bus

VG’s Grocery and the Fenton Area Public Schools are collecting nonperishable food and monetary donations for families in need this holiday season. A bus collecting donations will be at several different locations throughout November. Stuff the Bus will be at VG’s Grocery on North Lefroy Street, from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5. On Saturday, Nov. 12, Stuff the Bus will be at VG’s Grocery on Silver Parkway, from 12 to 4 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 20, donations can be made from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at State Road Craft Show in Fenton. Baskets will be made at United Methodist Church in Fenton on Nov. 22. Excess food will be donated to food pantries.
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The equipment was discovered in an incident on Aug. 3 during Conklin’s rescue efforts in Fenton Township. However, the fine was not related to Conklin entering a sewer hole full of methane gas in order to retrieve two men.

MIOSHA is a state agency that sets and enforces occupational safety and health standards in the workplace. The agency has been investigating an incident since Aug. 4, when Ronald Utica, 45, of Swartz Creek, died after falling into a large sanitary sewer manhole. Both Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter and Conklin cooperated with MIOSHA during the investigation.

“MIOSHA could have written the citation if they were just coming through for a surprise checkup,” said Linden City Manager Christopher Wren.

Wren said the fine was originally $2,500 but was reduced after Sutter spoke with MIOSHA about the incident. The city had the option of appealing the fine but would have to pay the full $2,500 if a circuit court did not rule in their favor.

“Common sense is what dictates that you pay the penalty,” said Charles McKone, city attorney. “I don’t think anyone knew about the equipment. Your chief of police did a good job negotiating the price down.”

McKone believes the equipment came from a federally funded program and was forgotten about once it was in police vehicles.

The council also voted to abandon the respiratory device since it is designed for high oxygen situations, making its use limited to Linden police. Keeping the equipment would also involve yearly training.

Councilor Ray Culbert expressed the need to review the equipment of every city worker and make sure that it is up to MIOSHA standards.

Wren said that the city is currently doing so. The city will be working closer with MIOSHA in the future and will receive a free yearly review of equipment and training.

The city council was not favorable to the fine but unanimously voted to pay it.

“This is a small price to pay in order to save lives,” said Councilor Charles Ross.

SHERIFF PATROL CAR INVOLVED WITH CRASH
A Genesee County Sheriff’s Department deputy was involved in a crash Wednesday on Fenton Road, south of Thompson Road.

Under Sheriff Chris Swanson said the deputy’s vehicle’s lights and sirens were on. The deputy, paramedic, who was not seriously injured, was taken to the hospital for observation.

RING STOLEN FROM APARTMENT
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Pure olive oil

Pure olive oil typically means that the oil is a blend of refined and unrefined virgin olive oils.

(plan usually yellow in color), to fruit and fragrant, and peppery and leafy green and grassy soils.

Higher prices don’t always mean a better product, according to www.botomlinessecrets.com. Many olive oils from Costco and Trader Joe’s have passed serious taste tests, while costing as little as $6 per liter. Some people use less expensive olive oils for cooking, because it is known that heat dissipates some of the flavor and nutrient value of the oil and save their finest oils as the last pour on an entree or salad.

Olive oils should also be stored in a cool area, away from any direct or indirect contact with heat. The bottle should be used within one year of opening for best flavor.

REVENUE
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In its proposed fiscal year 2012 budget, both the City Council and the LDFA approved in their budgets a revenue share of $200,000 from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) fund and the City’s general fund.

Before the transfer could occur, a formal agreement between City Council and the LDFA was necessary. The LDFA already approved this agreement at its meeting on Aug. 17.

This agreement allows the LDFA to a share a portion of the captured assessed value between the LDFA and the city. This has been taking place since 1988, when the Tax Increment Financing Plan was adopted by the city.

The fiscal and economic implications of the proposed amendment are limited to the temporary shifting of tax revenue generated by the 10.6226 mils, in an amount not to exceed $200,000.

The district is comprised substantially of the U.S. 23 Industrial Park, Fenway Plaza industrial park and certain additional industrial zoned property adjacent to the east of these parks.

Prior to the vote, Councilwoman Cheryl King said the city has been able to do a lot without raising taxes because of this revenue share agreement. “We’ve passed this for years,” she said. “I highly support this.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

EVEN SUPER LEFT Newsweek is outing our president’s cavalier waste of billions of our dollars. Poster child alternative energy company Solyndra, which received $535 million in “stimulus” loan guarantees from the Obama administration, collapsed. Now 1,100 more people are out of work and American taxpayers are on the hook for over half a billion dollars.

TO YOU MICHIGAN fans who were rooting for Wisconsin at the bar last night, ha, ha.

THIS IS A response to the family who got a $1,300 fine for having a backyard burn pit, I’d sue both Tyrene and Argentinian townships for twice what the fine was, and then turn it in on my homeowner’s insuranc.

VOTE NO ON Byron School millage. Go to the state and get the money from the lottery, which is supposed to fund the schools.

DOESN’T THE CITY manager in Fenton work for the taxpayers? I have left three messages over the last year and he hasn’t returned one. The old city manager always called back on the same day. Do something about it, Sue.

TO THE PERSON who doesn’t like campfires and wood stoves, why don’t you move into the city? They don’t allow that kind of stuff here.

PARENTS OF LAKE Fenton schools, please be aware that someone is slashing tires of the kids’ cars parked at the high school.

THANK YOU TO almost half of the Linden High School teachers who made it to conferences on time tonight.

THE GENESISSE COUNTY Road Commission needs to improve the intersection of Thompson and Jennings roads. They need to put a traffic light, flashing light, two big stop signs, or a four-way stop. I know a couple who just had an accident there.

OBAMA IS A FRAUD. He’s gets credit for getting rid of Bin Laden and Cuadafili, like he personally took the shots. Bush always gave all the credit to the military.

I’M GLAD TO finally hear what it takes for the Palestinians to release just one Israeli soldier. I hope this goes around the world.

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fatty acids, considered a healthy dietary fat. They may help you lower your risk of heart disease, your total cholesterol and low-density lipoprotein levels. They also may help normalize blood clotting, benefit insulin levels and blood sugar control, according to www.mayoclinic.com.

Olive oil is made from the crushing and then pressing of olives. Also called “liquid gold,” it takes at least 10 pounds of olives to turn the tender fruit into four cups of olive oil — which may help explain its high cost at the grocery store. Because of the tenderness of the fruit, great care is taken to get the fruit off the trees without bruising.

Many large-scale growers use a tree-shaking device and set up nets beneath the trees that catch the olives before they hit the ground. The oil must be extracted from the olives within 24 hours of harvest.

Olives are then transported to the processing plant, where stainless steel rollers crush the olives and pits and grind them into paste. Water is slowled stirred into the paste and a mixing time of 20 to 40 minutes gives the oil a chance up pick up additional flavors from the olive paste. Steps must be taken to prevent exposure of the oil to air, which will negatively affect its quality. Next, the paste is put on machines that further press at an extreme speed, which will separate the oil and the water. The solid material that remains after the extraction of the oil is called olive cake.

Olive oil is available in a variety of grades, which reflect the degree to which it has been processed. EVOO, derived from the first pressing of the olives, is the highest grade of olive oils. It has the most delicate flavor and strongest overall health benefits. Lower grades are just called “virgin” or “olive oil.”

Today, much of the commercial cultivation of olive oil is still centered in the Mediterranean region in such countries as Spain, Italy and Greece, respectively 36, 25 and 18 percent of total production.

How do you know what kind to buy?

Since olive oil can become rancid from exposure to light and heat, you should look for packaging in dark tinted bottles, which help protect the oil from oxidation caused by exposure to light.

Some labels will tell you the region where the olives were grown or may note the variety of olives used. Putting details like these on the bottle typically indicate that a producer takes pride in the product.

Olive oils can be divided into four flavor categories, from delicate and mild
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corrosion from the terminals, which can cause a poor connection between your vehicle and the power it needs to start. Coating them with a moisture and corrosion inhibiting spray will help maintain the battery.

According to Holleman, most accidents in the winter are caused by excessive speed on wintry roads, but also bad tires. He recommends winter tires, especially for rear wheel drive vehicles.

Holleman also suggests checking your heating system, and your windshield defroster, and changing windshield wipers.

The winter months also take their toll with salted roads that can eat away at your cars body. He said waxing and even spreading grease over areas where it is likely to rust helps. If you get a car wash, make sure to add the undercarriage wash to keep your floorboards from rusting. If you can afford it, having a protective coating sprayed onto your vehicles undercarriage will go a long way to stop corrosion underneath.

To help reduce ice buildup on windows and windshield, Holleman suggests using RainEx, or another automotive glass-coating product.

Michael DeMember, owner of Linden’s Complete Auto Repair, suggests checking your antifreeze first - not just seeing if it’s full, but also having it tested to make sure it can handle the cold. If it can’t, your engine or other essential components could freeze up. Service shops can check coolant strength.

After coolant, DeMember places importance on brakes and front-end components such as tie rods and ball joints.

He said the road becomes a lot harder on your vehicle in colder months. A rougher road could expose weak parts to breaking. “It’s a whole different thing to break down in February,” he said. “Doing a little preventative maintenance in the fall is essential.”

DeMember likes to find small problems before they become big problems in the middle of the winter.

Matt Mosier, of Armstead Automotive in Holly, said it is also important to check your vehicle’s belts for signs of wear, aging, and cracking, because without belts, you could suddenly be left stranded if one breaks.

He also recommends having your coolant system checked, and said a system flush and fill could cost between $80 and $150, depending on the vehicle model and type of coolant used.

“As it gets colder (the battery) gets weaker, and it might not be able to pull the amps to start the vehicle.”

Ken Holleman
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Fenton Winery & Brewery to host fundraising event

In honor of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a fundraising event is set for Saturday, Oct. 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Fenton Winery & Brewery. The event will raise money for the Genesis-Hurley Cancer Institute’s Cancer Patient Quality of Life Program.

"Monies raised will go to support programs for local cancer patients, including art therapy, yoga, meditation, the Retreat Program, etc.,” said Jane Starzyk, spokesperson. She is conducting this fundraiser in honor of her mother, Arlene Starzyk, a two-time breast cancer survivor and in memory of her best friend, Sue Harris Frawley. Tickets are $20 per person. Fenton Winery & Brewery is located at 1545 N. LeRoy Street. For more information, call (810)962-6730.
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have arthritis. Every time it rains, my pain seems to increase. I attend the Arthritis Foundation’s exercise classes, and we all have the same response to rainy weather. We’re wondering if this is due to increased humidity, low barometric pressure or just an “old wives’ tale.”

— E.S.

ANSWER: A drop in barometric pressure along with an increase in humidity has been demonstrated to cause a flare of arthritis. It’s the exact set of conditions that happen prior to a storm. Some arthritics experience more joint pain when temperature drops.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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revenue sharing, schools and local municipalities have found ways to save money by hiring contractors for many necessary jobs. Linden schools saved $283,000 in salaries and insurance costs on the 10 employees they laid off, annually. “That’s pretty significant,” Kolodz said. “I hate that trade off, and it’s the last thing we wanted to do. We have to protect the classrooms at all costs.”

Linden schools contracts with the DM Burr Group out of Flint for custodial services. The same company also contracts out mechanical and security services.

Jose Medina, director of operations for the company, estimates that the company’s employee base has grown from 400 to 700 or 800 in the last year, because of the increase in business from schools.

“It’s becoming the new way of business,” he said. “We can save them hundreds of thousand of dollars by eliminating responsibility from their shoulders.”

According to Medina, there are about 75 DM Burr employees throughout Genesee County area schools. Custodial services at Linden schools have been contracted out since 2010 at the high school, administration building and bus garage, and went district wide in the 2011-12 school year. Some administrative positions such as the athletic department director are also contracted out.

Linden began contracting bus services out in 1996. Lawn services have also been contracted out for several years.

Fenton Township contracts police through the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department because there is so much overhead expenses if it were to provide its own police service. “The only thing we’ve taken from in-house to contracting was the building inspector,” said Fenton Township Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker. This was necessary because of the slowdown in buildings going up inside the township, he said.

“When things are tough and money is tight, if there is not enough to keep someone busy, you have to go in another direction,” said Broecker. It would take 200 new homes being built in the township each year to retain an in-house building inspector, he added.

According to Broecker, the township saves about $30,000 per year to contract a building inspector for certain hours per week, per inspection. “It’s not as convenient for builders,” he said.

“I think the big advantage is flexibility and cost savings, less overhead,” said Broecker.

Rose Township is also considering contracting for its building inspector services.

The city of Fenton takes a strident approach with services. Attorney services and planning are contracted out, as well as engineering for large, public works projects, tech support and web services.

“For smaller communities, I think it’s pretty common,” said Lynn Markland, city manager.

Contracting lawn maintenance of city property began a few years ago, and Markland said it saves the city $80,000, annually. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) hires out its marketing needs and architectural services.

Services, including mosquito spray, trash removal, recycling are contracted, as well as larger construction projects.

Markland expects the use of contracted services to increase in the next five to 10 years. The city of Fenton contracts their fire services out to Tyrone Township, and is paid per run.

Markland believes that police services are better done in house. “You have people that become more familiar with the community and provide a different level of service,” he said. “They know the different people in the community, especially in a small community.”

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Linden High School has used contracted workers instead of full-time employees since 2010. Here, Cindy Key of DM Burr Group cleans after lunch ends at Linden High School on Tuesday morning.

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Holly preparing for second-ever home postseason contest

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It’s a good time to be on the Holly varsity football team. After an 0-2 start, the Bronchos are now riding a seven-game win streak, earning a share of the Flint Metro League championship for the first time in school history after a 24-14 victory at Brandon High School Friday.

The team also qualified for the state playoffs for only the fourth time in school history, and for the first time ever in back-to-back seasons. And that seven-game win streak was enough to earn the Bronchos (7-2) a home game in the Division 2 bracket of the prep football playoffs, only the second home playoff contest in school history. That game will be Friday at 7 p.m. against South Lyon (6-3).

“They are elated,” Holly head football coach Ryan Culloty said about his team’s reaction of getting a home playoff off-game. “They thought they played their last home game and were done, but now they get a second crack at playing at home and are excited about it. And because we are at home, from our coaching standpoint it’s easy to stay in the routine. A lot of times when you go to new venues, you aren’t sure where to park the buses or how to get there and stuff like that. Being at home, we can stay with our normal routine.”

Of the six Metro League teams that qualified for the playoffs, it can be argued that the Holly Bronchos have been the best team, certainly since Labor Day. The Bronchos’ seven-game win streak included wins against four playoff-qualifying teams, including a win against one of the other six Metro League teams.

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One, two, three, all FOUR football teams in playoffs

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Jeff Setzke was an easy man to get a hold of on Monday morning — that’s if you had his cell phone number. Otherwise, it would’ve been a challenge. He spent most of Monday morning driving back from St. Ignace after meeting the Marquette High School varsity football team’s coaching staff for the annual game-tape trade.

Teams are required to trade game films — or DVDs these days — to help them prepare for the squads they may otherwise not have seen play football in 2011. And it’s pretty fair to say that the Fenton varsity football staff probably has never seen the Marquette team play football this year. In fact, the distance between the schools — about 405 miles — must rival the longest distance between two schools facing off in the opening round of the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Division 2 playoffs.

Fenton, the top seed in its district, will face the Marquette Redmen for a 1 p.m. contest at Fenton High School on Saturday.

“I’m on a long road trip to St. Ignace,” Setzke said. “We were able to watch on (the MHSAA’s TV website) their game against Calumet, but that was tough. It will be easier when we get to watch the DVD copy.”

How did the Tigers get a matchup with Marquette, the largest school in the Upper Peninsula? It’s simple, someone had See TIGERS on 14

Eagles draw familiar foe for Friday game

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Because the Linden varsity football team plays in what is predominantly a Class A league, the Eagles were fairly certain they’d be one of the 5-4 teams that would qualify for the playoffs after their loss to Lapeer East Friday night.

But they also knew because they were 5-4, there was a pretty good chance they could face a state power like Orchard Lake St. Mary in the opening round. That didn’t happen.

In fact, the Eagles got a foe they already beat 28-0 once this season, Lapeer West (6-3). The Saturday contest between the two Metro League squads begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

“It’s better than Orchard Lake St. Mary,” Linden coach Denny Hopkins said about his team’s See EAGLES on 14

Blue Devils facing perfect Millington in first game

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Eric Doyle has coached in playoff games before.

But this year is a bit different. He has been an assistant coach during Lake Fenton playoff runs, but this time when his squad travels to undefeated Millington for their 7 p.m. contest on Friday, it will mark his first playoff game at the head coaching position.

“It’s different,” Doyle said. “There’s a lot more things to deal with. There’s not just the media but taking care of playoff shirts and travel arrangements. Stuff like that comes with the job. But those are good distractions to have. I’d rather be talking to the media than collecting gear.”

After defeating Bridgeport 63-0 on Friday, the Blue Devils (6-3) locked up a playoff-off spot in the Division 5 tourney. However, as the fourth seed in their district, the Blue Devils locked up a battle against a state Millington squad, who enters with a perfect 9-0 mark. The Cardinals also know the playoffs well, qualifying for them each of the last eight years and advancing to the state semifinals in each of the last two years.

“They are a very good team,” Doyle said. “They went to the semis a year ago, and I think if we play well, we can be successful. It’s going to be a great playoff atmosphere. It’s one of those places that shuts down the town when they play.”

The Cardinals are a strong running team. Quarterback Dakota Seibert is a threat to run the ball, as is Dustin Jacobs and Kile Lester. All three have run for 100-yard games at one time or another this year. In fact, in a 32-14 win against Goodrich, Jacobs ran for 178 yards and Lester had 173. The Cardi-

nals ran for 393 yards in that contest.

Defensively, they’re being outstanding, posting three shutouts and allowing only six points in three other games. However, it’s not like Millington played a tough schedule, either. The Tri-Valley East Conference only recorded two teams with winning records, and the only other playoff team besides Goodrich that Millington played was Frankenmuth, who was only 6-3. Lake Fenton’s opponents posted a 36-45 mark, but more importantly, the Blue Devils faced four playoff foes.

“The one advantage I think we have is that we are more battle-tested,” Doyle said.
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matchup. “You never know where you are going to go. We’ll take it and do with it what we can do. Hopefully we go out there on Saturday and play well.”

Teams automatically qualify for the playoffs if they win six of nine games or finish an eight-game season with five wins. Typically extra spots remain in the playoff brackets after all those qualifiers enter, therefore opening room for 5-4 qualifiers. Due to Linden being a Class B school in a predominantly Class A league, the Eagles will usually have a good chance of being one of the teams getting a playoff spot with a 5-4 record. This is the second time the Eagles, who are in the Division 3 tourney, have qualified at 5-4 under the current format. The rest of the district looks fairly favorable for the Eagles if they get by West. The winner of Saturday’s contest will face the winner of Friday night’s Auburndale Avondale (5-4) at Lapeer East (7-2) contest. Linden lost at home to East on Friday 24-20. It appears to be a district that any of the four teams have a reasonable shot at getting out.

“If we can get lucky, we can win this thing,” Hopkins said. “At least we know the teams going in. We are going to go in there prepared and hope we play well. If we do, we have a chance.”

The Eagles have been an up-and-down squad all year long, but they’ve also faced a schedule that had six playoff-caliber teams, going 2-4 against those teams.

Most of the Eagles’ inconsistencies have come on offense, but that said, Linden (23-4) scored the most points in Metro League contests this year, while also allowing the fewest (88). Their 28-0 homecoming win against Lapeer West may qualify as the team’s biggest win of the season. In that game, the Eagles shut out West for the first time since 1986, allowing West just 37 yards total offense. Meanwhile, the Eagles had 396 yards total offense, scoring four TDs with receptions to four different receivers.

Linden, who has made the playoffs in each of the last 10 years, also had a rematch with West in 2008 during the opening round of the playoffs, losing a 22-21 thriller. In that season, the Eagles won the regular season contest as well, that time 35-20.

“Before we were,” Hopkins said. “That was three weeks ago. A whole lot has changed in the last three weeks.”

TIGERS
Continued from Page 13 to get the game. Marquette had to be paired with teams from the Lower Peninsula because they had no Division 2 foes in the U.P. Bay City Western is the most northern team in the district in the U.P., but that then left two voids. That neither factors a lot into a team the Grand Rapids area, the Lansing area or the Flint area had to be two of the other teams in the district. Fenton, who has the highest computer seed of any of the teams in the district, was one, as was Okemos. But due to their high seed, the Tigers will be home as long as they keep winning district games.

“At first we were happy to be in the playoffs because it’s our reward, being able to play that 10th game of the year,” Krzywy said. “We knew Marquette was one of the possibilities we’d face. When we saw Marquette come up, the comments were like, ‘Wow, Marquette. They were comments like that in nature. But we were more happy that we get to play week 10. It didn’t really matter who came up on the screen.’

It’s going to be a game of contrasting styles. While the Tigers run the spread, most teams in the U.P. are still running-dominated teams. Marquette is no exception.

“They are going to run power smash-mouth football and we are going to spread it, throw it and run the option out of the spread,” Setzke said. “We have not defended them and they have not defended us. It will come down to who can make the in-game adjustments and get a better feel for what the other is doing.”

The Redmen (7-2) are just two years removed from an 0-9 season, but did go 8-3 last year, defeating Bay City John Glenn in the playoffs.

The team’s top runners are power runner Kasim Koonnala and speedy outside runner Garrett Pentcost. Don’t be shocked if each gets 20-plus carries.

“We have a lot of guys who like the U.P. style of ball,” Setzke said. “They have grass fields, weather that are not as nice and conducive to being thrown on 40 times a game.”

HOLLY
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“I think the group has gained a lot of experience and is a very close group,” Culloty said about the team’s growth. “I think the senior leadership helped us get the ship right and helped them deal with success.”

South Lyon runs a spread option and uses bubble bootlegs as its main weapon with its passing attack. Derek Talaga is the quarterback, but his performances have bounced up and down in terms of throw game, completing not even 50 per cent of his passes this year. His top receiving threat are Joel Shekall and running back Brian Birkelbach.

The squad has three players that are capable of productive rushing opportunities. Jake Sexton leads that list, collecting 161 rushing yards in a recent 24-20 victory against Livonia Churchill. Others that can provide ground yards are Birkelbach and Justin Dinsko.

However, the offense hasn’t been consistent, only scoring 157 points this season. The only time South Lyon has scored as many as 30 points this year was against South Lyon East. South Lyon East allowed an average of 32 points this season. However, South Lyon has allowed the Lions didn’t even match that average.

The team’s strength appears to be the defense, which has allowed 125 points this season.

“The defense is very stout. They are very good, and they are something we have to be ready to get up for,” Ryan Culloty Holly’s Fenton football coach, discussing South Lyon’s defense.

“The defense is very stout,” Culloty said. “They are very good and they are something we have to be ready to get up for. They have some players on that side of the ball that we respect.”

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Proposals addressed as follows:

Village of Holly
Office of the Clerk/Treasurer
202 S. Saginaw
Holly, MI 48442

ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – HOLLY MILL POND WEED TREATMENT

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Proposals must be submitted at the Village Clerk-Treasurer’s office in a sealed envelope. Proposals will be received until 11:00 am November 28, 2011. Proposals addressed as follows:

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Rose Township
Dianne Schiebel-Snider, Trustee
Community Block Development Grant Program
9080 Mason Street
Holly, MI 48442

Contact information 248-931-9064, email dsdistree4rose@yahoo.com

A legally authorized agent of the bidding firm must sign all proposals.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS - DEARBORN PARK FENCING
COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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THE COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM is a federally funded project. The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with the provisions of the DBE program, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the contract. Bid Documents. This municipality is an equally opportunity employer, employers owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

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