Looking ahead to 2012

Fenton has multitude of exciting projects

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Fenton has many projects in the works, some of which are substantial, for 2012.

Cornerstone building

One project causing the most buzz in the real estate world is the $4 million Cornerstone building, going in at the southeast corner of Silver Lake Road and North LeRoy Street. The city and the Saab Group have been working together to develop the corner.

Originally, the 30,000 square foot, See FENTON on 14A

Area officials share upcoming projects and expectations

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Linden

The biggest change the City of Linden will experience in 2012 will come in leadership. Chris Wren’s last day as city manager will be Jan. 21. Linden Mayor David Lossing said the Linden City Council will more than likely appoint Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter as interim city manager until someone is hired full time for the position. See PROJECTS on 10A

Goodbye to an old friend

The ‘B’ building of the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden is demolished after being ravaged by a fire in September. “All the memories since 1996 lay in rubble,” said Executive Director Carl Gabrielson. “It’s sad.” Activities are being held at the other buildings, and off site.

Linden City manager resigns

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Linden — Christopher Wren has resigned from his position as Linden City manager and has accepted a position in the private sector. His last day as city manager will be Jan. 21.

“It’s been a great run in the City of Linden, I couldn’t have asked for a better community to be a part of,” Wren said. “There were some highs and lows there but I absolutely enjoyed my time there. I commend the staff that I worked with; they are a phenomenal group of people.”

Linden Mayor David Lossing said that while he would prefer to have Wren stay in Linden, he understands that Wren is moving forward and is happy for him and his wife.

“Chris has been made an offer he couldn’t refuse,” Lossing said. “We’ve been lucky to have him for the past four and a half years.” See MANAGER on 23A

Linden Councilor Mahnke dies

Remembered as a family man, public servant

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Linden City Councilor Gary Mahnke collapsed and died while working as a conductor at Crossroads Village on Dec. 27. He was 66. A prominent and active member of the City of Linden, Mahnke was appointed to the Linden City Council in 2011, and was elected to serve a three-year term after the November election. Mahnke was an active member of the Price Crane Robinsons VFW Post 4642 in Linden, and had served as post commander for five consecutive years.

He was a Master Mason with the Masonic Lodge and vice president of the Linden Mills Historical Society. Mahnke was also an election worker for the City of Linden. See MAHNKE on 24A

“Gary was a great guy, full of curiosity on how to be a great public servant.”

David Lossing
Linden City mayor
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BIGGEST GROSSING MOVIES OF 2011

What’s expected to be big in 2012

Best movies of 2011

The movie industry hit a new landmark in 2011 by releasing 28 sequels, the most ever released in a single year. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 was the top grossing movie, raking in $1,328,111,219. Transformers: Dark of the Moon and Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides rounded out the top three slots, each grossing more than $1 billion. This is the first year that three films earned more than $1 billion. Overall, The Smurfs and Rio were the only two non-sequels within the top 10 films that grossed the most money.

See MOVIES on 23A

How to keep New Year’s Resolutions

Enlist help of friends, families and gadgets

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A new year often gives you a fresh start and an opportunity to evaluate your personal and professional life.

That’s why millions of adults create New Year’s Resolutions every Jan. 1 — they want to eliminate bad habits and establish new routines that will help them improve their lives physically, professionally, financially, etc.

Unfortunately, many of these resolutions never make it past the calendar turn to February, when well-meaning people abandon their resolve and settle back into old patterns.

How can you make New Year’s Resolutions for 2012 that you will keep throughout the year?

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Pick just one resolution
   While everyone may have a long list of potential resolutions, experts suggest that you pick just one, and focus all of your energies on that one goal, rather than spreading yourself too thin among a number of different objectives.

2. Make your goal specific and realistic
   Instead of making a general statement, focus on a concrete, achievable goal that you create with a realistic plan and a measurable result. Set exercise dates with yourself, if that’s your goal, and honor them as you would any other appointment.

See SUGGESTIONS on 15A

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Ten wishes for the New Year

The New Year is not just a time for making resolutions, it is also a time for hoping for a better year for America and Americans. My 2012 wish list for a better America:

1) I wish that more Americans would realize that simply being born in America is the greatest advantage anyone can have to attain prosperity.

2) I wish all celebrities would shut the hell up: Yes, freedom of speech guarantees the right of every American to speak their mind on any subject. But wouldn’t it be awesome if the next time a celebrity was asked their opinion they would simply say something like: “I appreciate your asking but the truth is that acting on TV or in movies doesn’t provide any insight into anything meaningful, especially with regard to war, social issues or politics. Besides, I live in the entertainment world and am only exposed to opinions that exactly mirror my own.”

3) I hope that the wonderful citizens of Fenton and the surrounding areas continue to embrace the Shop Local mentality that has been so instrumental in the growth and sustenance of our safe, secure and serene communities.

4) Speaking of Hollywood, I wish they would stop using the term ‘motion picture.’ While it made sense back in the 1920s, it is patently ridiculous now. It is as relevant as calling movies ‘talkies.’ They’re just movies, not art. And you are movie makers, not artists.

5) I wish Fenton’s leaders would pull the plug on the innate ‘Be Closer.’ In your defense, your intentions were great. A++, for execution – E. I can provide a dozen tagslines in one hour – such as ‘Live the Dream,’ – that would at least make some semblance of sense to passers-by and visitors.

6) I wish that people who sacrifice to live within their means would quit being forced by their own government to pay for people who don’t live within their means.

7) I wish that people who made mistakes – such as teen pregnancies, or abusing drugs or alcohol – could learn from their mistakes, thus radically decreasing the probability of them repeating them. But today, welfare programs not only protect people from the consequences of their own mistakes, but reward them – bankrolled by those of us who did learn from our own bad decisions.

8) I wish that teachers would quit hiding behind the rubric of ‘it’s for the kids,’ and say what they know to be the truth: ‘It’s for the union.’

9) I wish that every young adult driving around playing their car stereos at criminally high volume levels would spend one day wearing earplugs so that they would be aware of the social and mental cost of the early onset hearing loss they are destined to experience.

10) I wish for a healthy and happy 2012 for the citizens of Fenton and our surrounding communities.

What would you like to change about yourself in 2012?

“Quit smoking. I’ve tried a bunch of times.”
— Dan Markland
Waterford

“(Quit) smoking, I could drop a couple pounds also.”
— Erik Knill
Warren

“I would like to save more money.”
— Angela Yarber
Harland

“It’s cliché, but I’d like to exercise more, exercise consistently.”
— Alex Yarber
Harland

“I’m finally thinking of retiring. I’m 75. I haven’t sat around since 65 to 75.”
— Jim Bronback
Fenton

“T’d like to be more patient. Just be a more forgiving person.”
— Jenny Thornton
Fenton
Students sought for video contest

▶ Winner to receive college scholarship

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One local high school student will receive a college scholarship and see their creation on television if he or she submits the winning 30-second commercial for Vic Canever Chevrolet of Fenton.

All local area high school students are invited to participate and one entry will win a college scholarship, a donation to their school’s video production department and an airing of their commercial on network television in the local market.

To compete, high school students are required to create a 30-second television commercial for the local dealership.

Summary
▶ High school students have a shot at winning a college scholarship by submitting a video commercial for Vic Canever Chevrolet.

Benefit for Kerry Knapp
A benefit in memory of Kerry Knapp is set for Sunday, Jan. 15 at Jester’s Lounge, 3112 N. Center Rd. Flint, to honor the life of Kerry Knapp and his unselfish nature led to his death.

Knapp was 48 years old and is survived by his wife, Whitney and three children. Knapp was known for helping friends and family and his unselfish nature led to his death. His family is on a low, fixed income and needs assistance with funeral costs. Several local entertainers have donated their time for the benefit and Carr said they are raffling a 51-inch Samsung plasma TV at $5 per ticket. A cover charge of $5 is required to attend the benefit, which runs from 4 to 11 p.m.

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DDA considers leasing sculptures

Each $1,200 piece would be on display for one year

Fenton — Sculptures could become an integral part of the Fenton landscape if the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) agrees to lease artwork from the Midwest Sculpture Initiative (MSI).

DDA member John Strayer told members last Tuesday that he has been researching the idea of leasing sculptures to enhance the cultural aspect of Fenton.

Rather than buying pricey artwork, Strayer said with this company, Fenton would be able to lease sculptures for one year. Each leased sculpture would cost $1,200 and a minimum of six pieces would be required, costing the DDA $7,200. Once selected, the company would deliver and install the sculptures at locations chosen by the city.

MSI currently has 16 municipal clients and expects to increase that number to 20. Sites are in Michigan and Ohio so far.

Strayer said if the DDA decided it would like to pursue this idea, it would be beneficial to obtain input from the Lakes Area Art Council, high school art teachers, and others for the selection of pieces. “This is an opportunity to be unique,” said Strayer. “It can promote the city.”

Mayor Sue Osborn said this sounded like a fabulous idea.

Craig Schmidt, chairperson of the DDA, said it’s a wonderful program and the city would not be required to buy the sculptures, nor maintain them.

The DDA will continue to look into this idea. To view some of the artwork on display in other cities, go to www.missculpture.com.

Bald Eagle causing stir around Lake Fenton

Sightings of majestic bird becoming more common

By Michael LeGault

Lori Kerstetter was taking a walk on a brisk Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago when something large fluttering in the sky over Lake Fenton caught her eye.

“I asked my boyfriend if he saw that huge bird,” said Kerstetter, who lives in Jackson. “He said it was probably just a hawk, but I said, no it has a white head, it’s a bald eagle.”

Since then, many Lake Fenton residents have reported seeing the bird. The fully-fledged adult eagle is causing a stir around the lake, where it has given many people close-up views of its broad wingspan, talons and snow-white neck and head.

The American Bald Eagle was removed from the list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in 2007, but eagle sightings in southern Michigan are still relatively rare. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service counted 682 active eagle nests in Michigan in 2011, but only one in Genesee County.

A breeding pair of bald eagles usually produces only one or two chicks per season. It takes about four years for an immature eagle to become fully fledged and obtain its distinctive “bald” head, according to Jack Dingle-dine, deputy field supervisor with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.

In two-chick nests, there is also a high rate of fratricide, in which typically one chick will push the other chick out of the nest. “The American Bald Eagle is not the most prolifically reproductive of animals, which is one contributing reason they became endangered,” said Dingle-dine.

Bald Eagles do not migrate to warmer climes during the winter like some birds, said Karen Cleveland, bird biologist at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Rather, once the breeding season ends, eagles will roam from their nests into areas where food may be more plentiful. The many tall trees lining the shore of Lake Fenton provide the eagle with an ideal perch over open water to hunt for fish and other wildlife.

“Once the breeding season is over they really need the eagle to hang around the nest and defend its territory,” said Cleveland. “The birds are kind of like vagabonds this time of year, hunting, then just roosting trees at night.”

Cleveland said the bird is probably not a threat to people’s pets. “Coyotes are more of a threat to small dogs and cats in this area,” she said.

A few days after her initial sighting, Kerstetter spotted the bird again sitting on the edge of some ice in front of her boyfriend’s house. “When you get this close to it you can see why it’s America’s national emblem.”

Lori Kerstetter

Jackson resident

Summary

Residents are beginning to notice a resurgence of Bald Eagles in the Lake Fenton area. The American Bald Eagle was removed from the Endangered and Threatened Wildlife list in 2007.
**APARTMENT BROKEN INTO**
The Holly Police Department is investigating a breaking and entering, which occurred between, Dec. 12 and 23. The 37-year-old resident showed police how someone pried open the door to his apartment in the 300 block of North Saginaw Street to gain entry to his home. Pry marks appeared to be made from a screwdriver. A TV was missing from the man’s home. The resident told police that he asked neighbors if they saw anything, however, there were no witnesses to the break-in. The case remains under investigation.

**HOLLY WOMAN FALLS ASLEEP IN VEHICLE**
At 1:25 a.m., on Dec. 21, a Holly police officer observed a vehicle stopped in the area of Grange Hall Road and Old Leake Court. The vehicle’s engine was running. As the officer approached the vehicle, he saw a female inside with her eyes closed. After several attempts, police awoken the woman by knocking on the windows with their flashlights. Police suspected the driver, a 39-year-old Holly woman, of being intoxicated.

As she exited the vehicle, police noticed that she was unstable on her feet. Field sobriety tests were administered. A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol content of .21. She was placed under arrest and her vehicle was towed, while she was transported to the police station for processing.

**JEEP EGDED**
A Holly police officer was dispatched to a home in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road at 9 a.m. on Dec. 23 to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The 54-year-old complainant said someone had thrown eggs at her 1995 Jeep. Eggshells were found on the ground near the Jeep.

Because of the chief’s goal, Dispatcher Freda Irish is keeping the police department’s website, www.hollypolice.com up to the date. The chief has also created her own Facebook page. People should friend request “Elena Danishevskaya” to follow her updates. Another way of keeping the residents informed is through a program called, Nixle, www.nixle.com. Nixle allows residents to sign up for any important safety, emergency alert or press release, which is released by the police department. Residents can opt to receive information as text messages to their cell phone or through e-mail alerts, or both. The chief is also looking for volunteers who would help the police department reach out to the community. This should not involve a lot of time, but the chief encourages anyone with a few free hours per month to contact Dispatch Coordinator Dawn Bott by calling (248) 634-8221 or e-mailing her at dbott@hollypolice.com.

**Summary**
The Holly Police Department offers multiple ways for residents to stay informed.

**What Does Investment Landscape Look like in 2012?**
As an investor, you know that 2011 was a somewhat “choppy” year, with the financial markets going through many ups and downs. So what can you expect in 2012?

As baseball Hall of Famer Yogi Berra is quoted as saying: “It’s hard to make predictions — especially about the future.” And these words are certainly applicable for anyone who would like an accurate forecast of the investment climate.

Yet we do know of some factors that may affect your portfolio in the months ahead. Here are a few of them:

- **Strong business fundamentals** — This past year, all the noise about the debt ceiling debate, the size of the U.S. deficit and the European financial situation tended to drown out some fairly good news: U.S. businesses’ balance sheets were strong for the most part, borrowing costs remained low, and corporate profits were good — and corporate profitability remains a key driver of stock prices. Heading into 2012, these fundamentals continue to look positive, which may bode well for investors.

- **Europe’s debt crisis** — Greece’s economic problems made a lot of news in 2011, but they weren’t the end of the story in Europe, as major financial difficulties also face Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland. It’s by no means clear how these problems will be resolved, so don’t be surprised to see them lead to intermittent, if short-lived, shocks to the markets.

- **Election-year patterns** — As you’re well aware, we’re voting in presidential elections in 2012. But you might be surprised to learn that the S&P 500 index has shown negative returns in only three of the last 21 presidential election years. Coincidence? No one can say for sure — and at this point, no one can say if this pattern of positive returns will continue during this election year. Still, it’s an interesting phenomenon.

- **Diversify your holdings.** By spreading your money among a wide range of investments, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can’t guarantee profits or protect against loss.

- **Always look at the “big picture.”** Financial markets will always fluctuate. But if you can keep your focus on your long-term objectives, and make decisions accordingly, you can avoid overreacting to short-term events.

Like other years, 2012 will bring with it periods of both turbulence and smooth sailing. But by making the right investment moves, you can still chart a course that can allow you to move ever closer to your future goals.

**Ernie Pinter dies**
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Ernest (Ernie) Pinter, a longtime Fenton resident, passed away on Dec. 20 at Argentine Care Center. He was 95.

In March, the Times ran a story about Pinter, who had just penned an inspirational booklet, Traveling Booklet of Wisdom, hoping to inspire change. Of Hungarian dissident, Pinter’s constant message was for people to keep trying and never give up.

Pinter also wrote, “The Stairway to Magic,” a collection of children’s stories. The 10 stories were created for children he knew, as well as for his great-niece, Jennifer. Funeral arrangements are pending with the Temrowski Family Funeral Home in Fenton.
Township passes on listing property

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — The old North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) building and property on Grange Hall Road in Holly Township will not be listed for sale at this time, after a 3-2 board vote last week.

Supervisor Jesse Lambert and Treasurer Mark Freeman voted in favor of listing the property.

At a previous board meeting, the board of trustees asked representatives from Legacy Realty in Fenton to assess the property on 4092 Grange Hall Road, which had previously been listed at $1.2 million. The current assessment came at $350,000 to $400,000.

Lambert spearheaded the effort to list the property that is not being used, to possibly sell it and get the property back on the tax roll.

“I really think we’re doing a disservice to the community to not at least list this property,” said Lambert.

Trustee Janet Leslie said that the township has already paid almost $600,000, and they should try to get at least the money back that was already invested.

“It’s not required,” said Freeman. He said the township could make up the lost money invested in property taxes.

Karen Winchester, county attorney, saying it would take years to make that money up in property taxes. She also said that the township would receive very little tax money, as most would go the Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Lambert still wanted to list the property for sale. “Do we wait eight years to get $800,000 to $1 million for the property?” he said.

“I think it’s irresponsible to list it in the worst market,” said Winchester.

Lambert made the motion to list the property for sale at $400,000, however, the motion failed. No other motion was made on the property.

Holly Township resident Pete Deahl suggested after the vote that they sell the properties, or properly maintain them. “The last thing we need is a blighted eyesore,” he said.

Officials clash over budget

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — The good news is, Holly Township is receiving $104,352 more in revenue sharing because of the 2010 U.S. census and, the board passed a budget amendment last week on how to spend it.

The amendment calls for using half of the money on fire hydrants, emergency sirens, Holly Township Cleanup Day, and a 4 percent pay increase for public officials. The rest will go into various accounts.

The bad news is that the budget was narrowly passed because of the continuing dispute involving the different departments and their funding. Supervisor Jesse Lambert and Treasurer Mark Freeman cast the dissenting votes.

Freeman voted against the amendment because he wanted the extra funds in part to be used to equalize the township treasurer and clerk cost centers. The board had spent about three hours in a budget workshop in November discussing how to use the money.

Freeman argued that the clerk’s and the treasurer’s office should be funded equally. Currently, the deputy clerk works 33 hours per week with a pension and healthcare plan, with a salary of $24,410.

The deputy treasurer works 20 hours per week for $20,000, with no benefits.

“We’re talking about fairness and equity in funding,” said Freeman.

Freeman proposed a plan that would increase the deputy treasurer’s pay 10 percent every year, every township employee’s salary $1,200 in 2011. He did not suggest the deputy clerk would take on more responsibilities or hours. “I believe that is a reasonable first step toward the eventual restoration of full funding,” said Freeman.

Lambert reversed his previous position, and voted with Freeman, against the budget because the township could use more staff hours on township tasks, like implementing the new projects included in the budget amendment.

“Who is going to do all this work?” Lambert said.

Freeman has brought this argument to the board before, and was voted down. He compared Holly Township to other local municipalities to support his position.

Trustee Janet Leslie questioned giving a pay increase only based on parity. “It allows the treasurer’s department to be able to attract and hire qualified people to work in that department,” she said.

“I don’t understand how using more tax payer money is going to return a greater benefit,” said Leslie.

Once the board voted for the budget as amended, denying Freeman’s proposal, Freeman read a prepared statement into the record, decrying the logic used to cast the vote. “All I can do is assure this board, and the taxpayers, that this issue is not going to go away until it is resolved,” he said.

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The Linden City Council will also have to appoint a new council member after the passing of councilor Gary Mahnke. The interim councilor will serve on the council until November, when voters will elect a permanent councilor to fill the remainder of Mahnke’s term.

Losing said overall, he hopes the economy will improve but the city is committed to watching their budgets and being fiscally sound.

“Hopefully, the state economy will settle down and the state will increase investments in local places,” Losing said. “If the value of people’s properties pick back up, it will help our school district. Our government will continue to watch the budget and do more cutting if need be.”

The Linden Council voted in November to be a part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a federally funded program that provides monies to improve infrastructures and building projects for municipalities. The council will use the funds to improve downtown lighting structures by replacing poles and light bulbs.

Reconstruction of the Loose Senior Citizen Center should be complete by the end of next year, as demolition of a building on site began the last week of December.

Another project in the works is the weed treatment of the Linden Mill Pond, which was spurred by citizens who lived on or near the pond. The project is not finalized, however, there have been steps taken involving research and meetings between citizens and government on how to approach the project.

Also, to be determined this year is whether the Linden Summer Happening will return or if the Linden Summer Mills Day will continue a second year. The Linden Summer Happening Committee has met with the Linden City Council; no plans have been finalized yet.

**Fenton Township**

Fenton Township is looking forward to new developments in 2012. Clerk Robert Krug said the township just approved a large build along Jennings and Owen road, which will include an assisted living complex. “We’re excited about that,” he said.

Krug has also been investigating providing water service for the Thompson Road Corridor, which includes properties on Thompson Road from U.S. 23 to the residential lots. Krug said the water service would be from the township, exclusively for businesses, who would share the cost.

**Holly Village**

The Holly Village Council and administration are looking primarily to weather the financial storm without a decrease in services for its residents. “The only reason why local government should exist is providing services to the residents and businesses of the community,” said Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker. “That’s why we’re here.”

Holly is anticipating further revenue losses from the state, so the administration and elected officials are just trying to stay the course. Village Council President Jeff Miller’s priority is a balanced budget, and to expand sharing services. Walker also mentioned shared services as a major goal for 2012. The village already shares ambulance services with Groveland Township, and building inspector responsibilities. Buying office supplies in bulk is also a possibility.

Walker expects discussions for expanding Holly police service to include Holly and Groveland townships to resume, should the Michigan State Police be completely pulled out of northern Oakland County.

Because there are currently several positions open for various boards and committees, Miller would like to promote volunteerism in the village.

Council member Jackie Campbell also supports the balanced budget and expanded services. She would also like to see a cohesive front office, and more grants sought for either renovating, or demolishing village property.

Other goals she has for the year is selling the village offices, and as a private citizen, putting city hall back on the November 2012 ballot. “People deserve the best in the community,” she said. “I have a lot of dreams for Holly.”

**Holly DDA**

Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Hope Ponsart hopes to guide the DDA back to accreditation in 2012. Ponsart said this would put the Holly DDA in an elite group that is recognized as having a leading main street revitalization plan. Ponsart said the steps to receive accreditation have already been taken, and the evaluation will be in March. The Holly DDA last had accreditation in 2009.

The DDA is also doing traffic studies to determine how traffic flows through the village. These studies will help to place crosswalks that are needed because of increased foot traffic through downtown.

Steps are also being taken to develop certain parts of downtown, like the area around the holly mill. Improving walkability is a goal for 2012, said Ponsart.

“There’s a renewed emphasis on business development,” she said. Ponsart is developing a new plan for prospective businesses, and a new website is in the works. Although Ponsart has seen more volunteers for events and projects, she would like to get even more in 2012. “I feel like all the cylinders are firing,” she said. “The main street program is back in place.”

**Holly Township**

Projects such as the work being done at Oakhill Cemetery and the 120-year-old township offices at 102 Civic Drive will continue. Supervisor Jesse Lambert expects no big policy changes and no new taxes for residents.

Lambert said the township would continue supporting community festivals. He hopes to improve attendance to events like Dickens Festival, Patriot Week, Ladies Night, the Halloween Parade and Wednesday night car shows. He said downtown business owners are cooperating with the effort.

Lambert expects the Village and Township to continue working closely together in 2012. Projects, including the expansion of water and sewer infrastructure in other areas of the township, are being discussed at a public hearing on Feb. 14. Lambert said business growth is minimal because the township owns less commercial property.

“If there’s a healthy village, there’s going to be a healthy township,” he said. “That upbeat attitude will carry into the township.”

The township also has a healthy budget for 2012. “I’ve never felt better in my three years of being here,” he said.

**Rose Township**

Rose Township is looking forward to new emergency alert sirens being installed within its borders, as well as improvements to parks.

The township is also being lead by interim Supervisor Glen Noble, who will sit on the board of trustees until November.
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three-story brick building was going to have retail, office and residential space on the first, second and third floor, respectively.

Brad Hissong, zoning administrator for the city of Fenton, said due to overwhelming demand for residential space, the Saabs requested a waiver so that a fourth floor could be added to the plans. The fourth floor of residential units would be recessed from the facade, with private outdoor space overlooking the roads below. The waiver was necessary because of the height restrictions.

“Everyone wants to live there,” he said, noting the reasonable rent, $750 to $1,100.

Hissong said the fire chief expressed no issues regarding the height and the waiver was granted. The four retail spaces available on the ground floor are reserved; however, the second floor still has office space available. Real estate consultant Jerry Mansour is working with the city and the Saab Group to bring in tenants. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

North LeRoy Street road improvement project

A $1.25 million road project set for this spring is the rehabilitation of North LeRoy Street, from North Road to the city’s northern border.

Fenton expects to receive $750,000 in federal funding through the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission as part of the 2012 County Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The city has also budgeted $500,000 toward this project, administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Culver’s restaurant

Construction is nearly done at Culver’s restaurant on Owen Road. Siblings, Kevin Powers and Katie Schmitt, who own the Culver’s restaurant in Clarkston, have been working with the city to open their second location. The family restaurant is known for its burgers, sandwiches, frozen custard desserts and handcrafted beverages.

Fenton House restaurant

Anyone passing through Dibbleville has seen the construction work at the Fenton House restaurant. Work includes a new façade at the back of the restaurant, outdoor dining at the back, as well as interior changes. The arcade at the back will be removed, to make way for a dining/bar area. Hissong said the owner of the restaurant has bought a liquor license from the county with the intent of transferring the license over to the restaurant. This matter will be discussed at future city council meetings and the police chief would be required to give an opinion.

Hobby Lobby

Numerous people have offered opinions as to what should go into the space of the former Farmer Jack grocery store on Silver Parkway. Hissong said Hobby Lobby has submitted its plans for the 5,450 square foot space. The exterior will remain mostly the same with a new glassed in vestibule.

This Hobby Lobby will add to the chain’s 499 stores in 41 states. The $600,000 project, which includes an extensive interior renovation and all new heating and cooling system, will use local contractors.

Michigan Brewing Co.

Hissong said construction work could begin any day on the Michigan Brewing Co., which is leasing the old fire hall building from the city. The restaurant will feature its own beer and wine.

The city has a seven-year lease agreement with the restaurant owners where they will pay the city $1 per year, plus property taxes. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is supplying up to 33 percent of the project costs, not to exceed $400,000.

Power Sports International

Moving into the former Hanson drying cleaning building on North LeRoy Street is Power Sports International, LLC. The owners have submitted plans to the city, which include them buying and selling items on the Internet and having a few items on display in a small showroom in the building. Hissong said the owners intend to upgrade the building’s exterior and parking lot.

Michigan Eye Institute

Michigan Eye Institute celebrated its 20 years in business with a new 5,300 square foot development on Silver Parkway, which is set to open soon. This facility is a fully integrated eye care practice.

Crust

Crust, a baking company on West Caroline Street, is within weeks of providing freshly baked breads, pastries, pies, cakes for its customers under the direction of executive baker, Mike Green.

New 911 Dispatch Equipment

The purchase of new 911 emergency dispatch equipment for the Fenton Police Department was recently approved by Fenton City Council and installation of the state-of-the-art equipment is expected to take place soon. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is covering the more than $300,000 in costs.
Laborer Dale Watkins prepares wall surfacing on Wednesday inside the new Culver’s restaurant on Owen Road in Fenton. The business is expected to be open in February 2012.

Culver’s to open Feb. 15

Construction going smooth, nearly complete

By William Axford
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ButterBurgers and fresh frozen custard will be on the tongues of Fenton residents by mid February. Construction at Culver’s restaurant is nearly complete and owner Kevin Powers is anticipating a Feb. 15 opening. The restaurant’s sign was scheduled to be delivered and installed by the end of the week.

Fenton based Rhoads and Johnson began construction of the Owen Road restaurant on Oct. 12 at the site of the former State Bank building. Foreman Jim Roth said 95 percent of the building’s exterior is complete and he estimates 50 to 60 percent of the interior is completed, without the flooring or restaurant equipment.

“The weather has been very favorable, it’s been really nice,” Roth said. “We expect to be done in February, when it opens.”

Powers has owned and operated Culver’s in Clarkson for the past five years with his sister Katie Schmit. The Fenton location will be the second restaurant they own. The sister and brother duo are looking forward to being a part of the Fenton community.

“It looks like we’re on track. Rhoads and Johnson is doing a terrific job,” Powers said. “The weather has been cooperating so far.”

Powers and Schmitt are currently in the hiring process and already have multiple people scheduled to work opening day. In total, Powers expects to employ about 70 people once the restaurant is open and running. Company founder Craig Culver is scheduled to fly in for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

“We’re excited to be in Fenton,” Powers said. “We feel that we’re going to be prepared and we expect a strong opening.”

Culver’s began in 1984 when the Culver’s family opened up their first restaurant in Wisconsin. Currently, Culver’s restaurants are in operation across 19 states.

Summary

Construction at Culver’s restaurant on Owen Road is nearly complete and owner Kevin Powers is anticipating a Feb. 15 grand opening.

SUGGESTIONS

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5 Plan ahead

Hopefully, your 2012 resolution is already in place before New Year’s Eve. Since planning is an essential part of achieving any goal, experts suggest that you spend time planning how you will tackle a major behavioral change. Write down your goal, make a list of activities to achieve that goal and note any obstacles — and solutions — that might stand in your way.

6 Start with small steps

Focus on taking tiny steps that will ultimately help you reach your larger goal. Small changes make it easier to stick to your new habits and increase the likelihood of long-term success.

7 Avoid repeating past failures

Don’t make the exact same resolution year after year. Even if you choose to reach for the same goal — losing weight, for example — approach it in a new way with specific behavioral changes that will address why your past efforts weren’t successful. By changing your approach, you will be more likely to see real results.

8 Remember that a resolution is a process, not a destination

Since many unhealthy habits have taken a lifetime to develop, they aren’t likely to change in just a few short days, weeks or months. Remember that it’s not a race to the finish, but something you will continue to work on for the rest of your life.

9 Don’t let small stumbles bring you down

Expect a few setbacks in this new process of keeping your resolution, and plan for them. View each relapse in behavior as an opportunity to learn. The path toward a goal is not a straight one. Keep a journal, and write down important information about when and why a relapse occurred. That will help you better prepare for a future setback.

10 Enlist support from friends, family, social networks

Use the buddy system to keep your accountability strong. Explain what your goals are to close friends and family and ask for their help. You might want to enlist the help of others by joining a group that shares your goal.

11 Renew your motivation

While you may feel highly motivated during the first few days of working on your resolution, your confidence and motivation may begin to fade as you face challenges in changing your behavior. Remind yourself why you have set this goal, and find sources of inspiration to keep you going.

12 Reevaluate your strategy as time passes

Once your initial spark of motivation has waned, you may have to work harder to keep your goal. If your current approach is not working, reevaluate your strategies and develop a new plan. By sticking with it and working on your goal all year long, you can be one of the few able to say that you really did keep your New Year’s Resolution for 2012.

USE TECHNOLOGY TO HELP YOU

• Block out time and set reminders. Take advantage of your smartphone’s calendar and schedule time in advance. Use your smartphone to set reminders or “due dates” for these mini-goals. By doing so, you make your resolutions seem more achievable, and the due dates will encourage you to start and continue.

• Find a community on the Internet to find others who are tackling the same resolution. It’s easy to feel discouraged when you’re pursuing something alone. If your goal is to read more books, join a website like Goodreads. For weight-loss, check out sites like SparkPeople and CaloriesCount.

• Start your own community by creating a Facebook group. Give it a fun name and invite friends (and their friends) to join the group. Not only will you hold each other accountable and swap tips, but also you will be more motivated by being the group leader.

• Look into dedicated gadgets. For example, if you resolve to read more, an e-reader like the Nook or Kindle can motivate you to stock up on more books. Likewise, Fitbit or Adidas MiCoach are devices that help you manage fitness and weight-loss in a fun way.

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Movies

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Grossing the most money, however, doesn’t always translate into the best films of the year. Movie critics panned both Transformers and Pirates of the Caribbean. Here’s a list of some of the most notable movies of 2011 and what to expect in 2012.

Movies from 2011

Ides of March – 2011 was a big year for actor Ryan Gosling, who had been missing in action from movies for the past few years. In the Ides of March, Gosling plays a hotshot junior campaign manager for presidential hopeful Mike Morris (George Clooney). Gosling plays the role splendidly, giving moviegoers an inside eye to the political world in a political field of immoral politicians and cunning campaign workers.

The Muppets – The first Muppets movie in 12 years was one of this year’s best films. Whimsical and full of notable cameos, the Muppets returned with a bang. Hopefully, moviegoers won’t have to wait another decade to see the Muppets on the big screen again.

Bridesmaids – Annie’s (Kristen Wiig) life comes undone when her best friend gets married and asks Annie to be her maid of honor. Bridesmaids goes beyond getting married and asks Annie to be her maid of honor. Bridesmaids will focus on Peter Parker’s life as a high school student who inherits spider-like superpowers. Emma Stone will play Parker’s love interest, Gwen Stacey, while Rhys Ifans will play Dr. Curt Conners, who transforms into the villainous Lizard.

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey – Dec. 14 — Director Peter Jackson takes us back to Middle Earth with The Hobbit, the tale of Bilbo Baggins before the events of The Lord of the Rings. An epic story filled with dwarves, dragons and other folklore. The Hobbit will be split into two movies.

Prometheus – June 8 – Originally proposed as a prequel to Ridley Scott’s Alien, Prometheus will be a standalone movie about an advanced alien race that helped forge human civilization. The title is an allusion to the Greek mythology of Prometheus, a Titan that stole fire from Zeus and gave it to the humans, thus sparking human intelligence.

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Wren is looking forward to starting his new career. “It’s a new opportunity with new challenges. I’m looking forward to writing a new chapter and to take on new things. I’m looking forward to seeing what the private world has to offer.”

Losing said the city should have a job posting for the position soon. The position is expected to be filled by March 2012.

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MAHNIKE  
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In 2010, Mahnke was declared Citizen of the Year by the City of Linden.
Mahnke’s death was unexpected and members of the Linden community were moved by his passing.
“This is a great loss to the city, council, and of course, his family,” said Linden mayor David Lossing. “Gary was a great guy, full of curiosity on how to be a good public servant. We’re going to miss him on the council.”
Mahnke was born on March 28, 1945 in Clovis, New Mexico. He married his wife Anne in 1966 and moved to Linden in 1973, where he lived out the rest of his life. Prior to being married, Mahnke served in the Navy from 1963 to 1966 and saw action in the Vietnam War. He retired from Consumers Energy in 2010 after 34 years of work. He was a part of the Huckleberry Railroad from 2002 to the day he died.
Linden V.F.W. Post Commander Bill Steelman was nearly speechless when he spoke of Mahnke. “I was a little shocked, nobody even surmised this would happen,” Steelman said. “He’s going to be highly missed in the community.”
Members of Mahnke’s family said that he was a family man that was beloved. He had a zest and love for life.
Funeral services have been set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 100 Silver Lake Road. Visitation have been scheduled for Thursday 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
I WANT TO comment to all those people complaining about losing rights and everything. Please enlighten me, what rights have we lost? I am 61 years old and I can still do everything I did as a teenager. So please enlighten me and be specific what rights have we really lost.

THE KING HAD such a nice Christmas story this week. Maybe he could have something nice to say the other 51 weeks of the year instead of his hate, directed at those who don’t agree with him, liberals and Democrats.

THIS IS FOR the liberal no-minded robot that watched the fiasco in Washington and interpreted it to be the Republicans holding the economy hostage. Let me remind you it was the Republicans that passed the one-year extension that the president was asking for. It was the Democrats and Senate that wouldn’t pass a two-month extension. Get some real balanced news.

I WORK RETAIL and cannot believe all of the stolen items from just our store. Are you people giving others your stolen items as ‘presents’? If you can’t afford it, you don’t need it and stop stealing. You will have to answer to your actions someday.
Advice from local pros

By Sally Rummel
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Sometimes it takes a defining moment in life to make a decision to get healthy and fit.

Bambi Fisher, 53, of Linden, remembers one Thursday in March 2010, as if it were yesterday. An accounting manager by profession, Fisher bent down to pick up a pen she had dropped on the floor and discovered she couldn’t physically get down low enough to pick it up.

She drove herself immediately from work to a Weight Watchers meeting in Fenton and eventually lost 88 pounds.

Not only did she lose enough pounds and inches to go from wearing a size 24 to a size 12, she also gained a brand new lifestyle of healthy living. “You’ve got to make a permanent change in your daily habits,” said Fisher, who only misses about three days a month in going to the gym.

A member at Snap Fitness in Linden, she loves the workout, plus the stress relief she enjoys after every evening exercise session. “Every day that I’m working out at the gym, I’m healthier than the day I was before,” said Fisher.

Fisher is a good example of a person who has taken the local resources available to her in her desire to lose weight and get healthy. Here is some of the best advice from local fitness professionals, who want to help tri-county area residents get on board to “get fit” in 2012.

Summary

This is the year tri-county area residents can commit to getting fit and healthy, with advice offered by local fitness and nutrition professionals.

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Tips from the pros:

All of the elliptical training, Zumba classes and treadmill use is a waste of time if you are not eating correctly, according to Mike O’Hara, physical therapist and owner of Fenton Physical Therapy/Fenton Fitness & Athletic Center.

O’Hara is a huge proponent of the benefits of exercise for everyone, but points out that in order to lose weight and change your body composition from less fat to more muscle, you have to get your nutrition program in order first. “It’s not just cardio and more cardio,” he said. Strength training and proper calorie intake are the most important components of lasting weight loss, according to the last five years of research in this area.

Change your goal from “getting fit” to “getting healthy.”

Re-define what getting fit means to you, then recognize what has to be changed in your life to accomplish that, advises Missy Vincent, certified personal trainer/certified group fitness instructor for Commit2Fit, LLC. “Whether physically or mentally, attack this concept of ‘getting healthy’ as if it were a life or death decision, because it is,” said Vincent. “Obesity is responsible for more than 300,000 deaths a year.”

Her nutrition advice? Keep blood sugar levels stable throughout the day by eating regular, small meals to keep from experiencing peaks and valleys of hunger. Think “brown” when selecting grains, choose three to four pieces of whole fruit a day, and consume green vegetables at will, but high-starch vegetables moderately. “Define what physical activities are fun and incorporate them into your day,” added Vincent.

“Train your brain to believe that the activity that you are doing is because you want to, not because you have to. The key to exercising is to enjoy whatever activity it is that you choose as your caloric burner, otherwise you will quit before you ever began.”

See TIPS on 6B

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Weight loss tips for the New Year

Are you determined to meet your weight loss goals this year? If healthier habits and weight loss are among your new year’s resolutions, give yourself a pat on the back for making health a top priority. The hard part is actually sticking to it and making real changes! Here are a few tips to help you keep on track with your weight loss resolution.

Write your goals down

If you want to truly do something, write it down. Journals, food diaries and to-do lists are extremely important to your weight loss plan. Brainstorm all of your goals onto one piece of paper and then rewrite each one as a contract with yourself. Put your contract somewhere that will keep you reminded of the promise you have made. The fresher the goal the greater the chance that you will keep your promise. Make your goal as specific as possible. Set a definite date

If you just say you’re going to meet your goal sometime within the year, that will not work. In fact, you will probably fall into the “I’ll start next week” trap. Instead, mark your calendar for a certain date for each goal that you want to achieve. For example, by March 1st you want to be walking 3 miles a day, setting a definite date is a great way to make sure you stick with your plan.

Set realistic goals

Remember, it did not take you 2 weeks to gain those extra 25 pounds so it definitely will not take only 2 weeks to lose it all! You gradually gained the weight over several months and even years, so always remember that you’re in this for the long haul. It’s a marathon not a sprint and with this mind set you will be able to create new healthy habits which will eventually turn your “diet” into a truly healthy lifestyle to last a lifetime!

Remove the temptations

Go into your kitchen and remove all bad foods from your refrigerator and pantry. This step is very crucial since the temptation to cheat will be increased 10-fold if you have cheat foods lingering inside your home. If you don’t remove these tempting items, it will only be a matter of time before you breakdown and dive head first into the cookie jar. Fill your kitchen with healthy, nutrient dense food, such as:

- Lean protein (chicken breast, turkey breast, fish, egg whites)
- Fresh fruits (oranges, apples, grapes, strawberries)
- Raw vegetables (mushrooms, broccoli, squash, green beans, red peppers)
- Healthy snack foods (non-fat cottage cheese, sugar free jello, protein bar)
- Bottled Water

Meet mini-goals

Make small changes every week and they will add up in time. It’s easier to move little pebbles than an entire mountain, right? Here are some examples of weekly changes you could incorporate into mini-goals:

Week One: Drink 10 glasses of water per day.
Week Two: Take the steps at work instead of the elevator.
Week Three: Switch to diet sodas.
Week Four: Eliminate fried foods.
Week Five: Begin eating one vegetarian meal per week.
Photograph yourself

Pictures don’t lie. Snap 3 pictures every week including a profile shot, frontal shot and rear shot. Include these with your diet diary and so you can see how your body looks each week while you make changes to your diet and exercise program. Remember, sometimes the scale does lie. Even though your scale may read that you have gained 2 pounds over the last 3 weeks, this could very easily be 3 pounds of lean muscle. Lean muscle is an extremely metabolic tissue and the more you have, the more calories you burn even when you’re just sitting around! By adding photos of yourself, you will be able to reference your physical appearance from week to week.
We need a January thaw

Now that the message of peace on earth, good will toward men, is neatly packed away with the Christmas decorations, we’re in danger of entering our annual relapse into business as usual. Though totally inconsistent with the message of the season we’ve been celebrating, this too often happens.

Those of us who live in a cold climate now brace ourselves for winter winds and lots of snow but we often look forward to a brief break, soon after the beginning of the New Year, called a January thaw. We could use one of those merciful warming times in most of our churches and in many of our homes.

Let’s thaw the frigid feelings that divide us from others. Icy stares and cold meaningless greetings must go. Bitterness and strife between members of congregations can thwart the work of God causing whole communities to suffer.

Melting spiritual ice is no easy task. Real and imaginary wrongs have often built up such strong barricades to blessings that true reconciliation among people who should know better seems out of the question. Yet our Lord came to reconcile us to Himself and commanded that we forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Through her tears, a woman told me how negatively her life had been affected by her unwillingness to forgive. Once she had been one of the most active members of her church. Then she had become bitter toward another person in the congregation and as a result, had spent two unhappy years over their disagreement. Now she realized how foolish she had been to carry that old grudge and forgive her adversary.

The reconciliation of these two who had been at odds was great news. But, the two years they had lost could never be regained. Readiness to forgive at the time of the offense could have rescued them from these years of misery.

A free flow of forgiveness would revitalize most churches. Barriers erected long ago would fall. Efforts now spent by church leaders in holding the church together and catering to warring factions could be given to reaching out to the community.

Power to forgive comes from realizing we have been forgiven. And, both our own forgiveness and the ability to forgive others are the results of God’s love.

The first century church was a tiny minority in a dangerous and hostile world but they knew their situation called for unity so they laid aside their differences in order to fulfill their mission. They loved one other, forgave one another, shared their burdens and became known as people of one accord. We’re still benefiting from the thawing among them that enabled them to reach their world.

The warmth of love in any church can be felt by members and visitors, as can the chill of congregational conflict. What’s the feel of your fellowship?

We’re living in dangerous times and the message of your church is needed as much as at any period of history. What are you going to do about it?

Try forgiving those who have wronged you and you may be able to start the needed January thaw that will revitalize your church and change your life.

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Three words that will tell your community merchant that you appreciate them.

Invest In Your Community.

Mary Kay Sales Director Susan Fisher tries out her new 2012 Mary Kay edition Mustang at Lasco Ford. The Mustang is leased to employees that achieve high sales and for team building skills. Fisher has been with Mary Kay for 12 years and this is the seventh Mustang that has been leased to her.
CRANBERRIES
the healthy holiday fruit

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Whether you’re sipping a glass of cranberry juice, popping dried cranberries into your mouth as a snack or enjoying cranberry sauce with your Thanksgiving dinner, you’re doing your body a whole lot of good.

A natural wholesome fruit, cranberries provide a myriad of health benefits, according to the Cranberry Institute, which cites studies from the American Cancer Society and other health researchers.

All common cranberry products contain the beneficial antioxidants — whether you prefer to eat, drink or snack on them. Research shows that an 8-ounce cup of 25-percent cranberry juice cocktail provides the amount of antioxidants equivalent to ½ cup of fresh or frozen cranberries, one ounce of sweetened dried fruit or a ¼ cup of cranberry sauce. Any one of these types of cranberry-based products will be a healthy addition to a well-balanced diet, according to researchers.

Why are cranberries so healthful? These nutrient dense little crimson berries provide vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients (the naturally derived plant compounds that provide antioxidant activity) with few calories — about 50 in one cup — no fat and very little sodium.

In addition to phytonutrients, cranberries contain polyphenols and the flavanol “proanthocyanidin” (PAC), which helps prevent the adhesion of certain harmful bacteria, including E. coli, associated with urinary tract infections. They may also help to inhibit the bacteria associated with gum disease, and stomach ulcers — by preventing bacteria from attaching to the stomach wall. Recent research on digestive health suggests that cranberry juice can be as effective as probiotics in maintaining good digestive health.

Cranberries are good for the heart, also. Whole cranberries are a good source of dietary fiber, and all cranberry products contain the natural compounds mentioned above, offering a wide range of potential heart health benefits — favorably affecting platelet function and offering a natural defense against atherosclerosis, commonly known as “hardening of the arteries.”

Laboratory studies conducted by the University of Illinois have demonstrated the potential anti-cancer properties of cranberries. Although results are preliminary, compounds in cranberries may prove to be a potent cancer fighter.

A good cranberry bounces. Every single berry is put on a machine and run through a bounce test. If it fails flat, it is rejected.

Source: “Unwrapped” Thanksgiving show

Did you know?
The versatile cranberry is one of the few fruits native to North America and is available in most stores from September through December. Source: Cranberry Institute

How did cranberries get their name? Early settlers thought the blossoms of the plant resembled the neck of the crane, so they started calling them cranberry, which eventually became cranberries.

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Catch of the Week

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

Prizes! Win Cash!

After three years of trying, Audrey Weir finally caught Walter the large-mouth bass, while fishing at her grandparents’ cottage on Lake Mitchell in Cadillac. She decided to release Walter to let him grow a little more as she is planning to catch him again next summer.

Countdown to the OSCARS

On Sunday, Feb. 26, comedian Eddie Murphy will host the 84th Academy Awards. Each year, motion picture industry experts nominate and cast their votes for the top films, directors, actors, and behind-the-scenes moviemakers. Academy members voted at the end of December to determine the official nominees in contention. This year, nominees will be announced on Tuesday, Jan. 24, with the polls closing on Feb. 21. Watching the Academy Awards and seeing who will take home an Oscar has become an annual tradition in the United States and across the globe for decades. Here’s a look back at the last 20 years’ worth of movies that earned the Academy Award for Best Picture.

• The King’s Speech
• The Hurt Locker
• Slumdog Millionaire
• No Country for Old Men
• The Departed
• Crash
• Million Dollar Baby
• Lord of the Rings: Return of the King
• Chicago
• A Beautiful Mind
• Gladiator
• American Beauty
• Shakespeare in Love
• Titanic
• The English Patient
• Braveheart
• Forrest Gump
• Schindler’s List
• Unforgiven
• The Silence of the Lambs

TIPS

You have to create your own desire for change, and then educate yourself on how to reach your own personal goals.

Matt Letten, owner of Snap Fitness in Linden and Holly, says that proper nutrition is about 65 percent of the weight loss equation. “People who work out and aren’t losing weight haven’t changed the way they eat,” said Letten. “Anyone can join a gym the first two weeks of January. In fact, we’ll see a 30 percent increase here at Snap Fitness. But, what counts is a person’s desire to create a permanent change in their diet and exercise habits. Without that desire, it’s hard to make changes that will last.”

Learn the exercise trade-off for eating a high-calorie treat, then decide whether it will be worth eating.

“Let’s say you burn about 300 calories in 45 minutes on a cardio machine,” said Letten, of Snap Fitness. “That’s how long it will take to burn off five Oreos or similar cookies. When you begin to look at eating unhealthy foods that way, you might decide it would be easier just not to eat it in the first place.” (See the sidebar on Page 1B for other calorie and exercise “trade-offs.”)

Make conscious daily decisions and simple changes in the foods you allow into your body.

For people who aren’t ready for a complete diet overhaul, nutritionist Marjie Andrejciw of Circle of Life Nutrition and owner of Marjie’s Gluten-free Pantry in Fenton, suggests starting with removing high fructose corn syrup from the diet, found commonly in condiments, salad dressings and other processed foods. “High fructose corn syrup causes an imbalance in your blood sugar, resulting in energy highs and lows,” said Andrejciw. “Then cut out FD and artificial food colors from your diet. You’ll be amazed at how much better you’ll feel.”

Shanna Tury of Fenton checks out some organic products at Marjie’s Gluten Free Pantry in Fenton on Wednesday. “For me it’s about eating foods that are minimally processed,” she said.
Kids can make resolutions, too

New Year’s resolutions are made so adults can improve their lives in the year to come. But nowhere does it say resolutions are exclusive to adults. In fact, kids can make New Year’s resolutions and reap much the same benefits as Mom and Dad. The following are some kid-specific New Year’s resolutions, courtesy of the American Academy of Pediatrics, that can improve the lives of children while teaching them a lesson or two along the way.

Preschoolers
1. I will clean up my toys and put them where they belong.
2. I will brush my teeth twice a day and wash my hands after going to the bathroom and before eating.
3. I will be nice and loving toward pets and all animals. I will avoid being bitten by keeping my fingers and face away from their mouths.

Kids, ages 5 to 12
1. I will drink milk and water three times each day and limit soda and fruit drinks to once each day.
2. If I try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity that I like and do it at least three times a week.
3. I will always wear a helmet when riding my bicycle.
4. I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car.
5. I will be nice to other kids. I will be friendly to kids who need friends — like someone who is shy or is new to my school.
6. I will never give out personal information, including my name, home address, school name, or telephone number on the Internet.
7. I will never send a picture of myself to someone I have met online without my parent’s permission.

Kids, ages 13 and older
1. I will eat at least one fruit and one vegetable every day, and I will limit the amount of soda I drink, if at all, to one glass daily.
2. I will take care of my body through physical activity and nutrition.
3. I will choose nonviolent television shows and video games, and I will spend no more than two hours each day on these activities.
4. I will help out in my community by through volunteering, working with community groups or joining a group that helps the less fortunate.

• I will take a break when I feel angry or stressed out and find constructive ways to deal with the stress, such as exercising, reading, writing in a journal or discussing my problem with a parent or friend.
• I will talk about my choices with an adult whom I trust if when faced with a difficult decision.
• I will talk with a trusted adult and attempt to find a way that I can help friends if I notice they are struggling or in risky behaviors.
• I will be careful about whom I choose to date and always treat the other person with respect and without coercion or violence. I will expect the same good behavior in return.
• I will resist peer pressure to try drugs and alcohol.
• I will not use a cell phone or text message while driving, and I will always wear a seat belt.

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Sarah Von Mach 1921-2011
Sarah Von Mach - age 92, of Fenton, died Saturday, December 24, 2011 at her residence. Funeral Mass was celebrated 10:30 AM Thursday, December 29, 2011 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Visitation was held at the church Thursday from 9:30 AM until time of Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John G.I.F.T. Campaign. Mrs. Von Mach was born December 10, 1919 in Fenton, the daughter of William and Jane (Haibel) Good. She was one of the first female police officers in the City of Detroit. Sarah Good married Edward Richard Von Mach October 10, 1935 in Fenton and he preceded her in death April 5, 2010. She is also survived by her children, Michael (Michelle) of Brighton and Marci Dolan (David) of Marcello Island, Robert (Carol) (of Naples, FL), Mark (Linda, wife of Naples, FL), 5 grandchildren, Troy Rising (Kirsten), Tom Haiss of Fenton, Robert (Judy) Walton Jr. is survived by his brother, William (Mary) of Seattle, WA. She was also preceded in death by her parents and brother, William Good. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary of Sarah Von Mach December 24, 2011
Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.


Wendy Walton Lane 1965-2011 Wendy Walton Lane - age 46, of Holly, died Monday, December 26, 2011. Funeral services were held at 11 AM Thursday, December 29, 2011 at the Drum Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Mark Wentzel officiating. Visitation was held from 4-8 PM Wednesday. Wendy was born in Flint on July 16, 1965 the daughter of Robert and Lucille (Welch) Walton. She was a caregiver in the mental health and special needs field, was a member of the Women of the Moose, and she loved her cats. She is survived by her brother Robert 1-Holly) Walton Jr. of Holly; 2 sisters, Becky (Toby) Pullman of Grand Blanc and Peggy (Gordon) Dyer of Holly; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter Florence and her parents Robert and Lucille Walton. Memorial donations may be made to Make A Wish, dryerfuneralholly.com.

Obituary of Wendy Walton Lane December 26, 2011
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because the school is Facebook from San you give me some advice on how to row Bay, Hiland Cottage. Con-to Hospice of Little Traverse has suggested memorials Funeral Home, Lewiston, December 30, 2011 at 1 Funeral services for Mrs. ford of London, Ontario. 2 great-great-grandchild; 25 great-grandchildren; 1 great-grand-child; and a sister, June San- t great-great-grandchild; 25 great-grandchildren; 1 great-grand-child; and a sister, June San- to Alaska together. They husband loved to travel all over the country, overseas, and even made four trips to Alaska together. They also enjoyed spending some of their winters in Texas and Arizona. Harriet is survived by her husband, Sam of Lewiston, MI; sons, Bill (Bonnie) Angus of Roscommon, MI, and Jim (Valere) Angus of Fenton, MI; daughters, Marilyn Brown of Mackinaw City, MI, and Joyce VanCamp of Chio, MI; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 1 great-grand-child; and a sister, June Sanford of London, Ontario. Funeral services for Mrs. Angus were held at Our Lady of Peace, December 30, 2011 at 1 PM. Pastor Roger Steele officiated at the Our Green Funeral Home, Lewiston, MI, cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, Hiland Cottage. Cor- dence messages can be sent via our website, www. greenfuneralhomes.com.

Parent should ‘school’ drug-dealing teacher

DEAR AMY: I wish this weekend I attended a large cocktail party with a group of new friends. At this party some of the other guests were smoking marijuana and doing other illegal drugs. I recognized one of the drug users as an elementary teacher at my daughter’s school. Because the school is large, I doubt the teacher recognized me. He is not in her class. I know this teacher has tenure because she has been at the school for a long time.

When I asked my friends about what was going on, they informed me that not only was this teacher a heavy drug user but also the supplier of the group. I would not want this person as my daughter’s teacher. I feel as if I should tell the school to do a random drug test, but with this economy, I don’t wish to facilitate anyone losing their job.

Can you give me some advice on how to handle this?

— Worried and Confused

DEAR WORRIED: I am going to assume that everything you say is absolutely correct and that this is not a case of mistaken identity.

You don’t want this teacher teaching your child. So let’s assume that the other children at your daugh- ter’s elementary school also deserve a sober and basically law-abiding teacher.

You cannot tell the school to administer a random drug test. You can, however, tell the school exactly what you saw and ask them to investigate this and handle it according to their own standards.

In addition to getting a crime by consuming and peddling illegal drugs, this teacher is exercising colossal bad judgment. Your compassion regarding the economy runs two ways. If this teacher vacates the position, perhaps someone more competent and more deserving will be hired as a replacement.

DEAR AMY: My boyfriend of six months recently got a “friend request” on Facebook from a former girlfriend. They broke up nine years ago, but their relationship was serious until she cheated on him. He accepted her friend request, and she told him that she is now divorcing the man she cheated on him to be with.

I am torn because I realize this was a long time ago, so it seems silly to be jealous. Still, I wonder why he feels the need to be in contact with this person.

I”m not sure I can tell, they have not been mess- aging each other for an initial exchange. It also irks me that in this exchange of mes- sages (which he let me read at my request); he talked about his job and recent move, but noth- ing about having a girlfriend.

He said that pictures of us together are right there on his profile page and that I should not control who he is friends with on Facebook. He said he would take care of things in his own time frame.

We are talking about living together, but this issue feels like the elephant in the room. Am I being oversensitive?

— Worried

DEAR WORRIED: In this context, so far the con- tact between these two is akin to two people running into each other at the mall and catching up. You say he “feels the need to be in contact with this person,” but according to you, this isn’t much of a need. He didn’t reach out to her — he simply responded to her. Choose to trust him, unless he gives you more reason not to trust him.

Don’t move in together, however, until you can chase the elephant out of the room. I agree with him that you should not control who he is Facebook friends with.

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Kevin Baker

If you could do anything over in high school, what would it be? Start as a freshman and play all my sports over again.

What do you do outside of school? I play football, basketball, and track. I also hangout with my friends.

My greatest high school regret is: Not thinking school is as important as it is.

My most embarrassing moment in high school was: At a football game, it was raining and I slipped and fell during my touchdown dance.

If you could have one super power, what would it be? To fly because I could go anywhere I wanted, as fast as I wanted.

If you were principal for a day what changes would you make to the school? Open-campus lunches and late start days.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Prom because it is the best dance of the year.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign what would it say? “Swag.”

Front row seats and back stage passes, whom are you seeing? Lil Wayne.

Best day in your life so far? Winning district champs in football.

What are your plans after graduation? I want to play college football.

Where will you be and what will you be doing 10 years from now? I hope to be in California, with a nice house, and have a great job.
Micallef is named Male Soccer Player of the Year

By David Troppens
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Eric Micallef has been around for some of the most memorable Holly varsity boys soccer moments in the school’s athletic history.

He’s watched the program progress over the last four years, to the point that it won a Metro League title in 2010. This year, he watched his team have a tough Metro season, but flourished against non-league foes, defeating and tying some of the toughest teams in the state.

He’s helped put the Holly varsity boys soccer team back on the map.

But he also helped the team make another first this summer. He also almost became one of the first players to make the police blotter just because he was eager for the season to start.

“We camped out on the field the night before tryouts because we started practice at six in the morning,” Micallef said. “The cops came out and wanted to know what was up. But then we told them: ‘They were joking around because there were six guys and just five sleeping bags.’

Well, the players finished their night on the field without further issues and Micallef completed his senior season with a pretty strong performance as well. It was strong enough to become the Times 2011 Male Soccer Player of the Year.

Holly coach Mike Steibel is one man who’s happy he’s had Micallef for four seasons.

“He’s a very crafty and exceptional player,” Steibel said. “He’s got quick foot skills, got a good shot and can play multiple positions.”

“He has always stepped it up when someone had to step it up. When someone had to take the game on their shoulders it was him. Mostly during the non-conference games this year, he picked up the pace.”

Micallef spent the season shifting from center midfield to forward, depending on what the Bronchos needed at particular times. Micallef was fine with the adjustments.

“It really depended on the situation,” Micallef said. “When it was non-league games like Troy and Stoney Creek, I played the center mid because that’s where I could get the ball. In the league, I could play forward.

“It’s not that much of a big deal to me. Even in club, I played everywhere on all of my teams, so that wasn’t too big of a deal.”

Despite the switching, Micallef finished the year with seven goals and 10 assists against what was a demanding Holly soccer schedule.

“He’s got very good field vision, and his first touch into space where you needed someone to make good decisions was good,” Steibel said. “He helps make plays develop. He makes pretty smart decisions. He’s good on the defensive end. He’s a good all around player. If I had more attackers I probably would’ve put him at center mid all season, but because there were games we needed goals, I put him at forward.”

The season didn’t end the way the Bronchos hoped. However, even with mild disappointment, the Bronchos had reason to feel good about their season. They still finished 3-1-3 in the Metro League and 7-3-7 overall with some very strong verdicts against teams like Stoney Creek, Flint Catholic Powers and Troy.

In a 1-0 victory against Stoney Creek, Micallef assisted the Bronchos’ only goal of the contest.

“We wanted to go undefeated in the Flint Metro League and wanted to win a district game and none of those things happened,” Micallef said. “But we played really good in our non-league games. I remember against Troy they were passing the ball so good … and we played so good defensively, we almost won the game on a lucky break (the game ended 0-0). We played a lot of tough teams this year.”

Micallef earned first-team All-Flint Metro League honors, and also was a Division 2 Honorable Mention All-State performer in 2011.

Steibel is the first to admit the Bronchos will miss their four-year performer next fall.

“It was a pleasure coaching him the last four years,” Steibel said. “He was a great guy. His teammates all love him, and he will be missed next year.”

Top Seven area PREP STORIES OF 2011

Lake Fenton’s Connor Branchaud

6. Tri-county athletes help Powers Catholic to two state championships — During the spring, Powers varsity girls soccer team won a state title with the aid of a large group of players from the tri-county area. Then, this fall, the same happened with the Powers football team. The tri-county representation of these two squads was remarkable, and neither team probably would’ve won without those talented athletes.

5. The traditional dominant Metro League teams continue their championship ways — The Fenton varsity girls swim team has yet to lose a Metro League meet since it became a recognized competitive league varsity sport. The Fenton volleyball team has now racked four straight undefeated Metro seasons. And those aren’t even the two most impressive dominant strings by area Metro teams.

While the Holly boys tennis team was pushed by Brandon, the Bronchos made it 19 straight Metro League titles in 2011. Meanwhile, the queens of the hill remain on the top by a pretty nice distance. The Holly girls tennis team won its 29th straight league title. See SEVENon 14B

ALL TRI-COUNTY BOYS SOCCER TEAM

Player of the Year Eric Micallef

Class Senior • Team Holly

Comment: Micallef was a four-year varsity player, spending time at center midfield and forward this season. He scored seven goals and dished off 10 assists, earning first-team All-Metro League honors.

Note: The players on the team and the Player of the Year were selected by the sports staff.

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Rest of first team

TRI-COUNTY TIMES SCOTT SCHUPPACH

Holly’s Eric Micallef is our Tri-County Male Boys Soccer Player of the Year for 2011. He spent time at center midfield and forward this fall. He scored seven goals and assisted on 10 other Holly goals.
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Sunday School...9:45 am
Prayer Service...7 pm

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**Methodist (Continued)**

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Sunday Worship...10:00 am
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Sunday PM Service
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Sabbath School...9:00 am
Prayer Meeting...4:30 pm Wednesday
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Lake Fenton has a brother-sister combination on its wrestling team. (Left) Alexis Melton works on trying to escape during a recent match. (Above) D.J. Melton works on trying to turn his foe over for a pinfall. The two siblings enjoy having each other on the squad.

As the team hits winter break, both were nursing injuries suffered at the Genesee County meet. Alexis suffered a shoulder injury. D.J. had an elbow injury. However, both should be back before the season is over. Alexis has had some success already, winning the JV tournament at Hartland in her weight class earlier this season.

There is not a lot of difference between her (Alexis) and the rest of the team,” Lake Fenton wrestler Mike Connelly said. “She is part of the team just like everybody else. They are tough and hard workers.”
Looking back at 2011

OLD SCHOOL

WILL

NEW SCHOOL

DAVID

It’s close, but I’ll go with the Lions ‘come-from-behind’ victory over the Cowboys, the fourth win in a 5-0 start. Two interception returns for TDs spark an unbelievable comeback.

Best memory

The Lions making it to the playoffs for the first time since 1999. The team has improved immensely. The team has already proved they have the means to be a contender.

Worst memory

My alma mater Central Michigan University having a dismal season for a second straight year. Relegated the same year as Dan LeFevour, Antonio Brown and Frank Zombo; some of the best players. Still, the fall has been disheartening.

Biggest surprise

Fenton football defeating Linden. Fenton had an unforgettable season this year, and breaking a losing streak with your rival is icing on the cake.

Something about 2012

This has been the year of Justin Verlander. Winning the MVP award is a major accomplishment and much deserved. Looking forward to watching the Tigers next season.

Anything goes

First, a football lockout and then basketball? I hope MLB doesn’t opt for a lockout. Seriously, how much do the players and coaches have to make until lockouts are no longer an option?

If there’s anything good that comes out of the Penn State case, let’s hope that other victims have the courage to come out, and that people won’t protect athletic programs over actual people.

It looks like 2012 could be a fun one in Michigan sports. Except for the Detroit Pistons, it seems every major pro and college team should have a pretty successful year in 2012.

Q.

My dishwasher is not draining. I can hear the pump running but very little water comes out.

A.

Check for restrictions in the drain hose or in the lower sump assembly where the drain pump is located. Small particles of debris, such as popcorn kernels, pieces of plastic, tooth picks, and the list goes on, can block flow out. Always remember to rinse large debris from the dishes prior to loading the dishwasher. Dishwashers not only have garbage disposals in them, and can only pass particles small enough to pass through the screen in your windows or doors.

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4. All four area football teams qualify for the state playoffs — It was a tri-county first. All four football teams qualified for the playoffs. Fenton and Holly clinched spots in the eighth week of the season, while Lake Fenton did during the ninth week. Linden lost its last game, but based on its strong schedule, qualified with five wins. If you wanted to see good football, you didn’t have to go any farther than our local teams in 2011.

5. Area wrestlers win individual state championships — The tri-county area saw Lake Fenton produce three state champions, while Detroit Catholic Central produced a local product that won a title as well. For Lake Fenton, Zach Corcoran (135), Justin Melick (145) and Connor Brancheau (160) came home from the Palace of Auburn Hills with state championships. Meanwhile, tri-county resident and DCB wrestler Ken Bade (125) won a title as well.

6. Lake Fenton wrestling team advances to state championship match — For the first time in school history, the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team advanced to the state team championship match held in Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena. Lake Fenton advanced to the state title match by beating Osego in the quarterfinals and upsetting Dundee in the semifinals. In the championship match, the Blue Devils put on a good show, but lost to Richmond 33-22.

2. Two tri-county area teams win football district championships — Never in tri-county history have two football teams won district titles in the same season, earning a spot in a regional championship game. But it happened in 2011. Fenton and Linden made the playoffs and ran off two victories, capturing district titles. It was the second straight year the Tigers won one, while it marked the first in Linden’s school history. This can be considered a controversial No. 1 since the wrestling accomplishments can be looked upon as stronger performances than what football accomplished. That’s true, but football still gamers the most attention and this was the first time two teams earned spots in the regional championship round. It is to the市 being the first time it has happened, we felt it deserved the No. 1 spot. It ended up being a pretty incredible 2011 football season. It’s justified that football would hold the top spot in 2011.

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