State Rep. Paul Scott is facing a recall in the 51st District on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The city of Fenton, city of Linden, Fenton Township and Argentine Township are all within the 51st District and will have the opportunity to vote. Scott responded to several questions posed by Tri-County Times on the upcoming recall and the future of Michigan. Q: What legislation initiated by you spurred the recall? This recall is funded by the Michigan Education Association, who is fighting the much-needed reforms that have gone through the state legislature. This is a battle about moving toward Michigan’s future, and the MEA is fighting to keep the past. I was sent to Lansing to represent the people of this community and do whatever I could to improve Michigan schools, giving our children a real chance at success. I stand by the work we did and the work we are still doing to put.

Fired village manager to get jury trial

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — Former Holly Village manager Marsha Powers, who was fired by the former village council in September 2010, will get her day in court.

Recently, Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Judith Fullerton struck down the village’s motion for summary disposition, which would have prevented a jury trial for Powers, who filed suit against every individual member of the village council at the time, with the exception of council member Don Winglemire, who voted against the firing.

Principal and husband fighting charges they allowed underage drinking

The Sahouris’ attorney contests police version

By Sharon Stone

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The pre-trial held in Genesee County District Court on Wednesday for Tracey and Raed Sahouri was adjourned and rescheduled for Nov. 30.

The Sahouris, of Argentine Township, are facing misdemeanor charges of hosting a party where underage drinking reportedly occurred at their home in June during a high school graduation open house. A jury trial is scheduled for Dec. 8.

Tracey Sahouri is the principal at Creekside Elementary School in the

City allows DDA to give $40,000 to assessing office

Money would cover appraisals to defend tax appeals

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — The Fenton City Council unanimously approved a request by Fenton’s city assessor, Tonya Milligan. Approval of her request allows the Fenton Downstown Development Authority (DDA) to allocate toward the city’s
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**Fitness Myths**

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If you think crunches are the best way to get “six pack abs” or that squats are bad for your knees, you might want to read up on the latest in fitness myths, and the newest thinking that replaces them.

Here are 10 commonly held exercise misconceptions, as well as the real facts behind improving your health and performance through your workout.

See **FITNESS MYTHS on 15A**

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**Birds migrating for warmer weather**

Justin Fargo, a personal trainer for Powerhouse Gym in Fenton, works with David Jameson Thursday morning. Fargo said that many think strength training alone will build muscle, but healthy food and enough rest are also required.

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**Cooler weather triggers instinct to head south for winter**

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Everywhere you look, there’s evidence of the changing seasons. The leaves have transformed into an array of oranges and reds and cider mills have an abundance of apples. And, birds are leaving the state by the flock.

The annual winter migration of birds is perhaps the most solid sign in nature that winter is just around the corner.

What causes birds to leave the foul weather behind and return after spring has arrived?

See **BIRDS on 6A**

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Random royal thoughts

• Are we really to believe that modern medicine can perform brain surgery with minimal invasion, can surgically repair almost any part of our body through a ½-inch incision, can send a camera up our butts to record video of our digestive system, but can’t come up with something better than the pitiful, degrading, embarrassing hospital gown currently used?

• How many people do you know who never answer a phone call, yet have a message that says “…your call is important to us.”

• President Obama’s latest scam is to use our tax dollars to ‘help the poor students burdened by government loans.’ This has nothing to do with students and everything to do with using our tax dollars to purchase the votes of the college set. Obama is a thief, a liar, and a scam artist of epic proportions who is intent on destroying us, our kids and our country, piece by piece.

• When people hear that someone died, and they gravely (sorry, couldn’t resist) ask what they died from, they are only asking in order to be assured it’s not something they themselves have.

• Am I the only one who thinks the Obama Administration’s wild spending habits are all just poorly thought out, ill-conceived ‘What would happen if we...’ failures that more reflect the naiveté of a frat-house mentality than the most powerful nation on the planet?

• If you give a panhandler any money, you are consciously making an installment payment toward the downfall of our country.

• Bush II set a record by adding $3.2 trillion to the national debt over the eight years of his administration. Obama has already crushed that dubious record by adding $4.4 trillion to the debt in less than three years in office.

• Regarding opponents of the new Michigan law ‘restricting’ welfare recipients to a ‘mere’ four years of ‘welfare.’ Can one of them please tell me — when did we, the taxpayers, subsidize ‘the lazy, unscrupulous’ safety net becoming a hammock?

• There is no political system in the history of the world that allows the masses to achieve their dreams other than capitalism. There simply is no other way for the ‘have-nots’ to become ‘haves.’ Always has been that way, always will be.

• I don’t get the fact that literally everyone I know has made changes in their lives that reflect the dramatically different economic times we are experiencing. The only exception is the government, which spends (mostly wastes) billions and billions of dollars more than it ever has. Shouldn’t our government be leading the fiscally responsible parade?

• I agree with Thomas Sowell who believes that historians will one day look back at what is happening to our country today and say to themselves, ‘…how could they possibly have been that stupid?’

— Ray Blend, Grand Blanc

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GREENE COUNTY FOLKS who voted for Paul Scott, please get out there and vote no to the recall. It’s unfortunate that certain groups can’t accept it when the majority votes and we are happy when our representatives are doing exactly what we voted for them to do. Good job, Paul Scott.

IF WE DON’T VOTE on Nov. 8, then a small majority of teachers and union thugs will oust the will of the majority of the people in order to continue their ride on the gravy train at our expense. I’ve had enough of special interests being immune to economic reality. Scott is doing what most of us want him to do. Please vote on Nov. 8.

BY NOW, THE Republican strategy is plain. If they can keep the recession going, people will forget who created it and blame Obama. Americans are notorious for having short memories about history. It just might work.

THIS WILL BE a simple election. If you think the unions should be exempt from the struggles the rest of us are facing, then vote to recall Scott. If you are sick and tired of your tax dollars being funneled to bankroll exorbitant pay and benefits for a chosen few, vote no. Just be sure to vote.

WONDERFUL JOB, LAKE Fenton youth football. Freshman 1, Division C champions, undefeated. Wonderful coaches, beautiful children and some knock-you-on-your-butt football. The crowd goes crazy. Wouldn’t want my son to learn it anywhere else. Go, Blue Devils.

I KNOW HOW to stop underage drinkers, just put a yellow tag on the keg. Come on, how much of our tax money was wasted for you idiots to come up with that?

WAS HEADING TO a (Flint) furniture store when I thought of shopping locally. I didn’t want to waste for you idiots to come up with that?

WAS HEADING TO a (Flint) furniture store when I thought of shopping locally. I didn’t want to waste for you idiots to come up with that?

What was your most memorable Halloween costume?

“Medusa, because I got a lot of comments for having the most unique costume at a party.”

— Lorraine Osborne, Byron

“When I was a cowgirl, I got a new hat and had to make it myself.”

— Marlene Hindle, Fenton Township

“I was a tree with leaves, one year. A dog mistook me for a real tree and tried to do its business on me.”

— Ray Blend, Grand Blanc

“Minnie Mouse, because it was the most convenient costume that I could make at the time.”

— Adie Eddington, Rose Township

“I went as the Unknown Lady one year. No one could figure out who I was.”

— Bill Eddington, Rose Township

“A Buccaneer, with makeup and a wig, I didn’t even recognize myself in the mirror.”

— Bob Bechtel, Fenton Township

Compiled by William Axford, Staff Reporter
Federal grant covers cost of 74 iPads for special ed students

By Sharon Stone
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Linden — The Linden Board of Education voted last Wednesday in favor of allowing the district’s special education department to purchase 74 iPads from Apple costing $60,002.

According to Jenny Smith and Debbie McPherson, who submitted the request, the iPads will be used as a pilot program with the Cognitive Impaired (CI) and Learning Disabled (LD) classrooms at the high school, middle school and Hyatt Elementary School. These schools were chosen because there was already a plan in place to make the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant application to allow the district to make purchases for these schools with the left over grant funds.

McPherson and Smith selected the iPads because the software available for special education students is “amazing.” They said research has shown that special education programs have had much success using iPads and since the funds are available, the district should get the iPads for its special education students.

The iPads come with a two-year warranty, software and cover. There will be five carts to hold the iPads and one syncing tray to make it easier for the technology department to add apps for the iPads. Training sessions will be held with staff members, who will be using the iPads with their classes.

Federal grant covers cost of 40 laptops for at-risk students

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Linden — At Risk students at Linden Community Schools will soon have more access to technology, thanks to an At Risk Grant. Cheryl Thomas, director of curriculum and instructional services, and Debbie McPherson, director of technology for the district, requested that the Linden Board of Education allow them to purchase 40 Dell Latitude laptops, for a cost of $37,520.

Last week, the Linden Board of Education approved the request. Thomas said she wanted to provide the district’s at-risk students at the second- and third-grade level with more access to technology.

It was decided that the schools should try to put a pilot project in, one where teachers who teach second- and third-grade would be provided with wireless laptops to use in their classrooms with their At Risk students only. The laptops come with a three-year warranty. Thomas and McPherson plan to meet with the teachers to make sure that they are comfortable and adequately trained with the technology.

Linden schools’ 10-year millage renewal on ballot

► Millage goes toward operating expenditures

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Linden — Residents in the Linden Community Schools district will be asked to vote on a millage renewal for operating expenditures for the school district.

Two non-homestead millages expire this December and residents are being asked to approve a 10-year millage renewal when they head to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Superintendent Ed Koledo said this is not a new tax, but a renewal of what currently exists.

Under Proposal A, the state of Michigan contributes the majority of school funding dollars, but to receive full funding, schools must levy 18 mills on non-homestead property in the school district. Michigan law requires the voters to approve this millage.

In November 2005, Linden schools’ voters approved a renewal of the non-homestead millage, which was 14.7 mills at that time. In May 2006, the voters approved a non-homestead restoration, which authorized an additional 7.3 mills, and allowed the district to levy the entire 18 mills required under Proposal A.

Currently, Linden Community Schools’ two non-homestead millages expire this December. This total authorized exceeds 18 mills. However, the levy can be no more than 18 mills, according to Superintendent Ed Koledo. The additional millage was to counteract the effects of the Headlee Rollback.

The superintendent said the district needed to ask voters to approve the non-homestead millage or lose a significant amount of its per-pupil funding. For the 2009-10 school year, the non-homestead millage provided 9.7 percent or $709 of the district’s per-pupil amount, which totals approximately $2,070,000 in revenue.

Koledo said the millages approved in 2005 and 2006 are being placed on the ballot as one question. In order to maintain 100-percent funding for the schools, Linden Community Schools must have a successful passage of a millage renewal in place prior to July 1, 2012.

“If it does not pass, the school district would see a loss of about 10 percent in its revenue, or about $700 per student, further deepening the current financial challenges,” said Koledo.

“Our districts have been successful and I hope that pattern follows true for us.”

Koledo said, “The non-homestead millage does not affect our homeowners and represents no increase in taxes for our businesses, so we are encouraging support. If the non-homestead millage fails, I believe we would have to consider deficit spending to maintain acceptable programs and services.”
JURY TRIAL
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The process of finding and submitting evidence called “discovery” is mostly finished, and a jury trial is set for Jan. 24, 2012.
Council members Sandra Kleven and Pauline Kenner are named in the lawsuit, along with former council members Reisa Hamilton and William Kuyk. Former village council president Pete Clemens is also named.
A member of Powers’ legal team Tom Kowalke provided enough evidence to warrant a jury trial. The village’s attorney in this matter is William Parker.
According to Kowalke, Judge Fullerton also said that the former and current council members being sued would be held responsible in official capacity, not as individuals.
Kowalke’s argument is that Powers was fired because of what she reported while attending labor-related court cases on behalf of the village last year.
“She was reporting suspected violations of laws,” said Kowalko, who is using the “Whistle Blower” legal theory for the suit. “We intend to prove she was illegally fired because she was doing those things.”
According to Kowalke, Powers is not asking for specific damages from the suit, but her legal council expects she could receive hefty monetary compensation because of lost wages.
Parker said the council announced publicly why she was fired last September. He said the village council fired her because of a lack of communication on the labor case issues, not because she attended the court proceedings. He said the village stands by its decision.

Fenton and Argentine township lend support to lawsuit

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Fenton Twp. — Following a closed session on Thursday, Oct. 20, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted in favor of joining a seven-count complaint filed against the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.

The complaint alleges that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners owes the Genesee County Drain Commission in excess of $2.7 million, plus interest, costs and attorney’s fees. The resolution was approved by Supervisor Bonnie Mathis, Clerk Robert Krug, Treasurer John Tucker and trustees Tony Brown and Vince Lorraine.

The resolution states that Fenton Township agrees to join with other municipalities in the Genesee County Drain Commission’s efforts to collect a portion of the refunds, if it is owed, which were paid to Genesee County by Blue Cross Blue Shield. Any and all costs and fees associated with the litigation, however, will be the responsibility of the Drain Commission.

The resolution also states that the retention of the refunds has a direct impact on the cost of the sewer service to Fenton Township and its residents using these services.

 Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said if the drain commission had received those refunds back from the county, it would not have had to charge Fenton Township so much for the services. “Will we get it back, we don’t know,” she said. “It should have come back to us.”

Argentine Township also adopted a resolution at its meeting on Monday in support of the complaint.

The Genesee County Water and Waste Service (WWS) claims that Genesee County is indebted to WWS for a portion of surplus fund that was not distributed to the county by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan for county medical/hospital insurance plan years 2001 through 2008.

The Genesee County Drain Commission provides sanitary sewer service to users in several cities, townships and villages throughout Genesee County, including Fenton Township, which pays rates for such services.

Plaintiffs say that Genesee County Community Mental Health and the Drain Commission entered into an agreement to purchase health insurance coverage from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for their employees. The Drain Commission was invoiced for the amount of premiums due for health insurance coverage and Blue Cross/Blue Shield should annually audit the claims and establish premiums for the following year.

The complaints claim that each year, the county opted to receive a refund and add it to the county’s general fund.

The plaintiffs allege that if the surplus of money had been left within the plan, the premium charged to each member of the plan would have been reduced the following year.

The plaintiffs are asking that the court order the county to provide a full and complete accounting of all funds and benefits received related to this matter.

Genesee County Commissioner Joe Graves, who took office on Jan. 1, representing the seventh district, said, “I understand, the county collected rebates for several groups within the county and the funds went into a pool within the general fund. He said he was told that WWS does not have a claim on this.”

Graves said Friday morning he was told by legal counsel for the county, and there was no way that the drain commission was owed any of the refunds in question.

He did say, however, that the municipalities might have a case since they might have been overcharged for services.

Patricia Lockwood, who served as county commission for the District 6 from 2006 to 2010, said she was not amused, but was not involved in budget sessions that she attended. She agreed with Graves saying she believed the refunds went back to the county.


BIRDS
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Most researchers agree that food and reproduction are the two leading factors behind the fall and spring migrations. Ecologists at the University of Arizona found that food dependency is the primary reason why birds migrate to new locations. Since each type of bird has their own diet, certain species will migrate to different parts of the world in order to satisfy their diets during different seasons. “It’s not just whether you eat insects, fruit, nectar or candy bars or whether you eat them — it matters how reliably that food source is day to day,” ecologist Alice Boyle wrote in a 2007 study.

According to the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, more than 300 species of birds migrate from the United States and Canada to the West Indies, Central America or South America for the winter. Typical migratory species for birds cover thousands of miles.

Some species of Night-hawks and Swal-lows inhabit Alaska during the summer months, and then fly over 7,000 miles to spend the winter in Argentina.

Cornell University’s Ornithology center reports that birds become aware of migrations through hormonal triggers, which results in bigger appetites and the molting of stronger feathers. The increase in hormones gives birds extra energy, allowing them to remain awake throughout most of the night. This hormonal change allows smaller birds, such as orioles and sparrows, to migrate during the night. Researchers believe smaller birds have more protection from predators in the night hours and conserve more energy flying in cooler temperatures. Nocturnal migrations are more active right before midnight.

Bigger birds, such as hawks, storks and vultures, migrate during daylight because they are dependent upon updrafts created by the sun’s heat or winds created by land features, such as hills and mountains. Ducks, geese, loons and cranes are other types of birds that migrate mostly during daylight.

Researchers aren’t exactly sure why birds come back to North America every spring, especially if more food sources are present year round in the South. Some scientists have suggested that birds have an internal clock that is aware of migratory times, similar to an internal clock that tells us when to wake up.

Another theory is chicks have a higher chance of survival in North America due to fewer predators.

No matter what the reason for the migra-
tion, now is the perfect time for bird watchers to get a good look. It may be the last chance you get at our feathered friends until spring.
MISSING MAN LOCATED
On Oct. 20, Argentville Township received a missing person complaint from a 63-year-old resident in the 1200 block of Hoisington Road. The resident said his 58-year-old son, who was last seen at home and said he was going to drive to Owosso, was missing. The resident said his friend left at 10 a.m., on Oct. 19 for a 12 p.m. appointment at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Eventually, the missing man was located at the hospital.

LINDEN SCHOOL PROPERTY DAMAGED
The Argentine Township Police Department is investigating a malicious destruction of property complaint from Linden High School. According to police, an officer was sent to the high school on Oct. 24. An employee said that over the weekend, someone gained access to the school bus parking lot and rummaged through three trucks, which are used for maintenance work. The key was stolen from the ignition. There was also vandalism to one of the trucks. There are no suspects at this time, however, anyone with information is asked to call Argentine police at (810) 735-5317.

HOLLY MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI
On Oct. 22, Holly police were dispatched to the area of Grange Hall Road and Saginaw Street on a report of possible drunk driver. The responding officer located the vehicle, a burgundy 1995 Ford Escort. After seeing the car weaving on the road, a traffic stop was initiated. The driver, a 45-year-old Holly man, who smelled of intoxicants and his speech was slurred. A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol content of .247, at which time he was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

FLINT MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI
On Sunday, Oct. 23, a Holly police officer noticed a Chevy Cavalier drive through a red light on northbound Saginaw Street. The officer initiated a traffic stop on North Holly Road, near Quick Road. The driver, a 45-year-old Flint man, smelled of intoxicants. Preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol content of .20. The driver was arrested and taken to the police station. His car was impounded. Police learned that the driver had two prior convictions for OWI in Michigan and one in West Virginia. He was turned over to Oakland County.

INTERVIEW
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children first, even if some people are afraid of change or were happy with our failing schools. I knew we could do better, and I went to the capitol to do something about it.

Q: As the chair of the House Education Committee, what do you feel is the biggest issue facing our schools? I’ve heard from many parents, teachers and school professionals in our community that the system is broken. They want to see sweeping reforms that will give our students a fighting chance out in the job market.

Michigan is in the bottom half of states for performance in several key areas, placing as low as 47th in eighth-grade math just a couple years ago. Only 16 percent of all students in Michigan can consider itself college-ready, based on ACT scores. Clearly, the status quo has failed an entire generation of Michigan children.

But still we spend our time talking about money and what kind of the children need. Education reform in this state must be focused on academic progress and new approaches to reaching our students. We need to talk less about dollars and cents and more about performance.

Q: Have you had the opportunity to speak one-on-one with any teachers? I’ve talked with many teachers and administrators while working on these issues. And, I talked to them about these issues long before I ever decided to run for public office. Hearing about the faults in the system and ways in which we were failing our children is part of what motivated me to come to Lansing and begin reforming state government.

Everyone knows the status quo is not an option. We must find a better way forward. That’s why I campaigned for office. That’s why I’m still there working to create a better future for Michigan’s children.

Q: How do you respond to the MEA’s charge that C-Engel is trying to give more education in Michigan? I disagree. The changes we made put the focus on Michi- gan’s children for the first time and will reward our state’s most effective teachers. The MEA represents school employees and their job is to increase salaries and benefits and make life easier for their members. But my job is to do what’s right for the students, and that means putting our state’s education dollars into the classroom, where they belong. Not everyone will benefit from that, but kids will, and they’re the ones we should be focused on.

Michigan’s schools simply aren’t getting it done and too many of our state’s youngest residents are being failed by this broken system. I’m proud to work hand, shaking up the status quo to put children first.

Q: How do you think your policies will affect public schools in Michigan 10 years from now? With the students’ academic progress now a priority for Michigan schools, I think we will see improved test scores, college readiness and academic performance. The status quo is failing our students and leaving them unprepared for their future academic and professional goals. The changes we’ve made put a new emphasis on preparing them for the next step and giving them the tools they need to succeed in the knowledge economy.

We are putting students first and focusing the state’s education system on their needs. That will help give them the opportunities they need to learn and grow.

Q: Knowing what you know now, would you have done anything differently? No. I stand by the work we’ve done reforming state government and rebuilding Michigan’s broken education system. When only 16 percent of Michigan students are considered college-ready, the status quo is clearly broken. Something had to be done, and I’m proud to be the one who led the effort to do it.

Our schools are failing Michigan families and holding our children behind in an already difficult economy. Serious, sweeping reforms were necessary and are still needed to give them an opportunity to succeed.

Q: If you could speak to every voter in your district, what would you like to say to him or her? I’d like to ask them about their schools and what changes they would like to see to help their children grow academi- cally. The parents in this community know what needs to be done to improve our schools and how we can improve upon the old ways of doing things. I’d love to hear from everyone about their ideas and their concerns as I work hard to find the best policy for our children’s future.

I know there is still a lot of work to be done, and there are still so many ways we can make Michigan schools more efficient and more effective.

Village council raises rumor about Holly police

By Jim Jagielo

Holly — A simple rumor spurred employees of the Holly Police Department to attend the Holly Village Council meeting on Thursday.

That rumor was that the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office would be taking over police service, disbanding the Holly Police Department. Enough genuine concern was raised so the issue was placed on the agenda.

Council member Jackie Campbell received concerned comments by community members.

According to Village Manager Jerry Walker, business owner Lisa Clark received a call suggesting that the village council was considering changing its police service to the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office. Clark then called Campbell, and former council president Pete Clemens also called Campbell. Neither party intended to spread any rumors, Walker said.

The council invited both to attend the meeting but they were not present.

“The issue of contracting police services has not even been a discussion,” said Walker.

Council President Jeff Miller also debunked the rumor. “Our dead bodies,” he said, affirming that a contracted police service would not work for Holly Village and was not a consideration. “There is no intent to gut any department, whatsoever.”

The Holly Police Chief Eleanor Danishevskaya has been a source of concern for several concerned police department members. She said the matter was “absolutely handled appropriately” by the village council.

Diabetes & Your Sight

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Diabetics are also at higher risk of developing glaucoma, which can be treated with medicated eye drops or laser treatment. Diabetics can also develop cataracts an earlier age than nondiabetics.

Another potential health problem with diabetics is macular degeneration. Diabetics are more prone to a vascular form of macular degeneration that is caused by blood leaking from capillaries in the center of the retina, which is called the macula. A dilated examination of the retina by your optometrist can detect this early.

The less serious, but annoying, change that can occur from diabetes are fluctuations in vision. This can also be detected by an eye examination. It is not normal for vision to fluctuate from day to day. Any sudden fluctuations in vision could be a problem with blood sugar.

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**Property owners’ legal battle continues**

Judge denies Smith jury trial

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly Tep. — The case of Timm Smith vs. Holly Township continues to confuse and evolve through the legal system. Both are wrapped in a complex legal battle that hinges on a 20-acre parcel of property in Holly Township that has blurred the lines of ownership, and property mortgages.

Timm Smith recently, an Oakland County circuit court judge has struck down Smith’s request for a jury trial concerning this case. Judge Colleen O’Brien checked the DDA’s deed to throw out the Smith’s $750,000 lawsuit altogether. She also left ownership of the property in a legal gray area where both sides believe they own the property.

Smith’s appeals court attorney Richard Urbis said that the quiet title issue was not properly before the court, which would have clearly defined who owns the property. “This is a case to see the title questioned for Timm and Maria Smith,” said Urbis.

Smith and his family can stay on his property for now, but a judge has ordered that he not live on the property when he applied for new mortgages. Smith knew the property was not technically divided, but decided at the time to keep the mortgage. “It’s true, it is legal, because no one made it illegal,” he said.

Smith also contests that any mortgage handled through Mortgage Electronic Registrations System Inc (MERS) is not valid.

In 2009, the Oakland County Circuit Court issued an eviction of Smith’s property, after Smith stopped paying for the mortgage following health issues. The sheriff’s department evicted Smith and his family, based on a consent judgment that they signed, admitting that they had defaulted on their mortgage.

The lengthy appeals process is next for this complex legal issue. According to Urbis, this process could be turned around in one year. The appeals court will look at the previous decision where the Smith’s asked for legal possession of their property, and was denied. The appeals court will decide who owns that 10-acre parcel on South Holly Road.

**MONEY**

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assessing department $40,000 to assist with expenses associated with defending tax appeals.

The DDA approved her request at their meeting in August and Benton City Council’s approval was required to transfer the funds.

According to Michael Burns, director of the DDA and assistant city manager, there is an extremely large number of tax appeals for properties located within the DDA district this year. Additional costs include any legal expenses and possible appraisals.

Burns and Molloseau said it is not known yet as to how many appraisals would need to be done. The $40,000 would come from the DDA’s fund balance.

Molloseau said they would select possibly four or five of the 31 businesses in the DDA district, appealing their assess-

ments, and have independent appraisals conducted. She said appraisals typically cost from $2,000 to $8,000. Property owners who have appraisals will not be required to have an appraisal done, however, Molloseau said it would benefit the city to have the appraisal done. She added that an existing appraisal could be used.

The DDA held its August meeting. Burns said there was already $24,000 in the budget to defend appeals, however, the higher than expected number this year has forced the assessor’s office to request the additional funding.

Molloseau said if the city lost the appeals, it could mean up to a $420,000 loss of revenue for the city. This would be the worst-case scenario.

Councilman Tim Faricy and Mayor Sue Osborn recommended that Molloseau use local appraisers.
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Councilman challenges mayor for city’s top job

Tim Faricy and Sue Osborn square off in mayoral election

By Sharon Stone
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— Residents of Fenton City have the opportunity to change the leadership of their city, or keep things the same, by voting in the upcoming election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Mayor Sue Osborn is hoping to retain her mayoral seat for another two-year term. Councilman Tim Faricy vies to take over that top spot.

Sue Osborn
Incumbent
Age: 63
Family: Husband, David Osborn; two adult sons, Chris Suszek and Curt Suszek; and granddaughter, Payton Suszek.

Education: Classes and seminars at the state and national level to improve municipal knowledge and leadership skills. Completed the city’s leadership executive program at Harvard University’s JFK School of Government and the National League of Cities Leadership training program. Numerous college level classes in tax, law and theory.

Employment: Income tax examiner for the city of Flint.

Fenton residency: 36 years.

Contributions to Fenton: While serving on this council and as mayor, many projects were completed without increasing the tax rate, including the new fire hall, DPW garage and water treatment plant. We also completed the east-west connector on Main Street and Silver Lake Road; new railroad crossing and gates, new children’s library, Millpond senior housing, improvements to Donaldson Drive, Bush Park, the train depot and Millpond dam; River Street parking project, took Silver Lake Road back from state and rebuilt it, repaved Adelaide, North and Walnut roads, reduced city tax rate from 11.32 mills in 1998 to 10.62 mills in 2010; reduced city expenses and increased services, repaired tornado damage and synchronized lights on Owen Road.


What is Fenton’s greatest asset? Our small town atmosphere with large city amenities and excellent schools.

What is Fenton’s greatest detriment? The effects of the poor state and national economies.

Is Fenton growing in the right direction? Certainly, look at the development now in motion — the Cornerstone building, Hobby Lobby, Michigan Eye

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Tim Faricy
Age: 71
Family: Wife, Linda of 48 years. Four children, Thomas Faricy of Oregon, Robert and his wife Lisa of Tennessee, Laura and her husband John Carpenter of Fenton, Maria and her husband Clay Dockins of Fenton.

Education: Bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and master’s degree in business administration from Michigan State University.

Employment: Currently retired. I spent 40 years in the machine tool business, owning a small manufacturing business in Fenton Township. Following that career, I worked for the University of Michigan in a research laboratory in reconfigurable manufacturing.

Fenton residency: 41 years.

Contributions to Fenton: In the late ’70s, I spearheaded development and organized a group of volunteers to build Fenton’s gazebo, at no cost to the city.

Public offices held: Building Authority that built city hall and police station, a member of the planning commission, Library Board, Parks and Recreation, Board of Appeals, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority chairperson and Fenton City council member.

What is Fenton’s greatest asset? Fenton is truly a small town, not a suburb of Flint or Detroit. It has an excellent school system and is a great place to raise a family.

What is Fenton’s greatest detriment? Fenton lacks a viable downtown.

Is Fenton growing in the right direction? The fact that it’s growing says something positive.

Should Fenton keep its 911 dispatch center? Yes.

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Four incumbents on ballot for Linden City Council

Residents to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8

Linden — The leaders of Linden City will remain the same, despite an election on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Four incumbents are seeking to retain their seats on the Linden City Council.

Summary

Linden City residents head to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8 to cast their votes in the upcoming City Council election.

Ross has served on City Council since 2007 and Ciesielski has been serving on the council for 14 years.

Councillor Mary Ciesielski and Charles Ross are both running for another term. There are two expiring three-year seats and both men expect to be re-elected.

Councillor Gayle Mahnke replaced councillor Patti O’Dwyer. He is seeking to serve the remainder of that term, which expires Nov. 20, 2012. Mahnke, a longtime Linden resident, is a U.S. Navy veteran and was Linden’s 2010 Citizen of the Year.

Absentee ballots for Fenton City elections

Fenton City residents may still request an absentee ballot. The city can mail out a ballot that has been requested up until Saturday, Nov. 5. City offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 to accommodate requests for absentee ballots.

The last day that someone can request an absentee ballot is Nov. 7, however, on that day, he or she will be required to vote at the ballot site if they cannot leave the building with the ballot.

A resident who has previously requested and received an absentee ballot has until 8 p.m. on Election Day (Nov. 8) to return the ballot to the city clerk’s office at Fenton City Hall. The city will forward the ballot to the appropriate precinct before closing the polls.

Please note that the city must have a completed application to issue an absentee ballot. Anyone can turn in the application for someone else. However, the city may only hand the ballot to the person who is applying. Otherwise, the city is required by law to place the ballot in the mail to the individual. A person of the applicant’s choosing can return the ballot.
Residents to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8

By Sharon Stone sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6766

Fenton — Four residents are vying for three expiring non-partisan seats on Fenton City Council. Incumbent Cheryl King, retired Department of Public Works (DPW) director Les Bland, business owner and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) member Michael Piacentini and former mayor, Patricia Lockwood hope to be elected to serve as council members for the next four years.

Cheryl King
Incumbent
Age: 63
Family: Husband, James, son, Jason (1969-1998), daughter Melissa and her husband Tim Scarberry, grandchildren Baylee and Logan.
Education: High school, plus one year of college.
Employment: Retail sales, work for the city of Fenton residents.
Fenton residency: 37 years
Contributions to Fenton: Projects include Millpond senior housing, Donaldson Drive improvement, North LeRoy extension, DPW garage, new fire hall, Main Street/Silver Lake Road connector, improvements for Bush Park, Millpond dam, Walnut Street, Silver Parkway, LeRoy Street railroad crossing, and the train depot, the Silver Lake Road project, purchase of Shiawassee Avenue property, River Street parking project, Fenton Be Closer, purchase of old Republic Bank, wayfinding signs, redevelopment of old fire hall and community center restoration.
Public offices held: City council member from 1989 to 2011, minus two years due to a family illness.

What is Fenton’s greatest asset? The city is self-contained — most everything we need is here in this city. Entry jobs are available at age 15 for youth. Jobs are available for seniors, part or full time. Convenient commutes for other jobs. There are many small businesses in our industrial park and commercial areas provide a good tax base for the city.

What is Fenton’s greatest detriment? Federal and state mandates with no funding (signs for location of attractions, stop signs, removal of arsenic from water, etc.).

Is Fenton growing in the right direction? Yes, based on talking to residents, they feel welcome and comfortable living here with the many amenities available.

Should Fenton keep its 911 Dispatch Center? As long as the funds are available.

Should the city purchase property and then sell or lease for $1? Yes, if it will put it back into the tax base.

What would you like to see in Fenton that isn’t already there? A nice department store and satellite college.

Why should residents vote for you? I will listen to any problem and try to resolve it in the best interest of the individual and the city.

What are your thoughts on the Be Closer tagline? I believe that some people understand the concept and some still feel it’s not needed. During open meetings at the community center, people new to Fenton said they moved here because it’s a close-knit community. I believe the Be Closer tagline represents the city. People come here because it is close knit.

Michael Piacentini
Age: 54
Family: Wife, Karen and three children, Brian, Laura and Megan.
Education: High school, electronics diploma, studied management at Henry Ford Community College.
Employment: National product support specialist, Beckman Coulter, a medical device, company service. I provide additional service support on escalated critical account issues, throughout the United States, some international travel.
Fenton residency: 12 years.
Public offices held: Local Development Finance Authority member for two years and member of the Downtown Development Authority for one year.

What is Fenton’s greatest asset? Stable business environment, good people, community organizations, solid city management with citizen involvement, good police/fire public safety, good location and generally good schools.

What is Fenton’s greatest detriment? Like many cities, declining revenues at the general fund level is straining management of public services. Local, neighborhood roads are terrible.

Is Fenton growing in the right direction? Downtown: recent activities have started to create buzz and discussions, which is good. DDA has several major projects on the table that will transform the downtown area with business opportunities and community event growth. The bakery, Cornerstone building, marketing plan, façade improvement, and streetscape are major projects that target the downtown. There is a stable Silver Parkway business area and overall, the active plans to improve North LeRoy corridor are important.

Should Fenton keep its 911 Dispatch Center? I supported 911 services (equipment upgrades, DDA funding), a shared service component that makes this good for Fenton. This supports better ambulance service, supports the police department jail and dispatchers provide jail observation duties. This provides Fenton first service.

Should the city purchase property and then sell or lease for $1? With the general fund monies — no. DDA activities tend to be a different discussion. When you can leverage big private investments, with public monies that are targeted for economic stimulus — yes. The role of the council is to oversee that activity (does it fit into the master plan, does it make long-term sense, is it for the good of the city and not just the economics of the property).

What are your thoughts on the garbage bag tag system? I despise the system, but it’s not going away. I would like to see an ongoing accounting of the revenue versus cost, adding recycling into tag system and automatic adjustments on a yearly basis make it a true pay-as-you-use program.

What would you like to see in Fenton that is not already here? The downtown district reopened, a cinema and a multi-purpose activity center.

Why should residents vote for you? I think a change is needed now. I believe I use critical thinking skills, which is the most important quality and qualification. I have demonstrated this role within the subdivision association, city functions and work activities. You must listen to the residents, form action plans to address critical concerns and make a decision or recommendation based on all the inputs. I have attended most of the city council meetings over the last several years. This has given me a perspective on how city government works. I have been on two city boards, the DDA and LDFA. Again, I have a better understanding on how these boards operate and have a fundamental understanding on objectives and the funding mechanisms.

What are your thoughts on the Be Closer tagline? The Be Closer tagline is a part of the total marketing campaign. Have no problem with the goals of the campaign or the tagline. Promoting the city, events and businesses is a positive activity.

Les Bland
Age: 64
Family: Two daughters, April and Autumn, son, Daniel and grandchildren Andrew, Noah and granddaughter, Payton.
Education: Some college courses.
Employment: Retired.
Fenton residency: 43 years
Contributions to Fenton: Served on the Fenton Freedom Festival and the Jinglefest committees. Served as a member of the Fenton Recreational Association for 10 years. Member of Fenton Lions Club, was city representative on the Parks Board and Cemetery Board. I now serve as a member of the Friends of the Cemetery.
Public offices held: Director of Fenton Department of Public Works for 41 years.

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What Is Fenton’s greatest asset? Its charm, history and the people who live here. What is Fenton’s greatest detriment? I feel that the council and the DDA are pulling in different directions and we all need to work to get our city back to where it was. Spending money on useless things does not get roads paved, does not keep employees on the payroll that are needed to keep our current services, paying outside companies to do work for the city and then have a program that states ‘Be Closer.’ That seems counterproductive to me.

Should Fenton keep its 911 Dispatch Center? I think if the city can afford this service, it is worth it. If the city continues to lose tax revenue this may have to be discontinued, because of its cost. The next budget will tell the story.

What would you like to see in Fenton that is not already here? Cracker Barrel, Damons, a nice buffet like Old Country or Fire Mountain, a nice community place for kids to go and play, skate and just have a good time staying out of trouble.

Why should residents vote for you? I have the experience of 41 years of administrative decisions. I know the city’s budget and its process. I think I will have a different view on a lot of items that are brought to the council. I want to see a paving program started again on our local streets and have budget cuts done fairly, across the board, rather than a few departments getting all the money cuts. I have the knowledge and the desire to keep Fenton the great place it is to raise a family.

What are your thoughts on the garbage bag tag system? It works and we all must pay for the garbage that we generate.

Should Fenton keep its 911 Dispatch Center? Yes, Fenton’s independent 911 Dispatch Center has a proven track record of rapid response to meet the needs of residents and businesses. Having our own dispatcher has allowed us to maintain our 24-hour lock-up, which has contributed to controlling crime.

Should the city purchase property and then sell or lease it for $1? I don’t like the process at all. If we are spending thousands of dollars on property and selling or leasing for $1, I hope it brings in something the city needs. I have not seen this to date.

What are your thoughts on the bag tag system? When the city first implemented the bag tag system, a user fee, as opposed to an overall designated fee was generally accepted. However, residents are now focused on streamlining the process needed to bag-and-tag garbage and leaves and reducing the costs. I have researched our surrounding communities’ programs and there are other options to consider.

What would you like to see in Fenton that is not already here? I would like to see improved communication between city hall and the residents and businesses. We need to reemphasize the needs of our aging neighborhoods through street and sidewalk repair and fulfill the vision of an area cultural center to complement the revitalization of downtown Fenton.

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Why should residents vote for you? My experience and understanding of the needs of local government and my ability to communicate with residents and businesses on issues impacting their quality of life. As a former director of shared public services, my knowledge of sharing services with neighboring municipalities would create reductions in costs and continuation of necessary services.

What are your thoughts of the Be Closer tagline? I applaud the DDA and their initiative to develop a branding campaign for Fenton, as I believe it was long overdue and much needed to promote the city of Fenton. I think a campaign should encourage more business development, build on our customer base from surrounding areas to help promote our local stores and restaurants and instill a sense of pride amongst the residents themselves in Fenton.

I don’t think the ‘Be Closer’ campaign addresses all these issues in the way I would have liked to have seen it. I feel it is confusing and inconclusive to the people that see and hear about it. Branding campaigns should be straight to the point and be reflective of the businesses and people within it. I would hope that it be re-evaluated moving forward.

Patricia Lockwood
Age: 64
Family: Husband, Ron, three married children, Heather and Dan Gundry, Brad and Laurie Lockwood and Brooke and Steve Page, 10 grandchildren.
Education: Attended the University of Detroit, 2001 Flemming Fellow, Washington, D.C.
Employment: Independent consultant.
Fenton residence: 41 years.
Contributions to Fenton: City council member, mayor, state representative for 5th district, Genesee County commissioner, member of the Local Development Finance Authority, former member of the DDA, Chair of the Fenton Freedom Festival, board member of Fenton Area Public Schools Educational Foundation, board member of Fenton Community Fund, board member of the Michigan Municipal League and Foundation, Genesee County Land Bank, United Way and Junior Achievement.


What is Fenton’s greatest asset? The ability to attract caring, engaged individuals and families through Fenton’s overall quality of life features, which include an outstanding school system, regional location and a secure sense of place and belonging.

What is Fenton’s greatest detriment? Due to the decrease in property values and reduced state revenue sharing, we are at risk of losing expected and necessary services.

Where are you growing in the right direction? Yes, we need to maintain a small-town atmosphere and still grow and attract vibrant businesses, shops, and restaurants. Our ability to manage smart growth will have a lasting impact on Fenton’s future.

What is Fenton growing in the right direction? We must make sure that our parks, trails, and greenways are well maintained. We also need to focus on improving our education system and providing opportunities for our youth. Additionally, we need to develop a strong business community that will attract and retain talent.

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Myths
Stretching decreases injury risk.
Static stretching, which involves reaching forward to a point of tension and holding the stretch (i.e., a hamstring stretch), can do more harm than good — decreasing performance and increasing injury risk. Instead, focus on dynamic warm-ups that emphasize joint mobility and muscle activation to improve range of motion and promote muscular control.

Getting in shape is good for fat loss.
Most people equate losing weight with getting in shape. By definition, getting in shape means than any given exercise will be easier to perform in terms of energy, because your body gets efficient in performing one form of exercise. To increase your “metabolic disturbance,” experts suggest alternating different kinds of exercise on different days, i.e., biking, running, swimming, resistance training circuits, etc.

Pasta is the ultimate pre-workout meal.
Endurance athletes may need to load up on carbs before their workout, but a better option for most people is a balance of lean protein, whole grain products and vegetables. This provides a wider range of nutrients to perform optimally.

A quick jog and a few stretches are a sufficient warm-up.
This type of warm-up does increase your circulatory rate and body temperature, which helps improve your muscle elasticity. But a better warm-up will also include taking the working joints through a full range of motion, increasing the neural drive to the working muscles, increases a locked-up muscle’s ability to extend, increasing the circulatory rate and the internal body temperature.

Long-distance cardio is good for fat loss.
The myth is that people working on cardio machines at a specified target heart rate will burn the largest proportion of energy from fat. What few people realize is that you actually burn the highest proportion of fat while at rest (around 70 percent of your energy comes from fat). A growing body of evidence supports the use of high-intensity interval training for fat loss. Not only does it takes about half the time of traditional long-distance cardio (typically 12 to 20 minutes), but it will lead to better results.

More is better.
While many people add volume to their workout in an effort to get stronger, faster or more “athletic,” they often do so at the expense of recovery time. While brief planned periods of volume increases can be beneficial in increasing your capacity, continually adding volume will eventually impede your performance. Stress is necessary to stimulate improvement, while recovery is necessary to realize adaptation.

Strength isn’t important for distance running.
Every distance runner should be doing some form of resistance training, designed to increase strength — not low weights, high-reps, but heavy weights and low-reps to the point you can’t do another single rep. While strength is not the only component of being a successful distance runner, it’s one of the most overlooked.

Basketball shoes protect against injury.
High-top shoes may minimize the risk of rolling an ankle as a result of landing on someone’s foot, but they do cause excessive range of motion at the knee, which over time, may lead to a number of knee problems. Plus, restricted ankle motion from these shoes cause a decrease in sensory and reflexive ability of lower-leg musculature, which consequently will impair balance. Basketball shoes can actually be viewed as both injury inflicting and performance inhibiting.

Squatting is bad for your knees.
This myth comes from several sources, mainly doctors who see people come into their office in pain from squatting. However, most people with squatting-related knee pain have poor technique — in an effort to keep their torso vertical, they drive their knees excessively forward. In a good squat, the angle of the shin matches the angle of the torso. This ensures loading of the glutes and hamstrings and minimizes the anterior shear forces across the knee. People with a history of knee pain should maintain a vertical shin angle throughout the motion.

Crunches are the best way to get a six-pack.
Crunches and sit-up are not the best way to build up your abdominals — it’s almost entirely a function of body fat and minimally a function of ab development. Contrary to popular belief, training a muscle group will not burn fat locally. The best way to get a six-pack involves better dietary choices and high-intensity interval training.

Attention: Vietnam Veterans

“Welcome Home" Please join us for a Complimentary Breakfast
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Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post 3243 1148 N. Leroy Street, Fenton, MI

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF ROSE TOWNSHIP
2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM. The hearing will be held at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan.

The hearing is being held for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2012 application in the approximate amount of $15,793.00.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to offer their comments on the proposed use of the 2012 program year funds. Comments in writing will be received until the date and time of the hearing and should be addressed to the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9060 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan, 48442.

Persons requiring answers to questions or assistance to attend and/or participate in the hearing should contact the Rose Township Clerk’s Office (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk

Synopsis of The Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting
October 24, 2011

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Cole, present, Ciesielski, present, Hallman, present, Graves, present, Schmidt, present. Absent: none.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8, 2011 IN GROVELAND TOWNSHIP

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a School election will be held in GROVELAND TOWNSHIP, Oakland County, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

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Precinct 1 — Main Floor, Groveland Township Office (4695 Grange Hall Rd.)
Precinct 3 — Groveland Fire Station No. 2 (3085 Grange Hall Rd.)

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Board Member Branch School District

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248-634-4152
clerk@grovelandtwp.net

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Because the People Want to Know

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, Tuesday, November 8, 2011 will be scheduled for WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m. to be conducted at the Groveland Township Office, 4695 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the electronic equipment used to conduct and tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Pamela Mazich, Clerk
Groveland Township
4695 Grange Hall Rd.
Holly, MI 48442
248-634-4152
**Notice of Election of Tyrone Township**

All electors of the Linden School District are hereby given notice that a Special Election will be held in Precint One of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Electors of the Linden School District will be voting on the following proposal:

**Linden Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Linden Schools, Genesee and Livingston Counties, Michigan, for a period of 10 years, 2012 to 2021, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately $1,051,421 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2011 tax levy).

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) as follows: Request to Program Funds $15,793.00 to be used for signage and improvements at Dearborn Park.

A copy of the Proposed Program Resolution and the publication that detail the range of eligible activities for the application and the programming that may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant Funds will be available for public viewing at the Clerk’s Office; Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. except holidays.

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or to submit written comments. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. The Rose Township Board will consider any public comments received at this time. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Rose Township Clerk at 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442. For further information or services, please call: 248-634-7551.

Handicapped individuals, who require assistance to participate or to attend this meeting are requested to contact the Township Clerk at the number above at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk

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**Linden Community Schools administrative office, 7205 W. Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451, (810) 591-0890.**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Linden Community Schools administrative office, 7205 W. Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451, (810) 591-0890.

**Polling Location:**

Precinct #1

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The above polling location provides voting access for individuals with disabilities, and contains voting instructions in alternative formats, including audio and Braille.

Applications for absent voter ballots are available for the November 8, 2011, special election and may be obtained at the Rose Township Clerk’s Office Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Requests for absent voter ballots must be in writing.
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The electronic equipment that is beyond our technical capability. The equipment required is redundant to what already exists in the Genesee County 911 Center and used by most other small cities and townships in the county. With the growth in cell phone use, most of the calls will go into the county system before being transferred to Fenton causing delays in dispatching emergency equipment. The cost of redundancy is unnecessary in these times of budget shortfalls.

Should the city purchase property and then sell or lease for $37? I believe the property in question is currently vacant, producing no income and held by the city as an important piece in the future development of our downtown area. The DDA saw an opportunity to recruit a unique craftsman to the area who could help in attracting other businesses or shoppers in the future.

What are your thoughts on the garbage tag system? Our bag tag system is a “pay for use” system that costs exactly what you use it for. If you produce less garbage, you pay less. If you travel and don’t produce garbage for certain periods, you are not taxed for garbage collection. As a senior, my wife and I produce less than one garbage can per week costing less than $1.60 per week. That is less than 580 per year.

What would you like to see in Fenton that isn’t already here? My interests lean to more walkable city streets and downtown area. We have paid little attention to our neighborhood streets, which have deteriorated significantly.

Why should residents vote for you? I bring a fresh perspective to council deliberations. As a fiscal conservative, I bring a studied approach to the city’s financial problems. It is important that we begin a studied approach to the city’s operations. As a senior, my wife and I produce less than one garbage can per week costing less than $1.60 per week. That is less than 580 per year.

What are your thoughts on the Be Closer tagline? Be Closer is more than a tagline. It is a theme to build a marketing campaign around to easily think positively and simply about Fenton. The marketing company approached the naming of the campaign in a very studied way by interviewing numerous city residents about what they thought were the positive attributes of Fenton. Based on very few personal responses I’ve heard from merchants, it appears to be generating new business. I believe we should not judge the Be Closer campaign on anonymous comments in the paper. The DDA should poll the merchants and judge the success of Be Closer on their feedback.

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Institute, Michigan Brewing Co., Planet Fitness, Culver’s Restaurant, Creast Bakery, redevelopment of the old Tops site and more. As long as we keep our small town atmosphere and shop local, we’ll do fine.

Should Fenton keep its 911 Dispatch Center? We have funding for equipment upgrades and operations for the foreseeable future. We can provide the quick emergency response times our citizens have demanded and grown to expect. Should the city purchase property and then sell or lease for $37? Most small towns struggle to maintain a vital downtown. We are fortunate to have a well-funded downtown development authority to help our efforts to redevelop and return property to the tax rolls.

What are your thoughts on the garbage tag system? What could be better than only paying for what you use? The single senior citizens can use one bag/bag over two or three weeks. A large family may use several bags every week. What could be fairer?

What would you like to see in Fenton that isn’t already here? A better library, a college satellite facility and an even more vibrant downtown. Why should residents vote for you? I hope I have earned their trust to be committed to the responsibilities of mayor, do what is best for the community and honestly consider all sides on an issue.

What are your thoughts on the Be Closer tagline? Branding and marketing any product, let alone a community, is hard to do and takes time to develop. The concept that our Fenton area can attract people from surrounding counties to be closer to our businesses, recreation, arts, lakes, home, or a good quality of life, is an innovative marketing campaign the DDA has begun. I want it to be successful.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

HOPEFULLY MY NUMBER was just missed and the Lake Fenton schools did send out the mass call to notify families about the window peeper on Wiggins Road, especially since this individual parked his car only feet from the bus stop. Thankfully, the mom was with her son going to the stop.

THE REPUBLICANS AND Paul Scott have been beating up teachers and blue-collar workers since day one.

SHAWASSEE, BETWEEN ADELAIDE and the dead end at LeRoy is a disgrace to what remains of downtown. Roaring motorcycles, large trucks and even a humongous combine, followed by a double bottom trash hauler. The city should divert such obnoxious traffic to Silver Lake and Grange Hall and spare the public this aggravation.

GO TO YOUR township meetings. I didn’t and I am sorry. Now I have to pass an orange eyesore everyday on the way home and look at it outside of my front window. It’s on Orchard Parkway. Way to go, township board.

THE ALLEN BROTHERS are probably the best combo to come out of Fenton in a long time. They have a great future.

Timothy B. Faricy
for Fenton Mayor

Adding a fresh viewpoint while concentrating on key issues:
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- Local streets & sidewalk concerns

It’s time... for Tim!

Please vote Tuesday, November 8th.
More and more men are literally “bringing home the bacon,” as greater equality in the workplace is leaving more household chores divided between the sexes, including the grocery shopping.

On any given day, especially at the end of the workday, men are becoming more commonplace in the grocery aisles, slowly increasing the market influence of huge companies such as Proctor & Gamble, the world’s largest manufacturer of cleaning products, personal care items and more. P & G has even launched a new website aimed squarely at men, www.manofthehouse.com, dishing out household advice, with the goal of gaining a bigger share of this growing market.

See MEN on 5B

More and more men
are finding
themselves at
the grocery store,
either handling all
the responsibility
of shopping and
meal preparation,
or shopping
occasionally when
their spouse is not
available to do it.

Shopping habits
of the male shopper

► If he has a list — he is married.
► If he is in the frozen food section and carrying a basket — he is single.
► If he is carrying flowers — aw, he is in love OR he is guilty and trying to make things better between him and his lady friend.
► If he has a lot of sugary cereals, peanut butter, and diapers — he has children.

Since I’m the main cook at our house, I’m also the grocery shopper. I always bring my own list and I shop mostly by price.

Bob Oaks, Fenton

“Waiting in long lines at the checkout.”

ROBERT CHAVEZ, FENTON

“Grocery shopping can be complicated. I just spent 10 minutes trying to pick out shampoo.”

NORM SCHMIDT, ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

“People pushing their shopping carts the way they drive, and that’s not very good.”

STEVE KANE, FENTON TOWNSHIP

“I wish grocery stores had coupons for fresh fruits and vegetables.”

GUY SHELTON, FENTON TOWNSHIP

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A day in the life of a mortician

Embalming, funeral processions, unpredictable hours all part of the job

By William Axford
astford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Dressed in business attire on a Wednesday morning, Ken Temrowski could easily be mistaken for a man embarking to an office job. After tending to his children, however, Temrowski will make a trip to Hurley Medical Center and arrive back home to start his day’s work.

As the funeral director of Temrowski Family Funeral Home in Fenton, Temrowski often makes trips to hospitals, medical examiners, nursing homes and even residential homes during odd hours. Maintaining a regular schedule is an impossible feat.

“The hours are very unpredictable. It’s the nature of the business,” Temrowski said. “I’m called upon at any hour of the day, and normally there’s no flexibility. I try to put my family first, but this isn’t a business that always lets me do that.”

Becoming a funeral director was a natural decision for Temrowski, as he grew up in his father’s funeral home. Temrowski vividly remembers maintaining the grounds and helping with funeral processions throughout his childhood. “It’s just what my dad did,” said Temrowski when he reflected on growing up in a funeral home with five siblings. “My kids are much the same, running around my funeral home. They know that our family is here to help other families.”

The spacious rooms and soft colors of Temrowski’s house are welcoming, dispelling stereotypes of funeral homes. As any funeral director will tell you, the business of death is more about the living rather than the deceased.

“The biggest misconception of my job is that I only deal with the deceased. Dealing with the family of the deceased is the biggest part of the job,” Temrowski said.

For Temrowski, helping bereaved families move beyond a terrible situation is the most satisfying aspect of the job. The toughest funeral processions involve children, the young or anyone that dies unexpectedly. Though Temrowski has seen an increase in cremations over the years, the importance of funeral processions hasn’t changed.

“I tell families to choose what they want for the disposition and to get together to support each other and remember the deceased,” Temrowski said. “The crux of funeral services is keeping families moving in the right direction.”

When it comes to preparing the deceased, Temrowski usually works side by side with his wife, Becca, who is also a funeral director. The only time that Temrowski was uncomfortable with the deceased was during mortuary school, when he initially doubted his abilities at embalming.

The embalming room itself is a tidy white room filled with scalpels, cosmetics and other tools of the trade. Funeral directors are usually the only ones in the room, which gives it an air of mystery to most people, said Temrowski.

Although most funeral directors are following into a family business, Temrowski is not sure what draws people to the funeral business. His wife knew she wanted to be a funeral director at age 4. Those who are drawn to the profession take their roles very seriously and are dedicated to their work.

“Every society needs someone to take care of the sick, the healthy and the injured. Every society needs someone to take care of the deceased, and that’s exactly what I do,” Temrowski said.
Pinckney homecoming queen wins game with field goal

Regardless of the outcome of Pinckney High’s homecoming game against Grand Blanc High, Brianna Amat had already had a great night. The senior was named homecoming queen at halftime, and the two-sport varsity starter had also connected on a huge field goal, giving her team a 9-0 lead in the third quarter against highly regarded Grand Blanc, which has been ranked as high as No. 7 in the state of Michigan during the 2011 season. Pinckney won the game 9-7.

Hilarious halloween costumes

Toddler hit by two trucks and left for dead in street

Dozens of pedestrians

A trash picker has become a national hero in China after rescuing a little girl who was run over and left for dead. One after another, two hit-and-run drivers struck Wang Yue, 2, as she toddled down a narrow street in Foshan, in southern China.

A video posted on the Internet and viewed millions of times in a matter of days showed more than a dozen people walking or biking by past the girl lay bleeding, until scavenger Chen Xianmei, 58, lifted her out of the road and called for help.

Chen has received numerous offers of money, and the case has sparked a national conversation about morality as bloggers debate whether the Chinese are more concerned with making money than with building a just society.

Wang Yue moments before she was hit by the first truck

Man arrested after burglars tip cops to child porn stash

A California man has been arrested for alleged possession of child pornography after burglars who stole CDs from his property discovered what was on them and tipped police, KTTL TV reports.

The burglars, a 19-year-old and a juvenile, thought they had snatched blank audio CDs from a barn belonging to 54-year-old Kraig Stockard in Delhi, Calif., on Sept. 12.

After discovering that the discs contained child porn, a family member persuaded the pair to get in touch with police. Merced County Sheriff’s Deputy Tom McKenzie tells the Sacramento TV station.

Investigators then searched Stockard’s property, confiscated several computers and arrested him.
It takes a community to stay drug free

Town hall meeting set for Nov. 1

By Sharon Stone

Sunday, October 30, 2011

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Holly—As parents, relatives, teachers and concerned adults, we spend a lot of time trying to help teens avoid situations that could ruin their lives.

According to the Holly Area Community Coalition, one of the biggest challenges is substance abuse. The Coalition says progress is being made with illicit drugs; however, prescription drug abuse and marijuana use are of great concern.

One in five teens, or 4.5 million young people, has abused prescription drugs, according to the National Council on Patient Information and Education.

According to Susan Papple of the Coalition, teens believe that prescription medications are legal, they are safer than their illicit counterparts, making these medications the statistical drug of choice after marijuana.

Prescription drugs are also easy to get. Fifty-six percent of teens who use prescription medications non-medically say they obtain these drugs from friends and relatives. The Coalition is noticing that the youth perception of risk for marijuana use is decreasing since the Medical Marijuana Act was passed in 2008. When asked, a youth report they believe that all marijuana use is legal, and don’t think it is harmful.

Papple said, as a community, it is important that the community address these and other youth substance abuse issues. Everyone is invited to attend a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1 in the Karl Richter Campus auditorium, to discuss youth drug use trends and ways to prevent substance abuse.

Expert panelists will include Holly Police Chief Elena Danisheskaya, Sharmaine Hicks, a Michigan National Guard Task Force expert and Sharon Rozell, a Henry Ford Maplegrove Adolescent expert. Local findings, youth trends and parenting strategies are a few of the topics that will be discussed.

News briefs

Linden waste pickup to change Jan. 1, 2012

Waste services in Linden will switch from Mondays to Fridays starting Jan. 1. The Linden City Council voted to switch their services to Republic Waste Services, saving the city $32,207.04 when compared to its current services with Waste Management of Michigan.

Holly Village to install alarm system

On Tuesday, the Holly Village Council voted unanimously to contract with Guardian Alarm Company out of Southfield, to protect the village offices with alarms. They chose a five-year lease, which will cost $6,404 over five years, and cover any parts that fail. It includes a back-up system should power and the phone lines be lost. The new system will monitor all doors and entryways to the village offices. Should a disturbance occur, Guardian will contact local police.

Holly Family of the Year Named

The Holly Family of the year for 2011 is Shirley and Carl Roos. They were chosen because of significant contributions to the community, which include quarterly trips to the Appalachian Mountains to aid the poor. To be nominated for Family of the Year, this person or family must live within Holly Village or township, and give back to the community through volunteer work, and work to make the community a better place. The award will be presented at the Holly Holiday Extravaganza on Nov. 4. The Roos will be grand marshals of the Dickens Festival parade, and preside at the tree-lighting ceremony at the parade.

Calendar of events

TUESDAY, NOV. 1
THURSDAY, NOV. 3
Linden Community Schools Board of Education is asking voters to approve a 10-year millage for a renewal of the existing 21,4061 mills. There are two informational sessions planned. The first session will be held at Linden Middle School media center on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. The second information session is at Hyatt Elementary School media center on Thursday, Nov. 3. Each will be in the building media center at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit (www.lindenschools.org) or call (810-591-0983).

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**MEN**
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According to The Nielsen Company, men’s retail shopping has increased as a percentage of total business in all retail categories with the exception of drug stores, from 2004 to 2010.

A survey by Yahoo last year showed that 51 percent of men considered themselves the primary grocery shopper in their homes, although another survey calculated that 85 percent of women said that they were the primary shoppers at home. What that may mean is that more men are doing the actual grocery shopping, from a list provided by their wives, who still make most of the shopping decisions.

This kind of statistic doesn’t surprise men like Bob Oaks, of Fenton, who’s a “regular” at the grocery store, at least once a week. “Since I’m the main cook at our house, I’m also the go-to shopper,” he said. “I’m here at least once a week from a half-hour to an hour. I always bring my own list and I shop mostly by price.”

Oaks admits he’s a bit of an anomaly among his male friends, who mostly leave this household chore to their wives. “My wife hates to grocery shop, so I do it instead,” he said.

Oaks has a lot of company in the grocery aisles. Some men, like himself and Steve Kane, 60, of Fenton Township, shop because they’re the main cooks at home, while others shop because they are alone at home and have to do this job themselves. Some men shop when their spouse is sick or out of town.

The men who shop because they are the main cooks at home tend to shop with a complete list that they create themselves, while occasional shoppers usually have a list provided by their wives. “I’m usually ‘not allowed’ to shop because I always bring home the wrong stuff,” said Robert Chavez, of Fenton, who was recently replenishing the pantry after his family’s vacation.

For men who aren’t regular grocery shoppers and find themselves at the grocery store on an occasional basis, it can be as challenging for them as sending some women into the hardware store for a specific item. “My wife’s usually the grocery shopper at our house,” said Norm Schmidt, of Orion. “It can be complicated, because I don’t do it every day.”

The biggest “petpeeve” among male grocery shoppers is how long lines at the checkout. “It isn’t too bad at VG’s,” said one male shopper, who asked not to be identified.

Going back thousands of years, men have traditionally been “the hunters” and women “the gatherers,” and that stereotype still rings true today at the grocery store. “In my long experience with VG’s Grocery and my own personal experience, I find that men tend to get in and get out what they need and get out of the store quickly, while women tend to go up and down the aisles, looking for new ideas,” said Nick Lenz, a director of merchandising and marketing for retail operations at Spartan Stores.

He also observes that men tend to buy what they like, making their selections based on experience, while women are generally more price-conscious.

While merchandising might appear to be geared toward gender, Lenz said that it’s much more seasonally driven, including tailgating, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, spring, summer and back-to-school.

Both men and women who do the regular grocery shopping as part of their household responsibilities tend to stick closer to the list than the male shoppers, who only shop occasionally. They’re more likely to add a few impulse items into that grocery cart as part of their shopping experience.

There is an upside to grocery shopping once in a while,” said Schmidt. “I get to pick out treats that I like.”

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**The question that conquers critics**

When the phone rang, I had no idea it was announcing an opportunity to change the future of a pastor and his church. Once on the line, I discovered this was a call from someone whom I had never met and that he was calling at the suggestion of a Detroit area church secretary, though her name and church were unfamiliar to me.

Intrigued now, by the series of circumstances that had brought us together, I waited for my caller from a neighboring state to fill in the details, believing this must be a divine appointment.

Now for the rest of the story. The caller was a member of a church board that had become critical of their pastor and wanted to know what to do about him. Since I knew neither the pastor nor his critics, I asked for more details.

In short, I discovered the current critical minister of the church booted down to the fact that his church leaders didn’t think he was doing enough pastoral work to justify the salary he was being paid. In the words of this critical caller, they didn’t think they were getting their money’s worth.

Then, I asked this six-word, criticism-conquering question. ‘Is there anything good about him?’

Suddenly, the attitude of this critical council member began to change. During the next few moments, I learned that this preacher under fire was dependable, morally clean, free from a love of money, preached great sermons and that the church had experienced a 25% growth under his ministry. ‘I know what I’m going to do,’ said this formerly disturbed deacon. ‘I’m going to recommend to the board that we commend the pastor for his good preaching and tell him we’ll pray for him in his area of need.’

An unhappy woman thought there was no use in trying to save her marriage. Suddenly, she called the pastor from whom she had told me the reasons for her pessimism and unfolded a bitter story about her husband’s faults. He was neglectful, unloving, mean, unspiritual and hard to tolerate in their home.

‘Is there anything good about him?’ I asked. She hadn’t faced that question in a long time. But, after a few moments of silence, she began to name a few redeeming qualities in this scoundrel and before she left my office her whole attitude had changed. He wasn’t so bad after all.

In his letter to the Galatian Church, Paul accused the members of spiritual cannibalism, writing, ‘But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another’ (Galatians 5:15).

This church had once been a center of dynamic faith. Love had lived there. But now, the members gave themselves to gossip and faultfinding, being constantly critical of each other. Had they kept eating away at another, their power and purpose as a church would have been gone.

When we hear the ‘character cannibals’ at work, it’s time to ask the question that conquers criticism. ‘Is there anything good to be said?’

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IF BUSH WOULD have gone after Gadaffi, it would have been a war of shock and awe, and we would have been there after hostilities were over for another five years. I think I like Obama’s way better.

IT MAKES ME so mad for the government to forgive the huge loans that these stupid students take out. Stay home and go to a local college. Why should I pay you to go to school, when I scrape by to pay for my own children?

I SEE THAT the price of gas when using a credit card is a 10 cents difference. It’s not five or 10 percent more when you buy groceries or other things. I know the reason why, do you?

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE signs. When is this going to stop? Flint is not big enough for all these signs. Flint, maybe, Detroit, maybe, all they’re doing is spending money. Somebody has to stop this.

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Charley Staab, of Novi, has joined the firm of Brown & Brown Insurance in Fenton, now working in the company’s commercial lines sales area. With more than 30 years of experience in commercial property and casualty insurance, Staab will concentrate his efforts with many of the Michigan association and group partners that Brown & Brown has established relationships with over the years. Staab formerly worked as an underwriting manager of business and marketing development. Brown & Brown Insurance, formerly Smith-Peachtree-Silvers Insurance, is located at 1190 Torrey Rd., Fenton. For more information, call (810)629-1566.

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Business briefs
Bastian Diehm

**My greatest high school regret is:** Nothing. I’m really glad I did the exchange experience. That’s a great thing. School in Germany is different. Here, school is like a family.

**My most embarrassing high school moment was:** During a game, one time I was running on the field (and I confused a play) and I wasn’t supposed to be out there, and the coaches were yelling, ‘Bastian, come back!’

**My advice for incoming freshmen is:** Just enjoy it and just be open. Freshman is like, you think the higher grades don’t like you, but you make friends in the higher grades, too.

**If you could have one superpower, what would it be?:** To read people’s thoughts. There would be bad things about it, but I think it would be interesting.

**If you were principal for one day, what changes would you make?:** If I can say the days off. I think it’s pretty good the way it is.

**What upcoming event are you looking forward to?:** Of course, graduation, but right now we are in the playoffs. I’m looking forward to how far we are going to go, and how well we can do. That’s pretty exciting.

**Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing?:** I think Eminem. We have him in Germany, we know him. We use his songs to get pumped up for football.

**What has been the best day in your life so far?:** My biggest high school do-over would be: Nothing. I’m really happy with what I did. I studied hard. If I would have had bad grades, I would have fixed that. I think I have a good balance between studying hard and having good contact with my friends.

**What are your plans after graduation?:** I will have two more years back in Germany of school, and then I want to go to college. I think about returning here and going to college here. That would be good.

**What will you be and what will you be doing 10 years from now?:** ‘I’m an exchange student, give me a hug.’

**Where will you be and what will you be doing 10 years from now?:** ‘Hopefully somewhere close to opening my own restaurant, it will either be a pizzeria or bar and grill.’

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**FAMILY:**

My parents are divorced. I’m living with my mom, but we live close, so I can see my dad anytime I want. That’s pretty good.

**ALL-TIME FAVORITE MOVIES:**

My all-time favorite movies are: ‘Remember the Titans,’ ‘Lord of the Rings,’ and ‘The Hangover.’

**WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?**

I’m playing varsity football, so we have two hours of practice every day. We have a lot of team activities. We have team dinner and we go watch school sports and cheer for them.
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

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Larry Wayne Starkey 1949-2011
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Janet L. Pate, Janet L. Pate - age 73, died October 28, 2011. Survival are: mother, Eloise Starkey of Fenton; brother, Albert and wife Charlene Starkey of Fenton; 3 sisters, Alice Parker of Fenton, Clara Bruce of Jackson and Ernest Starkey of Fenton; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Starkey and sister, Lois Todd. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Roswell Stenlake Harding 1919-2011
Roswell Stenlake Harding - age 92, died Monday, October 24, 2011. He was born in Ironwood, Michigan and attended Fenton High School. After serving his country in the United States Air Force for 23 years, he retired from the military and opened a miniature putting course in Lexington, Kentucky, and a second one in Cocoa Beach, Florida. He later retired to Melbourne, Florida where he enjoyed gardening and playing golf. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Harding, and Heather Burdick; granddaughters, Brittany Voss and Danielle Voss; and his sister, Loreen MacNeil. He was preceded in death by his son, Brian Harding; his wife, Lillian H. Harding; his parents, Helena and Henry Harding; his brothers, Kenneth and Clifford Harding; and his sister Alyson Connors. Visitation will be held at 1 PM Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton with Pastor William Donahue officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation will be held from 11 AM until the time of service Saturday at the church. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd. Fenton. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Patricia Ferguson, Patricia Ferguson - age 89, died October 28, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Daniel Fuller, Daniel Fuller - age 91, died October 23, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Darlene Gilmore, Darlene Gilmore - age 71, died October 26, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Donald Hansen, Donald Hansen - age 75, died October 24, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.
Coryl campanale
1946-2011
Coryl campanale - Coryl passed away peacefully at home on October 23, 2011 in Fowlerville, MI. Coryl was born on December 11, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan to Gerald and Thessa Pap-
neu. Surviving Coryl are her children Mia Crepeau, Lynette (Gregory) Ross, Collette Hobart and Mathew Crepeau. Also surviving are her 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.
Memorialization has taken place, a wake and luncheon will be held from 2-6 PM Sunday, November 6, 2011 at American Legion, 3265 W. Grand River, Howell, MI (Crossroad at M-59).

William B. Schaefer
William B. Schaefer - age 95, died October 27, 2011.

Duane Thompson
Duane Thompson - age 63, died October 26, 2011.

Mary Armitage
Mary Armitage - age 95, died October 27, 2011.

Eugene Everhart
Eugene Everhart - age 56, died October 26, 2011.

Charlotte A. Schmidt
Charlotte A. Schmidt - age 78, died October 28, 2011. Services to be announced at a later date by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Donna Chandler
Donna Chandler - age 82, died October 22, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Heat the oven to 350°. Lightly oil a large baking pan, then combine the butternut squash and apples in the pan.
2. In a small bowl, stir together the sugar, flour, and cinnamon. Sprinkle the mixture over the squash and apples, pour the melted butter on top, and cover the dish.
3. Bake until the ingredients are fork-tender, about 45 minutes.

Butternut Squash
INGREDIENTS
• 1 T. vegetable oil
• 1 butternut squash (about 2 pounds), peeled and cut into ¼-inch cubes
• 3 medium apples, peeled, cored, and cut into small cubes
• ½ cup brown sugar
• 1 T. flour
• 2 t. cinnamon

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at the decisions and sometimes change them, which is fine as long as it is not personal opinion. They only decide based on what the Constitution or laws say.

**I WOULD LIKE one of you liberals to explain to me exactly what a fair share of taxes is. Go to the IRS website and the top 1 percent is already paying 20 percent of the taxes, whereas the bottom 50 percent aren’t paying any. There aren’t enough rich people in this country to alleviate the trillions of dollars in deficit that Obama has added in just three short years.

**YOUR FUNNY DESCRIPTION of right-\-wing TEA Party members sure resembles most U of M supporters and the Democrat/union crowd.

**REGARDING CAL THOMAS’ article on blacks voting for Obama, if Obama were a white man, he would never have gotten the chance to run for president with his lack of experience and radical beliefs. He has done more to hurt our country than any other president to date has.

**I WALKED INTO a store today and they were playing Christmas music. I love Christmas music, but let’s wait until after Halloween. What happened to the holiday called Thanksgiving?

**THE ONE PERCENT tried to turn us against each other, and they have robbed this country blind since Reagan. People from all parties are fed up. They want us to pay for their fraud and deceit. Not any more.

**TO THE PERSON complaining about their neighbor putting their waste from their ducks and chicken in the wetlands, what do you think happens when the sea gulls, swans, and ducks swim in the lake. They poop, too. It’s not a sanitation issue, it’s normal. Get over it.

**FENTON RESIDENTS, PLEASE get out and vote on Election Day. No matter what your political opinion is, let’s make certain that the results are the will of the people. Thank you.

**TO THE SLYLY teachers with their silly signs holding up traffic in downtown Linden, this behavior is exactly why we should reconsider our support for what Scott is doing. And thanks for picking my pockets and paying for the personal vendetta with a ridiculous recall.

**IT DOESN’T MATTER if they are red or blue. They are all leading us toward Communism in baby steps. Green is the new color of the Communist Party.

**THIS FENTON BE CLOSER campaign is getting more ridiculous. Now, I see they have a lighted, LED billboard on northbound U.S. 23/75, just south of Flint. That is a very expensive sign. It doesn’t even tell people driving by where Fenton is. In fact, they’ve even passed it by.

**IF YOU THINK Obama’s deal with Solandra is bad, what about his deal with Sun Power, $1.2 billion, and they announce that the new panels will come from a factory in Mexico. Thanks, Obama.

**BULLYING, EATING and disrespecting state capitol buildings are the sort of tactics that the unions are demonstrating in this country (Wisconsin), I, for one, am sick of these kinds of tactics. These union thugs really care nothing about the folks who are paying their union dues.

**I DON’T LIVE in Argenta Township, but I had to call them on a business matter a few moments ago. I just want to say that I feel so bad for the people who live in that township. They were the rudest people I have ever had to talk to. If I lived there, I’d be seeing about getting the township officials replaced.
Fenton’s Ty Nunn competing well at collegiate level

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Ty Nunn has been sitting the links for more than a decade. Nunn started playing golf at age 5 when his grandpa and dad introduced him to the game and hasn’t looked back.

Nunn, a Fenton High School graduate, is now enjoying the start to his college golf career. Nunn is a member of the Grand Rapids Community College golf team, which is a perennial powerhouse in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

“I really like how competitive the college game is,” Nunn said. “We have been able to compete against schools such as Saginaw Valley and Grand Valley while I have been here, so I think that has been great experience.”

Nunn started his college golf career in the fall of 2010. Nunn had a strong finish in October 2010 at the New Balance Invitational, firing rounds of 78 and 76, finishing in a tie for seventh overall.

In the spring of 2011, Nunn had his breakout tournament, earning medalist honors at the GRCC Invite. Nunn shot a 79 and eventually won the tournament in a three-man playoff. The tournament was played at Egypt Valley Golf Club, which is over 7,000 yards, and was played in winds reaching 30 to 40 miles an hour, making the round even more impressive.

Nunn has now started his second year at GRCC and is having a solid fall season. Nunn has played 21 complete rounds thus far this fall and holds an 18-hole average score of 81.

Recently, Grand Rapids Community College competed in the National Junior College Association Fall Preview at Swan Lake Golf Resort. Nunn finished with a three-day total of 244, which was good enough to finish in a tie for 26th.

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Tourdes Lacs raises over $11,000 for heart defects

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In late August, Kim Foerster was busy coordinating the ninth-annual Tour des Lacs Charity Bike Ride. With donations still coming in until well after the event was completed, she didn’t know at the time how much the event raised for the Congenital Heart Center at the University of Michigan’s C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital.

She does now.

The annual event had one of its best years, raising $11,563.43 for its charity.

“We’re extremely pleased,” said Foerster, the Tour des Lacs event director.

“It was nice to have so many people out there trying to raise extra money to support the families being cared for through the Congenital Heart Center at U of M.”

The event raised over $14,000 one season. This year’s event brought 316 cyclists to Fenton from five states and two different countries. This year the event added a post-race event at The French Laundry, which also proved to be successful.

“It was such a huge hit that they are welcoming us back for the 10th annual event,” Foerster said.

“It was so much more fun for us because the cyclists stayed around and shared their road stories with us. The tent was packed all day — very fun. The 10th-annual event is already scheduled for Aug. 5, 2012.

“We really appreciate the support from the community, our volunteers, sponsors and the Fenton Police Department,” Foerster said.

“I don’t think people realize all that goes into making the event happen, and there is no way we could do it without the people in this great community we live in.”

Fenton swim makes move in Top Five

List could still see a lot of activity during November

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For quite a few weeks, we discussed watching out for the Fenton girls swim team.

While the Tigers haven’t been on the Top Five Poll for awhile now, they’ve always been on the radar. But now they’ve returned, with the vengeance that was expected.

Very little is set with the Top Five yet. With cross country teams starting regional action on Friday and all four area football teams competing in the state playoffs this weekend and the volleyball teams starting districts on Monday, there’s still a lot of room for things to change. Considering the state swim meet isn’t until the weekend before Thanksgiving, it’ll be awhile before we see the final poll. It’s very likely teams that aren’t even in the poll yet could finish very high a month from now. Only time will tell.

Right now, if we had to make a list of mentioned teams, it would be Holly boys tennis in sixth place, Holly football in seventh place and Fenton football in eighth place.

These rankings are through the varsity sporting events on Thursday, Oct. 27.

No. 5 - Fenton volleyball: The Tigers begin Class A play at Clarkston with Swartz Creek. And if they win that match, and they should, the Tigers will face Brandon in the semifinals on Wednesday.

Honestly, the Tigers shouldn’t be tested until the district title game on Thursday. Chances are they’ll face either Clarkston or Grand Blanc for the district crown.

No. 4 - Fenton swimming and diving: The Tigers have a serious beef with it taking so long to get back into the Top Five. Sure, the team lost some nonleague duals, but none of them were against champs. And while they may not have won those meets, they were posting a ton of strong times, which has helped them set up their training for the state meet.

Fenton just completed the dual portion of the Metro League season with a perfect record. The Tigers should breeze through the competition at the league meet and win their ninth consecutive title as well.

This team’s best days are still to come. It will probably take a lot of great post-season performances from other squads to keep this team from moving up as November moves on.

No. 2 tie - Linden boys cross country & Holly girls cross country: By the end of the weekend, this tie will be broken. If the Holly girls cross country team qualifies for the state meet in what is one of the toughest regional draws in the state for any sport, they will have a legitimate beef to be at the No. 1 spot next week. It really doesn’t matter if they qualify first or third. The regional is that tough that earning those positions will command that type of attention.

Linden hosted its own regional competition on Saturday, and the Eagles are expected to get out of it and make it to state. Considering they are at their home course, we’d be shocked if they didn’t get into the top three and head to Michigan International Speedway for the state meet once again this season.

But whatever happens, one way or the other, regional action will break this tie.

No. 1 - Linden girls golf team: The Eagles remain in the clubhouse, seeing if anyone can catch them. They have a de- cent chance of keeping this position for the fall, but it won’t be an easy task. While that No. 5 position at state commands a lot of respect, some teams that had strong regular season success could finish with top 10 state performances, which could make their position on top a bit shaky. But as it stands, there’s a reasonable chance that the fifth-place state finish could end up being the highest position of any team this fall. And if that’s the case, the Eagles will always have a legit claim at the No. 1 spot.

Teams I’d watch out for if I were the Eagles right now — Linden boys cross country and Fenton girls swimming and diving. If any of the football playoff teams advance to the regional final, they’ll quickly have a legitimate claim to the top spot as well. Remember, while Fenton and Holly football had two league losses, they were still co-league champions in a league that qualified six teams for the playoffs. While there are none on the list right now, the area football teams still have a chance to get to the top.

It should be a fun last month of fall.
**Tigers cap perfect dual league season**

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Fenton — On one of the walls of the Fenton High School pool were two signs on Tuesday.

One was marking the days until the Flint Metro League Meet, and it said 11 days. The other told the Fenton varsity girls swim team that there were 24 days until the Division 2 state meet.

There are no two more important days in the swim season than those. And the Tigers have big plans for both. The Tigers completed another perfect Metro League dual season on Tuesday, defeating the Brandon Blackhawks 121-64. The Tigers took first in every event, and took the top two spots in two individual events.

On Friday, the Tigers will host the two-day Flint Metro League meet. The Tigers, who have never lost anything in Metro action since it became a Metro League championship sport, are looking to take their dominance to another level this year. Fenton coach Brad Jones thinks the Tigers have a chance to take first in every single event at the meet. He also hopes to get every single swimmer on the team qualified for the second day.

"Out of the 24, we’ll see how many we can get in," Jones said. "After today, it looks like we should be able to get the majority of our team to qualify for the finals at the Metro. We’ve never had every kid make it to the finals.

“We’ve also never swept (first) in every event at the meet. If we swim well, we could sweep everything, and we are going to try to do it. There’s always one or two swimmers that stand in the way. (Lapeer’s Emily) Shullman is one of the top swimmers in Division 1, and she’s one that stands in the way.”

The Tigers showed their dominance on Tuesday, with three swimmers earning double individual victories. Sara Wujciak won the 200 freestyle (2:03.94) and the 100 butterfly (1:03.59), while Gabrielle Haaraoja won the 100 freestyle (55.60) and the 100 backstroke (1:05.56). Finally, Haley Shaw.

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**St. John finishes championship football season**

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During the prep football season, the area produced two co-Metro League championship football teams.

And now all four are seeking other championships during the playoffs.

But at least one other area school team has earned a championship already this year — that would be the St. John seventh- and eighth-grade football team.

The Jets recently concluded their season, completing an undefeated season in the Flint Area Catholic School League. The squad then competed against the northern schools and made it to the Victor Youth Football League (VYFL) Championship game.

While there, they lost a 22-6 verdict, but still finished the season with only that one loss.

Last year, the Jets became the first southern team to win the VYFL title, with many of the same players that were on the team this year.

“They are great kids,” St. John coach Joe Gilmour said. “What I like about this team is that they are not only good athletes, but they are good students and good kids. They embody what it is to be a student-athlete and not an athlete-student.”

The team had one game that stuck out over all others during their season. It was a 44-36 victory against Frankenmuth. Frankenmuth tied the game with less than a minute to go in regulation. However, the Jets’ Reese Morgan, who had already scored four touchdowns in the contest, ran the kickoff back for a touchdown with nine seconds left on the clock, earning the Jets the win. Quarterback Noah Gilmour ran in the two-point conversion, giving the Jets the final 44-36 edge.

About half of the 24 players on the team were seventh-graders and the other half eighth-graders.

Some of the teams the Jets played were eighth-grade teams.
Durand — With districts coming up, the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team has picked the right time to play some of its best volleyball of the season.

The Blue Devils (4-2, 27-19-2) knocked off Durand in four sets 25-22, 25-21, 17-25, 25-11 Tuesday to close out the GAC-Red regular season. With the win Lake Fenton edged out Durand for third place.

The Blue Devils also played well last weekend, winning seven of eight matches at the Michigan-Dearborn Tournament. They continued GAC Red action at Durand on Saturday in the conference meet. And then on Tuesday they’ll begin Class B district action at Fowlerville against neighbors Linden at 6 p.m. It appears to be a pretty evenly matched battle.

“A good battle of neighbors,” said Lake Fenton coach Angie Del Morone. “We beat them once, but that was early in the season. We played some tough teams. We played well all day (against Durand) and really well last weekend (in Dearborn).”

The players are excited about playing Linden again.

“Linden is tough,” junior middle hitter Trudie Bruce said. “We beat them once, and know we can beat them again. We are playing well right now and just want to keep it going.”

Tuesday’s match began with a tight battle in the opener as the Blue Devils pulled out a 25-22 win. Junior Sidney Scott gave Lake Fenton a three-point lead twice. One came on a block and another on a kill. The kill put Lake Fenton up 21-18. Bruce then scored points 23 and 24 on spikes. Lake Fenton won on a Durand error on set point.

An Ellesa Smith kill in the second set put Lake Fenton ahead to stay at 13-12. Clinging to a 22-20 lead, the Blue Devils scored on tips from Chelsea Jordan and Bruce. Smith delivered with a perfectly placed kill just in bounds on set point.

In the third set, the Railroaders scored 10 of the last 12 points to avoid a sweep. Bruce said, “We had a few mental errors in that set, but they knew what they wanted to do and followed the game plan.” Del Morone said, “The kids did a nice job. We served 100 percent on the night. Senior Rachel Mundy’s setting was just outstanding tonight. She had 34 assists and 12 digs.”

Mundy spent the night setting three strong hitters. Scott and Smith had 14 kills each, while Brown had 10. Scott also had five blocks, while Brown had two.

The Blue Devils left no doubt in the final game, leading the entire way. Leading 17-10, Kately Brophy had seven straight points for Lake Fenton. Bruce finished the match with a kill.

“I thought we had the upfront game to match up well,” said Bruce, who showed a good mix of power kills, tips and misdirected shots. “The setting and passing was good and we have several plays where we kind of whisper to each other which hit to go with.”

At the Michigan-Dearborn tournament, Smith had 27 kills and 26 digs. Bruce had 24 kills and 10 blocks, while Megan Somers had 20 kills and 29 digs. Scott had 17 kills and 11 blocks. Rachael Mundy had 107 assists and 30 digs. Ashley Rinks had 29 digs.

The Linden Community School District is accepting applications for enrollment for second trimester of the 2011-12 school year for students in grades K-3 and 5-12 who do not reside within the district’s boundaries pursuant to Section 105c of the State Aid Act. This applies to students that reside in an intermediate school district that is contiguous, or borders, Genesee County.

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  - Linden Community Schools
  - 7205 W. Silver Lake Road
  - Linden, Michigan 48451
  - (810) 591-0983
- Notification of acceptance by choice district will be made by November 23, 2011.
TRI-COUNTY SPORTS

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The volleyball state tourney begins this week, there will be a tri-county rematch immediately in the Class B district being held at Fowlerville.

Linden and Fenton will face off in the opening round of the district on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Fowlerville High School.

The two teams had a match in one of the first matches of the season when the Blue Devils defeated Linden 26-24, 16-25, 25-20 in what was a best-of-three set match. Of course, this one will be a best-of-five match.

The winner of that contest will face Stockbridge Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Stockbridge received a bye into the semifinals. Finally, the winner of that match will face either South Lyon or Fowlerville in the district title match on Friday at 6 p.m.

The Metro League champion Fenton Tigers and the Holly Bronchos will start tourney action a day earlier than Linden and Lake Fenton. They will be heading to Clarkston for Class A district action on Monday. Holly opens action against the tourney hosts Clarkston at 5:30 p.m. on Monday. Meanwhile, the Fenton Tigers’ match with another Metro foe, Swartz Creek, will follow soon after that match, listed at 7 p.m.

Fenton’s half of the bracket has a distinct Metro flavor. The winner of the Tigers’ opening match, a contest in which Fenton will be the heavy favorites, will face Brandon on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The winner of that match will play in the district title game on Thursday at 6 p.m. Meanwhile, if Holly beats Clarkston, Grand Blanc would be their next foe on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The winner of that match would face either Fenton, Brandon or Swartz Creek in the finals.

Fenton will be favored to advance to the final match, while Holly will be a heavy underdog in any match the Bronchos play in the tournament.

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