The face of the new Fenton City Council

Leaders looking forward to moving city in positive direction

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — Although the residents of Fenton elected new council members to Fenton City Council, the faces are familiar. Mayor Sue Osborn was re-elected to serve another two-year term. The six council members include Benjamin Smith, Cheryl King, Les Bland, Patricia Lockwood and Bradley Jacob. The sixth seat is vacant for the time being after councilwoman Diane North resigned last Monday. Incumbent King was re-elected last Tuesday to another four-year term, along with Bland and Lockwood. Osborn was appointed to Fenton City Council in 1985 and has been mayor since 1999, following in the footsteps of Lockwood. When not actively working on mayoral duties, see COUNCIL on 8.

Fenton City Council consists of Councilman Benjamin Smith (back, from left), Councilman Les Bland, Councilman Bradley Jacob, Councilwoman Cheryl King, Mayor Sue Osborn and Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood. One seat on the council is vacant, due to Diane North resigning last week. City Council is expected to appoint someone to fill that spot.

Council approves new lampposts, lights for downtown

Grant monies, existing funds to pay for $100,000 project

By William Axford

Linden — Downtown Linden will be glowing a little brighter with the next two years. The Linden City Council unanimously voted to install new lampposts and lights in downtown Linden at its meeting on Monday. The decision was prompted by a $20,115 grant that the city is receiving through the See LIGHTS on 6.

Linden city opts out of 80/20 health care law

“We’ve done enough cutting,” says mayor

By William Axford

The Linden City Council voted to opt out of Michigan’s 80/20 health care law. Instead, the council voted to adopt a new HMO program for public employees, saving the city $44,518. The new health care plan will cost the city $180,674 a year to cover all city employees, see HEALTH CARE LAW on 8.

Community, churches gear up to lend a helping hand

By Sally Rummel

With job losses, home foreclosures and unemployment benefits running out, local families who have never asked for help before are reaching out to their communities for assistance this holiday season.

“We’re already getting more requests than last year,” said Mau- reen Ottey, of St. John’s Outreach in Fenton. St. John’s Outreach handles all “non-food” needs of people who contact them for assistance with rent or utilities, clothing, etc. “We try to help the people in Fenton, because that’s St. John’s Outreach power. 3, plays with a puppy at Wee Care Child Development Center in Linden last Thursday. The puppies came from Adopt-A-Pet, in Fenton Township, as part of Pet Week at the center, where children learned about how to care for pets. Parents also donated items to Adopt-A-Pet.

Puppy power

Carson Mercafe, 3, plays with a puppy at Wee Care Child Development Center in Linden last Thursday. The puppies came from Adopt-A-Pet, in Fenton Township, as part of Pet Week at the center, where children learned about how to care for pets. Parents also donated items to Adopt-A-Pet.

St. John church and school broken into, ransacked

Items taken include laptop, undisclosed amount of cash

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — The Fenton Police Department is investigating two break-ins, which occurred at St. John church and school. Prior to the break-ins, the statue of St. John the Evangelist, was stolen from the front of the church last week and later recovered by police.

See ST. JOHN on 9

Heads to Libya

Terrorist report’s trip begins in Tunisia

By Sharon Stone

Stuff the Bus will be taking food and monetary donations at the State Road Craft Show held at Fenton High School on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The donations will go to families in need this holiday season. For those interested in donating, call Carla Juarez at (810) 591-8908.

Summary

The need is greater this holiday season than it was last year, according to local churches and community resources that provide assistance for area families.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD
City hires company to remove wildlife

»Critters were nuisance to water treatment plant

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — Fenton City Council unanimously approved the rehiring of Wildlife Management and Rescue for another year to trap and remove animals from the fenced area behind the city’s water treatment plant.

Last fall, the city hired the company and it trapped and removed nearly 80 animals that were making their homes near the plant. The animals were creating a nuisance and their activities were compromising the integrity of the ground around the plant.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Daniel Czarnecki said, as part of the city’s new groundwater discharge permit it receives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), these items needed to be addressed.

Wildlife Management and Rescue workers will periodically visit the site throughout the year to set traps and remove the animals. Employees can also report sightings to the company.

The annual cost to the city is $2,500.

Summary

»Fenton City Council rehired Wildlife Management and Rescue at an annual cost of $2,500 to trap and remove wildlife from around the city’s water treatment plant.

Gun shots fired near Ripley and Tickner

»Argentine Township man arrested

By Sharon Stone
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Linden — A 22-year-old Argentine Township man was arrested early Sunday morning after Linden police were called to investigate shots fired near Ripley Road and Tickner Street at 1:30 a.m.

Linden Police Chief Scott Satter said a caller told 911 Dispatch that they heard gunshots.

The description of the suspect’s vehicle, a Pontiac Grand Prix, was given to police.

A Linden police officer spotted the suspect vehicle traveling southbound on South Bridge Street from Hickory Street.

The officer initiated a traffic stop to the car and made contact with the driver when it stopped on Linden Road, near Owen Road. The officer recovered a 9mm Smith & Wesson handgun from the car.

The man was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. A computer check of the man revealed he had a prior felony warrant for aggravated assault on a police officer, as well as resisting/obstructing police.

The suspect was transported to the county jail, pending his arraignment on carrying a concealed weapon, a felony.

Satter said the suspect was uncooperative and when police questioned a witness at the scene of the alleged shooting, the witness became uncooperative. The case remains under investigation.
Where in the world is Tim Jagielo?

By Tim Jagielo

Times reporter’s trip to Libya begins in Tunisia

By the time you read this, I will probably be in Paris, France, or Tunis, Tunisia in Northern Africa. Paris, France is the last stopover before my flight to Tunisia, which is where I get my passport stamped with a Libyan Visa. Tunisia shares a north-western border with Libya — my final destination, to cover the life of a local Libyan-American man.

Where in the world will I be, exactly? This is the question editor Cheryl Dening wants me to answer in the feature aptly named, “Where in the World is Tim Jagielo?” I’ll be using twitter and my blog to update my story as I go, when I can.

If you are confused, this is the background. My goal is to do a story on Mustafa Gheriani, a Libyan-born American citizen who resides in Tyroone Township with his wife Louise Van Lente, and two adult sons. Gheriani has been in Libya since January, and aided the rebels during the uprising. Van Lente joined him in Libya in October, and will be leaving just late enough for me to do a story on them together, in Tunisia.

I’ll be in Tunisia for about nine days, and Libya for four days. I’m disappointed to see my time in the country I wanted to explore diminish, because of air flight, and other schedules.

When I first proposed my trip to Gheriani and Van Lente, he said, “The hardest thing will be getting you here.” This has proven to be completely true.

So, here’s the plan:

I left on Tuesday at 12:05 p.m. from Flint. I arrived at Atlanta, GA at 2:17 p.m. After more than a six-hour wait, I left for Paris, France at 8:50 p.m., arriving at 11:20 a.m. During this flight, I will probably have read the book I’m borrowing, twice, listened to all my music and contemplated my future decisions more than I’d care to think.

The flight from Paris to Tunis, Tunisia is only 2.5 hours. Once arriving in Tunisia, I’ll stay in a hotel in the city center, and get my passport stamped at the Libyan embassy. Gheriani and Van Lente will arrive in Tunis in Saturday, Nov. 19 or Sunday, Nov. 20, in order for Van Lente to make her flights back to the United States on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Summary

Report and photographer Tim Jagielo is traveling to Tunisia and Libya to write about Mustafa Gheriani and his wife Louise Van Lente who are rebuilding their business in Libya after the rebel uprising. The Times will post stores about his travels.

The power of a dollar

By William Axfor

Between a weakened economy and the high unemployment rate in Michigan, it’s easy to forget the power of the Almighty dollar bill. Here are a few things you can do with a single dollar bill.

Donate to a good cause

A dollar in America usually isn’t enough to even order things off of the dollar menu, after sales tax is accounted for. In some countries around the world however, one American dollar is all it takes to put a feast on the table.

One U.S. dollar is equal to 50 rupees in India. According to the travel website Lonelyplanet.com, the average meal in India ranges from 20 to 40 rupees. The U.S. dollar is worth six Chinese Renminbi, which is enough to buy a whole meal. For those who want to see their dollar bill, and those who need, you can donate to organizations such as Opportunity International, which helps people start their own business, or Invisible Children, an organization that raises awareness about children’s rights.

Outfit your wardrobe

Clothes from a thrift store are very cheap, with some articles of clothing selling for just a $1. And, if you shop from charitable stores such as Goodwill and the F.A.R.R. Store in Flint, MI.
Penn State’s shame

“She succeeded with Honor” is the motto of Penn State’s athletic program. They got it half right.

The alleged sexual abuse of young boys by former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky is disgusting, outrageous, and immoral. That so many at the school’s highest level allegedly engaged either in covering up serial abuses, or turned a blind eye to them in order to maintain the ‘integrity’ of the football program and its legendary coach, Joe Paterno, adds insult to unfathomable injury.

While denouncing what is alleged to have happened at Penn State as repugnant, we would do well to examine the reasons behind such things would exist.

Since the free-loving ’60s, we seem to have taken a wreking ball to social mores. Today, anyone appealing to such a standard is denounced and stamped with the label of the day, usually ending in the suffix, ‘-phobe.’

Last week, an episode of ‘Glee’ featured two couples — one straight, one gay — losing their virginity. The show’s co-creator, Ryan Murphy, told Bravo’s ‘Sex in the Box,’ ‘Hopefully I have made it possible for somebody on broadcast television to do a rear-entry scene in three years. Maybe that will be my legacy. That some sort of aspirer that bales to have that their ‘legacy’ speaks volumes as to how far we have degenerated as a culture, and as a country.

What we tolerate and promote we get more of and what we discourage and reject we get less of.

The message at Penn State was that we live in a culture that forbids almost nothing. Jerry Sandusky apparently believed that and crossed over one of the remaining lines of morality left in our culture. And, those in power ignored it. But even that line might soon be erased if the pressure groups and their campaign contributions grow large enough.

In the last verse of the Old Testament’s book of Judges, there is this: ‘In those days Israel had no king; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.’ That could have been the motto at Penn State. Increasingly, it appears to describe contemporary America as well.

THE AVERAGE TEACHER MAKES $40 an hour.

Teachers’ days far exceed that of the students. Visit schools after hours or teachers’ homes in the evening/weekends/holidays. You’ll see teachers grading/planning/updating websites/answering parent e-mails/assisting students/data/etc. Add those hours. Then tell me what teachers make per hour.

FINALLY HAD AN elected official making the positive changes and the MEA stomps their feet to run him out of office. People, educate yourself before the next election. These choices are what put our state in the toilet. Wake up.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE Scott recall from a political moderate. MEA, don’t gloat, be humble. Remember, what goes around comes around. Republicans, be wary of retaliation. People with pensions are voters. Both parties, please don’t act like Congress. We are very sick of that. Perhaps some compromise is in order.

WHAT IS THE purpose of the Be Closer campaign? Is it to encourage more people to move to Fenton? If Fenton wants to attract people, it needs to lower the $300 water bills, reduce the taxes, which are almost a third higher than the surrounding areas and demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

WE HAVE A president, his cabinet and 535 members of Congress and we have to have a super committee of 12 to resolve our budget. We have not passed a budget since 2008. Why do we have these clowns run the government? I think we’re the stupid ones.

HOW CAN you say we have quality teachers when we don’t have quality students coming out of school? We are below so many countries in academics that the Hot lines don’t allow enough words to list them all.

OH BOY, DO we ever need a stoplight at Toney and North roads. I avoid that place like the plague. It has been needed ever since I moved here. It is so dangerous, I rarely go there, even if the traffic is light. Very dangerous.

SO, YOU LOVE the smell of burning leaves? Come on, now. My neighbor north up burned leaves just to cover up the smell of her and her friends’ marijuana smoke. Both habits are similar. They both stink the same. We don’t see her now.

THE ARROGANCE of the self-serving ‘teacher’ who hopes we learned our lesson. I realize how fortunate I am not to have any children as your students. ‘Quality’ educators like you are one of the reasons public schools are losing students to home-schooling, charter, private and Christian schools.

TO THE WOMAN complaining about the three kids in the hair salon, when are you going to grow up and realize the world doesn’t revolve around you? Some of us aren’t fortunate enough to have babysitters at our beck and call.

THANK YOU, APPLEBEE’S, for the dinners served to the veterans on their day. We had to wait in line for a while, but it was worth it to pay tribute to our veterans. Thank you, again.

JUST WANTED TO let out to former Rep. Paul Scott. I wish I were in my district in Holly. I would have cast my vote to support you. You are the victim of teachers union bullying. Don’t lose your ideas, and please run for office again.

A WINNER is a whiner? Comments by the Fenton varsity volleyball coach on her loss to Clarkston, being a Class A school, but gee, not on the level of Clarkston because of all the students Clarkston has. Gee, I wonder how the Laper football teams feel about small Linden beating them in the playoffs.

I JUST GOT back from voting at the Fenton Township precincts, and all my life — I’ve been voting since the 60’s — I’ve never seen a poll challenger there. And they all looked like teachers to me.

DON’T FEEL BAD, Fenton. The coaches here in Linden save spots for the high school kids who are suspended for being wasted at a school event. They don’t look at how good a kid is at the sport or what potential they have but rather who they associate with.

DON’T GIVE UP on Southern Lakes with one bad experience. This is a great organization that offers many activities to children who wouldn’t normally have the opportunity. Try to find out why there were cancellations before judging the program.

AFTER THE RECALL of Paul Scott, the Detroit newspaper reported that Ari Adler, a local political consultant and one of the recall organizers, said that Jerry Bolger said, “We are not going to be deterred.” Why does Bolger have a spokesperson? How much money are taxpayers spending to employ him? Small government?

TO THE PERSON suggesting a stop-light at North and Toney roads, let’s not add yet another light to Fenton. I drive through that spot every day, and it is only busy at rush hour. Why not give the one at North and Adelaide? Then, put a sensor on it, so when traffic does back up, it changes.

I AM CONCERNED over several call-ins from limited income retirees over the new Michigan tax on pensions. Social Security income is exempt. I also understand that there is a $60,000 deduction per couple for other pension or savings income. If you are at $80,000, no tax applied. I drive through over that amount, you should be grateful and pay your tax.

PLEASE EXPLAIN to me how the minority of workers put the screws to the majority. By definition of majority, that is not possible. It seems the majority won the recall, does it not?

See HOT LINE throughout Times

Compiled by Sally Rummel, Staff Reporter

At what age do you think a person becomes a senior citizen?

“I’d say a person ‘turns senior’ in his or her mind. I take the discounts, but I’m not there yet.”
— Mike Eby, Fenton

“Whenever you get a free coffee at McDonald’s. My mom always looked forward to that.”
— Andrea Shearer, Byron

“About 50 or 55. That’s when people start getting older and can’t do what they used to be able to do.”
— Josh Irish, Linden

“I’d say age 70 or so. My parents aren’t quite there yet, and I don’t picture my mom as a senior yet.”
— Dawn Pattee, Davison

“Nowadays everyone seems younger, so I’d say between 65 and 70.”
— Dana Schinzel, Fenton

“The age of being ‘old’ is always at least 10 years older than you are right now.”
— Karen Walker, Fenton
Grant money will be used to improve parks

By Tim Jagielo

The Rose Township Board of Trustees took two separate votes to reprogram Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds at its meeting last Wednesday. CDBG funds are to be used within a specified time, and its purposes are limited to community and infrastructure improvements, typically in lower income areas within a community.

“There are a number of items (CDBG) can be used for,” said Supervisor Alison Kalcec. Restrictions. We have to fit it into what Rose Township can actually accomplish.”

The 2011 CDBG funds were initially set to be used to remove architectural barriers. The board voted to use the $15,793 on Rose Center Park picnic shelter instead, to replace the shingle roof with a metal roof, and repair and repaint the lower structure.

“I can’t remember the last time it was repainted,” said Treasurer Sue Slaughter. The 2012 CDBG funds were programmed to be used on parks and recreation facilities for the same amount of $15,793. Dearborn Park will receive new signage to identify park boundaries, designate and improve walking paths, and add benches at intervals on the park. Slaughter requested an amendment of adding an option that CDBG funds be used to help pay for an emergency alert siren.

“There is already money for the sirens,” said Trustee Diann Scheib-Snider. She said that the funds barely cover the park improvements.

The board of trustees approved the reprogramming of the 2012 CDBG funds, with Scheib-Snider casting the dissenting vote. Remaining 2008 CDBG funds will be used to install gates to keep people out of the walking paths after dark.

Senior center up and running after fire

By Sharon Stone

Linden — The Loose Senior Citizen Center was in complete operation as of Monday, according to Carl Gabrielson, recently appointed executive director of the center. He attended the Fenton City Council on Monday to provide the update.

A fire on Friday, Sept. 30 destroyed Building B, however Building A and C were spared. With nearly 4,000 at-large members and 800 active members, employees and the board of directors have been scrambling since the fire to keep programs going for its senior members.

Gabrielson was excited to say that food was prepared on Monday and groups were able to play cards in Building C, which is located behind the fire-damaged building. The center was insured and the board is focusing their efforts on rebuilding.

Fundraising efforts are in the works. A concert featuring Cal Roberts, of the Platters, raised about $6,500. Gabrielson said Councilwoman Cheryl King was instrumental in making that concert a success.

Volunteers collecting donations for the center were out in force last weekend too, at Alpine Marketplace in Linden, Wal-Mart and VG’s in Fenton and Holly Foods in Holly. The two-day effort raised nearly $5,000.

See CENTER on 7
The antitrust laws — sports and business

For those who follow the National Football League and the National Basketball League, 2011 has indeed been an interesting year. When I say this, I am not necessarily referring to what happened on the field or on the court but rather in the courts.

To briefly recap, the 2011 NFL season was put in jeopardy by the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement between the league and its players union. Under applicable antitrust laws the players decertified their union, became a trade association and the NFL was sued for alleged antitrust violations. As we now know, the contract was eventually settled and the NFL season was unaffected.

This week, it appears that the NBA is following a similar path with the players apparently deciding to decertify their union and become a trade union and possibly going to court by filing an antitrust lawsuit against the NBA. Of course, no one can predict the final outcome.

These are but two examples of how sports have become a very large business and the economic impact of the NFL, the NBA and other sports leagues and activities is significant.

So the question for today is just what is antitrust law?

Without going into a lengthy explanation, the basic definition is that it is a group of laws designed to prohibit anticompetitive behavior and unfair business practices. The enforcement of these laws is meant to promote competition and protect consumers.

Having answered the question in short form let me hasten to add that there is much more to be said about the topic and much more to be read and there are many wonderful resources available in order to receive a basic understanding of antitrust law.

For starters, a basic primer can be found at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website www.ftc.gov/ber/antitrust/antitrust_laws.shtm, which includes a number of links for further information.

A profession where people come into work at least a half-hour early, stay at least an hour after everyday, spend almost every week night and weekend on projects for work, spend their own money on items for work, with no bonus pay, Educators.

You'd never do it.

Teachers and other public service union members don't want to be messed with. Their time is coming, soon. Their gravy train will be halted and they will be forced to join reality. Down with public service unions.

These teachers keep saying that they've overworked and underpaid, but what do they work, 165 days a year? They say they work at home through the year, but I find that hard to believe. They've got a basic education and probably haven't paid back their student loans. They aren't held accountable for their grades, or what they've been able to teach through testing. They were lazy to begin with, and that's why they spent their whole lives in school rather than getting out in the world and producing something.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**LEARNED OUR LESSON about what?** What changed except Paul Scott is no longer in office? The other 70 legislators who also voted for the cuts are still there embracing the people's will, not the unions will. You won this one. We will win the big one next November.

**IT LOOKS LIKE** the Republican candidates formed a pack not to attack each other at the debates. Just like their party not to get anything done, all to eliminate Obama. It's too bad for our country. All we can get is politicians that push the wealthy 1-percent agenda.

**HOLLY SCHOOLS HAS Wal-Mart-type greeters?** You should get your facts straight before you post ridiculous comments. Many of those people are teachers/staff members/volunteers out there helping students safely get into the school — again, going far beyond their job description.

**LIGHTS** Continued from Front Page Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The funds will be available in May 2012. The CDBG funds are not enough to cover the entire project but City Manager Christopher Wren said the $20,115 is a sizeable sum to start the project.

“There's a lot more funds available for downtown,” Wren said. “We have transportation funds and DDA funds available to help pay for the rest of the project.”

The project is expected to cost roughly $100,000 after each pole and each bulb is replaced. The project is scheduled to be completed within 12 months, once the city receives funding. Replacing each bulb would have saved the city money but the council agreed the lighting system needs a complete overhaul. “If we're going to do this, we need to do it right,” Wren said.

City Councilor Ray Culbert said that better lighting would attract more people to the downtown area during the evening hours. The new lights could also double as advertising for events such as the Farmers' Market or the Linden Holiday Happening.

“We need to improve our lighting system. The lamp posts are inconsistent and have different types of light bulbs,” said Culbert. “New lights will add a certain street appeal.”

The CDBG is a federally funded program that provides monies to improve infrastructures and building projects for municipalities. The fund is annual, allowing the city of Linden to explore other possible projects in the future.

Mayor David Lossing suggested the city establish a path between Shiozawasee Shores and the Loose Senior Citizen Center using CDBG funds in the upcoming years.
**Good-bye chief**

Oodzens of firefighters and veterans paid their respects to Fenton Township Fire Chief John Moulton during his funeral on Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. Moulton passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the age of 66. Following the service, several area fire departments took part in a processional.

**Police & Fire report**

**THEFT TARGET UNLOCKED CARS**

The Argentine Township Police Department is investigating multiple thefts from automobiles. Police Chief Daniel Allen said on Nov. 10, a homeowner from the 16000 block of Whitehead Drive reported that a Dell laptop computer was stolen from their vehicle. On Nov. 12, two residents from the 15000 block of Bird Road reported that someone had entered their vehicles and stole items, including cash, an iPod and a Panasonic radio. Police urge residents to remove any valuable items from their vehicles and ensure that the vehicles are properly locked to prevent crimes of opportunity. These cases remain under investigation.

**MOTORISTS URGED TO WATCH FOR DEER**

The Argentine Township Police Department is advising motorists to be on the lookout for deer, since the opening day of rifle season is nearing. With firearm season, deer are on the move. This increased activity results in the number of car vs. deer crashes. Although deer can be seen throughout the area at all times of day, motorists are encouraged to pay particular attention to the early morning and evening hours when deer activity is at its highest. Outdoor lighting during these times makes it difficult to see deer when they cross roads.

**STOLEN BIKE RECOVERED**

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, a Fenton police officer was sent to a home in the 800 block of South Lefroy Street to investigate a report of a stolen bike. The 67-year-old resident told police that someone took a white, girls’ mountain bike and left behind a large gazing globe. Police recalled finding an abandoned bike, matching the description of the stolen bike, near the police department. It was the same bike and it was returned to the man. Police recovered the globe. If someone is missing a globe, they are to call police at (810) 629-5311 to provide a description.

**DRUNK DRIVER HAS LOADED GUN**

At 2:40 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, a witness flagged down a Linden police officer after they saw a vehicle weaving in and out of traffic on East Broad Street. A traffic stop was initiated; however, the driver of the car drove away. The driver eventually stopped on Tickner Street, but was uncooperative with police. The 56-year-old driver from Chesterfield was arrested for resisting arrest and handcuffed. Since the officer detected the odor of intoxicants, the driver was transported to the hospital for a blood draw. Police found a loaded 45 mm handgun, but the man had a license to carry a concealed weapon. Charges are pending. He was lodged at the county jail and his car was impounded.

**FIREWORKS FRIDAY NIGHT**

Shortly after 11 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, 911 Dispatch received multiple calls from residents reporting fireworks from Linden. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said a large birthday party was being held at Spring Meadows Country Club and fireworks were set off for the celebration. Permits had been obtained and everything was legal.

**BUSINESS SIGN FOUND NEARBY**

On Nov. 14, Fenton police responded to the 100 block of South Lefroy Street to investigate a damaged business sign complaint. The storeowner said sometime between 5 a.m. on Nov. 13 and 10 a.m. on Nov. 14, the store’s business sign was damaged. The owner located the sign nearby. Lt. Jason Slater said See POLICE on 8.

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**DOLLAR**

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Fenton, a portion of your dollar will go toward programs that help other people.

**Used books**

Amazon has accumulated so many books that some used books are sold for a $1 or less. Half.com, betterworldbooks.com and eBay also sell used books on the cheap.

**Buy a house**

A foreclosed house in Detroit sold for $1 in the summer of 2008. The house did need fixing up, however, as the siding was destroyed and the house was broken into and vandalized.

**Download a fun or useful app**

An app on your smartphone can cost as little as 99 cents. Words With Friends is a Scrabble-style game that can be played with any of your contacts. TiltShift Generator allows users to edit the focus, saturation and brightness of their photos. Each app is available for 99 cents.

**CENTER**

Continued from Front Page

The board of directors hopes to have a new building built and occupied within two years, said Gabrielson. Demolition should take place within the next two weeks and cleared by Christmas. He commended his staff for numerous 16-hour days and the board. Maintaining the 140 programs has kept everyone involved very busy, he said.

King said the senior center has been hit hard twice this year. Former executive director Marjorie Hodges passed away in June. The center then caught fire in September. King was appreciative of how Gabrielson stepped up to the plate to fill in for Hodges.

Funds to sustain the center come from two millages, the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation millage and the Senior millage. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from Fenton City also provides funds for the center.

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COUNCIL
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she is busy at her day job as an income
tax examiner for the city of Flint.
As with any group of seven people
there are going to be differing opinions.
Osburn is confident that the new council
will get along. She would like to see a
goal-setting session for the council to
prioritize issues.
Osburn believes this will be a good
working council in that all of the members
are experienced with the city and have
working knowledge of the city. “I’m
looking forward to it,” she said. With
several holidays approaching, Osburn
said the council would most likely turn
its attention to goals after the first of the
year.
Personally, Osburn would like to see
the Fenton Community & Cultural Center
handicap accessible. She would also like
to see a new, larger library before she
terries. “We need a bigger one,” she said.
“Tis one is extremely small and a lot of
people use it.”
This will be King’s fifth term on the
council. She intends on going into this
week’s meeting with a positive attitude.
She believes the city has a good, diversi-
fied and knowledgeable council.
King is looking forward to moving
ahead with the restoration project at the
community center. With the grant for the
elevator, the city needs to break ground
on that project by the end of Next April.
She too would like to see a new library
and improved sidewalks. She is also
looking forward to seeing an improved
North LeRoy Street. She said it seems
like the south end gets everything and it
will be nice to see improvements to that
section of town.

HEALTH CARE LAW
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The 80/20 health care law was signed
by Gov. Rick Snyder in early October
and is aimed at saving taxpayers’ money.
Under the law, public employers, but
are only allowed to pay $5,500 for a single
employee’s health care and $15,000 for a
family’s health care. A sec-
ond part of the law limits
employers to pay no more
than 80 percent health care
costs, leaving the remaining
costs up to the employee.

Mayor David Lossing said he believes
city employees have already faced a slew
of cutbacks in benefits over the past few years
and should not be burdened further. “We’ve
done enough cutting. We cannot put more
onto our city employees,” he said.
City Manager Christopher Wren said
city employees have already sacrificed too
much to pay for higher health care costs.
“We have good employees. They deserve
good pay and benefits,” Wren said.
Lossing agreed and viewed the law as
a hindrance since it caps municipalities
at an unrealistically low level for
health care. “I don’t like this bill because (the state)
assumes cities have done nothing to save money for
the taxpayers,” Lossing said. “I hope as our revenues
rise, we can reestablish some the benefits that were
cut.”
The city council will have to vote
annually to avoid the hard cap said City
Attorney Charles McKone.
“Wren praised the council for not
adopting the hard cap. “I think your actions
show you care about your employees,”
said Wren. “This is what makes Linden
different from other municipalities.”
TIM JAGIELO
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The only flight back to Libya is on
Thursday, Nov. 24, which I imagine both
Gheriani and I will take back to
Benghazi, Libya. I will stay for
a mere three days, before catching the
flight on the Monday, Nov. 28 back to
Tunisia, where I will stay for
the night and catch the
9:15 a.m. flight back to Paris, and
then to Atlanta, and so forth.
This plan is the result of dozens of
phone calls, e-mails, research and
snatching of teeth. I set up an international
plan on my cell phone so I could call Gheriani
directly. My visa was accepted by the
Libyan government by making a 3
a.m. phone call on
Nov. 9 to the medi-
dia representative
in Tripoli, Libya, when it would be
9 a.m. for
him.
Even today, I am working on travel
plans to get back to
Libya changed with
the flight schedule from Tunis to Benghazi.
All this uncertainty has lead to a lot of stress
and difficulty sleeping and even focusing on
my daily work at the paper. My sister was
cutting my hair and said, “Look, a gray hair!”
I’m a little surprised there wasn’t more.
The result of this trip will be a story
about Van Lente and Gheriani while
they are in Tunisia together, and then of
Mustafa’s life in Libya and his efforts to
rebuild his business after it was swept
away in the revolution. I’ll include
details on the lives of the Libyan people,
after the revolution, and what hopes they have for the future their
country.
I’ll also find a story in Tuni-
sia while I’m there, although I wouldn’t mind taking a dip
in the Mediterranean Sea, and
being a tourist for a minute. But with all
the work it has taken to get here, it
is absolutely a working trip. Five-Hour
Energy is stuffed in my duffel bag,
along with everything else I could think
I might need.
This is my plan. It’s far from per-
fected, but it’s the best one can do
in an unsure climate and region. Being
prepared and per-
sistent only take you so far. You’re
at the mercy of in-
ternational travel,
and bureaucratic
schedules. I expect
it to be exciting,
difficult, and rewarding. Hopefully we
all get to learn something from it.
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Christmas Ecumenical Dinner at St. John’s
The Fenton, Linden and Holly Area
St. John Council of Catholic Women invites
women in the area (and spouses)
to attend the annual Christmas Ecumenical
Dinner on Thursday, Dec.
1 at 6 p.m. at St. John Activity Cen-
ter. A $10 donation is payable at the
door. Table prizes, a catered
dinner and music are provided. Reservations
are requested by Friday, Nov. 24. To
reserve a seat, call Connie at (810)
750-0226, Eloise at (810) 629-6445,
Sandy at (810) 629-3994, Terri at (810)
629-7108 or the parish office at (810)
629-2251. Donations of canned food
and non-perishable goods for those in
need in the Fenton, Linden and Holly
area will be accepted.

At 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, Fenton police responded to St. John
church to investigate a break-in.
Theft.
At 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, a suspect or suspects gained
entry into the main church.
Once inside the church the suspect forced open
multiple locked cabinets and stole an undisclosed
amount of cash. Detectives processed the scene for
evidence.
If anyone observed suspi-
cious activity around church
property or has information about a possible suspect,
they are urged to call Fenton
police at (810) 629-5311.

St. John Catholic Church and school
were broken into this week.
Fenton police are investi-
gating both inci-
dents. Last week,
the statue in front
of the church was
stolen; however,
it was later recovered
by Fenton police.

St. John Council of Catholic Women
is on investigation
of the church.

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done at the salon every month.
I pay good money for it, and it is
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If you don’t like it, go to a non-children’s
spa.

I’d like to comment on the person
who’s moving to Canada. Goodbye,
and don’t let the door hit you.

Hot Line continued
Which group are you in, producers (taxpayers) or
takers (non-tax-
payers). D.C. politicians are buying
the votes of the non-taxpayers with
your hard earned money. Producers
have one last chance in 2012
to stop the theft. Your kids and their
kids’ future will be determined by
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Why are you blaming the
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It appeared that the suspect(s) gained entry into the
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Once inside the school building, the suspect(s) stole
a laptop computer and an undisclosed amount of cash.
The intruders also ransacked the whole building.
Detectives processed the area for evidence and
the matter remains under inves-
tigation.

Jinglefest committee and the Fenton Regional
Chamber of Commerce are
excited to announce the 3rd
annual area Shopping Spree
that includes gift cards from
local businesses totaling $500.
To enter in the drawing, pick up a Jingle Bell Walk
punch card at the Fenton
Chamber tent or at the
Fenton Community Center.
Redeem 10 punches
at businesses listed on the
card for your opportunity to
enter card into the drawing at
Fenton Chamber tent
from 12 noon – 7 p.m on
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Winner will be notified on
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The many benefits of being a senior citizen

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Jane Fonda, 74, doesn’t look or act like a typical senior. Neither does actress Helen Mirren, 66, or ageless rocker Paul McCartney, 69.

There is no defined age when a person becomes a senior citizen. Some people might consider themselves seniors when they are invited to join American Association of Retired People (AARP), qualify for Medicare or officially retire from the workplace. One thing is for sure. The closer you get to some of the milestones, the less you’re likely to call yourself a senior.

According to a recent survey, baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) feel that “old age” officially begins at 80. Most boomers say they feel 15 years younger than they actually are, and as they continue to age, the distance grows between their real age and their perceived age.

Today’s current 50 year olds don’t consider themselves “seniors,” even if AARP started putting them on their mailing list at age 49. Only slightly over half (56 percent) of 64 year olds say the term senior citizen applies to them, according to the survey. The 64 year olds, who embrace the term, say they are seniors because they get senior discounts and are over age 60.

Here are a few discounts available for people reaching their “golden years,” whatever age that might be:

**Banking**

At The State Bank in Fenton, customers can achieve many discounts beginning at age 50, through the “Forget Me Not” program, according to Kristy Primo of The State Bank’s Human Resource Department. Free copies, checking, box of checks, direct deposits, no fees on travelers’ or cashiers’ checks are just a few of the perks available to age 50-plus customers who sign up for the program at just $1 per month. “The savings add up to way more than the $12 annual charge,” said Primo.

**Traveling**

If you want to spend more of your leisure time traveling, there are plenty of discounts available to seniors age 65 and older. “Many cruise lines, Amtrak, and airlines offer discounted rates for seniors,” said Nancy Ragatz, travel consultant for Superior Travel in Fenton.

American Airlines, Delta, Southwest, Continental and United all offer some discounted fares on certain itineraries. Travelers may have to call airlines directly to check eligibility. Even airlines that don’t offer discounts often have partnership agreements for senior discounts on hotels, rental cars, attractions and events. Senior fares may not be as restrictive as other fares, can be used for last minute travel deals and are refundable if it’s necessary to cancel the flight.

For seniors 62-plus who want to travel by rail, Amtrak offers a 15 percent discount on fares.

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There are lots of activities to do with the grandkids

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When your grandchildren are dropped off at your doorstep this fall for a day or a weekend, zip up your coats, grab some snacks and head out for some fun.

Local grandparents Ivan and Rosie Quinn, of Fenton, enjoy active pursuits with their five grandchildren, ages 2 to 8, creating family memories for both generations.

If the weather is cooperative for outdoor fun, check out the events going on at nearby nature centers, such as For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum in Burton or Kensington Metropark, both of which have classes on weekends. Your grandchild can learn how “Animals Prepare for Winter” on Saturday, Nov. 19 or can even be a “Farmer for a Day” on Saturday, Nov. 26 at Kensington Farm Center.

How about a visit to a local zoo? Potters Zoo in Lansing, the Saginaw Children’s Zoo and the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak all have special fall and holiday programs — some offering free or reduced admission during this cooler season. Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad are beginning their six-week holiday-themed activities, beginning with Ladies Night Out on Nov. 14. Costumed villagers prepare for the holiday season in the Village’s homes and shops. The Cotwell Opera House presents live entertainment, and Santa Claus visits with the children. Visitors can see model “Animals in the Snow,” created by Barbara Bishop, at the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum.

“We have lots of active fun with our grandkids, and we enjoy it as much as they do,” — Rosie Quinn, grandparent

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Drug stores

Walgreens has implemented a discount prescription card or senior discount card program that is available to customers over age 55. Rebates and special discounts can be acquired with this card and can be used at both the pharmacy and drug store. The discount card may also be used in coordination with an AARP membership card to get extra savings.

Restaurants

Most national chains offer some kind of senior discount, but often are regulated by decisions made by local owners/operators. Many McDonald’s locations offer 65 or 75-cent coffee or soft drinks, and the local Taco Bell provides free, regular-size drinks for customers 55-plus. At John’s Pizzeria in Fenton, seniors 60-plus receive 10 percent off their bill.

Seniors of any age who want to take advantage of restaurant discounts should ask for them, because many restaurant workers have been trained to not ask customers as they don’t want to offend anyone by suggesting they look a particular age.

Insurance

Many times, seniors are offered discounts through organizations such as AARP or AAA, plus other professional or social organizations that might provide extra incentives. Seniors who aren’t driving to work and drive mostly short distances for errands or socializing might find discounts because of their low number of driving miles. Others might earn a lower premium after enrolling in a class at a local driving school designed specifically for seniors.

Keith Jones State Farm Agency in Fenton offers auto discounts for seniors age 50-plus. “It’s a significant savings,” said Jones. “It also depends on vehicle use, driving record, where they live, etc., but mature drivers can save a lot, based on their age. There are more discounts available to those who are no longer earning an income.

Car repair

Seniors might also find discounts for car repairs from national companies or independent business owners like David Niles and Barbara Bishop, who own and operate Auto-Lab in Fenton. “We give a minimum 15-percent discount on parts and labor to our age 55-plus customers,” said Niles. “Even more importantly, we work very hard to educate our mature customers on what’s being done on their vehicle. We want them to feel very comfortable and know they’re going to someone they can trust when they bring their car in for repair. We’ll also provide a personal shuttle for them to get them where they need to go. That can be a huge deal for our older customers.”

SUMMARY

There are many opportunities for active fun with grandchildren when their parents drop the kids off during this busy fall and holiday season.

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Ivan Quinn enjoys the company of his grandchildren Kelly and Noel King at the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum.

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trains and craft demonstrations, and enjoy holiday music and unique shopping opportunities. The Huckleberry Railroad is just waiting to take families on a festive nighttime ride.

For indoor, cultural fun, the Quinns enjoy taking their grandchildren to the Flint Children’s Museum and the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum. They also check out the play schedules at the Wharton Theater in Lansing, the Whiting in Flint and locally at the Fenton Village Playhouse. “We took the kids to see ‘Mary Poppins’ at the Wharton Theater last year and we all loved it,” said Rosie.

Closer to home, “Annie Jr.” will be the featured performance by the Kidz Theatre Kompany at the Fenton Village Playhouse now through Nov. 20.

There’s nothing like splashing about in an indoor water park while the weather is cold and blustery outside. The Hartland Aquatic Center in nearby Hartland offers all the amenities of a splash park at a minimum price and even includes a “lazy river” current ride for a relaxing water experience. Even closer to home are swimming opportunities at the Fenton High School pool. Check the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation schedule for more information about dates and times.

For indoor fun, the Quinns often explore projects and classes for adults and kids to do together, offered locally in Fenton by The Home Depot and Michaels Arts & Crafts.

They’ll also take their grandkids to local sporting events, like a high school basketball game or swim meet. “We have lots of active fun with our grandkids, and we enjoy it as much as they do,” said Rosie.

If each resident in the Fenton, Linden and Holly area spent just $50 more per month locally, it would pump $18 million into our local economy.

Kelly King, daughter of Casey and Amy King, loves the interactive displays at the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum on a recent outing with her grandparents, Ivan and Rosie Quinn, of Fenton.
A couple is pictured here on their wedding day in 2009, sporting “Just Married” signs on the back of their mobility scooters. Each had lost their spouse after 63 and 57 years of marriage, respectively, and met while living independently at Abbey Park.

**DATING**

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One of the great things about being older is that you can dispense with a lot of the anxiety and anticipation that plagues younger relationships. Seniors in budding relationships also tend to have a better sense of humor and play fewer “games” than their less mature counterparts.

Seniors who are contemplating new relationships may consider using today’s online dating services, some specifically designed for a more mature audience.

If you do decide to try online dating, there are a few things to keep in mind. Be wary of any senior dating site that charges large sums of money or high membership fees. Many of the sites are free. Never give out your e-mail address, home address or telephone number to a stranger you meet online.

**Dating tips for seniors**

- Always be honest about who you are and never lie about your age. It will usually catch up with you sooner or later.
- Ask yourself what qualities you are looking for in a new partner.
- Boost your confidence by noting the number of good things that you personally have to offer a new relationship.
- Don’t search for an imitation or replacement for the partner that you have lost.
- Have a sense of humor.
- Take it one day at a time.

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**More seniors texting**

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If you’re age 50 or older, you may think that “lol” is the text acronym for “lots of love,” but your younger counterparts will quickly tell you that it means “laugh out loud” — and they’re probably doing just that.

Just because you’re in the second half of your life, however, doesn’t mean you can’t learn the language that accompanies new technology. Stepping up your technology skills will help you keep in closer touch with a younger generation that depends on cell phones, technology and texting.

Just 42 percent of Americans 50 or older sent text messages in any month last quarter, versus 84 percent of 13 to 34 year olds, according to researcher comScore (SCOR), GreatCall, which offers simple calling plans and handsets under the Jitterbug brand, expects the rate of texting among those 55 and older to hit 80 percent within three years, from 30 percent today.

Esther Alderman, 74, of Fenton, uses technology every day in her bookkeeping work and church activities. However, she prefers the simplicity of a land-line telephone or simple flip-top cell phone to the “bells and whistles” of a smartphone.

“I use my cell phone mainly as a back-up to my regular phone,” she admits. “I’m not that much for talking on the phone, because I’ve done that for most of my working life.”

With eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, plus one more on the way, Alderman does use her cell phone to receive photos sent by her grandchildren. “I’ll sometimes text back to my granddaughter Amanda, when she sends me photos of her three kids,” said Alderman. “I’m also comfortable using the camera that’s on my phone, but that’s about the only feature I use.”

To reach this coveted older audience, many carriers are stepping up their game with customer service and plans that are attractive to seniors. By 2025, 17.9 percent of Americans, 63.9 million people, will be 65 or older, up from 12.7 percent in 2008, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Because texting is such a lucrative part of the industry’s profits, many companies are trying to make this feature a more attractive one for older customers.

Many carriers offer free tutoring on cell-phone basics in stores, including instruction in reading and sending texts. They are advertising in media that draw older people, including AARP magazine and TV shows such as “Dancing with the Stars.” Some phone manufacturers, including Samsung and Pantech, are making handsets with oversize buttons and bigger screens, aimed at an older audience.

Shannon Beall, sales representative for Wireless Zone in Fenton, services older customers all the time, even people in their 70s and 80s, who want to keep up with technology. “Before anyone leaves our store, no matter what their age, we make sure they know exactly how to use their phone’s features, and we welcome return visits with specific questions,” she said.

Most of their older customers prefer the simplicity of flip-top phones with basic features. She often steers them to a Samsung Haven, a basic phone with the largest keys and buttons to press for ICE (in case of emergency) and 911. It even comes with a good quality speakerphone and a pill reminder option, for customers needing this feature.

This particular model has also been lauded by CBS “The Early Show” as one of the phones recommended for senior customers, along with the Jitterbug, Just5, PantechEase, among others.

Senior customers are also looking for basic monthly plans with no contracts, or are using pre-paid cards with phones like a Senior TracFone.

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**Popular text abbreviations**

- gig — got to go
- lol — laugh out loud
- rofl — roll on floor laughing
- bbw — beauty way
- sup — what’s up
- fyi — for your information
- asap — as soon as possible
- w/ — with
- BF — boyfriend
- br — before
- cos — because
- GF — girlfriend
- jk — just kidding
- ttyl — talk to you later
- xoxo — hug and kisses
- zzzz — sleeping or bored
- cyu — see ya

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**Humorous text acronyms for seniors**

- atd — at the doctor’s
- bff — best friends forever
- cbin — covered by Medicare
- custs — see you at the senior center
- fav — forgot where I was
- gha — got heartburn again
- hwo — Lawrence Welk’s on
- roflcu — rolling on the floor laughing
- …can’t get up!
- Thyl — talk to you later
- Wait — Who am I talking to?
- wtp — Where’s the punch?
Baby Boomers prefer sports cars

People born between 1946 and 1964, collectively known as Baby Boomers, are trading in their family vehicles for something with a little more power — sports cars. When the nest is empty (and sometimes before), the vehicle of choice becomes a sporty, fast little ride that may be the envy of all who see it.

Baby Boomers tend to have a higher income and/or a surplus in savings after retirement and choose to expend some funds on a car that will make waves. Convertibles are a popular choice among this demographic, as are other roadsters that turn heads. Here are some of the more popular models you’ll see cruising the roadways with Boomers behind the wheel, according to statistics from TrueCar.com.

Chevrolet Corvette

The quintessential American sports car, Corvettes are especially popular among Baby Boomers. Boomers flock to Corvettes more than any other age group, with nearly 64 percent of buyers belonging to the Boomer generation.

Volvo C70

A turbo-charged, 5-cylinder engine provides enough power to give a thrill to many Boomers. And with a convertible top option, it’s possible to have a breeze running through their receding hairlines, too.

Mercedes Benz SL

If it’s status and substance that Boomers desire, then there’s no looking beyond a Mercedes. Affluent Baby Boomers can enjoy a V8 engine and plenty of electrical gadgets to make their rides fun.

BMW 6 Series Convertible

Another premier car for the elite Boomer, the BMW sees 80 percent of its sales going toward Boomers. The 6 series is quick and has understated good looks, which helps the vehicle serve as a status symbol for those behind the wheel.

Porsche Boxter

For those who have always aspired to be behind the wheel of a Porsche, the Boxter is small and sporty, perfect for handling the turns on the way to a country winery or maneuvering around traffic in an urban setting.

According to industry experts, Baby Boomers have long directed the direction of the automotive industry. Many desire to stay away from the brands and styles their parents drove, preferring something with more pep and style.

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where our donations come from," said Ottnay. "But it doesn’t matter if they go to St. John’s or any other church, for that matter. People are people, and we’re here to help them."

People requiring food assistance are referred to the food program at St. John’s Outreach, St. Vincent de Paul, through Love, Inc., in Genesee County. A yearly screening takes place with applicants, and then food is available to them on a monthly basis at St. John’s.

The group is gathering up food this Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fenton, for 75 baskets to be distributed locally to people in need, with delivery this Sunday.

Other referrals for people seeking food for their families are sent to local church food pantries, including Fenton United Methodist Church, Linden Presbyterian, St. Jude’s Episcopal, Trinity Lutheran, among many others.

Fenton’s Community Thanksgiving Basket Project, the outgrowth of Nancy Stockham’s long-time G.R.A.C.E. program until her death in 2009, is gathering the bounty for baskets to be ready on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Fenton United Methodist Church helps get information out to area churches, schools and people who might know of families in need, but project coordinators Dennis and Mary Lynn Colwell emphasize that this is a community-wide project.

“We do it in memory of Nancy,” said Carla Juarez, who spearheads the Thanksgiving Community Basket “Stuff the Bus” program on behalf of the Fenton Education Support Personnel and National Honor Society through Fenton schools.

The group has one more “Stuff the Bus” event this Sunday, Nov. 20 at the State Road Craft Show at Fenton High School. “We’ll be collecting food and cash donations, VG’s receipts, bottles, anything that can be turned into money for food,” said Juarez. Right now, she’s concerned about collecting enough to make this year’s project a success. “We have less than half of the food and cash donations we usually have by now,” said Juarez. “We’re hoping for an excellent turnout Sunday.”

F.A.R.R. (Fenton Area Resource Referral), which includes a thrift shop and emergency financial assistance to families.

“Nothing is going to happen this year, and I can’t do anything about it.”

Jan Miller
former Wrap-In organizer

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I WAS WONDERING if the paper could publish some pictures of Fenton before it was ruined by the debacle known as the Urban Renewal. I don’t understand why people wanted to destroy Fenton’s old-fashioned charm.

DOES ANYONE KNOW what the very strange loud noises were over Fenton, Friday night at about 11 p.m.? It sounded kind of like thunder or fireworks. Very loud, though. It had everyone out looking to the skies to see what was going on, but no one knows anything. [Editor’s note: see police files]

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Strong playoff runs end in regional final for Fenton, Linden

Tigers hold close for a half, but Lowell posts 35-14 victory

By David Troppens
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Lowell — Like all of his Fenton Tiger teammates, Cody Hoevar wasn’t at his happiest at the end of the Fenton varsity football team’s 35-14 loss to Division 2 state power Lowell Saturday in a regional title game.

But he probably wasn’t seriously disappointed, either.

“It’s hard to be disappointed. While the Fenton Tigers lost in the regional title game for the second straight season, the fact is, the Tigers were in a state quarterfinal contest once again. Win or lose, that speaks volumes for how much the Tigers have improved.

After all, not many teams can make that claim.

“In the long run, this is great,” Hoevar, a junior, said. “We know where we are right now and we know what we have to do to get that much better. We have to get past this game. This is our bump in the road now. It used to be Linden. It used to be winning playoff games. And now it’s winning a regional game and getting to states. That’s what’s on everyone’s minds now. It’s on the minds of every senior and every player coming up next year.”

And that’s probably the symbolic message of the 2011 season. If last year’s squad paved new roads, this season’s team made sure people realized that Metro League titles and deep playoff runs are not something that are looked upon as flukish seasons. In fact, they are the new standard when it comes to Fenton football.

“This season was important because we wanted to prove last year wasn’t a fluke,” senior Conor Muntin said. “We can go out here and compete with anybody we want to. I think we proved that big time. I think we’ve made a statement that Fenton football is going to be a powerhouse for years to come. And that’s what we seniors ultimately wanted to do, as pass the torch and make sure we set an example for the younger ones.”

“Winning is just sweeter right now,” Hoevar said. “We’re ready for next year.”
Fenton swimmers set up well to post many second-day swims at state event

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The Fenton varsity girls have some high goals for the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships being held at Hope College’s Holland Aquatic Center.

And there’s good reason for it.

The Tigers have five swimmers qualified for the state meet in 11 spots, entering Tuesday’s regional diving meet. And many of those swimmers have some substantial state experience from a year ago, a team that finished a somewhat disappointing 20th.

The meet starts Friday with the preliminaries. Those that qualify for the top eight will make Saturday’s final event. Those who finish ninth through 16th will compete in Saturday’s consolation final round. All will earn points for their team.

The Tigers have plenty of events they expect will make it to Saturday’s second day.

“I would like to make it back in both of my events and want to place in the top eight, and get my best times in those events,” said Fenton swimmer Sara Wujciak. “I think (coach Brad Jones) thinks we will place better than we have recently because we have quite a few individuals.”

“I think we’d like to be in the top three in the 400 (freestyle relay) and get the 200 freestyle relay in the top eight,” swimmer Gabrielle Haaraoja said.

The Tigers won’t be short on activities at the state meet. Wujciak and Haaraoja are two of four Fenton swimmers that will compete in four events. The other two are Haley Shaw and Kesley Kidd. Those four will make up the Tigers’ 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay teams, while also competing in two individual events each.

Shaw has a very good chance of making it to the second day in the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke, while Wujciak has a pretty solid shot at accomplishing that task in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Meanwhile, Kidd and Haaraoja are competing in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle events. Capping off the state team is Kali Finger, who qualified in the 500 freestyle.

Holly’s Hannah Micaleff and Fenton’s Mackenzie Deuputy competed in diving regions on Tuesday, with each having a reasonable shot at qualifying for state. It was unknown at press time if they qualified for the state meet.

Holly also has some competitors headed to the Holland Aquatic Center. Individually, Courtney Konopitski (200 freestyle) and Laura Frachowski (200 individual medley) have earned solo event spots. Meanwhile, the team also has the 200 free-style relay squad qualified.

The Tigers have a lot of girls with state experience. Some have other big-meet experience from events like the YMCA Nationals.

“I know what it’s like and I’ve been to big meets like the Y nationals,” Wujciak said. “I know what big meets are like, and it’s good to know the atmosphere.”

“Like (Haaraoja), I’ve been to Y nationals,” Wujciak said. “I have big meet experience, know the big meet atmosphere, and that’s nice because you won’t get nervous just because all of the people are there. You just have to be ready to show up. You have to be ready to go when you wake up that morning.”

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could have an opening and Kevin just made a big play for us,” praised Linden coach Denny Hopkins. “I think (St. Mary’s) will be the state champions. They are very good and strong up front.

“We were hoping they would put the ball on the ground once or twice, they just don’t mistakes.”

Nothing against the Eagles, but that was about their only hope, that Orchard Lake St. Mary’s’s (OLSM) made some mistakes. However, the Eagles’ running game could not be stopped with OLSM scoring on their next possession. They marched 80 yards while taking 9:30 off the clock, scoring on Grant Niemiec’s one-yard TD run. St. Mary’s took a 21-7 lead at halftime.

A key turning point came on the opening play of the second half, as OLSM’s Spencer McInnis took the kickoff 75 yards for a score, and a 28-7 Eagles’ lead.

“That broke our back, the long touch down was the only long run we gave up,” said Hopkins.

After the TD, Baker tried another fake punt on Linden’s next possession. This time it failed.

“At that point, we had nothing to lose, and we needed a spark,” Hopkins said. “We had an opening. It just didn’t work out.”

Niemiec then added a 12-yard TD run and after Eagles hit James Ross for an eight-yard TD score. The lead was up to 35-7. They added another score in the fourth quarter.

“And they’re a great team. We just couldn’t stop them,” Baker said. “Our defense just didn’t come out ready to play, not hyped up as they have been.”

Brown was 13-of-31 for 160 yards and a TD pass. He was picked off twice. Receiver/cornerback Tyler Kraus was injured in the first half and ended the game on crutches.

The Eagles finished the season at 7-5, winning their first district title in school history.

“We limped into the playoffs at 5-4, and then we were in the regional final,” Hopkins said. “My hat is off to these kids. We have three or four teams in the past that went into the playoffs unbeaten, but lost in the first or second round.”
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guys who are going to continue. I think we did that tonight.”

Four years ago, when Muntin and the other Fenton seniors joined the program, there was euphoria when the Tigers qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 2000. And at the time there was reason for those feelings. After all, the program was just 2-7 the previous season and hadn’t won as many as four games in a season before that year since 2002. But as the years have gone on, this year’s seniors have seen it only get better. After getting blown out by Davison that first season in a playoff game, the Tigers were competitive against Rochester Adams in 2009, despite losing. Last year, the Tigers finally got that first playoff victory, and they got two of them on the road against Midland and Midland Dow. Fenton capped their first-ever district title with the 24-0 thumping of Dow.

This season, Tiger fans expected another strong season, and they got it. The Tigers ended their stretch of slow starts, winning their first three games. After two straight losses, both to playoff teams, the Tigers capped the regular season with four straight wins, en route to a share of the Metro League crown.

As the playoffs started, the Tigers played their best football of the season, defeating Marquette 45-21 and then Okemos 35-7. For the second straight season, the Tigers had a district crown and were a serious playoff contender. Those expectations remain for next season. With 22 players to graduate, many strong players will return and an infusion of JV players who have yet to lose a football game in their prep career will help. However, what is certain, the Tigers’ best days could still very well be ahead of them. Lowell coach Noel Dean, Fenton coach Jeff Setzke’s brother-in-law, is among those impressed.

“I think they are right there,” said Dean, who has won three state titles at Lowell. “It was 21-7 and we punched one right in the face. That game was tight.

“It was a process for us. They are in their sixth year. We own our first in our seventh year. It’s about staying the course, and taking it all in, all the good, the bad and all that other stuff.”

Another important factor Setzke likes to bring up is the game time the Tigers have gotten in the last two years. They have played 24 games in the last two seasons, going 17-7 in those contests. And the Tigers are playing their best against their best competition. In their last 12 contests in the playoffs or against playoff-qualified teams, the Tigers are 8-4.

“The extra three weeks of practices and the extra games are meaningful,” Setzke said. “We’ve played 24 games over the last two seasons, and that’s just three games short of three full seasons. These are extra games the kids are practicing for and playing. Other teams aren’t.”

The Tigers also can learn from playing teams like Lowell, a program that took its time to get to the top before it finally did. The Red Arrows have been a state champion threat ever since.

“Overall they know what to do to win,” Hoeve said. “They’ve done it before. They’ve achieved it. They worked it through. We haven’t even reached the top like they have. They know what to do year in and year out. Our training will progress. We’ll get better in the off-season. We’ll get faster and quicker, and next year, it will show.”

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scored the TD on a fourth-and-goal when Addington plunged by the goal line. Lowell led 13-0 with 10:36 left in the first half.

Fenton responded on its next possession. The Tigers went 70 yards on 12 plays, scoring on a one-yard TD run by Houston Shaw. Kenny Allen made the first of his two extra-point kicks, and Fenton trailed just 13-7 with 6:54 left in the half.

However, Lowell put together another long TD drive on its final possession of the first half. The Red Arrows went 80 yards in 14 plays, scoring on a 27-yard run by Addington. During the drive, Lowell converted three third down plays, and a fourth-and-eight play just before the TD. Lowell led 21-7 after the two-point conversion.

Fenton looked poised to cut into the lead when a completed pass put the ball at Lowell’s 16, but the play was erased due to a penalty. Instead, the Tigers saw the half end on a completed pass that didn’t result in a score.

“It should’ve been a 13-7 game at the half.” Fenton coach Jeff Setzke said. “But they didn’t make a call and they made a big play. We almost got some points back with the catch, but we ran out of clock. It was a competitive game. The final score was 35-14, but sometimes they are closer than the score dictates.”

Fenton had one chance to get back into the game in the second half. Fenton’s Layton Mandle recovered a fumble and the Tigers drove the ball to the Lowell 24. However, an incomplete pass and an eight-yard sack forced Fenton to punt. Lowell responded with an 80-yard 15-play drive, capped by Addington’s one-yard TD run. Lowell led 28-7 with 2:45 left in the third.

Lowell increased the lead to 35-7 on a 14-yard TD by Deon with 6:42 left in the contest. However, Fenton responded with a 62-yard TD pass from Shaw to Gerard Wegener, giving the game its 35-14 final score.

Fenton had 264 yards total offense, with Shaw completing 16-of-28 passes for 206 yards. He also ran for 56 yards.

The defense forced two turnovers, getting fumble recoveries from Mandle and Damon Thomas.

The Tigers have now made the playoffs four straight seasons and have now made it to the regional title game in each of the last two seasons. The team won a Metro League title and also broke a long losing streak to the Linden Eagles. The squad won home playoff games for the first time in school history and captured a district crown for the second straight year.

The squad is pleased with its progress to this point.

“This program has progressed amazingly,” senior Connor Muntin said.

“We started out as a team that we’d be lucky to win a couple of games in the Metro. Then we did that, started getting more confidence and started winning more games, we started winning bigger games. You get to where we are now, playing in a regional final, competing against a state contender. I expect only better things from years to come.”
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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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LARRY CROWN

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BEGINNERS

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