

STORY: **LOOKING  
AHEAD TO 2012**

“I’d love to know what planet these developers are living on when they claim that ‘rent is reasonable at



\$750-1,000 per month?” Most of the folks who live in this

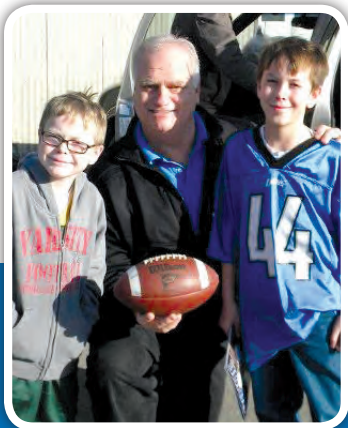
area are barely scraping by. I have a bachelor’s degree, lots of job experience and the most I have earned since the economy tanked is \$1,200 per month. That wouldn’t even cover rent and basic utilities.”

STORY: **NEIGHBORS  
FIGHT OVER LAKE  
EASEMENT**

“It is indeed a ‘private’ matter and not in the township’s interest to intervene. I would say to keep on ‘using’ the easement and force the adjoining land owners to file charges against you. A good defense beats a good offense any time.”

STORY: **DDA BUYS  
BUILDING**

“I know folks around here are complaining about this project, but anything which could potentially provide this community with jobs and increased revenue flow is a positive thing. You backwoods people need to get out from under your rocks and think outside the box.”



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## Murder trial resumes in Flint

### ► Doctor testifying overcome with emotion

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The trial of Brandon Hayes began Monday in a Genesee County courtroom, after being moved back from St. Clair County.

The testimony is a re-hash

of the preliminary testimony, but emotional for those closest to the case nonetheless. “Powerful testimony in P v Hayes,” said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton via Twitter. “Surgeon who treated Dominic

overcome with emotion.”

Hayes, 25, is on trial with 10 felony counts including child abuse, torture and murder, with the beating death of Dominick Calhoun, 4, of Argentine Township in April 2010. Investigators and prosecutors claim that

Dominick was beaten over a period of four days, allegedly by Hayes. He later died after being taken off life support.

On Monday, Dominick’s paternal grandfather Rick Calhoun, of Linden, testified in **See MURDER TRIAL on 7**

### Summary

► The trial of Brandon Hayes, the man accused of beating 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun, who died of the injuries in 2010, began back in Flint, with testimony being heard every day this week.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Christian Mansour (right) grabs poles for himself and Jared Pachette, both of Powers Catholic High School, at Mt. Holly in Groveland Township on Monday. Ski teams from area schools made up the bulk of business on weekdays during a season that yields no snow, and 40-degree temperatures. All of Mt. Holly’s snow is artificial.

## No snow, no dough!

### ► Many area businesses depend on snow and cold for their livelihood

By **Sally Rummel**

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While many people have enjoyed this unusually mild reprieve from a typical mid-Michigan winter, the lack of snow and cold temperatures have melted the hopes of many area businesses that depend on cold weather for their livelihood.

Just ask Mt. Holly Ski Area General Manager Mark Tibbitts his idea of a perfect winter day and he’ll tell you that a natural snowfall and cold temperatures would really jumpstart things at Mt. Holly.

**See NO SNOW on 11**

### Summary

► This winter’s balmy temperatures and lack of snow have melted the profits of many local businesses that depend on cold weather and snow for their livelihood.

## Linden council accepts Wren’s resignation

### ► City manager’s last day on the job will be Jan. 27

By **William Axford**

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The Linden City Council accepted City Manager Christopher Wren’s resignation on Monday. Wren, who has been the city manager for the past four and a half years, has accepted a job in the private sector. His last day as city manager is Jan. 27.

Wren said accepting a new job was a tough decision that he didn’t make lightly. In the end however, **See WREN on 7**

“Linden threw just about everything it could at me. This is a great place to manage, and a great place to be a part of.”

**Chris Wren**  
*Linden city manager*



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Linden City Manager Chris Wren has accepted a position in the private sector. Wren’s last day as city manager will be Jan. 27.

## Council says no need for Act 152

### ► City and its employees already comply with law on health care premiums

By **Sharon Stone**

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**Fenton** — The Fenton City Council unanimously approved a motion to opt out of Public Act 152 of 2011, on principle, although the city would be complying with the law.

Public Act 152 establishes standards and a process with respect to medical benefit plans offered by public employers. The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Act 152, went into effect on Sept. 27, 2011.

**See ACT 152 on 2**





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## News briefs

### V.F.W. sponsors Patriotic Art contest

Students in grades nine through 12 are eligible to enter the Patriotic Art contest sponsored by the V.F.W. 3243 Ladies Auxiliary in Fenton. After the judging at this level, the winning art will be entered at the state level. If the art is judged for First Place, it will be sent to the national level in Kansas City, MO, for final judging. The National Scholarship awards are, first place \$10,000, and airfare plus two nights lodging at the National Convention; second place \$5,000; third place \$2,500, and fourth place \$1,500. First place will be featured on the front page

of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine and the website. Second and third place will be featured in the Ladies VFW Magazine and website. Fourth through eighth places will be on the website only. Deadline is March 31. Contact VFW Post 3243 at (810) 629-3700 or contact Bonnie Pray at (810) 750-1387. For more information, go online at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org).

### Scholarship essay writing workshop

The Friends of the Holly Township Library have brought back its Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop this month. There will be three sessions: Jan. 16, 23 and 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the conference room at the Holly Township Library. Cost is \$15 for all three sessions, and there will be a raffle for a \$25 gas card for the students who attend all three sessions. The workshop is limited to 18 students. For more information, call the library at (248) 634-8088.

### The UPS Store pledges \$1 for every UPS package shipped through February

The UPS Store, at 17195 Silver Parkway in Fenton is teaming up with the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden to help meet the future goals of the senior center. Through Feb. 29, the UPS Store will donate \$1 for every UPS package shipped. "We hope to ship many packages during the month," said Les Beare, The UPS Store owner. The UPS Store can package items to be shipped and has the "Pack and Ship Promise" where they will pack and ship it and guarantee that it will arrive safely. The store is also accepting cash donations, which will be turned over to the senior center. For more information on this fundraising initiative, go to [www.theupsstorelocal.com/3351](http://www.theupsstorelocal.com/3351) or call (810) 750-2920, ext. 3.

## ACT 152 Continued from Front Page

The major provision of this Act is that employees would be required to contribute 20 percent of their health care premiums, while the city would contribute 80 percent.

City Manager Lynn Markland recommended that City Council exercise its right and exempt itself on principle, since the city's employees were already contributing this amount. "Everyone is paying. We're complying with the law," he said.

Councilwoman Cheryl King asked if the city would have the option to opt out every year and Markland told her it would.

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said by the city exercising its right to opt out, it allows the city to determine the benefits for its employees and what is best for the city.

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### 2 No more stained containers



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## Lake Fenton students learning basics of video production

► Digital recording class is cutting edge technology

By Tim Jagielo

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On Monday, Lake Fenton High School (LFHS) students Stephan Wilson dressed like Randy Jackson, while Kristen Cody dressed like Lady Gaga with a cheeseburger hat. Shelby Bader was Rachael Ray.

"We decided to use different characters we know so it would be enjoyable to us," said Stephan, sporting thick plastic glasses.

These students aren't in drama class. They are a group from the digital recording class, an elective that teaches students basic video production techniques at LFHS.

See **DIGITAL** on 10



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Lake Fenton High School digital recording class students prepare to shoot with a digital video camera on Monday morning. For this video, Stephan Wilson, 16, is playing Randy Jackson. Kristen Cody, 16, (right) is Lady Gaga and Shelby Bader is Rachael Ray.

## Top 10 healthiest lifestyle *modifications*



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

The best diet is the one you'll stick to over the long haul, not as a quick fix. As long as your diet reduces your daily calorie intake and is healthy for your heart, you can choose whatever diet plan works for you.

► Small changes make big difference

By Sally Rummel

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Whether you'd like to lose weight this year or to live a healthier lifestyle, there are plenty of small, but powerful changes you can make to achieve your goals.

Here is a list of healthy lifestyle changes you can make in 2012, each one creating a "building block" to a healthier you.

**1 Maintain a healthy weight** by developing a healthier, more satisfying relationship with food. By making smart choices every day, you can develop new eating habits and preferences that will leave you feeling satisfied, as well as winning the "battle of the bulge."

**Advice:** The best diet is the one you'll stick to

See **LIFESTYLE** on 13

### Summary

► Taking charge of your health in 2012 may be the most important resolution you can make this year.

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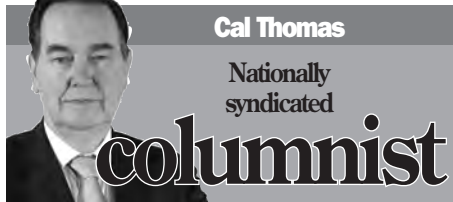
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#### China's JFK Moment

President Obama's decision in 2010 to cut NASA's budget and abandon the Constellation program, which was charged with returning Americans to the moon by 2020 and creating an "extended human presence on the moon," has created a vacuum, which China will attempt to fill.

China has announced an ambitious five-year plan that includes the launch of space laboratories, a manned spaceship to the moon and the creation of its own global satellite navigation system that will almost certainly be used for military purposes.

The announcement comes six months after the United States ended the Space Shuttle program, leaving Russia and China as the only countries now capable of sending humans into space. The U.S. must now use Russian rocketry for visits to the International Space Station. Having "beaten" the Russians to the moon, we must now ask for permission to go where we once boldly went in American-made rockets.

Just as a nation cannot rebuild a gutted military overnight, neither can America reconstitute a space program that has seen many of its scientists and technicians retire or find jobs in other industries.

Who doubts that China will use trips to the moon to build a permanent colony and will operate that colony, at least in part, to further its military goals? China certainly will have the capability through its own GPS system to jam or make mischief with America's global positioning system network. Does anyone think a nation that hacks into U.S. government computers, stealing secrets, would not use a moon base to advance its interests?

Who thinks China lacks the financial resources to fulfill its five-year plan? The Chinese are flush with money we pay them for goods made there and sold here.

The next president should declare a rebirth of the U.S. space program with clear goals, such as a U.S. moon colony and a trip to Mars. A reduction in unnecessary government spending will help pay for it. Other democratic nations might share the financial burden and receive some benefits. We cannot afford to allow China to become the new leader in space exploration.

There will be a space leader in the 21st century. If that leader is China and not the U.S., we will pay a heavy price that will cost us far more than money.

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■■■■ **IN RESPONSE TO** the person who wants to burn down the Grain Elevator. First, it is someone's private property. How would you feel if someone burned down your home or Business? Second, it is beautiful inside. You really need to look at a place entirely, prior to burning it down.

■■■■ **EVERY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY** in the world has Universal Health Care except the U.S. How does Obamacare become the cornerstone of Socialism?

■■■■ **DOES ANYBODY CARE** that NBA basketball is back? Is anybody tired of the Kardashians? Obama's ignoring the Constitution, making appointments without required senate approval. Oh well, who cares?

■■■■ **THE HATERS DON'T** buy Toyota or Honda, because even though the cars are assembled stateside, the money ends up in another country. Does that include Chrysler because the money ends up in Italy (Fiat owns 58.5 percent)? Enjoying the new flatscreen TV, you got for Christmas too?

■■■■ **IF YOU BELIEVE** that 50 percent of our congress is in the top 1 percent of the pay scale, you must be smoking something. They very well may be in the top 50 percent of the pay scale but they are nowhere near the top 1 percent. More of Obama's class warfare.

## Hot lines

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**SEEMS MOST PEOPLE** have three value systems — one for church, one for daily dealings and one for voting. Vote your conscience people; we will all be better off.

■■■■ **DOG WALKERS - THE** parks are not a dog toilet. Take a hand shovel and a bag to put it in. There are garbage cans to dispose of it. Children run in those parks and they don't always look. Why ruin their day.

■■■■ **I WOULD LIKE** to encourage everyone to utilize their recycling bins. It bothers me to see that some homes have three or even four full bins of trash and no recycling bin out on trash pick-up day. It costs nothing extra, and you don't even have to sort it.

■■■■ **AS A RETIRED** senior citizen I would like to know what "state-provided services" I should be enjoying as mentioned in the Hot Lines post on Jan. 4. We are not aware of any "state-provided services." Please inform us, as we would like to reap the benefits of them.

■■■■ **THE LONG TERM** unemployed and underemployed know the true unemployment statistic. Let no one else be fooled. Look at the U6 unemployment rate, as it is the truth. If you understand fractions and percentages  $5/10 = 50$  percent,  $5/7 = 71$  percent. People have dropped out. Obama fuzzy math.

■■■■ **"GOD IS THE** most important person." Really? Are you trying to elevate yourself to the level of God or lower God to the level of humanity?

■■■■ **THANK YOU TO** our "Christmas angels," the special people who dropped off a Christmas card with money at Central Elementary for my family. I had to find a way

to thank you and what better way then through our Tri-County. We are truly grateful that you chose us to bless!

■■■■ **IN RESPONSE TO** the atheist: you go to school, you get good grades, you don't smoke, you don't do drugs, and you don't have sex. But, after admitting to being an atheist, your values are all going to go downhill fast. God is the all-powerful creator of this world and is to be praised for all your good.

■■■■ **HEY BACHMANN, WHEN** your useless party has its nominee, why don't you tell that person how to get gas under \$2 per gallon, like you know how to do.

■■■■ **IF BALD EAGLES** are 'stalking' your poodle, then go to the courthouse and get a restraining order. Stalking is illegal.

■■■■ **I HAVE TRULY** always enjoyed the Tri-County, and I love your puzzle page. But, why do you put the answers on the same page as the puzzle?

■■■■ **IN RESPONSE TO** the Hotline of the week about how the DDA members are all residents of Fenton, I'd like to remind him that the past president was a Tyrone Township resident. Some may be from Fenton Township, Holly, or Linden. I don't think they all live within city limits, though they make work there. I don't think there is a residency requirement. If I'm wrong, I apologize. But, if he's wrong, I wanted to point that out.

■■■■ **I'M READING THE** Tri-County Times about movies, and would like to respond to what it said there about 'no adult movies.' That is very true, however, I did just see a movie that was very adult-oriented, called 'We Bought a Zoo,' and very much enjoyed it. I thought you'd like to know.

■■■■ **TO THE ATHEIST:** I don't believe in sugar coating things, because life isn't always sweet. Why would anyone not pick God and all his benefits, instead of the alternative? We have enough Hell here on Earth.

■■■■ **I JUST GOT** home from the hospital, and I can't leave the house or move around too much. Boy, I'd like to shop local, but not one single restaurant in Fenton, Linden, or Holly, will deliver food to my house. Shop Fenton, right? I really could use somebody tonight for some food, but none of them will deliver. Maybe these teenagers selling cookies could come and earn some money and help some people out.

■■■■ **NEWSFLASH TO THE** caller who says that buying American is more important than shopping local. It's a draw, you are both right. Buy American and buy local.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## What well-known person have you been told you look like?

## streettalk



"Robin Williams, when I was younger."

— Larry Eichler  
Fenton Township



"Pat Benatar, because of my hair."

— Kelly St. Amand  
Fenton



"They used to tell me I look like Coach's wife (Shelley Fabares) or Doris Day."

— Linda Schmieder, Fenton



"I've been told I look like Ali MacGraw."

— Pam Lewis  
Rose Township



"I have been told I look like Eva Longoria and Selma Hayek."

— Norah Jones  
Fenton Township



"From the show Happy Days, Richie Cunningham's sister Joanie (Erin Moran)."

— Dory Ruffie, Fenton



## 'Impeach Obama'



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Alan Egge of the LaRouche Political Action Committee (PAC) stands with anti-Obama signs outside the Fenton Post Office on Tuesday. The LaRouche PAC is calling for the impeachment of President Obama. The PAC argues Obama is "demonstrably insane," and wants to start a thermonuclear war with England against China and Russia.

## Free sign language classes offered

### ►Vic Canever salesman to teach youngsters

Vic Canever Chevrolet is hosting free American Sign Language Classes, taught by on-site sales associate, Albert Smolinski, who is half-deaf.

Classes are held on the first Saturday of every month, beginning this month. Two classes are being offered, the first at 1 p.m. for children ages 5 to 8, and the second at 2 p.m. for children ages 9 to 13. Each class will be 30 minutes long and will teach the children basic sign language. Children are welcome to drop in to any class, and may come as often as they would like.

Parents can browse the Vic Canever Chevrolet showroom or have automotive service done on their vehicles. Parents are also welcome to sit in on the classes, and will receive a free car wash each time they bring a child to the class.

American Sign Language (ASL) is a language that accredited schools have

begun accepting, to meet foreign language requirements. ASL also helps children develop their motor skills at an early age.

Smolinski was born half-deaf, to deaf parents. Sign language was the first language he learned, but English followed soon after, and he has continued to communicate using both languages. Smolinski understands the importance of being able to communicate not only to his parents, but also to others in the deaf community.

"I think knowing sign language gives me the opportunity to communicate with another part of our world," said Smolinski. Check out the Signing Salesman Facebook page or contact Vic Canever Chevrolet for more information about Smolinski and the free ASL classes offered.

Vic Canever Chevrolet is located at 3000 Owen Road in Fenton, and can be contacted at (810) 629-3350, 1-800-926-3350, online at [www.canever.com](http://www.canever.com) or on Facebook.

### Summary

►Albert Smolinski, a half-deaf sales associate at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton will be teaching monthly American Sign Language classes.



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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**DOES ANYONE KNOW** if the swan trapped in the ice on Silver Lake was rescued? Could you please call the hot line if you know. Thank you.

■■■■  
**I HAVE TO** laugh at the fools who are jealous of the supposed 1 percent. While you were smoking pot and playing softball, I was putting myself through school and starting my own business. My family suffered financially for years without complaint. Now that I finally made it, you think you are entitled to your fair share. Come on and try to get it, I will show you my gun collection.

■■■■  
**I HAVE TO** say that the car guy from Wilkinson's is right on with his diagnosis. When I wrote in he nailed the problem in his column. Of course, I had to have it fixed next to where I work but I will bring it to you next time. Thanks.

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## Entering Canada after an OWI or other criminal conviction (part one)

Miguel Cabrera is a professional baseball player with the Detroit Tigers. Last season he had both positive and negative accomplishments. On the positive side he was the American League Batting Champion, hit 30 home runs and had 105 runs batted in. He was also named to the all-star team for the sixth time. He is considered one of the best baseball players of the present era.

On the negative side, he was arrested for drunk driving and resisting arrest in Florida on Feb. 16, 2011 and on Jan. 5, 2012, he pleaded no contest to drunk driving. He received one year of probation, a \$1,400 fine and a six-month driver's license suspension. He also must attend a DUI school and go to a victim impact panel.

In Mr. Cabrera's case, there was an additional issue, which involves his future ability to enter Canada. This came up because one of the teams the Detroit Tigers play is the Toronto Blue Jays. Mr. Cabrera's lawyer reportedly indicated that his client would still have to deal with this issue.

A couple years ago, I wrote a column about the new requirements for Michigan residents entering Canada, which became effective June 1, 2009. These include having a passport or an enhanced Michigan driver's license.

With this criminal conviction Mr. Cabrera and all others who have OWI or other criminal convictions, may be stopped at the Canadian border and refused entry irrespective of having proper documentation under a Canadian law, which has been in effect since 2001. The required documents now make it easier for authorities to prevent entry to those who are deemed 'inadmissible.'

There are legal procedures in place that still allow those affected the possibility of entering into Canada but there are no guarantees. In next week's column, I will explain the Canadian law and the procedures required for those with criminal convictions to be considered for entry.

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## Police&Fire report

### DAMAGE AT HIGH SCHOOL

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department is investigating damage done at the sports complex at Lake Fenton High School. Det. Sgt. Bill Lanning said the complaint was filed on Friday, Jan. 6 after an employee observed a smashed window at the press box and damaged doors on the maintenance shed. Nothing appeared to be missing.

### DOMESTIC ON EASTVIEW DRIVE

At 3 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to a house in the 14000 block of Eastview Drive in Fenton Township to investigate a domestic assault complaint. A 40-year-old Fenton man was arrested for domestic assault and resisting/obstructing/assaulting a police officer. He was transported and lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending his arraignment.

### DOMESTIC ON SILVERCREST

At 1 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department deputy responded to a home in the 16000 block of Silvercrest Drive in Fenton Township to investigate a domestic assault complaint. A 43-year-old Fenton man was arrested for domestic assault and lodged at the county jail, according to Det. Sgt. Bill Lanning.

### DOMESTIC ON LINDEN ROAD

At 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to a home in the 16000 block of Linden Road in Fenton Township to investigate a domestic assault. The parents of a 20-year-old Linden woman filed the complaint. The woman was arrested and lodged at the county jail.

### SHORT CHANGED

At 9 p.m. on Jan. 6, Fenton police responded to a restaurant in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway to investigate a fraud complaint. A 31-year-old employee said a customer she was serving short-changed her of \$90. The employee said the man, about 40 years old, asked for a \$100 bill and said he would give her back five \$20 bills. After the transaction, he claimed she only gave him a \$10 bill. She then gave him \$90 more and discovered the mishap when the change drawer was counted.

## MURDER TRIAL

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Circuit Court Judge Richard B. Yuille's courtroom. "He held up extremely well under very difficult circumstances," said Leyton via Twitter.

The surgeon who attempted to treat Dominick offered graphic testimony to Dominick's condition, while also holding back tears, according to the Detroit Free Press.

"I can't count how many old and new bruises we found. It was from his scalp to the soles of his feet," said a Hurley Medical Center trauma physician who worked on Dominick.

On Tuesday, the trial began at 9 a.m. with further testimony. The verdict is expected to be read in St. Clair County in two weeks.

The Dominick's Law! Facebook page is filled with comments about the medical testimony. "Just the thought of abuse takes me thru all levels of emotion from rage to deep sadness," said one comment. "I can't even read this without crying, poor Dominick," said another.

**"He (Rick Calhoun) held up extremely well under very difficult circumstances."**

**David Leyton**

*Genesee County prosecutor*

### FRAUD SCHEME

At 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 6, Fenton police were sent to a department store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a fraud complaint. Police learned that an 18-year-old male from Flint had attempted to confuse the cashier to have her load \$500 onto a green dot cash card, however, the money used to cover the \$500 was from another fraudulent cash card. The cashier called the store manager to the register and the manager realized the fraud. The manager escorted the man to customer service, however, he exited the store and fled. Fenton police issued a be-on-the-lookout for the man and his vehicle, which was located on eastbound I-69 by the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. Fenton police took the man into custody and lodged him at the police station pending his arraignment. Lt. Jason Slater said police believe this man, as well as others related to him, might be responsible for other similar incidents.

## WREN

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he couldn't let the opportunity pass by and spend years wondering 'what if?'

The council unanimously voted to appoint Linden Police Chief

### Summary

►The Linden City Council has accepted Christopher Wren's resignation as city manager. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter will act as interim city manager until a new full-time city manager is appointed.

Scott Sutter as interim city manager. Sutter will take over starting Jan. 27 and will hold the position until a new full-time city manager is appointed. Sutter will receive \$500 a week

extra in addition to his regular pay as police chief with two weeks paid vacation and four sick days as compensation.

In order to fill the position, the city council will form a search committee comprised of members from the Linden community. Mayor David Lossing expects to have a full-time city manager within the next three months.

City Attorney Charles McKone praised Wren and said, "I've probably worked with more city managers than anyone else in this room, and I've never worked with one that was better than Wren."

A farewell reception will be held at the Masonic Lodge on Jan. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the council meeting.

For those interested in filling the Linden City Council position, resumes and applications are being accepted by Marti Donnelly, Linden City Clerk at 132 E. Broad Street, P.O. Box 507 Linden, MI.

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## Calendar of events

### DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES

The Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church at 14160 North Fenton Rd., Fenton, is offering the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace classes. Classes are offered on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** beginning Jan. 18, for 13 weeks.

### SMOKING CESSATION SUPPORT GROUP

McLaren's Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program is offering a free Smoking Cessation Support Group the **second Monday of every month**. The support group can benefit anyone who is struggling to give up those last few cigarettes but does want to quit; is smoke free but feeling vulnerable for relapse; is in the process of quitting and having trouble managing stress, or is a former smoker who is willing to share their story. The support group meets from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the McLaren Medical Education Building, G-3230 Beecher Rd. in the lower level, Conference Room A. For additional information, call (810) 342-5370.

### STUDENT DRAWING EXHIBITION AT MCC

The public is invited to attend the Mott Community College Student Drawing Exhibition, set for **Jan. 17 – 31**. The exhibition, held in the Fine Arts Gallery, inside the Visual Arts and Design Center at the main campus in Flint, will drawings by Mott Community College's Basic Drawing students. This event is free and open to the public. Featured pieces were completed during the fall semester of 2011 and represent the broad range of assignments and techniques taught in the Art and Design Department. For more information, please call the Art and Design office at (810) 762-0443

### THE SHRINE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Shrine Circus will be at Perani Arena and Event Center at 3501 Lap-er road in Flint, from **Jan. 12 to 16**. The Shrine Circus has been entertaining fans for generations, and benefits the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Go to [go-to-elf-khurafah-shrine-circus.com](http://go-to-elf-khurafah-shrine-circus.com) for more information, or call 888-376-1286.

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL'S SADD** group is hosting a Euchre tournament at Shiawassee Shores on **Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.** Cost is \$20 to play. Adults only please. VISA gift cards as prizes! Call Linden High School at (810) 591-0464 for more information.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WE DIDN'T MOVE** to the township to get stuck with sidewalks and bike paths. They take your property for them, we're forced to pay for them and maintain them, and then we get sued if someone trips on them. This is country living. If we wanted sidewalks, we'd live in the city. Maybe the township wouldn't need to over-value our property for more tax money if they would just stop with the ignorant ideas.

**THIS IS A** note to the young person who is not religious but is doing everything they can to be a good person. Congratulations, the world needs more positive young people. And, to all the people condemning that person, how is condemning a young person who is being good, going to show them that Christianity is good? Be nice people.

**ALL THIS TALK** about God is OK, but I remember what my mother said. She said God helps those who help themselves. She also said to grab the problem you're praying for and shake it until the real problem falls out. God bless everyone.

**REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY** of 'art' being rented, I would have no objections to that if the streets in Fenton weren't the best friends of the auto repair shops. Statues are a luxury, not a necessity. You can't eat them and you can't even burn them to heat your home. Tell the DDA to check back in a few years.

**IF MOST PEOPLE** had their way, Brandon Hayes would be swinging from a tree branch and we wouldn't have to read about all the money wasted on a trial.

**TO THE PERSON** reminding us that the DDA is made up of volunteers: that does not change the fact that cavalierly spending millions of dollars with zero input from the taxpayers who provided the money is ridiculous. Because they place no value on the money, it is spent foolishly on whimsical nonsense like 'Be Closer' and \$100,000 signs.

**I SELL TVS** for an area business and the newspaper story is exactly correct when it said February is the best time to buy a TV.

**HARD TO BELIEVE** there was a swan trapped in the ice, those things are meaner than a junkyard dog. Anyone trying to help is likely to get their nose pecked.

**THE GUY WHO** said gas prices are higher in Genesee County is right on. This year it has been higher here than even in the Traverse City area.

**IF YOU DON'T** attend the DDA meetings, you have no right to complain. They are always posted in the Times. Let your voice be heard.

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Robert Zarnell, 16, checks out footage his group, including Chelsee Allen and Alyson Jackson (right) just shot for a digital recording class project at Lake Fenton High School.

## DIGITAL

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On Monday, six groups of three or four students left the classroom to shoot their first full-length project: a three to four minute video that will include all the different shots they've learned. They use different techniques like 'reverse angle,' by sticking the camera in a closed locker and using a tripod.

Most of the students probably won't make videos for a living after high school, but teacher Nicole Chapman said what they learn can be used elsewhere in life. "This is hands on, and this is active," said Chapman. Students learn leadership and team skills while using technology like a digital video camera, Mac computers and professional video editing software. "They're excited about class," she said.

Before going out and shooting, the groups chose a concept for the video, and made storyboards to illustrate the different shots they would use.

The groups then fanned out across the campus, setting up their cameras and getting their shots, a far cry from taking notes during a lecture.

One group decided to shoot a video based on a funny Christmas commercial. "I love it, I think it's awesome," said Chelsee Allen, 17.

Some students may join digital recording to avoid choir or phys-ed, but not Zach Finkbeiner. "I take it seriously. I focus on it because I feel like I'm going to use it later in life," he said. He was surprised by the technical things he had to learn quickly, like matching exposures and ambient light color between scenes. The class has given him a new appreciation for Hollywood movies.

"You watch a movie and say, 'I know how they did that,'" said Stryker DeGayner, a member of his group. "It actually makes you do something you're going to use in life."

"I think it's important to keep these elective classes going because it helps us find what we want to do later in life."

**Zach Finkbeiner**  
LFHS digital recording student

Kyle Long paused from fiddling with the group's camera to comment. "It's my favorite class, all day," he said. "It's work but it's still fun."

The footage is due in class on Wednesday. The final deadline will depend on learning the software, Final Cut Pro, so they can edit their shots together.

"I think it's important to keep these elective classes going because it helps us find what we want to do later in life," said Finkbeiner.

Chapman said her students' last assignment will be a compilation of their best individual work. It will show what the students learned from the class, and also showcase the class to prospective students.

The most difficult assignment they'll have is covering a sporting event in March, such as soccer or softball. "That's very difficult because you really only get one shot at that," Chapman said.

The project will be featured on Channel 99, the local access channel. Chapman said the advanced students shoot these events regularly after school, and upload footage during school hours.

Fenton and Linden high schools also have video production classes.



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Shelby Bader goes over the storyboards for her group video project with Kristen Cody Monday morning at Lake Fenton High School.



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The students of the digital recording class at Lake Fenton High School have access to 10 Canon digital video cameras, Mac computers, and professional video production software.

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## NO SNOW

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So far this season, there have been 26 ski days, compared to 43 days last season by this date. "Last year was an exceptional year," admitted Tibbitts. But he's still optimistic about this ski season, noting that it's not so much the lack of snow that's slowing down business, it's the lack of "mood snow" that keeps people away from the ski slopes and other winter pursuits.

"When people don't see snow in their backyard, they tend to forget about skiing," said Tibbitts. "Even with this warm spell and lack of snow, all of our 19 trails are open, groomed and ready for skiers. The 56-degree temperatures last Friday actually made for ideal skiing conditions, especially for beginners. People pay big money to go out to Colorado to ski in the spring with the kind of conditions we had right here over the weekend."

What makes all the difference is Mt. Holly's ability to make its own snow, when temperatures lower to 28 degrees or less. "There's never enough natural snow in southeast Michigan for skiing," said Tibbitts. "Most people don't realize that 99 percent of the skiing they do in Michigan, even up north, is on manmade snow. Natural snow in Michigan is too high in humidity to be a fluffy, powdery snow that's ideal for skiing."

Tibbitts oversees four-man crews who work in 12-hour shifts to build up enough snow for a 3 to 4-foot base, or a maximum of 5-feet. "Even now with all the warm weather we've had, we've got a 3-foot base built up, and we groom it every day during the week and twice a day on

"When people don't see snow in their backyard, they tend to forget about skiing. Even with this warm spell and lack of snow, all of our 19 trails are open, groomed and ready for skiers."

**Mark Tibbitts**  
Mt. Holly Ski Area  
general manager

weekends," said Tibbitts.

Tibbitts has been doing this work now for 34 years and while he'd like to see colder weather in the forecast, he admits it's not the worst it has ever been. "We're doing OK and are still optimistic that winter's going to come," he said. "The businesses I feel sorry for are the ones who depend on the snow and cold, but can't make their own snow."

"It's really affecting us," said Dan Shannon of Shannon Auto Collision in Fenton. "It's not cold enough for mechanical issues with auto batteries or radiators, and there's not much collision work when the weather is this mild." Shannon credits his longevity in Fenton and his own experience for enabling his business to weather this "non-stormy" season. "We're still keeping busy with our other work, and I haven't had to lay anyone off. Our deer season was very strong even into December, which really helped."

"We've had seasons like this before in the 1980s and early 90s, but this one is pretty extreme," added Shannon. "We're going to get our rears kicked pretty soon if the weather doesn't change."

Dale Taylor, at Taylor Hardware in Fenton is sitting on a lot of ice melting products and TORO snow blowers he hasn't sold yet this winter. "We had respectable sales before Christmas to homeowners who were planning ahead for winter," said Taylor. "But there haven't been many weather-related 'reactive' sales this season."

"Sales of snow blowers have been abysmal because of the lack of snow," said Jeff Stone of Sears Hometown Store. "Last year at this time, you couldn't even find a snow blower in stock, it was so busy. At least we've been selling exercise equipment this season."

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**Dan Shannon**  
Shannon Auto Collision owner

Kan Rock Tires in Fenton have sold about half the number of snow tires they usually sell by now. "It's getting serious," said Store Manager Stan Lamroux. "The winter season is our bread and butter. It's what we wait for all year long."

"If you're not snowmobiling by mid-December, you start to lose momentum for the season, especially when dealers start talking about boats in January and February," said Craig Willour, owner of Marine Specialists in Fenton. Willour is spending his time working on boats that he usually doesn't get to until March. Maintaining the fleet of snowmobiles for Mt. Holly Ski Area keeps him busy, too. "I do have some work, just not a lot," he added.

Snowplow professionals like Kyle Hopkins of K & K Lawncare in Linden have only plowed once so far this winter. "This has only happened one other time," said Hopkins. "The good part is that it has given us more time to complete our fall projects and repair lawn equipment for the upcoming season. If it continues this way the whole winter, it will definitely hurt our bottom line, but one bad winter won't put us out of business."

Some residents are wishing the weather would turn around, too, so they could enjoy their recreational winter activities. John Giroux, who lives on Sullivan Lake, just began his ice-fishing hobby four years ago,

when he moved on the lake. "Every time there's a thin layer of ice on the lake, it melts right away," said Giroux. A tool and die maker by trade, Giroux says he'd rather spend more of his time fishing than working, and lately, he's been doing much more of the latter.

"I'm waiting, waiting, waiting," he said.



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Trevor Troupe, 19 (left) of Goodrich and Cody Campbell, 17 of Grand Blanc, wait to assist customers at the equipment check at Mt. Holly in Groveland Township on Monday.



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Lida Mantyla of the Holly/Oxford ski team skis down Mt. Holly on Monday.



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

WEEKLY

WednesdayJumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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I wonder who took them...

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BECAUSE SHE  
HAD THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A "O O O O O O O" WITH O O O O

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

To your  
good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Why doesn't the heart ever get cancer? I've never seen this question asked or talked about on TV. Blood feeds tumors, so it makes sense that the heart would be a target. — C.V.

ANSWER: Tumors do arise in the heart. A somewhat-common benign tumor is a myxoma. It can disrupt the flow of blood through the heart. Malignant cancers, ones that spread and grow rapidly, also arise in the heart. They are quite rare. A rhabdomyosarcoma is a malignant tumor of heart muscle. The blood contained in the heart doesn't feed heart muscle. If it did, we'd never have heart attacks. Heart muscle is nourished by its own arteries. So are heart tumors.

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.

RELEASED THIS WEEK

DVDs&Movies

**KILLER ELITE**

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**MONEY BALL**

Based on a true story, Money Ball is a movie for anybody who has ever dreamed of taking on the system. Billy Beane (Brad Pitt), the general manager of the Oakland A's and the guy who assembles the team, has an epiphany: all of baseball's conventional wisdom is wrong. Forced to reinvent his team on a tight budget, Beane will have to outsmart the richer clubs. The one-time jock teams with Ivy League grad Peter Brand (Jonah Hill) in an unlikely partnership, recruiting bargain players that the scouts call flawed, but all of whom have an ability to get on base, score runs, and win games. PG-13, 2 hr. 6 min.

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Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Con game

5 Not-so-tall tale

8 Front projection

12 Needing a cane

13 Earlier than

14 Hold sway

15 Intl. cartel

16 Actress Gardner

17 Elevator name

18 Railyard sight

20 Result

22 Every last bit

23 15-Across' product

24 Gulleets

27 And so on

32 — Beta Kappa

33 Vast expanse

34 Blue

35 Unrelenting pest

38 Snakes

39 Storm center

40 Keyboard abbr.

42 Take out of context?

45 Small yellow fruit used in preserves

49 Vicinity

50 "Hail!"

52 Loosen

53 Optimistic

54 Family member

55 Particular

56 Being, to Brutus

57 "Of course"

58 "Piggies"

**DOWN**

1 Messy guy

2 Mafia bigwig

3 MasterCard alternative, briefly

4 Gathering places

5 Intrepid

6 Mr. Robbins

7 Suitor

8 Toaster's word

9 Cruel

10 Medley

11 Into the sunset

19 Mr. Pacino

21 "Ulalume" writer

24 Speedometer stat

25 "Caught ya!"

26 Brit's radio

28 Ball-bearing gizmo

29 Negligent

30 Knock

31 Billboards

36 Sailor's assent

37 Collection

38 Find not guilty

41 Therefore

42 Challenge

43 Love deity

44 Uncomplicated

46 "Do — others ..."

47 "Zip- — Doo-Dah"

48 — River, NJ

51 Struggle (for)

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## LIFESTYLE

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over the long haul, not as a quick fix. As long as your diet reduces your daily caloric intake and is healthy for your heart, you can choose whatever diet plan works for you.

**2 Put a stop to emotional eating.** Learn to recognize the emotional triggers that lead you to overeat and respond with healthier choices. Find new ways to de-stress, jumpstart your energy, and reach out to others when you're lonely or bored.

**Advice:** Remember that food is fuel for your body. It isn't a replacement for fun or friendship.

**3 Begin to pay attention to what you eat,** savor each bite and choose foods that are nourishing and enjoyable. Stop eating in front of the TV, at your computer or in your car.

**Advice:** Eat slowly, savoring the smells and textures of your food. If your mind wanders, gently return your attention to your food, how it tastes and feels in your mouth.

**4 Include more fruit,** vegetables and fiber in your diet. These foods are more satisfying and filling than other foods because they are higher in volume, take longer to chew and digest than other foods.

**Advice:** Pour a little less cereal into your morning bowl to make room for more blueberries, strawberries, or sliced bananas. You'll still enjoy a full bowl, but with fewer calories and more nutrition.

**5 Don't think of any foods** as "off limits," but learn to indulge in your favorites by using portion control, combining your treat with a healthy food (think hummus and carrot sticks, with just a few tortilla chips on the side, or a little ice cream with lots of strawberries).

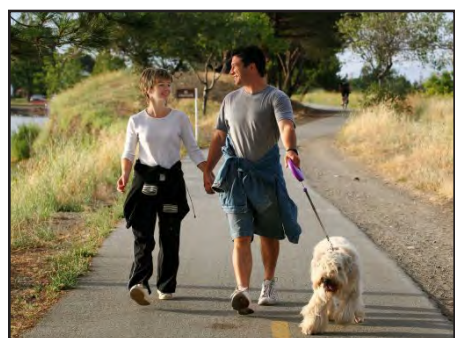
**Advice:** Remember the difference between snacks and treats. Snacks are healthy food choices enjoyed in-between meals to keep hunger at bay. Treats are occasional, not daily, indulgences.

**6 Take charge of your food** environment by setting yourself up for success. Remember that you are in charge of when you eat, how much you eat and what foods are available in your home.

**Advice:** Serve yourself smaller portions. One easy way to control portion size is by using small plates, bowls, and cups. This will make your portions appear larger. Don't eat out of large bowls or directly from the food container or package, which makes it difficult to assess how much you've eaten.

**7 Drink more water,** while eliminating or limiting soft drinks, diet soda, too much coffee or sugary fruit juices.

**Advice:** Switch to water with lemon, unsweetened iced tea, or carbonated water with a splash of juice.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Taking a brisk walk burns calories and improves resting metabolism.

**8 Get plenty of sleep.** Lack of sleep has been shown to have a direct link to hunger, overeating, and weight gain. Exhaustion also impairs your judgment, which can lead to poor food choices.

**Advice:** Aim for about eight hours of quality sleep per night.

**9 Get plenty of exercise** by choosing to be active during your day. In addition to finding an activity you enjoy, find other ways to add movement into your daily schedule. Exercise not only burns calories, but can actually improve your resting metabolism.

**Advice:** Even three 10-minute sessions of exercise every day can improve your physical and mental health.

**10 Reduce your levels** of stress. Managing stress is all about taking charge — taking charge of your thoughts, your emotions, your schedule, your environment, and the way you deal with problems.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Eight hours of quality sleep could help someone create better food decisions.

**Advice:** The ultimate goal is a balanced life, with time for work, relationships, relaxation, and fun — plus the resilience to hold up under pressure and meet challenges head on.

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Lake Fenton's Jordan Newman

# LF girls cruise past GAC foe Mt. Morris, 69-36

By David Troppens

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Apparently the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team was in an offensive mindset on Monday night.

The Blue Devils exploded for their biggest offensive performance of the season, defeating Mt. Morris 69-36 during their road Genesee Area Conference Red Division battle Monday.

The Blue Devils were most potent in the second quarter, scoring 25 points. That period made what was a 14-4 first-quarter lead into a 39-15 halftime lead.

But the onslaught didn't stop there. The Blue Devils chipped in another 21 points in the third quarter, taking a 60-25 lead into the final period.

The most points the Blue Devils (3-1, 4-4) scored in a game this season before Monday night's contest was 56 points in a victory

against Bridgeport on Nov. 29.

Sidney Scott led the charge. She had a game-high 21 points. She also had a team-best 13 rebounds. But she was just one of three Blue Devils that scored in double-digits. Mackenzie Gottron had 14 points, while Jordan Newman had 12 points. Karlie Dieck chipped in seven points. Debbie Katerberg helped the rebounding cause with 11 boards.

Lake Fenton took advantage of its free throws, making 22-of-31

shots (71 percent) from the charity stripe. Scott made 7-of-8 free throws, while Gottron hit 6-of-8 free throws.

The only Mt. Morris player to score double-digits was Margo Jourbran with 10 points.

Lake Fenton remains one game behind Goodrich in the GAC Red standings.

The Blue Devils return to action at home on Thursday with a home game against the Durand Railroaders.

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** What did Eric Hipple do in his NFL starting debut?

**A** He led the Lions to one of the greatest Monday Night Football performances ever, throwing four TD passes and running for two more in a 48-17 win against the Bears.

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# Fenton back tied with Holly in Metro

►Hickoffs combine for 43 points in Tigers' 68-50 win vs. Bronchos

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**Fenton** — Ever since Dylan and Ryan Hickoff have been on the Fenton varsity boys basketball team, the Tigers have won or shared three straight Flint Metro League titles.

Based on their play Monday night, it's apparent the senior twins want to finish their careers with a fourth.

Dylan Hickoff scored a game-high 24 points, while Ryan Hickoff netted 19 points leading the Fenton Tigers to a pretty convincing 68-50 Metro League victory over previously undefeated Holly at Fenton High School on Monday. The Hickoffs did more than score. Ryan Hickoff had five rebounds, five assists and four steals. Meanwhile, Dylan Hickoff had nine rebounds and four assists.

The Tigers spent a good chunk of the first quarter attacking the hoop, getting buckets and getting some of Holly's key players in foul trouble. And after awhile, they shifted their offense to some nice perimeter shooting. The Tigers made six three-pointers, with Dylan Hickoff hitting four of them.

"They played a lot of zone so our coaches stressed attacking and find-

ing the open seams," Dylan Hickoff said. "We knew we would have some open players. (The threes), that's what will come with the ball movement."

The victory puts Fenton (6-1, 7-1) in a tie with Holly (5-1, 5-1) in terms of the loss column in the Metro League race.

"Ryan and Dylan are already signed (for college)," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "Sometime I think people think they are going to coast now. But I think they came out tonight and let people realize they are not done. They are enjoying playing basketball in the high school setting and they want to play well. They both wanted to have good games tonight, which they did."

In a game that fouls were a key part of the story, the Hickoffs were the only true constant on either side. One other constant was the lead. While it bounced around from single-digits and double-digits all night long, it was always Fenton that led.

The only tie came at 2-all on a putback hoop by Holly's Donovan Williams. But then Dylan Hickoff hit a three-pointer off a nice feed from Cory Cox, and Holly never

See **FENTON** on 16



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Fenton's Dylan Hickoff (right) prepares to try a shot against Holly's Jared Plawski. The Tigers defeated the Bronchos 68-50 Monday at Fenton High School.

## Lady Bronchos edge Fenton in defensive game

By Al Zipsie

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**Holly** — Holly's and Fenton's girls basketball teams struggled with halves where they both only scored just five points.

But it was the Holly Bronchos that finished on top, remaining within striking distance of the top of the Metro League.

The Lady Bronchos outscored the Tigers 10-2 in the final quarter and 16-5 in the second half to rally for a 21-17 Metro win Monday at Holly High School.

Fenton's last points came with 6:03 left in the final quarter, leading at the time 17-13. Holly scored the last eight points of the game. Holly's Allyssa Copley came up big at crunch time, scoring in the lane and cutting the lead to a basket. Delaney Serra then hit a pair of free throws to tie the game at 17-all with 4:26 left.

Holly clicked again inside when Copley had a hoop in the paint for the Bronchos' first lead of the game with

See **BRONCHOS** on 16

# Hipple talks football with area fans

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**Editor's Note:** This is the first of two stories we'll feature ex-Detroit Lions quarterback and tri-county resident Eric Hipple. Today, we'll focus on his football career. In a future edition we'll discuss his post-football life and

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Tri-county resident and ex-Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple takes time to talk with Fenton residents Vada (left) and Jagger Dowdle on Saturday.

his involvement with the University of Michigan Depression Center.

If given a chance, Eric Hipple will still throw the football around.

The venue has changed. It's not in the Pontiac Silverdome, Solider Field or Lambeau Field

as it was in the 1980s. And the receivers have changed as well. Freddy Scott isn't the one running a fade pattern.

During a sunny early afternoon on Saturday, the venue was the parking lot at the Four Seasons Fresh Market. Hipple's receivers were a bunch of wide-eyed tri-county children, getting their first chance to catch a pass from a past Detroit Lions quarterback.

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## did you know?

Ex-Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple rushed four seven touchdowns in 1981.



## HIPPLE

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On Saturday, Hipple, a tri-county resident himself, spent a little over an hour at the business establishment, talking with young and old about his career, about the current Detroit Lions and about his book called "Real Men Do Cry," a book about depression and how to beat it.

During that hour, he allowed some Lions fans to have the time of their life.

"It feels like a tailgate," Hipple said while throwing the football during the unseasonably sunny weather around noon on Saturday.

Hipple showed his age. At 54, it took him a few throws to start hitting his tiny-tot targets. But once he was warmed up, one with imagination could envision the 1980s with Hipple as the starting quarterback for the Lions during a key NFC Central game at the Silverdome.

"Good catch," he said to one of the first kids to make a completion in the parking lot. "And you throw the ball well."

But before finishing, the career-long Detroit Lion made sure to mention something about the jersey the child was wearing as well — a Green Bay Packers jersey.

Just over 100 people showed up, talked and took photos with Hipple, many probably shocked by their luck that an ex-Detroit Lions quarterback was there to sign his book and his football cards.

Of course, Hipple's NFL career had a little luck dashed in there as well. First off, it almost didn't get off the ground after high school. Utah State was the only school to offer him a scholarship after his prep career in California.

While there, he rewrote the Aggie record books, finishing his career with over 6,000 passing yards and 34 TD passes. He was named to the Utah State All-Century team as well. Yet, Hipple received little talk when he was selected in the fourth round by the Detroit Lions in 1980.

"When I came here, they drafted Billy Sims with the first pick," Hipple said. "I didn't get looked at too much. When I did get my chance to start, it was kind of like a surprise."


That surprise came during his second year in the NFL, in 1981. He finally got a chance to start a game, against the Chicago Bears during Monday Night Football, no less. And all Hipple put together was one of the greatest performances on MNF history. He led the Lions to a 48-17 victory, completing 14-of-25 passes for 336 yards and four TDs. He also ran for two scores. He remained the starter the rest of the season, posting a 6-4 record in those starts.

"It's hard for me to go back and remember the play-by-play because even then it was such high intensity, my first game and stuff," Hipple said. "The focus was there. But everything seemed to happen so fast. It was like we were in the middle of the third quarter and I thought, 'How did this happen?' Emotionally, it was probably the biggest game indelibly etched into my mind."



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Eric Hipple (center) looks at a picture with Olivia (left) and Cameron Marchand looking at it as well. Hipple spent an hour at the Four Seasons Fresh Market on Saturday talking with football fans.



### The Hipple Football File

*Tri-County resident Eric Hipple enjoyed a fine career in the National Football League with the Detroit Lions. Here is a list of some of his football credentials.*

**COLLEGE AT UTAH STATE**

- Three-year starting quarterback with the Aggies.
- Completed 309 of 563 passes for 3,985 yards and 25 TDs.
- Named to Utah State's All-Century Team.

**NFL WITH THE DETROIT LIONS**

- Played for the Detroit Lions from 1980 until 1989.
- Started 57 games with the Lions, posting with a 28-29 record.
- Helped lead the Lions to the playoffs in 1982 and 1983, leading the team to the NFC Division title in 1983.
- Completed 830-of-1,546 passes for 10,711 yards and five touchdowns.

Being a national broadcast, everyone was able to see it.

"My parents were able to see my first game in California, my friends and my college friends. It was fantastic."

Hipple enjoyed his time with the Lions.

"Those days are far better in my memory," Hipple said. "Even watching on TV stirs up the emotion of game day. But do I miss training camp? No. Do I miss the practices, getting beat up and waking up Monday morning going, 'Ohhhhh?' No. But the game days you miss."

Hipple remained on the Lions from 1980 until 1989, leading the Lions to two playoff seasons and one NFC division title. Hipple enjoyed being a Lion and enjoyed the fans. Based on Saturday, they enjoy him as well.

"The fans in Michigan are really wonderful," Hipple said. "Even when you are losing, you take some grief and stuff, but they are enthusiastic. You go to some other cities and they may have patches of fans, but it's not like it is here where the Lions are on the forefront of everyone's minds."

## PREP REPORT

### HOCKEY

► **Fenton 2, KBH United 1:** The Tigers got their only goal from Tyler DeLong on a breakaway pass from Hugh Comden.

The Tigers pulled their goalie down the stretch, but couldn't get the game-tying goal against the co-op squad from Kearsley, Holly and Brandon.

"We pulled our goalie for the fifth time this season," Fenton coach Jeff Mynatt said. "We had a couple of really good chances to tie it up, but we couldn't make it happen."

Fenton travels to the Polar Palace for a game against the Lapeer co-op

program at 5 p.m.

► **Lakeville 5, Tri-City 2:** The Tri-City Chiefs, a co-op hockey squad involving players from Lake Fenton, Linden and Durand, had its most productive offensive game of the season in the loss to Lakeville on Sunday. Tyler Benedict and Jared Peterson scored goals for Tri-City. In net, Thomas Messenger made 17 saves.

Tri-City lost its first game at Great Lakes Sports City on Saturday, dropping a 13-0 verdict. Messenger made 10 saves, while Kyle Long made six.

## LF wrestlers posts 3-2 record at Saginaw Heritage

By Al Zipsie

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**Saginaw** — With injuries and illness hurting the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team, the Blue Devils were too short-handed to defend their Saginaw Heritage Team Dual Invitational Saturday.

Heritage (16-0) won its own tournament. Lake Fenton finished 3-2, losing to Heritage 48-23 and Capac 54-26. The Blue Devils defeated Valley Lutheran in the opener 53-24, and closed out with two wins against Traverse City West, 51-23, and Ogemaw Heights, 57-24.

Cody Sanders (140) led Lake Fenton, winning all five of his matches by pinfall. Meanwhile, Todd Melick (119) was a perfect 4-0 with four pinfall victories. Jared Corcoran (112), John Barry (130) and Tyler Sanders (152) were all 4-1 on the day.

Melick is on a varsity wrestling team for the first time in his high school career without his older brother Justin. Todd won all four of his matches to improve to 16-3. Two losses came after an injury default at the Genesee County Meet. The only loss on the mat came in the season opening Hartland Tournament. Justin Melick was a state champion last season, and is now a redshirt freshman at Eastern Michigan.

"It is a little different not having (Justin) on the same team," said Todd Melick. "He helps me with some moves when he has the chance to be back from

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# Linden posts 2-3 record at Adrian Duals

By David Troppens

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The Linden wrestling program was busy this weekend, having two varsity squads compete in two different events.

The Linden 'A' team traveled to the Adrian Duals, going 2-3. The Linden 'B' team went 1-4 at Burton Bendle.

The 'A' squad defeated Adrian 40-39 on a fifth-criteria tiebreaker, and beat Hudson's 'B' team 39-32.

Cliff Coleman (215/285) went 5-0 on the day, while Alex Neal (145), Johnnie Bates (112), Tyler Satkowiak (215/285) and Chase Gifford (189) all went 4-1. Austin Golden (135) went 3-2.

"Coleman is having a great year," Linden coach Todd Skinner said. "He's doing very well. Chase Gifford is having a great season and so is Alex Neal. All of my seniors are wrestling really tough right now,

along with Jeff Fisher.

"Cliff had a really good weekend. He went 5-0 with five pins, so he had a really good day."

The 'B' squad was led by Jeffrey Fisher going 5-0 on the day. Ruben Bailey, Karrah Varner, Shaun LaPain and Matt Smith all had victories.

The Eagles (8-7) host Lapeer West and Swartz Creek for Metro League matches on Wednesday, starting at 5:30 p.m.

"We are kind of not wrestling to our potential right now," Skinner said. "We came out kind of flat this weekend, but we were off three weeks. When we get everyone to their right weight, we are going to be good, but we are still working on getting them there."

## Fenton at Wyandotte Invitational

The Tigers had four wrestlers place at

the event.

Preston Wetzel (152) and Jacob Wykes (135) placed second. Chase Roney (130) took home a third, and Scott Becker (215) was fifth.

## Holly at Lake Orion Team Tournament

The Bronchos went 4-1 at Lake Orion, defeating Port Huron Northern 54-24, Farmington Hills Harrison 51-24, Lake Orion 39-36 and Midland 57-19. Holly lost to Chippewa Hills 42-28.

"We had three JV kids in the lineup, but we wrestled well," Holly coach Don Pluta said.

Mason Cleaver, Tyler Gibson, Anthony Gonzales, Andrew Scott and Shawn Scott posted perfect 5-0 records. Gonzales had five pinfalls to go with his wins. Kyle Pepper and Joel Scheuermann were 4-1.

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2:10 left at 19-17. Copley then followed a Bronchos' miss into a putback bucket and a 21-17 lead with 1:47 left.

"It gave us a big lift and it was a great hustle play from Copley," Holly coach David Hall said about Copley's final hoop. "That is the number one thing you just have to do. You just have to keep working harder."

Fenton's Payton Maxheimer had a steal with 42 seconds left and the Tigers trailing by 4. However, Copley blocked a pair of Fenton shots in the last 21 seconds and the Tigers fired up two more shots that missed at the end.

"I play in the summer with Hannah Evo in AAU and I know she can shoot," Copley said. "I went for the block and got it. We really wanted that win. Our shots were not falling in the first half, but we just kept playing hard."

Of Holly's 21 points, 15 came from attacking the paint. Copley had eight points and seven rebounds. She came off the bench and scored four of Holly's first five points.

Fenton took its biggest lead of the game at 14-5 to start the second half. However, Holly's Lauren Maher hit a jumper ending the third quarter, cutting the lead to 15-11.

"We didn't panic," Hall said. "We made a couple of steals, had some layups after turnovers, and just had a good team effort. We took 18 shots in the first half. That's pretty normal, the shots just were not falling."

As the game went on, Holly's offense got better. The Bronchos scored just one point in the first quarter, but scored a game-high 10 in the fourth. Meanwhile,



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Holly's Allyssa Copley (center) attempts a shot during a recent game against Linden. Copley scored eight points in the Bronchos' win against Fenton on Monday.

Fenton scored a team-high seven points in the first and then never scored more than five in a period after that. Fenton had no player score more than four points.

"It wasn't a pretty game as neither team shot well," said Fenton coach Brad DeWitt. "We had defensive lapses and had some key offensive turnovers down the stretch."

"We got to shoot the ball when we're down. Some of the young players have to learn to pull the trigger on the shots."

The Bronchos (5-1, 7-2) remain a game behind in the loss column to Lapeer West and Clio, who are tied for first in the Metro with 5-0 marks. Holly travels to Lapeer West, Friday. Fenton (3-4, 4-6) is at Swartz Creek, also on Friday.

tough to beat," said Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran.

"I think if we were full strength we would have beat both teams."

"I was proud of the way the kids we had wrestled. We had the guys with good records today."

Resko, a junior, is a story of overcoming adversity. As a second- and third-grader he had a hip condition and was in a wheelchair.

"Nate Resko surprised me," Corcoran said. "He was 3-2 and wrestled very well."

The Blue Devils wrestled without three of their key wrestlers — James De-member, Ray Denam and D.J. Melton.

Lake Fenton (8-7) travels to Bendle today for some GAC action, starting at 5 p.m.



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Fenton's Cory Cox attempts a shot beyond Holly's Nic Stoll's reach. Fenton defeated Holly 68-50 Monday.

## FENTON

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even tied the game again.

The Bronchos trailed just 9-7 after a three-pointer by Isaac Casillas, but it was answered by a Ryan Hickoff assist on a three-pointer by Cox. That trey sparked a 9-2 run, giving the Tigers an 18-9 lead after one quarter.

The Tigers spent the rest of the game flirting with a blowout, only to have Holly usually respond with a run that put the game back into range. Fenton led 36-22 after a converted free throw by Andrew Olzewski with 1:53 left in the half, but Holly capped the half with a converted free throw by Blake Ordiway, a driving layup by Jared Plawski and then a Plawski dish to Ordiway for a layup, putting the Bronchos back to within 36-27 at the half.

In the second half, the Tigers usually led by six to 10 points, but there was one exciting juncture. Fenton coach Tim Olzewski was called for a technical, arguing a charge. Holly's Casillas hit a free throw and then Plawski hit a layup, cutting Fenton's lead to just 45-42 with just over one minute left in the third quarter.

But the technical seemed to inspire Fenton. The Tigers roared to a 7-0 run to end the quarter, capped by a Cox three-pointer, and took a 52-42 lead into the fourth quarter.

Holly never got any closer than 52-45, that coming after a Casillas three-poiner. However, Ryan Hickoff and Cox responded with back-to-back layups, putting the gap back to double-digits. Holly never threatened again.

The Tigers pressured the Bronchos' interior forcing Holly's Nic Stoll into three quick fouls. He fouled out only playing five minutes. The Bronchos took some charges, but never really could cope with the Tigers when they attacked the bucket, resulting in a 19-for-31 night for Fenton at the charity stripe. Holly mustered just 6-of-11 at the line.

"There are some good things we can take out of this game. Toward the end of the first half, we had three freshmen in there when we cut the lead," Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "Credit to them. ... The Hickoffs played a great game. They had tremendous stamina."

Cox had a big game for Fenton, scoring 16 points, while grabbing nine rebounds and dishing two assists. Austin Hopkin, who fouled out, led Holly with 13 points.

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The Tigers had divers Taylor Thorpe (181.65) and Robert Brownlee (165.10) finish in the top two spots. Mike Banner's time dropped 14 seconds in the 500 freestyle (5:24.38), while Zahne Macklin (1:11.50) and Anthony Micelli (1:14.63) went 1-2 in the 100 breast-stroke. Brant Cassidy had a huge drop in the 200 freestyle (2:01.99) to place second in the 200 freestyle.

"The score was not indicative of how close the meet was. The 50 free, 100 free and 400 free relays were decided by less than a second from first to fourth," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "Unfortunately, we were not at the front of those events."

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college. It was a pretty positive day.

"When my rib (injury) heals I can start training harder for a run at the state title."

Melick has finished fourth, third and second at state tournaments in each of his first three years.

Cody Sanders had a perfect record with five falls. His brother, Tyler Sanders was 4-1 at the meet.

"In all cases, I won with cross faces and cradles," Sanders said. "I came in feeling pretty good and it just got better and better with each match."

"It is cool to have Tyler on the team. We are practice partners. I had to work to get a spot as a freshman and now this year it's been a good season."

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL .7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Arthur Marshall and Mildred Marshall, Husband and Wife to Homeowners Loan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2004 and recorded July 26, 2004 in Instrument # 200407260079509 Genesee County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: CitiMortgage, Inc, by assignment dated August 16, 2011 and recorded September 21, 2011 in Instrument # 201109210067476 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$45,232.44) including interest 4.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on February 8, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 230 of Manley Village No. 1, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 26, page 53, Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 4806 Birchcrest Dr, Flint MI 48504 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 1/11/2012 CitiMortgage, Inc, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-55062 Ad #18932 01/11, 01/18, 01/25, 02/01/2012

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