

**HOT LINES:  
FENTON SCHOOL  
MILLAGE**  
“The guy trashing  
unions in the Hot lines  
is just jealous that he  
doesn't belong to one.”

**“Vote  
yes on  
the mill-  
age. It's  
for the  
kids.”**

**“Fenton schools  
now** want another  
multi-million dol-  
lar millage? We just  
passed a \$20+ million  
dollar millage a couple  
of years back that we  
will be paying on for  
15 more years.”

**“We just built** the  
A.G. Schmidt Middle  
School and now they  
want to “reconfigure”  
the  
traffic  
flow for  
several  
hundred  
thou-  
sand  
dol-  
lars? Dumb question:  
Shouldn't that have  
been done when they  
built it?”

**“Better get out  
and vote folks, or  
the teachers will win  
this election too. I  
have three children in  
Fenton schools but I  
am voting no on the  
millage. I'm tired of  
the schools sucking  
up all the money.”**

**HOT LINE  
OF THE WEEK**

**“OUR  
GOVERNMENT IS  
suing South Carolina  
because they require  
ID to vote? How  
much more of this  
insanity do we have  
to endure? Makes me  
wonder how many  
illegal aliens voted  
for Obama to help get  
him into office.”**



**Fenton Chamber**  
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dedicated to the Fenton  
Regional Chamber  
of Commerce  
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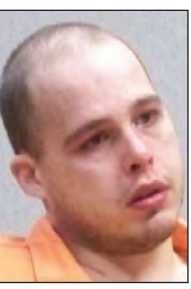
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# GUILTY!

## ► Brandon Hayes convicted for murdering Dominick Calhoun

**By Tim Jagielo and Sharon Stone**  
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After two hours of deliberation Thurs-  
day afternoon, a jury in Port Huron con-  
victed Brandon Hayes, 26, of the April  
2010 beating death of Dominick Calhoun,  
the 4-year-old son of his 27-year-old live-  
in girlfriend Corrine Baker.



Brandon Hayes

### Summary

► Brandon Hayes was found  
guilty on all 10 counts that led to  
the beating death of Dominick  
Calhoun, 4, in 2010. Sentencing guidelines  
call for life in prison.

Township apart-  
ment with Bak-  
er's two sons,  
Dominick and  
his older half-  
brother Tyler  
Baker.

The jury found  
Hayes guilty on all counts including  
felony murder, torture, two counts of  
first-degree child abuse, and a related  
assault and various drug charges. Hayes  
was also convicted as a fourth-time ha-  
bitual offender.

**See GUILTY on 13A**

## An eye for detail



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From prized pets to prized kills, people can preserve their animals as trophies for years to come.  
Read all about taxidermy in the Tri-County Living section in this edition of the Times to find out more  
about the art of taxidermy.

## Keep those taglines coming

► Times swamped  
with suggestions

**By Sharon Stone**  
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Suggestions for a new tagline  
describing what Fenton has to  
offer continue to be submitted  
to the Times' Hotlines. Since  
Fenton leaders approved the  
**See TAGLINES on 12A**

## Are taxes fair?

► Local accountant:  
“I think it's completely  
unfair, I think we all lose”

**By Tim Jagielo**  
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Jeff Irvin, senior accountant  
at Fausey and Associates in Fen-  
ton, doesn't mince words when it  
comes to the current tax system.  
“I think it's completely unfair, I  
think we all lose,” he said. “The  
**See TAXES on 22A**

## Welcome signs meet ‘flexible’ specs



► Cost of new reflective lettering  
passed on to former consultant

**By Sharon Stone**  
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**Fenton**—Bidspecs  
evidently had enough  
flexibility built in that  
the new “Welcome to  
Fenton” monument  
signs throughout the  
city are correct. This  
was the conclusion  
reached during a  
meeting of all par-  
ties involved with the  
manufacturing of the  
signs.  
**See SIGNS on 23A**

## DDA to rent sculptures on yearly basis

Artwork to enhance  
cultural aspect of city

**By Sharon Stone**  
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**Fenton** — The Fenton Down-  
town Development Authority  
(DDA) voted unanimously in fa-  
vor of sending a letter of intent to  
Midwest Sculpture Initiative so  
that it can begin renting sculptures  
beginning in April 2013.  
**See SCULPTURES on 14A**

### Summary

► The DDA  
voted in favor  
of proceeding  
with a plan  
to rent  
sculptures  
from Midwest  
Sculpture  
Initiative,  
beginning in  
the spring of  
2013. Local  
artists wishing  
to be included  
in this project  
should  
contact the  
DDA.



**Gaze**  
James L.  
Oleson Jr.  
**\$18,000**



**Flamenco**  
Ruth Aizuss  
Migdal  
**\$100,000**



**Large  
Graceful  
Dancer**  
James Havens  
**\$25,000**

### TRI-COUNTY TIMES MIDWEST SCULPTURE INITIATIVE

‘Gaze,’  
priced at  
\$18,000, is  
on display  
in Hastings.  
‘Flamenco,’  
priced at  
\$100,000, is  
on display in  
Frankenmuth.  
‘Large Grace-  
ful Dancer,’  
priced at  
\$25,000, is  
on display in  
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## Rich facts about U.S. currency

► Bills are comprised of cotton and linen, not paper

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They say you have to spend money to make money, and the U.S. mint is no exception.

According to the Federal Reserve Board, \$1 and \$2 bills cost 5.5 cents per note, while \$5 and \$10 notes cost 9.9 cents to manufacture. A \$100 note costs 9.9 cents as well to manufacture while \$20 and \$50 bills cost 10.9 cents to make.

Here are some facts about the U.S. currency, including how it's created and changed throughout history.

• **Currency paper** is one part linen and four parts cotton. Red and blue fibers are woven into each note. According to CNNMoney, the cost of manufacturing a single note increased 50 percent from 2008 to 2010 due to the increase in cotton prices. All denominations are 6 1/8 inches in length.

• **According to the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing**, currency paper is made specifically by the Crane Paper Company. The back of each bill uses green ink and faces on the bill are made with black ink. For



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U.S. currency is printed by one printer, and contains many anti-counterfeit mechanisms like special dyes and even traceable strips. "Paper" money is made from cotton and linen.

bills \$10 and higher, a color changing ink is used in the lower right hand corner of the bill.

• **Notes are pressed** in machines that use plates to create each bill's unique design. The presses are more than 50 feet long and have eight print units, which are controlled by two computers. The presses can print 10,000 sheets per hour.

• **U.S. currency** is not backed by gold and hasn't been since Jan. 30, 1934. Notes haven't been redeemable for silver since the 1960s. Instead, the Federal Reserve Banks hold collateral equal to the money in circulation through the U.S. Treasury, federal agency and government-sponsored programs.

• **Before 1969**, the Federal Reserve issued \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 notes. Today, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 are the only bills in circulation.

See **CURRENCY** on 12A

## Grocery bills will continue to rise in 2012

► Gasoline and corn driving force behind price increases

By Sally Rummel

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The old expression, "What goes up, must come down" doesn't apply to food prices in 2012.

While consumers experienced sticker shock at the grocery store in 2011 with some prices reaching 11 percent more than the year before, the prices won't be coming

down in 2012, according to the Consumer Price Index from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They're still expected to rise nationally in 2012 between 4.25 and 4.75 percent, although local estimates from VG's Grocery expect that number to be much lower.

"This year, we expect grocery prices to be much more stable, with a minor adjustment of about 2 percent."

**Brian Haaraaja**  
VG's grocery

The highest prices in the grocery aisles last year were in the meat aisles, where beef and pork prices were driven up over 10 percent from the previous year because of low inventories and strong international demand. Because the beef cycle takes about 2 to 2 1/2 years to complete, prices aren't likely to come down quickly from last year, according to Brian Haaraaja, senior vice

See **GROCERY** on 10A



**Summary** ► Food prices are expected to be moderate in 2012, adjusting for inflation and helping food retailers regain at least some of the losses they incurred in 2011 because of such high manufacturer and supplier costs.

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# The Emperor Has No Clothes

I think most taglines used today are murky, ineffective and unclear. I'm not speaking of the superstar taglines like "Just Do It" – the best-in-class iconic tagline that single-handedly built the Nike empire. Or "Don't Leave Home Without It" – the classic, and super successful, American Express motto since 1975. Or even "The Ultimate Driving Machine" – the branding that has made BMW the car of choice for yuppies around the world.

These taglines are the best because, like all good taglines, they share three common traits:

•**They are memorable.** "Just Do It" hasn't aired consistently since the late 90s but is still a generic phrase for

overcoming obstacles through hard work.

•**They make you pause.** American

Express makes it clear that there are no substitutes, that an AMEX card is essential and irreplaceable, and you need to have one.

•**Most importantly, they tell a story.** If BMW's tagline was "Really Nice Cars" would you buy one? Not likely. But who wouldn't want to be behind the wheel of "The Ultimate Driving Machine."

Conversely, on the opposite end of the tagline spectrum, we have "Be Closer."

•**Is it memorable?** No, except for its ability to propagate confusion. The number one rule for taglines is that they have to be instantly understandable. I have yet to meet anyone who 'gets' "Be

Closer," or can explain it.

•**Does it make you pause?** Well, yes. But only to wonder, "What in the H-E double hockey sticks does that mean?"

•**Does it tell a story?** Yes. It tells us that the people responsible for conceiving and approving this tagline don't know the difference between a true tagline, and a simple verb and adjective strung together resulting in a sum that is lesser than the parts.

The problem? Most taglines – whether for a community, an organization or a business – are abysmal failures. They fail because they are usually administrated by people who don't understand the principles and tenets of taglines, nor the high stakes they are playing for. Having no tagline is a far better option than having a poorly conceived, ambiguous or, worse yet, confusing tagline. Unfortunately "Be Closer" is all of the above.

The solution? Man up and admit that a mistake was made and have the

"Cracker Jacks" to start over. Sever the relationship with the company responsible for saddling us with "Be Closer" (and the inane fluer-de-lis), and turn the reins over to the people who should have been involved in the first place – the residents who live, work and raise their families here – and who best know their community. Let a diverse citizen panel solicit and evaluate submissions and, ultimately, make a selection. Then, and only then, hire a company to promote and market it.

The other option would be to continue to squander our tax dollars travelling down the "Be Closer" road, stubbornly refusing to cut our losses and admit that we are staying the course for no other reason than pride and vanity. A road so well travelled it even has its own children's fairy tale:

The Emperor Has No Clothes.

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## Hot lines

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**HEY ROAD COMMISSION,** please come get your ugly highway barricades. You can't miss them; some idiot has put "Welcome to Fenton" signs on top of them. I see them all around the city borders.

**FOLKS, YOU AS** voters control our government. For years, we have kept putting the same morons into office. Blame yourself for allowing this. I think we have called it apathy in the past.

**WHAT A GREAT** article by the King this week. Americans need to think before condemning these young Marines. Give them an article 15 for conduct unbecoming a Marine, but leave it there.

**AS A REMINDER,** teachers also get to claim classroom expenses on their tax return, the first \$250 unlimited. I spend money at my job as well, but my expenses are subject to 2 percent of my income. Teachers complain, but they do get special treatment. No sympathy from me.

**YOU THINK OBAMA** is the worst president ever? Did you live under a rock for George W's eight years in office?

**IT'S SAD HOW** we bark at each other as if being a Democrat is better than being a Republican, or vice versa.

People make the difference. If your political views are formed by the news you watch or the friends you keep I pity you. Be your own person.

**IS THE EPA** good for America? EPA says we need to decrease mercury in the soil and water yet it outlaws incandescent bulbs and encourages CF bulbs that contain mercury and require special disposal. How many people just toss them in the trash? Doesn't that increase mercury contamination?

**LIBERALS HAVE THE** power now, yet every publication of Hotlines is full of divi-

sion and hate from them toward others. Christian conservatives, straights, and Republicans are not your enemy; your enemy is you and your dysfunction in society's rules for civility. Now where did that come from? Think deeper.

**INSTEAD OF BEING** at each other's throats, we all need to ask ourselves one question. Are we better off today then we were three years ago. If you feel you are better, keep Obama. If you feel that you are worse off, get rid of Obama, just that simple.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## Readers write

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

### Fenton schools' \$9.4 million bond

Dear Editor,  
It is with much disbelief and disgust that I read about the newest ploy by the school district to get more money out of Fenton residents. When is enough going to be enough? The state of Michigan is in a deep recession and money is tight but all the Fenton School District (along with the DDA) seems to do is spend money like drunken sailors. Are new computers really necessary in the classroom? (They even have them available in Young Five's!) Teaching our children to read and write would benefit them much more than playing video games. How about teaching spelling? It's pretty sad when the school board pulls out its play book, and tries to manipulate the populus. The \$800,000 given out for the I.B. program could have up-graded technology and I bet pay a big chunk for the boiler in the high school too! Vote No!

— Dale Battle, Fenton

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## Do you think you are fairly taxed?

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"There are a few too many federal taxes but for the most part I think they're fair."

— Mike Hayden  
Tyrone Township



"No, because I pay almost \$4,000 a year."

— Julie Reid  
Holly Township



"Personally I think my property taxes are too high."

— Tony Seal  
Grand Blanc



"No, we work for our money and the government takes it."

— Wendy Benore  
Clarkston



"Yes, I don't have an issue with them."

— Michelle Cairnduff  
Fenton



"No, I don't like to pay taxes."

— Clay Dunn  
Alpena



## Tyrone Township treasurer resigns

►Kurtz says position hard to perform when integrity is questioned

By William Axford

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**Tyrone Twp.**—The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees unanimously accepted Treasurer David Kurtz' resignation at its meeting on Tuesday. Trustees Colleen Ameal and Steve Hasbrouck were not present during the vote.

Kurtz offered to stay with the board until Sept. 30 in order to see the township through an audit and help train his replacement.

"I would like to thank everyone for the privilege of serving my friends and neighbors for seven years," Kurtz said. "But it is becoming increasingly difficult to perform my duties as an elected official and board member while having my integrity questioned as to my positions regarding the financial well being of the township."

Since being elected as treasurer in 2004, Kurtz has dealt with a fire authority contract dispute, integrated all business operations for the township, oversaw the fire and sewer fund and

created the township website, amongst other actions. Kurtz said his decisions influenced nearly \$6 million in Tyrone Township.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham said Kurtz was a very dedicated and honest individual. "I learned a lot from him, he got me up to speed as township supervisor," Cunningham said. "I'm sad that he's leaving, but he has his own motives for that."

Overall, the board agreed Kurtz had looked out for the best interests of the township.

Tyrone Township resident Hod Norton did not think Kurtz' tenure was deserving of the praise that the board gave. Norton was also suspicious of Kurtz resigning but agreeing to stay with the board until September.

"He's going to be there until September. What's his motive? And what capacity is he going to stay on the board?" questioned Martin. "He should resign now, effective immediately."

Cunningham said he wasn't sure how the township would replace Kurtz and expects the audit to be over by August.

"In the event that we don't have candidates, we'll do an application process for the treasurer position," Cunningham said.



"I would like to thank everyone for the privilege of serving my friends and neighbors for seven years."

**Dave Kurtz**

*Tyrone Township treasurer*

## Local company featured on 'Undercover Boss'

►Mr. Appliance episode airing this Sunday on CBS

By Sharon Stone

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Viewers of the popular television show "Undercover Boss" will get to

### Summary

►The CEO of the parent company of a local business goes undercover on the television show, 'Undercover Boss.' The episode airs Sunday night on CBS.

see Mr. Appliance in Linden and its sister companies as Dina Dwyer-Owens, CEO and chairwoman of their parent company, The Dwyer Group, goes undercover.

"This episode ranks among the most powerful and moving episodes of Undercover Boss," said Chris Carlson, executive producer for Undercover Boss.

Dwyer-Owens talks about the company's "Code of Values," and its themes

of respect, integrity, customer focus and having fun in the process. These values are lived out from the corporate office to the front line of service professionals at Mr. Appliance of Greater Livingston County.

"Having a business that is customer-centered and professional is important to us, and it's exciting for the world to see that," said Dwyer-Owens.

Undercover Boss airs on CBS at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22. For details, visit [www.cbs.com/shows/undercover\\_boss](http://www.cbs.com/shows/undercover_boss).

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**report****HOLLY MAN PICKED  
UP ON WARRANT**

At 1:20 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, a Holly police officer observed a 34-year-old Holly man she knew had an outstanding arrest warrant, walking northbound on North Holly Road, near Quick Road. Two officers went to an apartment in Village Square where the suspect might have been visiting. Police located the suspect at the apartment. He was arrested and turned over to Grand Blanc police, which issued the warrant. While conducting a search of the patrol car after the suspect was removed, police found white colored pills on the back seat. The patrol car had been searched prior to the call and nothing was in the back seat. The pills were placed into evidence. The man is lodged in the Genesee County Jail.

**TRAFFIC STOP  
LEADS TO ARREST**

At 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, a Holly police officer observed a grey pickup truck run a stop sign at West Sherman and South Saginaw streets. The officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, a 33-year-old Holly man. The driver did not have a license as it had been suspended. As the officer was patting down the man for safety, a baggie containing a green leafy substance was found in a pocket. The man admitted to possessing the marijuana. The officer arrested the man and transported him to the police station booked him on possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license. The vehicle was impounded.

**DRIVER IN CRASH  
ON PAIN MEDS**

At 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, Fenton police responded to a one-vehicle crash on Silver Parkway, near Silver Lake Road. A 26-year-old Burton man, driving a 2006 Chevy Cobalt, lost control of his car. The car went airborne as it hit the center median and came to rest in the northbound lanes. Upon arrival, police made contact with the driver, who said he had taken prescription pain medicine. No alcohol was involved. He was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, was taken to the hospital for a blood draw and then lodged at the police station. A computer check revealed he was also driving on a suspended license. His car was towed from the scene.

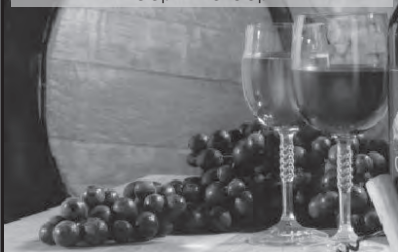
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At 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, Fenton police received a malicious destruction of property complaint from a 50-year-old Birch Run woman. She said, while her car was parked in a lot in the 17000 block of Silver Parkway, someone had scratched it with a key.

**EMPLOYEES EMBEZZLE**

On Jan. 14, Fenton police responded to a store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate an embezzlement complaint. The loss prevention employee told police that two employees, a 20-year-old Flint man and a 21-year-old Fenton Township man, had been stealing bottles that had been returned already and were returning them for the deposit money. These two employees were also suspected of stealing meals from the deli area. The suspects were taken to the police station for processing. One of the suspects said they stole the bottles several times for gas money. One of the men was suspected of stealing money from a purse he had found in a shopping cart when he turned the purse in to the store. The embezzlement complaint is under investigation and the purse complaint has been sent to the prosecutor's office for review.

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# Websites protest Internet censorship

►Google and other popular sites 'black out' in response to proposed bills

By William Axford

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Two bills presented to Congress on Wednesday sparked widespread protests across the Internet. The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and Protect IP Act (PIPA) seek to stop piracy and copyright infringement online, a topic that has caused intense debate since the formation of the Internet.

While most online companies and websites agree that piracy needs to be stopped,

## Summary

►SOPA and PIPA are two bills aimed to stop piracy and copyright infringement. Popular websites across the Internet protested the bills by redirecting users to contact their respective representatives in Congress.

outcry has arisen over the language proposed in the bills, particularly with SOPA. Under section 103 of the bill, websites are committing copyright infringement if it "enables or facilitates copyright violation or circumvention of copyright protection measures."

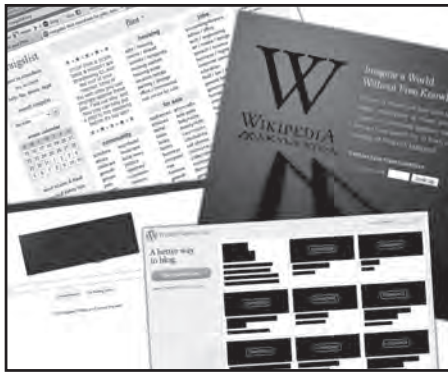
Chris Heald, a programmer for the website Mashables, pointed out that the definition of copyright infringement is too vague and SOPA gives the government widespread power to prosecute anyone sharing links on websites such as YouTube, Facebook, e-mail, Wikipedia, Twitter and dozens of other sites.

"This bill turns us all into criminals," Heald wrote in a post on Mashables.com. "If it passes, then you either stop using the Internet, or you simply hope that you never end up in the crosshairs, because if you're targeted, you will be destroyed by this bill. This bill will kill American innovation and development of the Internet, as it will become too risky to do anything of value. It is toxic and dangerous, and should not, under any circumstances, be supported."

Internet giants across the Web have shown their opposition to SOPA and PIPA by disbanding their services and urging users to contact members of Congress. Wikipedia had a "black out page," prompting Internet users to contact their local representatives after typing in their zip code. Wikipedia said their website was viewed 162 million times on Wednesday and eight million people contacted their politicians.

Google covered its logo with a black box. Clicking on the censored logo brought users to a petition against the bill by signing in with their e-mail.

Numerous corporations support the bills, stating that copyright infringement is hurting American jobs and the overall economy. Ford Motor Company, NHL,



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If SOPA or PIPA are passed, the federal government will have the authority to shut down websites without due process.

NFL, Sony, Wal-Mart, Nike and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) are just a few of hundreds of corporations that support SOPA and PIPA. The MPAA believes search engines such as Google and online payment services such as PayPal negatively impact the American economy and the film industry.

"Meaningful legislation must include measured and reasonable remedies that

"This bill turns us all into criminals. This bill will kill American innovation and development of the Internet, as it will become too risky to do anything of value."

Chris Heald

Programmer for Mashables.com

include ad brokers, payment processors and search engines," the MPAA posted on its website. "They must be part of a solution that stops theft and protects American consumers."

As of Thursday, 62 members of Congress supported legislation that would censor websites on the Internet while 102 members opposed such legislation, according to propublica.org.

Michigan Rep. Dale Kildee (D-District 5) said that he would be against the bill if it showed up on the house floor. Michigan Rep. Mike Rogers (R-District 8) in an e-mail said, "I have long defended the protection of intellectual property, but I have some concerns about the unintended consequences of government regulation of the Internet."

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Michigan) said that he was concerned about the current version of PIPA and that a Judiciary Committee is reworking the bill.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan) did not respond before press time.

The Senate is scheduled to vote on

PIPA Jan. 24. SOPA is still in the preliminary stages of the House.

## HOW WEBSITES PROTESTED SOPA and PIPA

**Wikipedia** had a "black out" day for 24 hours, redirecting traffic on its website to a black page explaining SOPA and PIPA and why the website opposes it. Users were then prompted to type in their zip codes and contact respective representatives and senators in order to voice opposition to the bills.

**Google** placed a black censorship box around its logo. An online graphic of statistics appeared after clicking on the logo. Users could also sign an online petition against the bills by providing their name and e-mail.

**WordPress**, a blogging website, placed censorship bars on every item of its homepage. Clicking on the censorship bars brought users to another page where they could write to Congress members directly.

**Craigslist**, the Internet's biggest classifieds website, shut down its services on their homepage and urged users to contact their respective Congress members.



## Focus on Vision

By: Dr. Juan Alvarado

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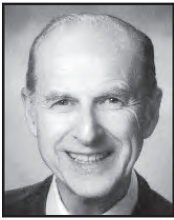
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## Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



### The two-minute warning

Since January begins with the annual college bowl games, proceeds through the NFL Playoffs and ends with the Super Bowl, it's the greatest football month of the year. Millions pass their January leisure hours watching helmets crash and bombs fly through the air to the outstretched hands of imperiled receivers while coaches, their jobs often in jeopardy after every loss, direct these 100-yard wars from the safety of the sidelines.

Each year, the most exciting time in many of these championship games occurs during the final two minutes. There's even a provision in the rules to make this happen: it's called "the two minute warning."

The two-minute warning does wonders. After this brief break in the action, each tick of the clock becomes more important.

Players plunge, pass and perform with new vigor and breathtaking efficiency, forgetting their earlier blunders and making the most of the moments that remain. These end-time revivals have rescued teams that seemed hopelessly behind and bound for defeat. Games are often won or lost depending on how well teams use the final two minutes.

Life's like that.

Many who have thought themselves sure losers have snatched victory from the jaws of defeat during the two-minute warning.

I'm not sure when I heard the two min-

ute warning. Maybe it was when I began looking into the faces of grandchildren, when it seemed only a few years earlier I had been holding their parents. It may have sounded during some close call or when I noticed the graying of what's left of my hair. Whatever the reason, at some point, I began seeing the remainder of my life as similar to the final two minutes of a football game. Let me tell you what life is like after you're aware of the shortening of time.

After the two-minute warning, there isn't time to mourn over past mistakes or gloat over past accomplishments.

Past sins are forgiven when they are confessed to the Lord and there isn't time to allow them to hinder future progress. Past accomplishments can be enjoyed only to the point that they build faith for greater conquests. They must never make us feel we've arrived or done enough to retire from serving God and helping people.

A woman once wrote to tell me she had retired as the church organist but after reading one of my books has asked her pastor if she could return to this long held position. She wanted to stay involved; she had learned now how to live profitably after the two-minute warning.

During the last two minutes, we learn the value of the present. The Psalmist once wrote: "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). What good words for two-minute men and women.

Life after the two-minute warning calls for the best possible use of every second that remains. There is no time left for being moody, critical, gloomy, negative or depressed.

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## Township mulls recycling program

### ►Population increase results in extra cash

By Tim Jagielo

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**Holly Twp.** — Holly Township is enjoying an income bump from the state of Michigan because of a population increase, and some of that extra cash might be used on a new recycling program.

At the regular Holly Township Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, the board heard a presentation from Boxxter National Recycling Systems, a Michigan company that also recently pitched its product to Rose Township.

After listening to the presentation, the board decided to consider a recycling drop-off every weekend as a starting point, at the back parking lot of the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) building on Grange Hall Road.

Supervisor Jesse Lambert preferred offering service 24/7 for the convenience of the residents. "It's more

### Summary

►The Holly Township Board of Trustees is considering a recycling program that would allow drop-offs at the NOCFA fire hall on Grange Hall Road on weekends.

about doing ample service," said Lambert.

Clerk Karin Winchester was worried about going over the \$4,000 budget allocated for recycling. Lambert said that amount could be amended as needed.

The cost of the program varies. The company uses a two-yard collapsible system that can take a variety of materials including paper and e-waste. Each container will cost about \$200 to use when filled, and the company suggests starting with 13 containers, or the equivalent

of a 30-yard dumpster. The township would only be billed for the containers that are filled. "It eliminates waste and hopefully some litter," said Trustee Janet Leslie.

Lambert said any potential recycling program would work in tandem with Holly Clean-up Day, the date which has not yet been established.

"It's more about doing ample service."

**Jesse Lambert**

*Supervisor, Holly Township*

## Dispute nearly buries cemetery grant

### ►Clerk votes against letter of intent

By Tim Jagielo

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**Holly Twp.** — Supervisor Jesse Lambert's first foray into grant writing was a frustrating experience at the Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday.

The board discussed details on a grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), which is specifically interested in historic grave site preservation and restoration, namely Oakhill Cemetery in Holly Township.

Agitated with questions from the board concerning details in the grant proposal, Lambert abruptly called a five-minute recess, and left the room.

Lambert had asked the board to approve a letter of intent only, and not about the grant language. The approval eventually passed 3-1, with Clerk Karin Winchester casting the dissenting vote, and Treasurer Mark Freeman excused from the meeting. "There's a lot of things that need to go into it that have never been thought about," said Winchester.

She voted against the motion because Lambert said during earlier discus-

### Summary

►The Holly Township Board of Trustees took another step toward receiving a grant for grave restoration work at Oakhill Cemetery, after discussion on the grant's details.

sion that her office should handle the inventory of 90 grave sites, which Winchester said was a huge undertaking. "I can't physically do it," she said, adding that she wished Lambert had discussed the

inventory with her before.

Lambert was not worried about the inventory, and offered to handle it himself if it was needed.

The grant is for \$6,000 in matching funds for structural materials for Oakhill Cemetery and it would include a flagpole and materials for grave marker restoration.

Winchester and Trustee Janet Leslie were concerned that aspects of carrying out the grant were not spelled out in the grant application. "I think we should know how this is going to be managed," said Winchester.

Lambert said it was his first grant and there were some questions he couldn't answer. Trustee Steve Ruth defended Lambert, pointing out how much work he had already put into the grant.

"I think we should know how this is going to be managed."

**Karin Winchester**

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**GROCERY**

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president of VG's Grocery. High grain and feed prices also contributed to the large price increases in dairy products, cereals and bakery items, etc.

"We really struggled last year with food prices," said Haaraaja. "Our food prices didn't go up anywhere near what our costs from manufacturers and suppliers went up. This year, we expect grocery prices to be much more stable, with a minor adjustment of about 2 percent."

Haaraaja also noted that food prices have lagged behind inflation, compared to many other items in the marketplace. "Ten years ago, a consumer would pay about \$1.99 for boneless chicken breasts, the same price

we offer now, and sometimes lower," he said. "We also sold strawberries 'two quarts for \$4,' 10 years ago, the same special we offer now."

Because food is now an international marketplace, all of the weather conditions, shortages and supply and demand around the world affect the grocery prices at your local grocery store. Even here at home in the U.S., recent winter freezes in the south will likely affect the price this year of tomatoes and citrus.

Also affecting food prices this year will be the price of gasoline. Monthly average regular-grade gasoline retail prices in November 2011 averaged \$3.38

**Summary**

► Food prices are expected to be moderate in 2012, adjusting for inflation and helping food retailers regain at least some of the losses they incurred in 2011 because of such high manufacturer and supplier costs.

"Depending on what happens with the cost of fuel, it will definitely have an effect on the cost of food, driving the prices up because of the high cost to transport the food," said Haaraaja. "Gas prices just tack on to food prices."

per gallon, 52 cents per gallon below their 2011 peak monthly average in May, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). The EIA expects that gasoline pump prices will remain at or below current levels until early spring 2012, when prices begin their normal seasonal rise. Projected regular gasoline retail prices average \$3.45 per gallon in 2012.

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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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**WHAT A GREAT** season the Fenton High School hockey team is having, all of the boys are on the ice and their confidence has grown tremendously this year. It is really good to see them having fun and playing as a team. Thank you Jeff, Tom, Tim and Pete!

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**I'D LIKE TO** comment on 'If I Were King,' in the Sunday paper. I wish there was a way to send that to every judge, circuit judge, congress, the president, and every media outlet. This is what Americans need to hear and see: total truth. This is why our nation is in the mess that it's in, because people are ignoring the truth. People need to wake up. This is the best article I've read in a long time.

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**BEFORE A TAGLINE** can be created, Fenton needs to know what it wants to be — a quaint small town with unique shops, a vibrant city that draws young adults with entertainment, an active community with many opportunities for family fun such as kayaking, boating, biking and hiking. Or?

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**TO THE INDIVIDUAL** blaming the oil companies for not using domestic oil. Apparently, you don't follow the Democrats constantly blocking the domestic oil production, whether it be drilling, oil shale, and now the Keystone pipeline, even to get some from our neighbors in Canada.



## Tear it up!



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Ian Woods, 19, of Saginaw attempts a transition on a quarter-pipe ramp at Misfit Lab Skate and Snowboard Park in Fenton Wednesday afternoon. "It's not finished, but it's fun," said Woods, who came to skate while visiting with his mother who lives in the area.

## Forbush crowned Mr. Lake Fenton

►Entertaining fundraiser nets \$350 for yearbook staff

By William Axford

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

**Lake Fenton** — Eight juniors and seniors at Lake Fenton High School sang, danced and even did gymnastics for the title of Mr. Lake Fenton on Saturday. After a talent round and a questionnaire from all of the contestants, junior Nick Forbush was crowned Mr. Lake Fenton for 2012.

"I couldn't have done it alone; I want to thank my friends who were with me on stage," Forbush said. Along with juniors Tyler Begley and Sawyer Scott, Forbush lip-synched and danced to a mash up of more than a dozen songs, including Vanilla Ice, Ozzy Osborne and MC Hammer.

Forbush won laughter during the question and answer portion when asked what he would do with a large amount of money. "I'd buy a '69 Camaro and then give the rest of the money to charity, in order to promote world peace!"

Other highlights from the show included third place winner senior Cullen O'Donnell singing Michael Buble's "Feeling Good." Senior Tyler Davidek played the theme song to Marion Brothers on his electric guitar. Second place went to Begley.

Mr. Lake Fenton is an annual fundraising event that is hosted by the Lake Fenton yearbook staff. Yearbook advisor Nicole Chapman said the event was revived



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Junior Nick Forbush responds to the question and answer portion of the Mr. Lake Fenton competition on Saturday at Lake Fenton High School. Forbush won first place while junior Tyler Begley won second and senior Cullen O'Donnell won third.

### Summary

►Eight juniors and seniors competed for the title of Mr. Lake Fenton on Saturday. Junior Nick Forbush won the fun competition.

last year and that the funds raised are used by yearbook students.

"Contestants are judged based upon their talent, interview, overall style and if they're a good representation of Lake Fenton," Chapman said.

The event this year raised about \$350 for the yearbook staff.

Forbush, who was honored to have the title, said, "I hope I can live up to last year's winner, Spencer Quick."

Tickets to NCG cinemas, refreshments and a monetary prize were given to the top three competitors.

"I couldn't have done it alone; I want to thank my friends who were up with me on stage."

**Nick Forbush**  
Mr. Lake Fenton 2012

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## CURRENCY

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- **The Federal Reserve** estimates a \$1 bill lasts 4.7 years; \$5 lasts 3.8 years; \$10 lasts 3.6 years; \$20 lasts 7 years, \$50 lasts 11.9 years and \$100 lasts 21.6 years.
- **As of Dec. 28, 2011**, approximately \$1.07 trillion is in circulation.
- **Although the Constitution** states "United States coins and currency,

including Federal reserve notes and circulating notes of Federal reserve banks and national banks, are legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes and dues," there is no Federal law that required businesses or people to receive currency for goods or services. Unless a state law says otherwise, businesses and people can determine their own form of payment for goods and services.

• **Notes are redesigned** from time to time to reflect the current economy and to fight counterfeiting. Notes maintain the same size and similar portraits through each redesign. Some security features on various bills include watermarks, color shifting ink when held in the light, 3-D security ribbons and raised printing.

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## TAGLINES

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"Be Closer" tagline, created by the city's marketing firm, New Moon Visions, the Times has received hundreds of Hotlines from readers criticizing the decision. While city officials said they liked the branding, many residents said they were confused by what it meant.

In response to the confusion and criticism, the Times has decided to compile suggestions that readers have submitted through the Hot lines, e-mail, our website and Facebook. In the coming weeks, a few of the best submitted taglines will be revealed in the paper en masse, and be voted on by the Times' readers.

Suggested taglines, and the reasoning behind them, can be submitted through one of the venues below.

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## GUILTY

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"We're gratified by the jury's decision and feel it is justice for Dominick," said David Leyton, Genesee County prosecutor, after the verdict was read. "We hope this will bring some closure for Dominick's family."

Justice is coming in the form of a life sentence for Hayes, and 13 to 30 years for Dominick's mother, who already pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. Her son Tyler has been living with a foster family since April 2010.

Closing arguments were heard on Thursday and completed by 1 p.m. Assistant Genesee County Prosecutor Tammy Phillips offered a graphic final argument, while Hayes' attorney James Piazza blamed Dominick's death on Corrine Baker.

The jury received its instructions from the judge and deliberation began in the mid afternoon, and ended within two hours.

This verdict ends a 19 month drama that began with the death of Dominick, by Hayes, who confessed to the abuse in a digitally recorded statement to Genesee County Sheriff's detectives.

Since Dominick's death, the family has worked to push "Dominick's Law," which would deal out stiffer penalties for those guilty of child abuse. The effort was spearheaded by Dominick's paternal Grandfather Rick Calhoun.

Dominick's death generated much public outcry and resulted in the selection of a jury from St. Clair County due to the great amount of pre-trial publicity and media attention about the case. Jury selection, opening and closing arguments, and the verdict were held in St. Clair County while witness testimony in the trial took place at the Genesee County Courthouse.

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen has been a part of this case since the day his police officer, Angelo Panos responded to Hayes and Baker's apartment on Sunday, April 11, 2010. Alerted by Dominick's grandfather, Rick Calhoun, Panos found a lifeless and badly beaten Dominick lying on the floor in a bedroom.

Allen said, "This case has been very emotional for the whole community, doctors and everyone involved. I'm glad it turned out the way it did."

"I hope the family gets some closure even though it can't bring him back."

While the preliminary hearing presented enough evidence to proceed to trial, the trial revealed many more details and testimony, as well as never shown photographs taken of Dominick. "Testi-

mony was tough to go through," he said.

When the verdict was read, Allen said he could feel relief in the courtroom. "Weight was lifted from the family's shoulders," he said. Allen is proud of his police department and acknowledges that this was the worst case he has ever seen. "It makes you appreciate life," he said.

During the trial, Allen said Hayes' attorney attempted to transfer blame onto Baker, especially since she had already pleaded guilty to second-degree child abuse and second-degree murder. He said the jury was not convinced of his theory.

A tentative sentencing date has been set for Feb. 27 in Genesee County Circuit Court.

"We hope Dominick's family feels some closure. It won't bring him back, but at least there's justice."

**David Leyton**  
Genesee County  
prosecutor

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**DO NOT BUY** into the class warfare that our president continually feeds with his comments and legislative pandering. We are all Americans and no one group or individuals should receive special treatment from the government. And that includes pensions, exclusions, benefits and entitlements. The American Dream has always been based on a simple concept; freedom affords the opportunity for personal prosperity and success to every citizen.

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**IT'S A SHAME** we don't have the death penalty in Michigan. Brandon Hayes grows fat, is warm, has a toilet and has "rights" all at our expense for the rest of his life. One of his excuses for torturing Dominick was he was tired of supporting someone else's kid.

**IS THE DDA** serious about the sculptures? A 5-year-old can do better going out to Torrey Road and making a few from the parts behind the 12-foot fence. Wait, is that who made the ones msisculpture.com has in their inventory? Maybe a 6-year-old then.

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## SCULPTURES

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DDA member John Strayer brought forth the idea during the December meeting. His idea was met with positive feedback from other members. The artwork, he said, would enhance the cultural aspect of Fenton.

By renting, the city would have the opportunity to display sculptures costing as much as \$45,000 and beyond at a much lower cost. Each leased sculpture costs \$1,200 per year and the city would be required to rent at least six sculptures, for an annual cost to the DDA of \$7,200.

Although this program would not begin until 2013, Strayer said it would be in the city's best interest to get on the organization's list early so that Fenton could have more sculptures from which to choose.

Strayer added that the next 14 months could be used to get the public engaged in this program. Bringing artwork into the city would also comply with the city's master plan.

**To view some of the artwork on display in other cities, go to [www.msisculpture.com](http://www.msisculpture.com).**

The city expects to begin its extensive Streetscape construction project in the spring of 2013, which involves the area surrounding LeRoy Street between Elizabeth and Sixth streets. Strayer said the sculptures, at strategically placed locations, could be another reason for people to visit downtown.

City Manager Lynn Markland agreed with Strayer that the artwork would attract visitors to the downtown area. He suggested that a work of art could

be on display outside the library or behind some shops to draw foot traffic to alternative entrances.

City Councilwoman Cheryl King said she would like the DDA to pursue the idea of find-

ing local artists who might have sculptures to display. She reminded DDA members that many residents believe the DDA spends money and it could be a benefit to everyone to seek local art. "Have them create permanent art for the city," said King. "That's my opinion."

City Councilman Les Bland asked DDA members if Midwest Sculpture Initiative would allow their art to be on display in construction zones. "It's something to consider," he said. The DDA said locations would be taken into consideration.

DDA member Roberta Sweetman said she thought it was an excellent idea to use local artists. Craig Schmidt, DDA chairman, said the DDA would definitely consider local artists.

Strayer said there could be businesses or organizations that would want to sponsor a sculpture, which might attract visitors to their location.

City Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said one of the visions for the Fenton Community & Cultural Center is to have a sculpture garden. She suggested a subcommittee be formed for selecting the pieces and locations.

Terry Green, DDA member and owner of Billmeier Camera, was in favor of this program and felt it was a cheap way to bring art into the city.

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THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OF HOLLY AND ROSE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE:

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**Republican Candidates:

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Fred Karger  
Rick Perry  
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Democratic Candidates:

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If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In person:

- At your Township Clerk's office or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Note: Any person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped. Mail in voter registration applications may be obtained via the Internet at [www.michigan.gov.sos](http://www.michigan.gov.sos) or by contacting your local clerk

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## Department of Natural Resources Goose Pen Rental Contract

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking an owner/operator for the Canada Goose Holding pens at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. This operator will provide services to hold, transport and care for live Canada Geese, Pontiac Lake Recreation Area beginning in the **2012** season. If interested, contact, **Barbara Avers**, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing MI 48909 or phone **(517) 373- 1263** for more information. Bids will be due February 3, 2012 at 4:00 pm

## NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012 IN GROVELAND TOWNSHIP

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GROVELAND,  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT THE GROVELAND TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 4695 GRANGE HALL RD., HOLLY WILL BE OPEN;

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012**

**FROM 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:

PAMELA MAZICH, CLERK  
GROVELAND TOWNSHIP OFFICE  
4695 GRANGE HALL RD.  
HOLLY, MI 48442  
248-634-4152  
[clerk@grovelandtownship.net](mailto:clerk@grovelandtownship.net)

## TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD JANUARY 17, 2012

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Dave Kurtz, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Jim Kolhoff, Don Peitz and Steve Hasbrouck. Absent: Trustee Colleen Ameal.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-3 as presented.
4. Accepted the resignation of Dave Kurtz as Treasurer and his offer to stay until the township audit is done, but no later than September 30, 2012.
5. Accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the request of John and Veta Ruck for a land division.
6. Accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the request of the Lambrechts and the Millers for a boundary realignment.
7. Adopted Resolution #120101 and Resolution #120102 to proceed with the Great Oaks Drive seasonal road maintenance special assessment and to schedule the first public hearing.
8. Adopted Resolution #120103 to correct the special assessment of vacant property owned by a commercial organization.
9. Agreed to discuss budgeting for the EDC/Spark contract.
10. Approved the recommended salary increases of hourly employees only.
11. Approved the adjustments to the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget as presented by the Clerk.
12. Approved to move \$8,000 into a fund for the Economic Development Council, \$100,000 into the road fund, \$80,000 into the revolving fund with any additional 2011/2012 surplus to remain in the General Fund.
13. Approved recommended revisions to the 911 response protocol proposed by Livingston County EMS and the Public Safety Committee.
14. Accepted the Planning Commission's request for a joint meeting on February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the future land use map.
15. Adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

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The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at [www.tyrone-township.us](http://www.tyrone-township.us). The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham

Clerk Keith L. Kremer

## LEGAL NOTICE

### GROVELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS OFFICIAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TO MODIFY THE RE/F ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING SEC. 54-113.  
Principal agricultural uses permitted**

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed amendment. The amendment, if adopted by the Groveland Township Board, would revise the Groveland Township Codified Ordinances as follows:

The amendment would modify the RE/F Zoning District; amending Sec. 54-113. Principal agricultural uses permitted.

Proposed language for the amendment is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting your written comments are welcome prior to the night of the meeting, or you can telephone (248) 634-4152.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF LINDEN PLANNING COMMISSION  
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

The City of Linden's Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., as part of the regular meeting agenda, in the Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan to consider amendments to the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Article 3 – Section 3.5.2,(1),(a) - Administrative Review

City of Linden Zoning Tex Amendment –Administrative Site Plan, performance guarantee requirements

The text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the city offices during normal business hours. Persons wishing to comment on the matter are encouraged to attend the public hearing or to address written comments to the City Clerk in the City Hall at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan 48451 prior to the date of the public hearing.

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Free Items 28

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Pets 34



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- ACROSS**
- 1 News bit
  - 5 Billboard
  - 9 Request an encore
  - 13 Flying Pan?
  - 18 Praise passionately
  - 19 Singer Guthrie
  - 20 Top-notch
  - 21 Pit
  - 22 "It Up" ('73 hit)
  - 23 A roaring success?
  - 24 Nary a soul
  - 25 Actress Address
  - 26 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter
  - 30 Unfashionable
  - 31 Castilian cry
  - 32 "— and shine!"
  - 33 Part 2 of remark
  - 37 "Golden Girl" McClanahan
  - 38 Read quickly
  - 40 Spellbound
  - 44 Generation
  - 45 McGregor of "Train-spotting"
  - 47 Company
  - 49 Hot off the press
  - 50 Mirth
- DOWN**
- 52 Tennis legend
  - 53 Kanga's creator
  - 54 Crafter's need
  - 56 Anderson's "Tea and —"
  - 58 Shucks
  - 59 "Beagle" passenger
  - 60 — Spumante
  - 61 Lout
  - 62 "State Fair" state
  - 64 Etta of the comics
  - 65 Commercial
  - 68 Part 3 of remark
  - 72 Actor Fernando
  - 73 Learning method
  - 75 Grant or Elwes
  - 76 Youngster
  - 77 Emulated Pinocchio
  - 79 Winter wear
  - 81 Milo of "Ulysses"
  - 83 Malamutes and huskies
  - 87 Poe crow
  - 88 More owlsh
  - 89 Coat material
  - 90 Singer Amos
  - 91 Relished the rigatoni
  - 92 Ullman or Gold
  - 94 Flicka's foot
  - 95 Chum
  - 96 Harper of "Tender Mercies"
  - 98 Adequate
  - 99 Under-standing
  - 100 Part 4 of remark
  - 104 Lug
  - 106 Actress Zadora
  - 107 TV's "Have — Will Travel"
  - 108 End of remark
  - 117 Infantry action
  - 118 Cheese-board choice
  - 119 Landed
  - 120 Bearing
  - 122 Like Corn Belt soil
  - 123 Congenial
  - 124 — list
  - 125 Beige
  - 126 "The Threepenny Opera" star
  - 127 Antlered animal
  - 128 Out-of-this-world org.
  - 129 Meat cut
  - 3 Sinister
  - 4 Wine variety
  - 5 Greet the general
  - 6 Rainbow goddess
  - 7 Whipped-cream serving
  - 8 Hendryx or Gaye
  - 9 Wicked thing?
  - 10 At large
  - 11 — May Wong
  - 12 Jury member
  - 13 Knitting stitches
  - 14 Less demanding
  - 15 Part of Micronesia
  - 16 Colleague of 101
  - 17 Rug type
  - 21 Like a Vermont village
  - 27 "What?"
  - 28 It may be common
  - 29 Rub out
  - 33 Packs groceries
  - 34 "The — Dachshund" ('66 film)
  - 35 Swarm (with)
  - 36 New York university
  - 37 — Dawn Chong
  - 38 Made mucky
  - 39 Faultfinder
  - 41 Response
  - 42 Clothing category
  - 43 Jacksonian bill
  - 46 Kid's query
  - 47 Hodges of baseball
  - 48 Loser's locale
  - 51 Antipollution grp.
  - 52 Storm
  - 53 Winter wear
  - 55 Joan Van —
  - 57 Lava particles
  - 58 "Bali —"
  - 59 '73 Elton John hit
  - 61 Ancient epic
  - 63 Prosperous
  - 65 Genesis peak
  - 66 Contribute
  - 67 Ranges
  - 69 Beethoven symphony
  - 70 Air safety org.
  - 71 Nugent or Knight
  - 74 Poetic preposition
  - 78 Banned pesticide
  - 80 Picnic pest
  - 82 "Yo!"
  - 83 — Canals
  - 84 Klutz's cry
  - 85 Mardi —
  - 86 Farm feature
  - 88 Rouse
  - 89 Finished first
  - 93 Act like the Earth
  - 94 "— Wave" ('63 hit)
  - 97 Comic Kaye
  - 99 "Trees" poet
  - 101 Author Christie
  - 102 Word with fruit or Stanley
  - 103 Crown covering
  - 105 Florida city
  - 106 Locale
  - 108 Knight time
  - 109 Muscat's nation
  - 110 Be inclined
  - 111 Magnus or McClurg
  - 112 "Laugh-In" name
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  - 114 Pine for
  - 115 Puerto —
  - 116 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
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## ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble and Wednesday Sudoku Puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue.  
All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

**Jumbles:** USURY HITCH BROOCH ELIXIR  
**Answer:** What the painter gave him—THE "BRUSH"



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**FORECLOSURE NOTICE** 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: Jason W Sager, a married man to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 7, 2003 and recorded March 18, 2003 in Instrument # 200303180042043 Genesee County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Corp, by assignment dated March 7, 2003 and recorded March 18, 2003 in Instrument # 200303180042044 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$106,591.65) including interest 3.875% 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 15, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Flushing, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 26, Perry Heights, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in liber 10 of Plats, Page 25 Commonly known as 309 Myrtle St, Flushing MI 48433 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: 1/15/2012 CitiMortgage, Inc successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-53742 Ad #19075 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2012

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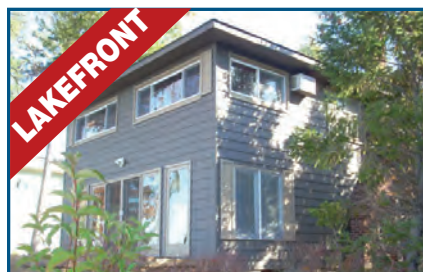
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#### FENTON TOWNSHIP

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## TAXES

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fact that I earn a living compiling people's taxes maddens me. Let's simplify this and I'll do something else with my life."

Irvin makes it clear that he loves his job, but is frustrated by how mind-bogglingly complex the system is. "Our current tax structure is like standing in a bucket and trying to lift yourself up with the handle. It makes no sense."

There are few people who would deny that the current tax code has its problems, and with tax season coming up, it is probably on many people's minds, especially business owners.

It is Irvin's job to understand the tax system, and be up to date on the changes that affect his clients. He doesn't even know how many pages comprise the current tax code. "It's huge," he said.

What he doesn't like about the current system is that his clients, who are mostly small business owners, worry more about taxes than they do about making changes to or growing their business. They worry about changes to their payroll tax, prop-

erty tax and others. "If you name it, they're being taxed," he said.

Irvin believes that the system discourages people from making money. His grandfather, for example, is in his 80s and tries to avoid making more money from his investments so that all of his tax liability is covered by Social Security income tax. Irvin thinks that a tax system that discourages generating income is counter productive.

"Our current tax structure is like standing in a bucket and trying to lift yourself up with the handle.

It makes no sense."

**Jeff Irvin**  
Senior accountant,  
Fausey and Associates

Irvin suggests that those receiving Social Security income be allowed to opt out of receiving Social Security payments, and instead, take their Social Security in the form of a tax refund off of investment income. Instead of being paid \$20,000 per year in Social Security, and then be taxed on the income, people like his grandfather can pay \$20,000 less in taxes to their investment income.

He said the system grew in complexity over the years by elected officials attempting to maximize government income. Irvin admits he understands why taxes are needed, but thinks the system is ridiculous. When it comes to tax changes, he'd like to see politicians stay out of the process, and instead take advice from



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The current tax code is complex, and most people are uncomfortable doing their own taxes. Because of this, some are in favor of a flat tax, or a simple percentage tax, like Herman Cain's 9-9-9 plan.

small business owners.

Instead of the current code, Irvin favors a flat tax, as opposed to a percentage tax. He said that way, the government knows exactly how much money is coming in and they will know what their spending limits are.

With taxes, salaried income and income from a business are taxed at a higher rate than income from dividends. "I think that's probably something people would question," said Keith Moreland, University of Michigan-Flint School of Management Accounting professor.

Moreland said those advocating for a lower tax rate on investors would argue that raising taxes on investments would count as double taxation, because the corporations that disburse dividends have already paid corporate income tax on that money.

"I think the pendulum has shifted too far in their benefit," he said. Moreland invests, and is also a salaried employee at U of M Flint. "I get that benefit, but not like Warren Buffet does." Another argument for lower taxes on investments is that it encourages more investment in companies that can expand and create jobs.

When questioned by a TIME reporter this week, Mitt Romney speaking about his tax rate said, "It's probably closer to the 15-percent rate than anything because my last 10 years, my income comes overwhelmingly from some investments."

Moreland thinks the system is also too complex, but isn't in a hurry to overhaul. He said a flat tax does have some benefits, but he couldn't support one unless there is an exemption for lower income people, as the money they rely on to survive would be taxed. "It's all about the details," he said.

Regardless of how you feel about how fair taxes are, they still play an important

## How income is taxed

### Scenario 1: Traditional Employee W2

Salary.....\$50,000  
Social Security withholding ....\$2,100  
Medicare withholding.....\$725  
Federal income tax.....\$12,500  
State tax withholding.....\$ 2,175  
Net money would be \$32,500 or a net total tax of 35 percent, with all taxes combined. This person would have a federal tax liability of \$6,256 because the individual would claim the standard deduction of \$5,800 and the personal exemption of \$3,700. The taxable income is reduced then to \$40,500 taxable income.

**This makes the person effectively taxed at 15 percent.**

### Scenario 2: Business income for a sole proprietor filing a schedule C on their personal return

Taxable business income.....\$50,000  
Federal tax liability.....\$5,369  
Self-employed tax.....\$6,141

**This person is effectively taxed at 31 percent.**

### Scenario 3: Investor

Long term capital gain of: \$50,000  
This person held their investment for more than one year. Anything held less than a year is taxed at the regular marginal percentage.  
Tax liability: \$6,256

**This person is taxed at 7.9 percent.**

(Source: Fausey and Associates)

## INCOMETAX RATES

\$0 and - \$8,500 .....	10 percent
\$8,500 - \$34,500 .....	15 percent
\$34,500 - \$83,600 .....	25 percent
\$83,600 - \$174,400 .....	28 percent
\$174,400 - \$379,150 .....	33 percent
\$379,150 and above .....	35 percent

These are the "marginal" income brackets, meaning the income brackets without any deductions taken out, and represent the maximum income tax they could pay at that income level.

role. "I am happy to pay my share of taxes. I don't feel they are unfair at all," said Chad Green of Linden, via Facebook. "I like having roads, bridges, police, fire-fighters, garbage collection, streetlights, a library, parks, etc."

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**HELLO, AMERICA.** THEY took away our analog television, so we have to pay for it all now. I wonder when they're going to take our analog radio away.

**I'M HAVING BACON** for breakfast, oh my. You socialistic ninnies are freaking out over the cholesterol. I'll come back in a week and tell you what I did to get rid of it.

**OBAMA AND HIS** fellow Democrats want to spend more, borrow more, and tax more. They are decreasing our national strength, and they are hurting our economy. That is why we're in the state we're in. We need change next fall.

**IT IS APPARENT** that after three years in office, Obama is inept, corrupt, and dangerous. His lack of leadership has led to one of the worst economies in history. His anti-business policies have led to extremely high unemployment, costing our country over two million jobs in just three years.

**MY SON IS** an officer serving his second deployment in Afghanistan, and part of his mission is to improve the American image in other countries. The outrageous

actions of those four marines undid much of the good PR work that our loyal service people have done abroad. Their indefensible action endangers our troops everywhere.

**FOSTER CHILDS WAS** right on point in last Sunday's article. The four Marines made a mistake in judgment and they should be disciplined — not crucified by the liberal media. War is real-life hell and brings both the worst and best out of men in combat. Do not forget that these young men volunteered to serve their country; they did not choose the wars.

**LET'S SEE HOW** the amateurs do when it comes to presenting a tagline or hometown cliché for Fenton. The paid professionals certainly failed miserably. "Be Closer," sounds like a Burtrum Furs advertisement to me.

**GREAT STORY ON** air traffic control. Interesting and informative from start to finish, especially the many changes following 9/11 to the industry itself. The fact that Rockman landed the plane, which had the underwear bomber aboard is a real claim to fame. It was encouraging to read how he thinks we (the U.S.) have the best system in the world when it comes to safety. Keep up the good work.

**THE ANSWER TO** national unemployment is not in how many weeks an individual can draw compensation but in creating decent jobs so he or she does not have to draw compensation.

**SIGNS**

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The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) took another look at their recently installed "welcome" signs after Jamie Elfstrom, owner of Bill Carr Signs, informed officials that the large monument signs did not match what believed the specs required. Bids submitted by Elfstrom, of Fenton, were rejected due to his bids being more costly.

Elfstrom was convinced that the original specs required solid aluminum for the scroll tops because the specs called for 3-inch thick aluminum. Concerned about the weight of solid aluminum, his alternate bid included a hollow top to reflect the apparent ambiguity of the specs.

In response to Elfstrom's questions, the city contracted with its engineering firm, OHM, to conduct an independent review of the specs and finished signs. Wayde Hoppe, of OHM, later told the DDA that the installed signs did not meet the original specs.

To resolve the situation, the DDA called for a joint meeting of Hoppe, City Manager Lynn Markland, Department of Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki, city attorney Steve Schultz, DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt, representatives of Universal Signs, paid consultant Sue Grissim of Grissim, Metz and Andriese and Jennifer Weaver of Weaver Designs.

The three major issues the group discussed on Jan. 11 were the differentiation between the written specs and the specifications listed in the drawings, changes to the support poles for the club signs and changes to the vinyl reflective lettering.

DDA members learned that the support poles on the "club signs" were not what they thought they were purchasing. Grissim informed them the initial product was not available. These signs will be left unchanged.

They also learned that the vinyl lettering on the backside of the large monument signs was not reflective vinyl. DDA members learned that Grissim approved the non-reflective vinyl, without informing the city, because the reflective vinyl was not available in the correct color.

Universal Signs indicated it could replace the ivory, non-reflective vinyl lettering on the back with white reflective vinyl at a cost of \$2,250.

The DDA voted unanimously in favor of paying Universal Signs for the cost of manufacturing the signs. Schmidt added that it would have been easier if Grissim had said from the beginning that the aluminum scroll tops of the large monument signs could have been hollow.

The DDA also voted unanimously to have the lettering on the backside of the monument signs redone, however, the \$2,250 cost of doing so would be passed on to Grissim since she approved the change without DDA approval.

The city has withheld Grissim's fee of \$1,760 due to the confusion over the signs. The city has also terminated its relationship with Grissim's firm.

Fenton City Councilman Les Bland told the DDA he was disappointed in Grissim's work for the city. "Flexible specs? I've never seen that before," he said. Bland is the former DPW director, with 41 years experience with the city.

**Summary**

► The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) voted in favor of paying Universal Signs for its work on the new welcome signs in Fenton. The DDA also voted in favor of passing on the cost of new reflective vinyl lettering for the backside of the signs to the consultant, who approved a change without DDA approval.

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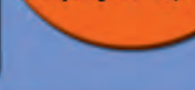
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### Linden dentist participates in Give Kids a Smile Day

Dr. Jeremy M. Grove, DDS, at 501 South Bridge St, Linden is offering free dental cleanings, check-ups and basic services in conjunction with Give Kids a Smile Day, on Feb. 3. Visits are by appointment only and space is limited. For details, call the office at (810) 735-7511.

### Genealogical Society meeting

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, to discuss the Boy Scout Merit Badge-based program. This would be helpful to anyone beginning genealogical research. The free meeting, open to the public, will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River, Howell. For more information, call (810) 227-7745.

### 'Steel Magnolias' performed in February

The Community Theatre of Howell announces 'Steel Magnolias,' by Robert Harling over two weekends in February. It is directed by Laura C. Bird and produced by Pam Medelis. One of the most popular American plays of the 20th century, Steel Magnolias is funny, wise and moving. The classic is set in a 1980's small town beauty parlor in Louisiana and follows the lives and relationships of six women who often meet there. The play will be performed Feb. 3-5 and Feb. 10-12. Presale tickets are \$13 for adults and \$11 for seniors/students. Tickets will be \$15 and \$13 at the door. For details, visit [www.cththeatre.org](http://www.cththeatre.org).

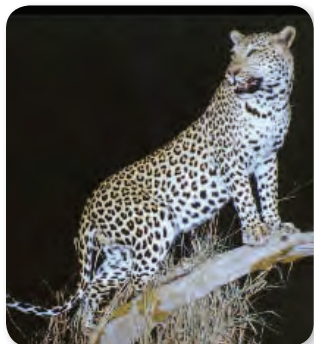
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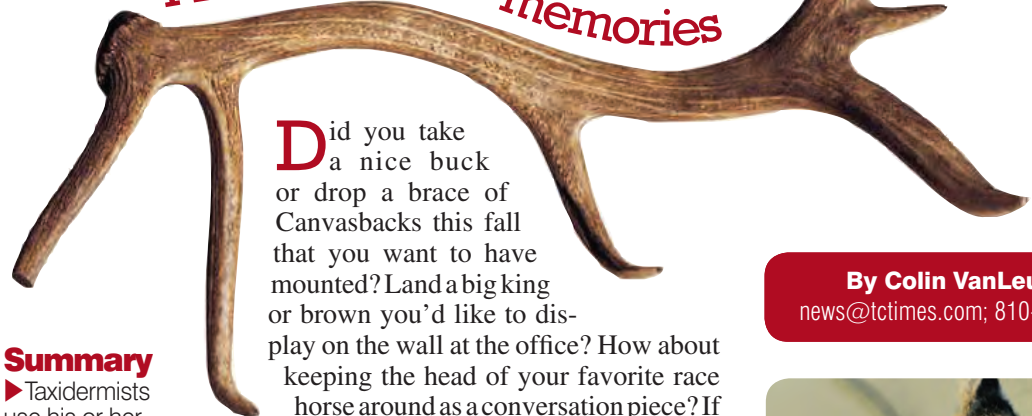


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Though the most common game animal mounted in the United States is the white tail deer, professional taxidermists such as Hilde Wildlife Studio in Clarkston have worked with a variety of exotic game like the hippo and zebra, placing them in a natural setting.

# Taxidermy

Preserving the memories



## Summary

► Taxidermists use his or her artistic skills to preserve prized animals in natural poses for years to come.

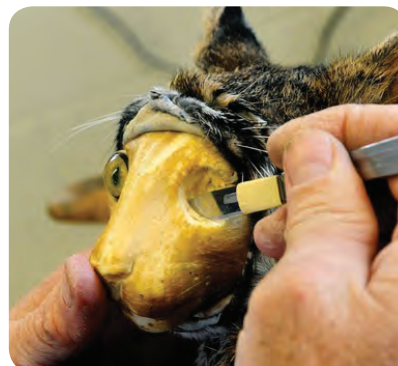
Did you take a nice buck or drop a brace of Canvasbacks this fall that you want to have mounted? Land a big king or brown you'd like to display on the wall at the office? How about keeping the head of your favorite race horse around as a conversation piece? If so, then your local taxidermist is ready and waiting.

Men and women have yearned to display the trophies they've taken for as long as they've been taking them. And, as long as people continue to hunt and fish, there will always be a market for a taxidermist to preserve their memories. If you recently took a trophy, you might wish to know a few things about this craft, its processes, and the costs, before you decide on a taxidermy studio to work with.

Taxidermy as an actual skill has a history going back centuries. Modern taxidermy hasn't changed all that radically from the days of old, as it still involves mounting animals in as close an approximation as possible to what they looked like while alive. By and large, it describes the three-dimensional reproduction of animals for permanent display as trophies, educational tools, or scientific study. The word itself is a derivative of the Greek words *taxis*, meaning movement, and *derma*, meaning skin.

Originally, taxidermy described taking the preserved skin of the specimen, including fur, feathers, or scales. See **TAXIDERMY** on 2B

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**“The littlest details, such as eye shape, head tilt, a feather ruffled by an imaginary breeze, or the minor twist of an ear or fin, makes the exceptional artistry in taxidermy stand out from the ordinary.”**

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## TAXIDERMY

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and stuffing it with whatever material the artisan had at hand, or was familiar with using. This resulted in some very unsightly and smelly trophies hanging from the walls of the King's chambers, but it also brought about many changes still in existence today. These pioneering taxidermists found it better to develop preservative methods that kept a hide from decaying, and to use forms that made the mount appear natural, than to suffer the King's wrath.

Today the term "stuffed" is cause for a professional taxidermist to shudder. While a modern taxidermist still uses the preserved skins of specimens, these are then "mounted" over pre-molded forms. These foam forms are purchased and shaped by the taxidermist, or the taxidermist creates them to fit the specimen at hand, and in the staging, he or she wishes to show the animal. Today's taxidermist not only takes hides and applies them over forms, but he or she must be a sculptor, a painter, and a mold maker as well.

Mounts can now be made using nothing but man-made materials. This is often the case with mounted fish. After releasing the live fish, anglers can supply the taxidermist with a photo of their catch, supplemented

with length and girth measurements. The taxidermist will then make a fiberglass mount painted to look like the real fish.

Painting is a fundamental part of taxidermy. Not only for fish, but wild game and birds need to be painted around the eyes, mouths, beaks, and feet. The taxidermist also has to paint the bases that support the mounts, so that a log crafted of foam, looks as real as if it were taken from a tree in the woods. Foam boulders need to appear heavy and solid, and the tannin colors of a simulated streambed have to be just so, where a mounted brook trout rests displayed in shadow next to a faux root mass.

If you study the mounts you come across, you'll see the distinctions of very good workmanship, versus just having mounted a specimen. The diorama or pose used; or the painstaking attention paid to the littlest details, such as eye shape, head tilt, a feather ruffled by an imaginary breeze, or the minor twist of an ear or fin, makes the exceptional artistry in taxidermy stand out from the ordinary.

The most common game animal mounted in the United States is of course the white tail deer. This is due to the amount of time spent hunting them and from the numbers of successful hunters. Game birds and fish also make up a large part of what a typical US taxidermist will work on during a normal year, yet they don't make up the brunt of many a taxidermist's workload.

According to Bob Taylor, the owner of Hilde Wildlife Studios in Clarkston, roughly 70 percent of his work is on exotics from other countries, with the bulk of these being African animals. Lisa Noelle, a taxidermist at the Hilde studio, said that Greater Kudus make up most of the African mounts they do at Hilde.

Taylor's largest mounted specimen to date was the full head and shoulder mount of an African elephant. Taylor and his staff

have done full mounts of hippos, rhinos, all of the large cats and bears, even giraffes and crocodiles. A fully mounted, 18 foot long crocodile, with teeth bared, will set you back about \$6,000, but it would sure be a great conversation starter setting alongside the indoor pool.

The tiniest mount that Taylor ever worked on was a Brown Snake, which is about as small as a night crawler. Hilde and other studios do all manner of tiny mounts. Many are small birds, small mammals, rodents, and bats. These are usually mounted for training purposes, scientific study, or displays used by conservation groups or museums.

When it comes to difficulty, it turns out that small birds are very complicated to mount, due to the smallness of the subjects. Noelle said, "It's tricky to get the feathers to lie just right, or place the wings so they look natural. With painting," she added, "the hardest to paint are the fish, because you have to paint the entire mount, and you have to get the coloration just right."

The rarest animal ever mounted by Taylor was a Golden Takin, which sounds like *tockin*. It's a golden-retriever colored, goat-antelope found in the Himalayas. It's the size of a cow, has extremely dense fur similar to the fur of a musk ox, and comes with a mean disposition. From its picture, it looks like a shaggy blond wildebeest with a moose's nose.

I asked Taylor about the craziest animals they had ever mounted, say perhaps someone's pet, and he said, "We've done a couple in the past, but probably wouldn't again." That was when he told me about actually mounting a few racehorse heads for the owners.

As I have a mounted deer head that was poorly done, and hasn't aged well, I inquired about repairing older mounts, and was informed that they do indeed repair all manner of mounts. While visiting Hilde, I saw a large polar bear rug, an elk, a mountain lion, a wall-sized Marlin, and an alligator, all in stages of repair. My disheveled 11-point buck will be visiting Taylor and Noelle soon.

Properly caring for your trophy in the field is one of the things you can do to help the taxidermist create a better mount. Big game should be carefully skinned for the type of mount you are considering. Game birds need to be wrapped carefully so feathers and wings lay naturally. And fish need to be kept intact and frozen quickly. All of these need to be taken to the taxidermist of your choice as soon as you can.

Taxidermy is certainly not a dying art form, but the market has shrunk over the last 20 years due to fewer hunters and fishermen, the economy, and of course, that biggest absurdity of all, political correctness. Over all, the industry seems stable, but Taylor said they only mount about 200 deer heads a year now, when they used to do nearly twice that many. That statement was reflected by a couple of other taxidermists I spoke with.



**“Today’s taxidermist not only takes hides and applies them over forms, but he or she must be a sculptor, a painter, and a mold maker as well.”**

So how does one become a taxidermist? Are you just born a taxidermist, is in house training enough, or should you go to a taxidermy school? Noelle went to a taxidermy school. Taylor said however, "She didn't need to, but it helped her hit the ground running when it came to some of the more mundane processes. Most importantly, you must have artistic talent, and a wish to work with animals, which Noelle has."

A quick Internet check listed at least 50 taxidermy schools around the country, so it seems that many people are still quite interested in becoming taxidermists in order to support that many schools. Taylor feels that although many people could work as taxidermists, you need to be an artist first if you are going to be really good at it.

As the Hilde Studio has been around for more than 80 years, it seems you can make a decent living doing this type of work, but taxidermy is a craft, and so the pricing has to be competitive, and in line with the economic climes. You don't eat mounts, and so one has to have the additional cash available to have a trophy mounted.

With that in mind, what does it cost to mount that deer you took this fall or the elephant you dropped while on safari? Typical deer mounts average under \$500, but that elephant will remove about \$15,000 from your bank account. That brace of ducks will cost about \$225 each, and a lunker bass will be \$15 per inch. A full-bodied Musk Ox will have you shelling out about \$5,000, and while I have no idea what that songbird that crashed into your window will cost, I'm sure your taxidermist would be happy to quote you.

If you'd like to see some terrific mounts in the process from start to finish, then make a visit to Hilde in Clarkston. Close by too is Mid-states Bolt & Screw in Flint, where the Somers family has on display many of their outstanding trophies that have been taken from all over the world, or perhaps take the family down to Cabelas in Dundee to see their whole in-the-store mountain of trophies.

Taylor and Noelle can be reached at Hilde Wildlife Studio at 248-625-2760, or through their website at [www.hildetaxidermy.com](http://www.hildetaxidermy.com). Mid-states Bolt is on Somers Drive, just east of 475, and south off Bristol.

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## SKIN CARE FOR MEN

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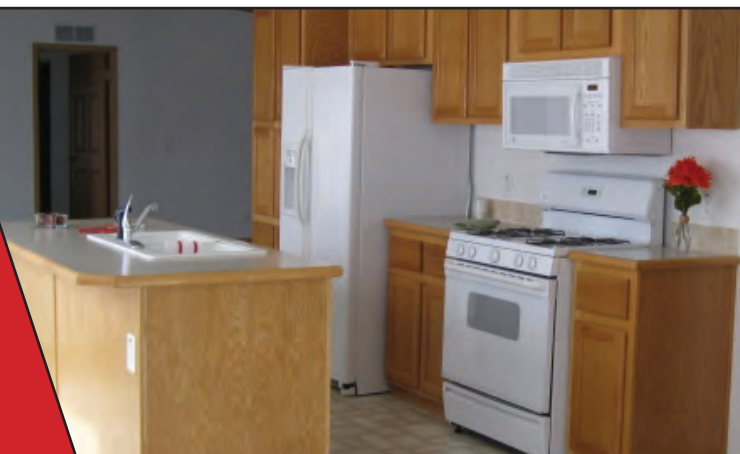
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# Look Who's Talking

By Eric Trowt, Intern



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## FAMILY:

Grandparents, Nadine and Richard Printz. I have two siblings, Cory, 19, and Cody, 21, and cousins David, 21, and Toni, 23.

## MY DREAM CAR IS:

The Audi TT



## Chad Printz

**What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy?**  
Soccer, football, basketball, track and Call of Duty.

**Personal motto:** It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog.

**My all-time favorite movie is:** Transformers 3.

**My earliest memory is:** when I was 4, I went to an air show with my family and my eldest brother got lost.

**If you could have one superpower, what would it be?**  
I'd have super speed like The Flash, he's my favorite hero.

**I always:** Respect the people who respect me.

**I never:** Give up on what I've started.

**Dream travel destination:** Bora Bora because I saw it in a movie and thought it looked cool.

**Is there an event in your life you would like a 'do-over' for?** I'd restart high school because I feel I lacked focus and didn't really live up to my potential.

**If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be?** I wish I could go back to my last family vacation, because it's the last time we were all together.

**If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say?** Where did this sign come from?

**What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?** My powerlifting meet in Durand on Saturday.

**Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing?** I would go see the Chicago Bulls because they're my favorite team.

**What has been the best day in your life so far?** I would have to say the day I got my new car. It gave me a sense of freedom.

**What are your plans after graduation?** I'm going to O.C.C. for two years then to Oakland University to become a physical therapist.

## Student Body asked at Holly High School

If you voted for the president today, who would you vote for?

Compiled by Eric Trowt

### JONNI FOKSINSKI, SENIOR



"I still like Obama. He's still trying to get things done."

### JAMES SALO, SENIOR



"I'd vote for Obama, I think he's doing a good job."

### CODY DOMBECKE, SENIOR



"I'd keep Obama. I think he's done a lot of good things."

### CORBIN RODRIGUES, SENIOR



"I'd pick my friend Reid Fursmidt because he's brilliant, funny, and good looking."

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"I'd pick my grandpa because he's honest and courageous."

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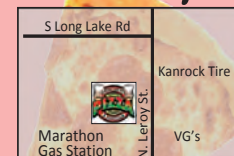
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# business profiles

## Tea, anyone?

►Sweet D's Tea Room & Bake Shop opens in downtown Linden

By Sally Rummel

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When Neil Allmark, of England, met Dee Burch for the first time, it seemed to be a match made in heaven. He was a new U.S. citizen looking for work to support his young family, and she was a business owner, planning to open an English Tea Room in downtown Linden.

Sweet D's Tea Room & Bake Shop officially opened Saturday, Jan. 21 in the downtown Linden building that also houses Salon Bella Rose at 126 North Bridge St.

Allmark, Tea Room manager, will be serving tea during seating times at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. "I'm a stereotypical Brit who's quite obsessed with tea," said Allmark, who has lived and worked in the U.S. since 2007.

The Tea Room will be open Tuesdays through Fridays with three seatings at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., advanced reservations required. The Tea Room is open for adults, and children ages 7 to 11, as well as for private parties such as bridal/baby showers, birthdays, etc., with seating up to 12. In addition, Burch hosts children's tea parties by appointment, for up to six children and two adults.

The January/February menu includes Ashby's of London tea, chowder, heart-shaped toast, cucumber tea sandwiches, cherry chicken salad, strawberry cream cheese with ham on brown bread, cheese quiche, fruit and crudite garnish. "Sweets" will include white chocolate



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Sweet D's Tea Room Manager Neil Allmark is ready to serve tea to owner Dee Burch at their downtown Linden location. The tea room is located at the back entrance of Salon Bella Rose.

raspberry scones with Devonshire cream, lemon curd and jam, a Queen of Hearts trifle, roses and heart sugar cookies, royal chocolate cake, apricot meringue bar and a homemade Sweet D Caramel.

"Our themed menu changes monthly," said Burch.

For more information, contact Sweet D's Tea Room & Bake Shop at (810) 399-9217.

## Accountant moves offices into new Fenton location



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Joyce M. King, CPA, has moved into a larger building to accommodate her growing accounting/bookkeeping business.

By Sally Rummel

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Joyce M. King, P.C., certified public accountant, has moved her accounting business to 425 Rounds Dr. in Fenton, across from Fenton Fitness & Athletic Center.

"We outgrew our other space and had an opportunity to buy our own building," said King, who has been a CPA for 29 years. "The timing was good."

### Summary

►Joyce M. King, P.C., has moved her accounting business into her own building at 425 Rounds Dr. in Fenton.

King has owned her own accounting firm for 10 years and has four other employees on staff, including Sharon Armbruster, CPA; Susan Canty, office administrator; Heather McCray-Germain, CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner) and Patrick King, CPA candidate.

In addition to doing income tax preparation for individuals, corporations and partnerships, Joyce M. King, P.C. also does trust returns, non-profits, payroll services, bill paying and bookkeeping, QuickBooks training, support, and business consulting.

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**THE SITTER (R)**

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**CHIPWRECKED (G)**

**SHERLOCK HOLMES:**

**A GAME OF SHADOWS (PG13)**

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**THE DEVIL INSIDE (R)**

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**\*JOYFUL NOISE (PG13)**

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DATELINE

FEBRUARY 16

**Networking @ Noon**Sponsored by:  
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FEBRUARY 21

**Expo Orientation**

MARCH 3RD &amp; 4TH

**Community Expo**

MARCH 15

**Networking @ Noon**Sponsored by: Joe &  
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MARCH 27

**Networking  
After Hours**

MARCH

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APRIL 19

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MAY 3

**Networking After  
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MAY 17

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MAY 21

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JUNE 21

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JULY 19

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AUGUST 11

**Taste in Fenton**

AUGUST 16

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SEPTEMBER 20

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SEPTEMBER 22

**Linden Autumn  
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OCTOBER 18

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OCTOBER 31

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NOVEMBER

**Chamber Annual  
Dinner**

NOVEMBER 15

**Networking  
@ Noon**Sponsored by: Spring  
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NOVEMBER 27

**Networking  
After Hours**

DECEMBER 1

**Jinglefest**

DECEMBER 1

**Linden Holiday  
Happening**

DECEMBER 20

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# Chamber Journal

JANUARY 22, 2012

## Mark your calendar



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2011 Expo attendees enjoy treats and displays by local business exhibitors.

## Fenton Community Expo set for March 3 and 4

By Sally Rummel

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The 28th annual Community Expo 2012 will open the weekend of March 3-4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Fenton High School.

### Summary

► The 28th annual Community Expo is set for Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4 at Fenton High School.

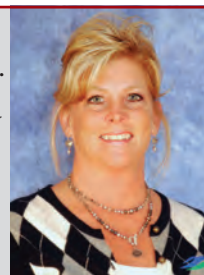
If you've never been to the Community Expo before, this will be the year you'll want to experience the fun, food and family atmosphere. The Community Expo is the Fenton Regional Chamber's showcase event.

"It's one of the longest running expos in the U.S.," said Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. "Our tri-county community absolutely embraces the Expo. People

"Our tri-county community absolutely embraces the Expo. People can't believe how big the event has grown, and how long it has been such a vital part of our community."

### Shelly Day

Fenton Regional Chamber  
of Commerce president



can't believe how big the event has grown, and how long it has been such a vital part of our community."

Admission to the event is free, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors Coldwell Banker Professional Realty Group and Sharp Funeral Homes. Chasse Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio is this year's entertainment sponsor, providing a whole line-up of dancing demonstrations, shows and activities.

See EXPO on 11B

## Positive outlook forecast for 2012

### ►Manufacturing leading state in right direction

By Sharon Stone

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There was an unmistakable upbeat and positive energy during the Forecast Breakfast, held at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center Wednesday morning. The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted the event and Bigby Coffee provided coffee and breakfast items.

Lynn Markland, city manager for Fenton and David Lossing, mayor of Linden provided forecasts for their cities for the audience, comprised of local dignitaries, business owners and community members.

The keynote speaker was Chuck Haddon, CEO of the Michigan Manufacturers Association. The MMA is the state's leading advocate devoted to promoting and maintaining a business climate favorable to industry.

See FORECAST on 13B

"We're starting  
to feel our  
strength,"

**Chuck Haddon**  
CEO of Michigan  
Manufacturers  
Association

## Fenton Chamber invests in new software Features exciting member services

By Sally Rummel

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The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce will be launching its new website by February and is taking its long-time successful website to the next level by using a national chamber network, ChamberMaster.

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on 10B





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## Sharing experiences helps promote business growth

One of the most common reasons that a business joins the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is to network. In 2011, we averaged 75-100 attendees at our monthly networking events. We expect nothing less in 2012, now that sponsors for every month are secured and we are booking into 2013.

Another great opportunity to meet potential clients and learn from each other is at workshops. A Chamber Rally was held Nov. 2, 2011 at our location sponsor, The Fenton Community & Cultural Center. Facilitator Ken Temrowski led a panel of eight Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce board members as they shared their best practices.

A variety of information and topics were covered such as: customer service, choosing the right employees, employee incentives, figuring out what sets you apart from your competition, the best way to market your business, why your mission statement is important, etc.

Currently we are planning to host quarterly Rallies and share best practices regarding social media, volunteering, marketing, and customer service.

A direct result of shared experiences is our new software program, "ChamberMaster." The program comes highly recommended across the United States by attendees of: Chamber Institute of Organization Management, Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals Annual Conference, Michigan Ambassadors Annual Conference and Joan Testa of Chamber Development Services.

We are still in training mode, but we are very excited about the time savings we will see through our database interaction with our accounting program as well as the marketing program. New benefits will be provided on our website such as a mini web page for each member, job postings, and Chamber calendar postings to name a few. These new benefits will be included with the annual membership dues and we are proud to pass along these opportunities to our members.

With more than 500 current members, there are plenty of opportunities to share experiences and network with other business representatives. We take great pride in the many ways we communicate to the public about our members and what types of businesses they represent. Don't hesitate to contact us, visit our office, visit our website or check out our Business & Community Information Guide and see why our tagline is "Where Community & Commerce Connect!"

Wishing you continued business success.

**Shelly Day, president**



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Financial Plus Federal Credit Union employees and Joyce Thewalt of Comfort Keepers gather at the Networking event.



## Chamber message from the chairman

As we begin our new year (2012), I would like to thank all of our Chamber members for their support and membership, and extend my best wishes for another successful year! What a fabulous year we had in 2011!

We had 93 new members join us during our April 2011 New Membership Campaign, which was done by our dedicated staff, board and loyal members to promote the value of being part of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. An additional 67 new members joined throughout the year, which gave us 160 new members in 2011.

We continue to pursue our Chamber mission: To be a strong advocate for member businesses through our services and resources, while fostering the economic vitality and prosperity of our region. Our priority is to promote businesses and provide education, networking and resources to our valued members.

The year 2012 will continue to be a year of Collaboration, Partnerships and "Think Local, Shop Local!" I encourage all of you to consider the following New Year's resolutions:

- Continue to support our local business community and "Buy Local, Shop Local." Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Tri-County Times, we all have enjoyed one of the best holiday shopping seasons. It's really about "collaboration." As Shelly Day, our president, always said, "The Fenton Regional Chamber, where Commerce and Community Connect." Indeed, stay connected.
- Network within your business community (increase your business contacts and enjoy new business opportunities) at Chamber events such as: Networking @ Noon and/or Networking After Hours. Our philosophy is to allow our business community to collaborate and network to enhance their economic growth.
- At the Chamber, we have a board of directors, ambassadors, staff and committee members that believe in our mission. The energy from this group is why we have prospered, and why we will continue to prosper.

As we begin this new year, our first big event will be the Chamber Community Expo. Don't forget to market your business at the Chamber Expo this year! I look forward to seeing you all there.

Now go out and make 2012 the best year ever!

**Dennis Lyder, chairman**

Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce



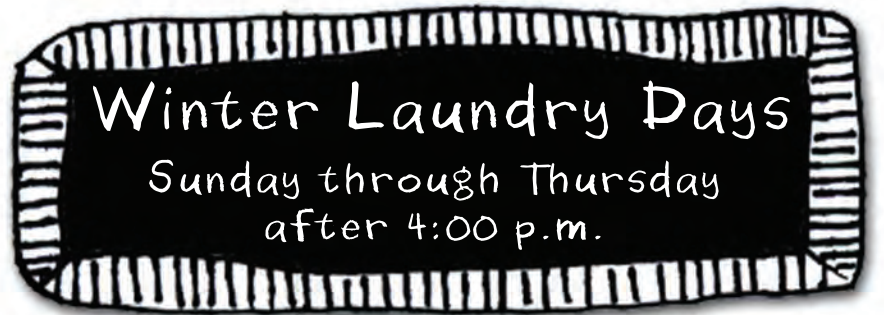
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Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation employees cohosted the December Networking @ Noon event.



## Networking @ Noon November/December Attendees

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## Boys and Business



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Boys and Business was held on Nov. 10, 2011 at John's Pizzeria. More than 75 junior and senior boys from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden high schools attended. The annual workshop gives the students the opportunity to meet local business owners, learn about financial/ credit opportunities from sponsor Financial Plus Federal Credit Union, network with students from other schools, and design a product. This year's keynote speaker, Mark Rummel, owner of Mancino's of Fenton, shared his story about how he started his business. Girls and Business will be held on March 21. The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce awards a scholarship to a senior high school student from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden high schools. For more information on attending Girls and Business or applying for the Chamber's Scholarship, visit the local high school offices.

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## SOFTWARE

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ChamberMaster is a nationwide chamber web development company that networks with 1,000 chamber of commerce groups in the U.S., totaling a half million members. Using its software development tools, marketing network and database,

### Summary

► The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce will launch its new website in February, networking with 1,000 other chambers across the U.S.

able local chambers to grow and develop their membership and services.

"As a national company with a nationwide network, ChamberMaster is able to do a lot of our chamber homework for us," said Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. "Using their services has been a long-time goal for us, and we now feel that we are in a financial position to make the change. Approximately half my classmates at Chamber Institute use ChamberMaster and all the others are looking at it in the future."

In addition to many new features and benefits for Chamber members, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce itself will appreciate several efficiencies with its new association with ChamberMaster. Now they will be interconnected with their database

to QuickBooks, which will help them save not only time, but also money. "We had two databases before and now it will be merged into one for more accurate e-mail blasts," said Day, citing one example.

Day praises the professional expertise and cooperation they have enjoyed with their long-time association with web designer 3Sixty Interactive in Fenton. "We continue to have an excellent relationship with the professional staff of 3Sixty Interactive," said Day. "They've done a great job for us and have been very helpful during this changeover."

Chamber members will notice several exciting new features and benefits through the new ChamberMaster website. These features include:

- A member "mini web page" concept, which allows members to utilize their own web page within the Chamber website. This creates an interconnected network between businesses, members and the chamber. Members will be able to communicate with their customers as well as the chamber, through this new feature.

- Members will be able to post "Hot Deals of the Day," on the new website, sharing specials on products and services to increase business through the chamber.

- Members will be able to post job positions available through the new website.

"All of these features are services that chambers typically charge their members for, but we are choosing to offer them as a benefit of being a chamber member," said Day. "Our goal continues to be to maximize benefits for each of our members."



## Membership Director

# Report

By Rochelle Jones

There are many exciting things to report — drum roll please — 2011 membership hit an all time high of 503 members, 11 new members have joined the Chamber to date in 2012, and by the end of the month we will be announcing several value added benefits for our Chamber members.

In January, I will be working on member retention and concentrating on my goal of at least 83 percent member retention. I will also be working on our Business & Community Information Guide that will be inserted into the Tri-County Times and distributed to more than 17,000 homes in April. The Chamber also distributes 3,000 copies to visitors, prospective members, Chamber members and the business community. Many people use this Guide as a mini phone book and it is their first source of reference.

The deadline to place an ad in this Guide is Jan. 24. If you are interested in reaching 20,000 potential customers, please contact me for ad details. Ads start at only \$375 for a business card size ad.

We are looking forward to another excellent Chamber year, if you are not part of the FRCC don't delay and join today.

*Wishing you continued business success,*

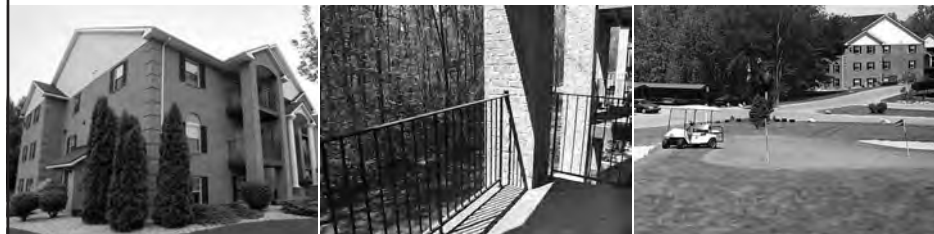
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## Michigan Dog Guard

Michigan Dog Guard is a local business offering a premium underground pet containment system at an affordable price. Dog guard is a four-year member of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, located in Fenton, serving Genesee and surrounding counties. Owner Jamie Guay has been in the pet containment industry for more than 13 years and maintains a high level of customer satisfaction. Taking pride in the community, they also volunteer time and donate to local veteran, assisted living and pet rescue benefit organizations. Dog Guard offers professional pet training combined with professional grade electronic fence equipment in order to guarantee the protection and safety of their customer's treasured pets. The piece of mind their customers obtain is reflected in the many positive testimonials that can be viewed on their website, www.michigangogguard.com.

During a difficult economy for many, Michigan Dog Guard continues to offer premium pet containment systems at a very reasonable price. They offer traditional, easy handshake payment terms, and continue to prioritize great service in an effort to grow as well as maintain.



## EXPO

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Valley Tent Rental is once again sponsoring Kids' Zone activities, now adding additional space because of the great amount of interest in this portion of the Expo. "This area provides a huge amount of fun for the kids," said Linda Hathaway, now in her 28th year of this event, along with a dedicated committee of volunteers.

Visitors can expect about 140 booths, representing more than 100 different exhibitors, including businesses, restaurants, civic organizations and more. "It's a sell-out every year," said Day, noting that registration is now open to members. Businesses that sign up are required to attend a mandatory orientation meeting that will familiarize them with the Expo.

Because of the re-design of the new chamber website, registration will take place only by phone or on-site at the chamber office. The Tri-County Times is partnering with the chamber in providing an electronic map showing the booth locations as businesses register. The map will be available on the chamber website soon.

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## 2012 Fenton Chamber

## MEMBER FOCUS

**James B. Kruzan**, registered principal and branch manager of the Fenton office of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., has been named a member of the 2012 Chairman's Council for his 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

**Lewis & Knopf**, CPA's, PC has merged with Leroy G. Johnson, CPAs. They are located at 104 South Adelaide St., Fenton.

**Joyce M. King**, PC, CPA has moved. They are now located at 425 Rounds Dr., Fenton.

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Jinglefest



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The Wright family enjoyed listening to the Mott Streeel Drum band in Dibbleville during Jinglefest.

2012 Fenton Chamber

EVENTS DATELINE

**FEBRUARY 16, 2012**  
**Networking @ Noon**  
**Sponsored by: Faith City Church**  
**Event Location: Faith City Church**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2012**  
**Expo Orientation, 8:00AM**  
**Event Location: Fenton Community & Cultural Center**

**MARCH 3 & 4, 2012**  
**Community Expo**  
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**Event Location: Fenton High School**

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## FORECAST

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Lossing said Linden is going through an interesting time right now, with the unexpected passing of City Councilman Gary Mahnke and the resignation of City Manager Chris Wren. He told of how Mahnke left two envelopes, which were to be opened upon his death. One letter detailed funeral arrangements; the other was a love letter to his wife. "He was a sweet man," said Lossing.

As the city's population continues to grow, Lossing said officials have the task of replacing Wren. He acknowledged that the city's infrastructure is aging and replacement must be planned. Lossing said as a cost-saving move, the city is focused on shared services. "We can't afford to do things like we used to," he said. The city has also joined the five-county marketing initiative to attract more businesses near I-69.

Markland said he believes the economy has started to turn around and property values are stabilizing. "That's a really good sign," he said. Revenue for the city is derived from property taxes, based on values. "The future looks pretty good to us," he said.

With several commercial projects underway in the city, Markland believes the city is moving in a positive direction. For planning purposes, he'd like to have a two-year budget. Road projects are also in the planning stages. This spring, LeRoy Street from North Road to the northern city limits will be rehabilitated and in 2013, the streetscape project, from Elizabeth to Sixth Street will be done.

In addition to these road projects, the city would like to evaluate the needs of the local streets. Markland expects the police department's new 911-dispatch center equipment to be up and running by May.

Haddon told the audience that manufacturing is so important right now to the economy. "I've never felt better about where manufacturing is right now," he said. He said manufacturers for the auto industry are taking in full orders and they are working to fulfill those orders.

In 2008, Haddon said businesses went lean with the number of employees they kept. They kept whom they could because

they did not want to lose their talent. Now, he said, things are starting to pick up again. Despite those orders rolling in, there is still uncertainty, he said.

"We have a talent for manufacturing in this state," he said. "But, no one is doing it like they used to. It's very clean, tech savvy operations."

Haddon is very encouraged with the direction the state is going. "We're starting to feel our strength," he said. As manufacturing become stronger, other sectors of the market become stronger.

The auto show in Detroit was an example of confidence and positive outlook for the future. Haddon said the manufacturers spent "big money" on that show.

Haddon expects renewable energy sources, such as wind energy, to gain support. High-tech jobs, especially dealing with plastics are also starting to grow.

One issue Haddon would like to see addressed is personal property tax. He believes a replacement needs to be found since local governments rely on that revenue. Markland said personal property tax is not his favorite tax since personal property is difficult to tax. Some business owners don't understand the details and the assessors have to guess what a business has.

## LaBeau Salon & Day Spa ribbon-cutting ceremony



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Chamber president, along with board members and Ambassadors, welcomed new business LaBeau Salon & Day Spa at their ribbon cutting.

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# Linden defeats Fowlerville for fourth straight victory

By David Troppens

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It was a tough start to the season. The Linden varsity boys basketball team was shorthanded and playing what may have been the most demanding portion of their schedule right out of the gate.

It resulted in five straight losses.

But since those first five games, things have been looking up for the Eagles. First, they beat district and area rivals, Lake Fenton, for their first

win. Then the Eagles got coach Denny Hopkins' 400th varsity basketball victory as the team won its first Metro League game of the season.

And now, the streak is up to four games. The Eagles beat another team within their district, defeating Fowlerville 65-57 Tuesday night.

"We are getting better and working pretty hard," Linden coach Denny Hopkins said. "I'm pretty pleased."

"We've just gotten better. We are shooting the ball better. We're play-

ing good defense, better defense. We are not throwing the ball away and keeping the turnovers down. We were throwing the ball away way too much."

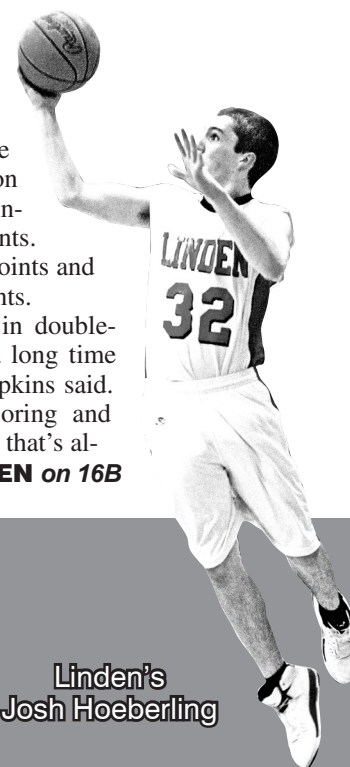
The Eagles (4-5) took an early lead against Fowlerville and never lost that lead. For most of the second half, the Eagles led Fowlerville by seven to 15 points.

Linden used a balanced offense to spark the win. Kevin Baker continued his strong play, scoring a team-high

16 points. Dillon Nash, who missed every game during the early-season losing streak due to injury, chipped in 15 points. Shaye Brown had 11 points and Travis Hull had 10 points.

"We had four kids in double-figures and it's been a long time since we did that," Hopkins said. "We had balanced scoring and four guys contributing; that's al-

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Linden's  
Josh Hoeberling

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** What is dubbed the Mikan rule?

**A** The NBA increased the width of the lane from six to 12 feet before the 1951-52 season to try to keep big men like George Mikan away from the basket.

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# Holly hoop teams collect wins vs. Linden

## ►Lady Bronchos win defensive battle with Lady Eagles, 38-29

By David Troppens

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**Holly** — Allyssa Copley notices a difference with the Holly varsity girls basketball team this season.

"There are more fans here than we normally have, that's the big thing," Copley said. "They ask us when our game is and ask us about our games. It feels great."

Why the change? It might have to do with the Holly Bronchos being in first place.

The Bronchos defeated the Linden Eagles 38-29 at Holly High School Friday night. The win means Holly ended the night in no worse than a three-way tie for first place with Lapeer West and Clio. The results of the other co-leaders' games were unknown at press time.

Copley played a huge role in the win. She scored a team-high 13 points, kept Linden from attacking the paint and collected 12 rebounds. Meanwhile, there were other times when others played significant roles as well. Linden took an 11-10 lead, but a nice pass from Copley to Lauren Maher resulted in a fastbreak three-pointer, putting the Bronchos (8-1, 9-2) up 13-11 with 1:53 left in the first half. Holly would never trail again.

Linden tied it at 15-all on a put-back hoop by Jordan Sargent with 5:30 left in the third quarter, but in

a matter of 50 seconds, the Bronchos went on an 8-0 run later in the quarter. Assisted three-pointers by Brooke Harthun and Kayla Skopek were followed by a Skopek fastbreak layup off her own earned steal. Suddenly, the Bronchos led 23-15. It was a hole that Linden fought to get out of the rest of the night, but never did.

"We made a run and Allyssa made a good call. She said, 'Let's go back to our press, back to the 2-2-1,' and we did," Holly coach David Hall said. "We didn't get any steals, but it got them out of their offense a bit."

The Eagles got it as close as 28-25 on a baseline jumper by Sabrina Kinney with 5:10 left, but Copley followed by breaking down a triple-team in the post, making a layin and getting fouled. She made the free throw, putting Holly back up 31-25. The Eagles never got any closer than that again.

Copley likes her team's fight.

"We don't give up," Copley said. "We don't ever want to give up. We play hard through the end. We keep hustling."

Maier followed Copley's 13 points, by scoring eight herself. Harthun had two key three-pointers for six points. Skopek had only five points, but they came during the third-quarter run.



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SCOTT SCHUPBACH

(Above) Holly's Allyssa Copley attempts a shot between two Linden defenders. (Right) Linden's Dillon Nash attacks against Holly's Nic Stoll.

Linden (4-4, 5-5) was led by Sargent's eight points. Rachel Maxheimer had seven points.

"They are working hard, trying hard," Linden coach Ben Vamer said. "Our defense is getting better."



## ►Holly boys defeat better Linden squad

By David Troppens

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**Holly** — Nic Stoll only blocked two shots against the Linden Eagles Friday night.

That only proves stat sheets don't always tell the whole story.

Stoll altered many Linden shots and stopped many from even being attempted, helping lead the Bronchos to a strong 52-37 defensive performance against the Eagles Friday night.

"When we play hard, we win," Stoll, who had nine points and seven rebounds, said. "That's what it comes down to, especially with our defense."

Linden (4-6) stuck with Holly (8-1) for most of the first half, despite only scoring 15 first-half points. The Eagles led 9-7 after a breaking layup by Kevin Baker with 2:40 left in the first quarter, but Holly scored the final four points of the period and led 11-9. In the second quarter, a Jared Plawski pass set up a breaking layup and foul for teammate Michael Alexander. He converted the free throw, and Holly led 16-11. The Bronchos would score the game's next four points, sparking what would become a 24-15 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Eagles scored back-to-back hoops on a putback by Travis Hull and Baker, cutting the margin to 24-19, but Holly followed that with a 15-0 run. It was started by a breaking layup by Stoll, and was capped by a breaking layup by Plawski. In between, Austin Hopkin and Isaac Casillas each also had three-pointers. Holly led 37-19, and the Eagles would get no closer than 14 the rest of the way.

For more on this game, go to [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com).

# Tigers avenge loss to Kearsley, remain in first place in Metro

By Al Zipsie

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**Fenton** — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team got revenge for its only loss of the season against Kearsley during the first round of Metro League games.

This time Fenton (8-1, 10-1) left no doubt as the Tigers earned a 74-47 rout on Friday against Kearsley.

"The loss was in the back of our minds," said Ryan Hickoff, who led the Tigers with a game-high 26

points.

"That loss left a sour taste in our mouth. We wanted the boys to respond well," said Fenton coach Tim Olszewski. "We have implemented so much more since then."

"We did a good job on defense, and frustrated (Paul Adas), who is scoring a lot if he gets rolling."

While Adas struggled to score, Hickoff is hot.

"My shots are falling. We are doing a good job of driving and kick-

ing the ball out," said Hickoff, who has scored 51 points in the last two games.

Clinging to a 10-7 lead after the first quarter, the Tigers outscored Kearsley 64-40 the last three quarters. Hickoff had a crowd-pleasing two-hand slam with 33 seconds left in the second quarter. He then scored with seven seconds left in the half off a Conor Muntin assist. It took an Adas three-pointer, who led Kearsley with 14 points, to keep

the Hornets' halftime deficit to just 32-22.

Three-point daggers from Fenton's Cory Cox and Ryan Hickoff allowed the Tigers to outscore the Hornets 16-8 edge in the third quarter.

The Tigers then clicked off 26 points in the fourth quarter, blowing the game open. Cox added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

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# Linden girls defeat Lady Gladiators, 39-33

By David Troppens

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**Linden** — After an 0-2 start, the Linden varsity girls basketball team is starting to get on a roll.

The Eagles won their fifth of seven games, and improved to above .500 for the first time this season by defeating non-league foe Fowlerville 39-33 on Tuesday night.

"We've been playing pretty good," Linden coach Ben Varner said. "Some times I think we are having trouble scoring, but then I see us scoring 40 points a game, which is more than we did last year. We've had a nice little streak."

The Eagles' defense was strong on Tuesday night. Fowlerville, the team the Eagles will open districts with during the postseason, was held to single-digit point totals for each of the first three quarters. That enabled the Eagles to take a 15-7 lead after one quarter and hold a 32-22 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Linden's offense struggled in the fourth quarter, allowing Fowlerville to cut the gap in the fourth quarter. However, the Eagles made seven free throws during the final period, icing the win. Jordan Sargent made 3-of-4 free throws late, while Kelsey Brecht made the front end of a one-and-one chance, helping establish the Eagles' six-point lead late.

"We played pretty good for the first three quarters, but then in the fourth quarter we struggled offensively," Varner said. "We scored seven points in the fourth quarter, all on free throws. We didn't make a field goal. It was just another one of those things. But we were able to make our free throws late. We didn't early on, but if you are going to make them, I'd rather make them down the stretch."

Madisen Nosek continued her recent



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Linden's Maija Satkowiak drives past an opponent. The Eagles defeated Fowlerville 39-33 in a non-league contest Tuesday night.

run of strong offensive games, scoring a game-high 14 points in the contest. She scored 21 in a recent game against Lapeer East. Jordan Sargent chipped in 11 points as well. Rachel Maxheimer had three assists while Alexis Downes led the team with five rebounds.

"Fowlerville was a decent team," Varner said. "We will face them in districts so it was a nice dress rehearsal for that."

## Tigers post shutout vs. Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity hockey team is a squad with a limited roster size, but that doesn't seem to bother them in league action.

The Tigers improved to 2-1 in Metro League play with a 4-0 victory against Swartz Creek on Wednesday.

The Tigers did all their scoring in the final nine minutes. First, Danny Delong scored off assists from Tyler Delong and Kyle Lixie with about nine minutes left. About two minutes later, Lixie made it 2-0 with a goal off assists from Jake Foguth and Danny Delong.

Jake Blackburn probably iced the victory with a goal off an assist by Lixie with four minutes left. Finally, with just four seconds left, Connor Phillips scored on assists by Ben Cislo and Jake Foguth.

"It was a very entertaining game for being scoreless for two-and-a-half periods," Fenton coach Jeff Mynatt said. "Both teams had a lot of opportunities, but both goalies played extremely well. We certainly out-skated and out-worked them, and had the advantage with six power plays to their one."

Joe Foguth earned the shutout in net, making 15 saves.

## Fenton boys defeat non-league opponent Southwestern, 78-62

By Al Zipsie

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**Fenton** — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team erupted for 49 points in the first half to take a 49-30 cushion against Flint Southwestern at intermission.

The lead is all the Tigers needed as they cruised to a 78-62 non-league victory Tuesday.

"Overall I would give the grade an A- or B+ for the first half and a D for the second half," said Fenton coach Tim Olszewski. "We still have not run our offense efficiently as we can. The saying is coaching is X's and O's, but it is the Jimmy and Joe's, about having the ability and size. We can still get better and are working on it."

Ryan Hickoff and Cory Cox combined to score 47 of the Tigers' 78 points. Hickoff was 9-of-12 from the floor and scored 25 points, while Cox finished with 22 points, including 18 in the first half.

The Tigers put on a passing clinic in the second quarter, outscoring the Knights 28-13 in the period.

"Coach wanted us to work on that phase of our game. We came out making cuts and back door cuts for layups," Cox said. "I think we did a good job of attacking the basket tonight."

"I came out, made a couple quick

shots and got the ball with good movement and made some easy layins. We had some easy looks inside. We took advantage of our length with long arms and we got up and down the court."

The Tigers showed they can play the uptempo game on offense and still defend a running team like Southwestern.

The Tigers were gunning quickly. The Tigers won the opening tip and Hickoff responded by knocking down a three-pointer. He followed that by scoring on an offensive putback, and Fenton led 5-0.

Malik Young led the Knights with 20 points, and he helped keep the Knights close. He made a steal and a nice move for a bucket at one time, cutting the Tigers' lead to 21-17 at the end of the first quarter. However, the second quarter was all Fenton.

Slick passing sparked that period. Dylan Hickoff, who finished with nine points, dished inside to Cox for a hoop and a foul. He completed the three-point play. They then reversed the roles soon after that play. Cox assisted a Hickoff layin.

The only thing keeping the Knights within shouting distance at the half was a 35-foot jump shot by Young at the half-time buzzer. Fenton still led 49-30.

The Knights never seriously threat-

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## Lake Fenton wrestling splits with GAC foes

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton wrestling team finished with a 1-1 record in its GAC dual on Wednesday.

The Blue Devils defeated Lakeville 56-24, but lost to New Lothrop 46-15.

Double-winners for Lake Fenton were Klean Harbin (103), Jarad Corcoran (112) and Tyler Sanders (152). Corcoran's two wins were both by pinfalls.

"We still have four starters out of our lineup," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said.

"So we sat a few kids against New

Lothrop in hopes of healing kids up in time for leagues and districts in a couple of weeks. We're just hoping to get our lineup back in order before team districts. If all goes well, we should have everyone back by then."

**Fenton vs. Lapeer East, Swartz Creek**

The Tigers lost to Lapeer East 39-15 and Swartz Creek 33-10.

Preston Wetzel (152) won two matches with first-round pinfalls. Chase Roney (135) won two matches, one by decision and the other by major decision.

Norm Golden (103) won a match by forfeit.

## HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES JANUARY 18, 2012 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

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No Action: Recycling Program.

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No Action: Tornado Sirens.

Approved: Request to Rent Space in Oakhill Cemetery Mausoleum.

Approved: 2011-2012 Budget Amendments –

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## LINDEN

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ways nice."

Hopkins, now up to 402 wins, is pleased to get the milestone victory, but puts it in proper perspective as well.

"It means we've had a lot of good kids come through here over the years," Hopkins said. "It's a tribute to all the hard work the kids have put through the years. It's a nice goal. I'll take it, but it's all because of the kids. When you have good kids, good things happen."

Wins won't come easy for awhile for the Eagles again. They faced Holly on Friday, followed by a contest on Monday against Lapeer West. But the Eagles will enter those games a more confident bunch than they were earlier in the season.

"Early on we were trying to find ourselves, playing some good competition and getting beat up pretty good," Hopkins said.

"But they've kept working hard and when you work hard, good things happen. We'll have another tough stretch for the next couple of weeks."

**Holly 54,  
Bay City Central 52**

The Bronchos overcame Bay City Central's hot shooting and a 10-point halftime



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Linden's Shayne Brown (right) hits a layup during a recent game. He scored 11 points in a win against Fowlerville.

deficit to earn the non-league road win on Wednesday.

The Bronchos trailed 31-21 at the half, but outscored Central 18-9 in the third quarter. In the fourth, the Bronchos took the lead and then held on down the stretch.

Nic Stoll scored 19 points, while grabbing 10 rebounds and earning four blocks.





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Holly's Joel Schuermann (top) looks to grab an arm of his opponent during the Bronchos' victory against Lapeer West Wednesday night.

# Bronchos take Metro's inside track with win vs. West

By David Troppens

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**Clio** — Things are looking up for Shawn Scott these days.

The Holly senior wrestler is on the Bronchos' defending Metro League championship team, and he recently verbally committed to wrestling at Northern Illinois University.

And on Wednesday, his team provided some other good news.

The Bronchos earned a huge win in their quest to end his career as a two-time defending team Metro League wrestling champion.

Holly beat the squad considered the Bronchos' biggest competition, Lapeer West, earning themselves the inside track to this year's league crown.

Holly defeated Clio 54-15 and then defeated West 42-21 to remain undefeated in league play.

"The biggest key to the matchup was our lower weights," said Scott, who won both of his matches by pinfall. "Mason Cleaver (119) had a huge win beating Dakota Carie. It was a huge win by Zack Jones (130), beating Adam Nichols and holding on that last 15 seconds. That was incredible. That's what you look for in a team — you have to have the lower weights bust it out. The whole team just wrestled their way."

The Bronchos defeated West by double the Panthers' score, but it was a closer match than that suggests. Like Scott said, there were plenty of close matches. The Bronchos won six of the seven matches that were decided by decision. And there was no match closer than Jones' match with Nichols.

Jones led most of the match, but only led 7-6 late while riding Nichols. However Nichols fought for a reversal, and looked on the verge of getting it for the final 15 seconds of

the match, but Jones held on to get the win.

"He held on and that showed a lot of heart," Holly coach Don Pluta said.

Cleaver's (125) 6-1 decision victory against Dakota Carie, who placed fourth at the state meet at 112 a year ago, was huge as well.

"It was the depth that got West," Pluta said. "They couldn't match up. When we were trying to make moves, they didn't have other people to match that. We won at 125 and 130. We won a lot of those matches that could've gone either way. We won handily, but it didn't look like that while the match was going on."

Holly always led. Scott (215) started the match with a pinfall in 59 seconds. Joel Schuermann (285) and Trever Hatfield (103) followed with decision wins. West won the next match by pinfall, cutting the team score to 12-6, but Tyler Gibson (119) earned a void victory, and the Bronchos followed that with three more straight wins.

Anthony Gonzales (135) and Andrew Scott (160) also won matches by pinfall, while other decision winners were C.J. Kerner (152) and Blake Cuthbert (189).

Against Clio, Shawn Scott, Jones, Gonzales, Kyle Pepper (140) and Cuthbert won by pinfalls. Schuermann won a major decision, while Lance Millis (285), Gibson (119), Cleaver, Kerner and Andrew Scott won by forfeit.

Shawn Scott would love to finish his career with back-to-back Metro titles.

"It would mean the world to me," Scott said. "I love Holly. I've been in this thing since I was little. To be a Metro League champion my senior year would be awesome. It would be a good feeling."

Holly hosted the Varner Tournament on Saturday.



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Holly's Zack Jones (top) works on trying to turn his opponent during the Bronchos key victory against Lapeer West on Wednesday.

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(ESPN2) ..... Xavier at Dayton ..... 1 p.m.  
(CBS)..... Michigan at Arkansas ..... 2 p.m.  
(ESPN) ..... Missouri at Baylor ..... 2 p.m.  
(ESPN2) ..... Indiana State at Creighton ..... 3 p.m.  
(CBS)..... Kansas at Texas ..... 4 p.m.  
(ESPN) ..... Florida State at Duke ..... 4 p.m.  
(ESPN2) ..... Iowa State at Texas Tech ..... 5 p.m.  
(ESPN) ..... Syracuse at Notre Dame ..... 6 p.m.  
(ESPN2) ..... Mississippi State at Vanderbilt ..... 7 p.m.  
(FSD+) ..... Trailblazers at Pistons ..... 7:30 p.m.  
(ESPN) ..... Louisville at Pittsburgh ..... 9 p.m.

#### FOOTBALL

(NBCS) ..... College All-Star Game ..... 6 p.m.

#### GOLF

(GOLF)..... PGA: Humana Challenge ..... 4 p.m.

(GOLF)..... Champions Tour event ..... 7:30 p.m.

#### HOCKEY

(FSD) ..... Yellow Jackets at Red Wings ..... 7 p.m.

#### TENNIS

(ESPN2) ..... Australian Open ..... 9 p.m.

### SUNDAY

#### BASKETBALL

(ESPN2) ..... Wom: Iowa at Penn State ..... 3 p.m.  
(ESPN2) ..... Wom: Louisville at Georgetown ..... 5 p.m.

#### FOOTBALL

(CBS)..... Ravens at Patriots ..... 3 p.m.  
(FOX) ..... Giants at 49ers ..... 6:30 p.m.

#### GOLF

(GOLF)..... PGA: Humana Challenge ..... 4 p.m.  
(GOLF)..... Champions Tour event ..... 7:30 p.m.

#### HOCKEY

(NBCS) ..... Capitals at Penguins ..... 12:30 p.m.

#### TENNIS

(ESPN2) ..... Australian Open ..... 9 p.m.

## FENTON

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ened the lead in the second half.

Ryan Hickoff drained a three-point-er with six seconds left in the third quarter, giving Fenton a 62-44 lead entering the final quarter. The Knights never closed the lead any more than 14 points during the fourth quarter. The Tigers' Derek Jenkins put the exclamation point on the win with a breakaway layup at the buzzer.

"It is a vicious cycle. We played fun-

damental basketball, got a big lead and all of a sudden they (Southwestern) cut into the lead and then we go back to fundamental sound basketball again," said Olszewski. "Give Southwestern credit, they fought the entire game."

The Tigers (9-1) returned to Flint Metro League play when they hosted Flint Kearsley on Friday. A previous loss to Kearsley remains the only one on the Tigers' record. Results of that game can be found elsewhere in this edition.

"That loss is still a tough one to take," added Olszewski.

## City of Fenton

### Department of Public Works – Laborer Position

The City of Fenton is seeking to fill the position of Public Works Laborer. Position duties include street maintenance, sewer cleaning, manual labor, snow plowing, and other assigned duties. Applicant must have valid CDL license with B and N endorsements and 2+ years of experience operating CDL trucks and other motorized equipment. Starting pay: \$18.43/hr. Full job description and applications can be obtained at Fenton City Hall and at [www.cityoffenton.org](http://www.cityoffenton.org). Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2012. EOE

# Chamber Trivia:

**Q.** Is the Chamber a government owned organization?

**A.** No. Our Chamber is successful due to revenue received from membership dues investments, programs and events. The Chamber is a registered business organization and files with the designation of 501 C6. This means that the Chamber is still a non-profit organization but that we do pay taxes. Every year, we file a 990 federal tax return. Members may be eligible to write-off their membership dues, programs and/or sponsorships, but we recommend that each member adhere to the advice of their financial advisor.



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## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

**Leonard Shaw,**  
Leonard Shaw - age 61,  
died January 19, 2012.  
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Funeral Homes. www.  
sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Gary Brown,**  
Gary Brown - age 56, died  
January 19, 2012. Services  
provided by Sharp Funeral  
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alhomes.com.



**Thomas Toronjo,**  
Thomas Toronjo - age 60,  
died January 15, 2012.  
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sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Silvio Lenzi,**  
Silvio Lenzi - age 94, died  
January 15, 2012. Services  
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alhomes.com.



**Diane Miller,**  
Diane Miller - age 65, died  
January 20, 2012. Services  
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alhomes.com.



**Jason Wolfe,**  
Jason Wolfe - age 36, died  
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alhomes.com.



**Peggy Baker,**  
Peggy Baker - age 65, died  
January 13, 2012. Services  
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alhomes.com.



**Luana Hamel,**  
Luana Hamel - age 94,  
died January 14, 2012.  
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**Herman Jeter,**  
Herman Jeter - age 88,  
died January 16, 2012.  
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### Carole Ann Feneis

1937-2012

Carole Ann Feneis is now  
with our Heavenly Father  
after her  
brave  
seven  
year  
battle  
with can-  
cer. She  
passed  
away on  
Saturday,  
January 14, 2012 among  
family. Born October 17,  
1937 in Pontiac, Michigan  
to George and Lavina  
Robins, she graduated  
from Pontiac Central High  
School in 1955 where  
she was on the fencing  
team and then went on  
to become a licensed  
cosmetologist. She resided  
in the Fenton area for 37  
years and was a member  
of St. John the Evangelist  
Church in Fenton where  
she held many positions  
and also attended the Free  
Unity Baptist Church with  
her son, Roger. She was  
also an avid reader and  
member of book clubs  
at the Fenton Library and  
Loose Senior Center. She  
was a very giving woman  
who always helped take  
care of the elderly and was  
a member of Adopt-A-Pet.  
Special love to her com-  
panion, Curtiss Lovelace  
who was her rock of Gibral-  
tor. She was preceded in  
death by her loving son,  
Brad; her parents and  
special friend, Vivien Nagy.  
She is survived by her  
children, Deborah (Glenn)  
Preston, Roger (Debra)  
Robins; 6 grandchildren;  
9 great-grandchildren, her  
loving cats and too many  
friends to mention. She will  
be sadly missed by all. A  
memorial Mass will be held  
for her at St. John's Church  
on Wednesday, February  
8, 2012 at 11 AM. In lieu of  
flowers, donations can be  
made to the American Can-  
cer Society. Share memo-  
ries at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhomes.com).



will be celebrated 11  
AM Wednesday, Janu-  
ary 25, 2012 at St. John  
the Evangelist Catholic  
Church, 600 N. Adelaide  
St, Fenton. Burial im-  
mediately following at St.  
John Catholic Cemetery.  
Visitation will be held at  
Sharp Funeral Homes,  
Linden Chapel, 209 E.  
Broad St, Linden Tuesday  
from 2-4 and 6-9 PM and  
at the church Wednes-  
day from 10 AM until  
the time of Mass. A vigil  
service will be held 7 PM  
Tuesday at the funeral  
home. Those desiring  
may make contributions  
to the Wounded War-  
riors Project. William was  
born April 26, 1914 in  
Belgium, the son of Emil  
and Louise (Lauwaert)  
VanDriessche. He was a  
veteran of WWII serving in  
the U.S. Army. He married  
Agnes Savage August 16,  
1940 in Detroit and she  
preceded him in death  
March 12, 1975. William  
retired from Vernors in  
Detroit after 42 years of  
service. He played foot-  
ball for the Junior Lions in  
Detroit. He was a member  
of St. John the Evangelist  
Catholic Church, where  
he served as an usher for  
many years. He also was  
a member of the Knights  
of Columbus in Detroit  
and loved to fish. Surviv-  
ing are: 4 children, Diane  
and husband James  
Gilbert of Michigan and  
Arizona, Michelle Bobo of  
Flint, Jan and wife Carolyn  
VanDriessche of Jackson  
and Peter and wife Becky  
VanDriessche of Durand;  
10 grandchildren, 15  
great-grandchildren and  
1 great-great-grandson;  
brother, Edward and wife  
Loretta VanDriessche of  
Ohio; several nieces and  
nephews. Online tributes  
may be posted on the  
obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Anita L. Schlinker,**  
Anita L. Schlinker - age  
75, died January 17, 2012.  
Share memories at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



**Lonnie L. Zeeman,**  
Lonnie L. Zeeman - age  
61, died January 15, 2012.  
Share memories at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



**Mary Ellen  
Winowiecki,**  
Mary Ellen Winowiecki -  
age 76, died January 13,  
2012. Share memories at  
[www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



### William T. VanDriessche

1914-2012

William T. VanDriessche  
- age 97, of Linden, died  
Thurs-  
day, Jan-  
uary 19,  
2012 at  
Genesys  
Hospice  
Care  
Center.  
Funeral  
Mass



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Ohio; several nieces and  
nephews. Online tributes  
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obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Aleusion Duran Jr.,**  
Aleusion Duran Jr. - age  
63, died January 19, 2012.  
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sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Bruce Ambler,**  
Bruce Ambler - age 55,  
died January 20, 2012.  
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### Marjorie J. Conover

1917-2012

Marjorie J. Conover - age  
94, of Fenton, passed  
away peacefully on Tues-  
day, January 17, 2012 at  
her residence with Hospice  
Advantage. Visitation was  
held 6- 9 PM on Friday  
and also will be held 12-3  
PM on Saturday. Funeral  
Service will be held at 3  
PM Saturday, January 21,  
2012 at Sharp Funeral  
Homes, Fenton Chapel,  
1000 W. Silver Lake Rd.,  
Fenton. In lieu of flowers,  
contributions may be made  
to Autism Society, Michi-  
gan School of Professional  
Psychology and Hospice  
Advantage. Marjorie,  
daughter to Ralph Jen-  
kins and Rachel Osborne  
Jenkins, was born August  
31, 1917 in Pittsfield, New  
Hampshire. She grew up  
in New Brunswick, New  
Jersey and graduated  
from New Jersey College  
for Women in 1939 with  
a Bachelors Degree. In  
1941 she married George  
W. Conover, Jr. of Highland  
Park N.J. and moved to  
Michigan in 1948. They  
were instrumental in devel-  
oping educational services  
in public schools for spe-  
cial education during the  
1950's. Throughout her  
life Marjorie made many  
friends through her active  
participation in voluntary  
organizations in Plymouth,  
Farmington and Fenton:  
the Methodist Church,  
the AAUW, Entre Nous,  
Plymouth Symphony, book  
clubs and others. She  
also enjoyed participating  
actively in the lives of her  
children, grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren. She  
will be greatly missed. Sur-  
vived by daughter, Nancy  
Armbruster, of Fenton; son,  
Donald of Cali, Colombia  
and son, Robert of Holly;  
sister, Pat Penn; sister-in-  
law, Lavinia Jenkins; grand-  
children: Peter Armbruster,  
Gloria Conover, Emily  
Conover, Anna Conover,  
Christopher Armbruster  
and Jennifer (Armbruster)  
Flack; and great-grandchil-  
dren: Alexandra, Megan,  
Nicolas, Valeria, Madyson,  
Andrew, and Leighton.  
She was preceded in death  
by son, William G. Conover  
in 1976 and husband,  
George W. Conover Jr. in  
1985, parents, Ralph and  
Rachel, siblings, Eleanor  
and Donald, brother-in-law,  
Robert Conover, sister and  
brother-in-law, Eddie and  
Ruth Houghton. Friends  
may share an on-line  
tribute on the page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Judy (Manley)  
Russell**  
1950-2012

Judy (Manley) Russell - age  
61, of Tennessee, formerly  
of Fenton, died January 8,  
2012. She is survived by  
4 sisters, Wanda Force,  
Terry Smith, Sandy Manley,  
Brenda Ambler; nieces  
and nephews. Preceded in  
death by her parents, sister,  
Bev and daughter, Melissa.

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### Todd Joseph Utter 1972-2012

Todd Joseph Utter - age 39, of Holly, died January 13, 2012 at his residence. A private family memorial will be held at a later



time. Those desiring may make contributions to the Todd Utter Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Fenton High School. Todd was born April 17, 1972 in Ann Arbor the son of Clarence Elmer Utter and Cathy Louise (Motto) Utter. He was a graduate of Perry High School, had attended Lansing Community College earning his certification as a computer repair technician. He then earned his Bachelors of Arts Degree with a double major in Music and Psychology from Central Michigan University. He worked in many areas of his brother Paul's company, Pauly's Chop Shop Lawn care and Landscaping LLC. He was proud to be an Eagle Scout with Troop 44. Todd had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and learning, and a great passion for his family. Surviving are: parents, Clarence and Cathy Utter of Holly; brother Paul Utter of Holly; uncle Bruce Motto; aunt Elizabeth and husband Andy Mavis; step-sisters, Chari and husband David Smith, Roseann and husband Pat Sinke, Tana and husband Scott Lloyd; many dear extended family members; and his beloved cat, Buddy. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Dr. Joseph Motto and his wife Ruth; and uncle Matthew Joseph Motto. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Thelma Harasim,**  
Thelma Harasim - age 89, died January 16, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Pauline Marie Bryll 1917-2012

Pauline Marie Bryll - age 94, of Fenton, died Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 AM Satur-



day, January 21, 2012 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Kurian Kollapallil celebrant. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery. Visitation was held 3-5 and 7-9 PM Friday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. A rosary was prayed at 5 PM Friday. Pauline was born March 2, 1917 in Toledo, OH, the daughter of Walter and Sophie (Jaworski) Wiczlawski. She was married to Stanley Bryll on October 12, 1940 and he preceded her in death on December 5, 2011. Mrs. Bryll was a bookkeeper at Max's Jewelry in Hamtramck and had worked at National Bank of Detroit. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and was an Election Inspector for Tyrone Township for 20 years. Surviving are: her children, Beverly Weiler of Clarkston, Dennis Bryll and wife, Doris of Leonard, Nancy and husband, Jerry Fitzgerald of Clinton Twp.; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren. Her brother, Ted Wiczlawski, also preceded her in death. Those desiring may make contributions to Huntington's Disease Society of America. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Telma Jarbeau,**  
Telma Jarbeau - age 91, died January 15, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Susan T. Nickerson 1962-2012

Susan T. Nickerson - age 49 of Fenton/Holly died Thursday, January 19, 2012 at McLaren Medical Center after a courageous



battle with cancer. Services will be held 11 AM Monday, January 23, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment will follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Holly. Visitation will be held 5-9 PM Saturday and 2-4 and 6-9 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Susan was born July 13, 1962 in Pontiac. She married Kenneth Nickerson and they have been together for 30 years. Susan was a partner with her husband in their lawn care business and worked part-time at McDonalds. She enjoyed people and flowers and loved her grandchildren. Surviving are: husband, Kenneth; four children, Sarah (Pete) Didilus, Shawn, Shannon and Shelby Nickerson; three grandchildren, Valarie, Petey and Max; a brother and 7 sisters; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers and two sisters. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



**Linda Mullens,**  
Linda Mullens - age 49, died January 16, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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## Tyrone Township Livingston County, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TYRONE TOWNSHIP GREAT OAKS DRIVE SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT (2012) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the "Township") in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on February 7, 2012, at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to review the following proposed special assessment district:

#### TYRONE TOWNSHIP GREAT OAKS DRIVE SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT (2012) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

and to hear any objections thereto and the proposed project.

(2) The project (the "Project") will consist of the subcontracting for snow removal and road grading of Great Oaks Drive. The Project is designed to serve the properties in the Special Assessment District (the "District"), which District consists of the properties located within the area designated on the map attached at Appendix I and includes the specific properties that are identified by the permanent lot and parcel numbers as set forth below:

4704-23-100-022	4704-23-100-021
4704-23-100-026	4704-23-100-015
4704-23-100-017	4704-23-100-014
4704-23-100-018	4704-23-100-020
4704-23-100-025	4704-23-100-010
4704-23-100-027	4704-23-100-011
4704-23-100-019	4704-23-100-013
4704-23-100-028	4704-23-100-012

(3) The Township plans to impose special assessments on the properties located in the Special Assessment District to pay for the costs of the Project.

(4) The plans and cost estimates for the proposed Project and the description of the District are now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Project may be made, and subsequent hearings shall not be required if such cost redeterminations do not increase the estimated cost of the Project by more than 10%. Any person objecting to the proposed Project or the proposed District must file his or her objections in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the February 7, 2012 public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

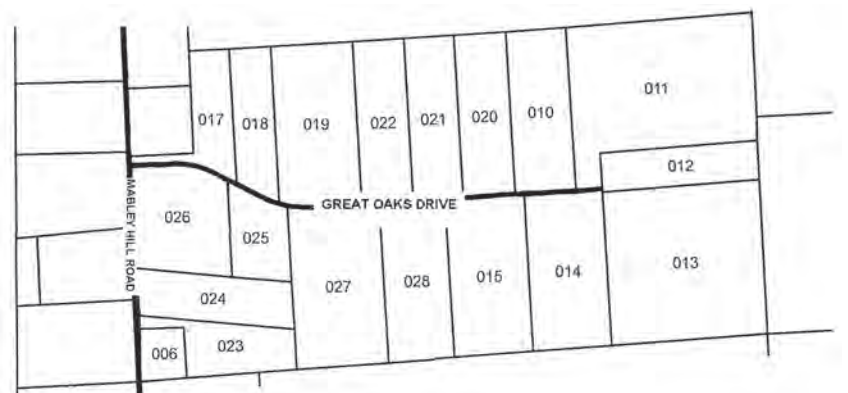
This notice is given by order of the Tyrone Township Board.

Dated: January 17, 2012

Keith L. Kremer  
Tyrone Township Clerk

#### APPENDIX I

##### Map of Special Assessment District



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