Residents asked to approve $3.6 million bond for bus and technology upgrades

By William Axford

Fenton — The Fenton Board of Education approved the application for the proposed $9.6 million bond at Tuesday’s board meeting. Should the bond be approved by voters on May 8, Fenton schools will receive new technology, buses, updates to infrastructures and security equipment. Updating the high school boiler room has been removed from the proposed bond.

Due to bond fees, Fenton schools will only be able to use $9.4 million of the proposed $9.6 million bond. The bond will appear as $9.6 million on the ballot this May.

Senior center hopes to raise $3 million by September

Businesses jumping on board with donations

By William Axford

Carl Gabrielson, $480,704.88 has been raised since the center burned down last September. “We hope to be able to increase this number and build a new building,” Gabrielson said.

Plans to renovate the center were revealed in 2009 but were never realized due to economic hardships. Board members are hoping to construct the new building by September of 2013.

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Residents voice opposition to weed treatment

Effectiveness, impact to wildlife among concerns

By William Axford

Several residents were vehemently opposed to the idea of weed treatment of the Linden Mill Pond at Monday’s city council meeting. Due to varying opinions raised during public comment, the Linden City Council unanimously voted to table further action on the treatment.

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MORNING NEWS

It’s a never ending cycle

By Tim Jagielo

Unclog shower drains by pouring a packet or two of active dry yeast and a pinch of sugar down the drain, then run warm water for 15 seconds. This causes the live cultures in the yeast to reproduce and expand, which breaks apart stubborn hair clogs and grime.

Clogged shower drains

Leftover mashed potatoes

Drop spoonfuls of leftover mashed potatoes on a baking sheet, freeze, remove and store in a re-sealable plastic bag in the freezer. They last for up to 2 months and are perfect to pop in to soup or stew.

Leftover mashed potatoes

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Paterno died from shame, not cancer

Most people think that Penn State coach Joe Paterno died of lung cancer. Most people are wrong.

Joe Paterno didn’t die from lung cancer; he died from shame.

I am shocked at the number of high-profile TV announcers, sports analysts, radio and TV talk show hosts, and just plain guys who parrot the pathetic reasoning that we should forget Joe Paterno because “he made just one mistake in 61 years.”

They couldn’t be more wrong.

In 1998, Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky sexually molested a young boy. His mother reported the incident to University Police; they investigated. One of the detectives in the case actually listened to a recorded conversation between the mother and Sandusky in which Sandusky admitted to showering with her son and said his “genitals may have touched” her son. The detectives made Sandusky promise not to do it again. They dropped the case when the District Attorney decided not to press charges. Joe Paterno was fully aware of this incident.

In October of 2000, a junior charged on a bench with Paterno performing oral sex on a young boy in the Penn State showers. The junior reported it to his supervisor. The supervisor made Paterno aware of it. The junior never followed up on it, and neither did the supervisor. And neither did Joe Paterno.

Penn State assistant coach Mike McQueary testified under oath that he was an eyewitness to Sandusky sodomizing a 10-year-old boy in the shower of the Penn State locker room in 2002. McQueary immediately made Paterno aware of the incident. The next day, Paterno passed the details on to Penn State’s Athletic Director. Neither McQueary, Paterno, nor their bosses contacted the police about the incident at any time in the next 10 years.

Joe Paterno watched for 12 long years—4,380 days—as Jerry Sandusky used his “charity,” The Second Mile, as a net to troll for an endless supply of “at risk” kids to prey on. Each and every day Joe Paterno awakened to a brand new day, and another opportunity to choose to protect the lives of these vulnerable kids—or to protect the brand of Penn State University. Each day he made the wrong choice. Joe Paterno didn’t “just make one mistake”; he made 4,380 mistakes—at least. I want you to think of any 10-year-old boy in your life—a nephew, a son or a grandson. How would you feel if Joe Paterno if the boy you are thinking of was allowed to be raped by Jerry Sandusky solely due to Paterno’s choices. Would you feel he “made just one mistake?”

Me neither.

Joe Paterno died as he lived, in shame and dishonor.

I hope he rots in hell.

— Dustin Wefel, Swartz Creek

Where do you get your national news and why?

“I get mine from apps on my phone; the Detroit News, USA Today, CNN, and Fox news. I read out cnn, huffpost, and cbs. I like to stay informed.”

— Michelle Arrol

“I watch CNN, because it tells me everything that’s going on.”

— Joan Sweeney

“I get my news from either the Internet or from Fox news, because they’re more unbiased.”

— Patricia Hogue

“ABC and Diane Sawyer, I like to sit with coffee and listen. It’s relaxing.”

— John Hogue

“I like CNN, MSNBC, ABC and the Internet, because that way I can choose what interests me.”

— Jon Becker

“Various sites on the Internet, because it contains articles about things I care about.”

— Ion Becker
Village receives ‘clean’ financial audit

No surprises found

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — The Holly Village Council has accepted the financial audit for fiscal year 2010-11 during its regular meeting on Tuesday.

Holly joins the City of Fenton and Linden in receiving a ‘clean’ report from its auditors. Plante & Moran conducted a brief presentation Tuesday, which illustrated the basics of the village finances. “The financial statements indicate they are free from material mistakes,” said Plante & Moran representative Tad Harburn.

The audit began in June 2011, when the fiscal year ended. Clerk/Treasurer Cathene Behrens said there were no surprises in the audit, though she had only been at the village for a month before the audit began.

The village operated with expenditures over revenues for the past three years, with fiscal year 2011 posting the biggest difference, with $305,646 being pulled from the fund balance for the village to operate. The village used $43,089 from the fund balance in the previous fiscal year.

Behrens compares the fund balance to a savings account — it can be used when needed. According to Plante & Moran, the village is still safe, with 26 percent of its revenue going back into the fund balance.

Harburn said expenditures dropped by about $140,000 for 2010-11, or about 4 percent. Revenues dropped by about 12 percent. The large drop in revenues came from the reduction of income from property taxes, and the police millage ending.

Other funds, such as community development block grants, increased in the last fiscal year. These funds are used for large projects like local streets, and are separate from the regular fund balance.

In 2011, revenues and debt service for water and sewer funds were nearly equal for the first time in the three years they compared. In 2009 and 2010, expenditures further outraised revenue in the water and sewer fund.

The only criticism from the audit was reported in a separate communication, which suggested that the village separate some financial responsibilities in the clerk’s office. Behrens said there is some crossover in responsibilities because of a limited staff.

Holly schools save energy, money

More than $500,000 saved so far on electricity, natural gas

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — There are many ways Holly Area Schools (HAS) has trimmed the fat on their energy bills in the last three years. These methods have added up to $547,838 in savings on electricity and natural gas, from 2009 to now.

HAS Facility Supervisor Dennis Taylor made a brief presentation to the HAS Board of Education on Monday during its regular meeting, and described some of the ways the district is saving money on both natural gas and electricity.

“It’s not just about turning off the lights,” he said.

“I’m continuously looking at things,” Taylor detailed a list of tactics for reducing energy consumption, like replacing less efficient light bulbs with compact florescent bulbs as they go out, negotiating the price of electricity, buying natural gas from a secondary supplier, lowering boiler temperatures and turning off parking lot lights at night.

In 2009, HAS used 7,628,396 kilowatt hours and spent $758,879 on electricity. Taylor projects HAS will use 4,900,000 kilowatts, and spend $425,000 in 2012.

He also projects using 10,000 less cubic feet of natural gas in 2012 than in 2009.

“It’s a never ending process,” said Taylor.
Silent, but deadly...

Colder weather, sealed homes bring carbon monoxide and radon concerns

By Editorial Staff
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As people close their homes tighter against the colder weather, issues with potentially deadly carbon monoxide and radon gas spring to the forefront.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 400 people accidentally die from carbon monoxide each year in the United States, more than from any other poison.

An estimated 20,000 people are treated annually for carbon monoxide poisoning in hospital emergency rooms, but many more are believed to be misdiagnosed or don’t seek medical care.

Mark Valacak, health officer for the Genesee County Health Department, said carbon monoxide could produce flu-like symptoms, including headache, nausea and tiredness.

“That’s one of the dangers,” he said. “People fall asleep and never get up.”

Carbon monoxide gas is colorless, tasteless and odorless but potentially deadly. Two Argentine Township residents died in June 2008, after they lost power at home during a storm and hooked up a portable generator in the basement. They later died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

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DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE
Linden police responded to a domestic assault complaint at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at the 200 block of Kathy Circle in Linden. The female complainant said a 28-year-old male broke light fixtures and threw a bottle of wine. She said he later threw her to the floor. The male was arrested and lodged in Genesse County Jail.

WARRREN MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI
After blowing a .181 on a preliminary breath test on Friday, Jan. 20, Holly police arrested a 50-year-old Warren man for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Police were alerted to a possible drunk driver on a Dodge pickup truck at 8:15 p.m. Responding officer initiated a traffic stop to the truck matching the description and administered field sobriety tests after determining that the driver’s speech was slurred, his eyes were glassy, he did not smell of alcohol and was uncooperative. The man was screaming for a person, while yelling. Responding police located a 35-year-old Hol- denville woman, lying on his back on the porch. The man, identified as a 50-year-old Hol- denville woman, was lying on his back on the porch. The man was walking on a board and had two punc- ture wounds. First aid was offered; how- ever, the woman walked to her boyfriend’s home and called police. Police made con- tact with the officer of the dog and learned the dog is licensed and up to date on its shots. The dog was to be confined for 10 days. The owner was issued a warning for having an at-large dog.

HOLLY MAN ARRESTED
At 10:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, Hollie police were sent to an apartment in the 3300 block of Grange Hall Road to inves- tigate a disturbance regarding an intoxicated person banging on apartment doors while yelling. Responding police located the man, identified as a 50-year-old Hol- ly man, lying on his back on the porch. The man was screaming for a person; however, there was nobody home. The man was arrested for disorderly person and being intoxicated in public. A pre- liminary breath test revealed a .28 blood alcohol content.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM VEHICLE
On Jan. 20, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a larceny complaint from a resident on Pamacona Drive in Fenton Township. Det. Sgt. Bill Lanni said the vehicle was parked in a garage and reported that a GPS device and $20 was stolen from his unlocked vehicle.

FAKE $20 BILL
On Jan. 22, a fast-food restaurant on Thompson Road at 23 reported that a customer attempted to pay for their meal with a counterfeit $20 bill. The male de- middleman discovered that the bill was fake. The customer told the sheriff’s depart- ment that he had received and did not realize the bill was fake. The bill was confiscated.

CRYSAL STOLEN FROM HOME
On Jan. 23, a deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a home in the 1400 block of Edgewa- der Drive to investigate a larceny com- plaint. The homeowner reported that a crystal vase and Tiffany stemware was stolen from a curio cabinet. The case remains under investigation.

FRAUD AT PHARMACY
On Jan. 26, a Fenton police officer was sent to a pharmacy in the 200 block of Silver Lake Road to investigate a fraud complaint. A employee said that a woman who identified herself as a 35-year-old Fenton woman had $1,200 with a check for a prescription on Dec. 28, 2011. Since that time, the pharmacy learned that the checking ac- count had been frozen. The pharmacist also learned that the prescription was fake. Employees tried several times to resolve the matter with the woman with negative results. The case has been turned over to the detective department for follow-up.

WALLET STOLEN FROM PARK
On Jan. 25, Fenton police received a larceny complaint. A 52-year-old Linden man was sitting on the porch when he was appr- oached by another, and when he refused, the man attempted to remove a wallet from his pocket. The man was screaming for a person, while yelling. Responding police located a man, who had recently moved to the community, and found his purse, she realized her wallet was missing. Fenton police have requested surveillance video from the store to identify a suspect.

AREA RUGS STOLEN
On Jan. 23, a Fenton police officer was sent to a home in the 1400 block of Tor- rey Road to investigate a larceny complan- t. The owner, a 54-year-old Fenton Township woman said she had recently purchased two area rugs at an auction and placed the rugs outside the shop. Sometime overnight, suspects took the two rugs. The rugs, blue and cream in color were valued together between $1,500 and $4,000. The case remains under investigation.

DRIVER TOOK MUSCLE RELAXER
At 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 23, Fenton police responded to a fast-food restaurant on Owen Road after an employee reported a possible intoxicated driver at the drive- thru lane. Police located the suspected vehicle on the roadway and initiated a traffic stop on Silver Lake Road as it exited U.S. 23. The driver admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving. No alcohol was involved. The 43-year-old Fenton Township man was taken to the hospital for a blood draw and lodged at the police station.

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“I don’t feel, as one of the property owners in the district, I was given my fair due in a vote,” said Jack Miller. “This looks to me as if two of my neighbors wanted to put pink flamingos between the sidewalk and the street and thought everyone should do it. Then they’d come down and tell everyone about that, they’d you’d have a special assessment on two flamingos. That’s the way this looks to me.”
Council members were previously unaware that residents were opposed to the treatment. Monday’s council meeting was the first time public opposition was voiced to the council.
Miller said charging millpond residents for the treatment was unfair since the public has access to the pond. “We’re talking about a body of water that the city of Linden has an access to,” Miller said. “Why do we have to keep it pristine?”
Mayor David Lossing likened the charges to fees homeowners pay to have roads repaired, even if the public has access to those roads.
City Manager Christopher Wren said the assessment district for the millpond weed treatment would include the bridge at Ripley Road to the dam located near the Linden library. The special assessment district consists of 60 units and would cost each property owner approximately $211.11 annually.
Millpond resident Rhonda Ureche said the Genesee County Drain Commission charges millpond residents annually for the removal of weeds and that weed treatment could potentially increase the value of homes on the millpond.
“We’re already assessed every year and a lot of it is due to the weeds clogging up,” Ureche said. “I am in favor of trying to get this going, from a property owner’s standpoint and a beautification standpoint of what it can do to the city.”
Linden Mayor David Lossing said weed treatment might not eliminate the cost of removing weeds from the dam. Lossing also noted weed treatment would wash into other tributaries and could potentially cause problems over jurisdiction.
Originally, residents interested in the weed treatment of the millpond requested the city of Linden take on 100 percent of the costs. Councilors said the city did not have the funds to implement such a program and that residents would have to pay for the entirety of the weed treatment.
“I think the research we have done at this point, we can summarize that, get it to the people, and with the assessment proposed, ask if they want to go further with it, not us,” councilor Ray Culbert said. “Do a registered letter, have it returned, and find out at the next council meeting if there’s enough support to move forward.”
Council voted to send registered letters to millpond residents and to take further action if enough residents express interest in moving forward with weed treatment.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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The Fenton High School Alumni Association Operating Board elected officers at its first annual meeting in November. Chuck Montgomery (president), Nancy Parkin (vice-president), and Hannah DeLisle (treasurer). Malvin Walden, Jody Ranney and Cecelia Terry will serve as trustees.

The Board continues to work on details for the FHS Alumni Banquet to be held on Aug. 18, 2012, at its new location, the St. John Activity Center. Fenton High School classes are asked to consider continuing the successful summer event of holding their individual reunions at the All Alumni Banquet. Classes that wish to participate are asked to contact Chuck Montgomery at (810) 869-7358.

Fenton High School alumni elects officers

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Ostrowski-Mlinarich

The engagement of Nicole Marie Ostrowski, of Linden, to Philip Michael Mlinarich, of Linden, has been announced. His parents are Michael and Susan Mlinarich, of Linden. Her parents are Richard and Denise Ostrowski, of Linden.

Ward-McFarren

The engagement of Casey Ward to Gary McFarren has been announced by her parents, Matt and Marty Ward of Fenton. His parents are Kevin McFarren and Kathy McFarren-Smith. The bride-elect is employed by Bumber-Bar, Inc. in Spokane Valley, Wash. Her fiancé is employed by Target Corporation. A wedding ceremony is planned for fall of 2012 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

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Social News
Walk For Life fundraiser

The Answer Center for Women will be holding a “Walk For Life” walkathon fundraiser on Saturday, March 3, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The event will be held at Carmine-Ainsworth High School, 1300 North Linden Rd., Flint. Sponsor forms can be obtained at the Answer Center for Women. Prizes and refreshments will be provided. The center is dedicated to reaching out to women who are in unexpected pregnancies by providing emotional, educational and material support.

Sea Cadets sought

The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is actively seeking mid-Michigan youths ages 11 to 17 who are interested in developing their skills in leadership, basic seamanship, courage and self-reliance. Cadets meet one weekend a month to train and take part in special training opportunities when possible. Families are encouraged to check out the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet program at an informational session on Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Naval Reserve Center, 1620 East Saginaw Street, Lansing. Call instructor Randy Grove at (517) 865-3461 or e-mail mkyvn2@aol.com to reserve a spot. A parent must be present to attend the orientation. For details, visit www.lansingseacadets.org.

Calling all artists!

The Kiwanis Club in Fenton appreciates the link between art and the impact it has on innovation within a city. Kiwanis Club in Fenton is working toward organizing a new and improved Art Fair in Fenton, set for Aug. 11. Members believe that a city that embraces new and innovative ideas is a city that can prosper in the future. They want to encourage youth to think creatively and use innovation to make this town an interesting place to live, work, and visit. To improve and attract area artists to the show they are adding a contest this year. The public will be voting on pieces pre-registered by the artists on the day of the show. A prize of $1,000 will be awarded to the artists on the day of the show. A prize of $1,000 will be awarded to the artist who is selected as the “Judge’s Choice.” The contest is open to anyone who has painted or created art that will be shown at the fair. A parent must be present to reserve a spot. A parent must be present to attend the orientation. For details, visit www.lansingseacadets.org.

Contractor approved to demolish house

The Fenton City Council voted in favor Monday of contracting with Newirth Construction, in Holly, to demolish the dilapidated and unin- habitable city-owned house at 603 Main Street. City Manager Lynn Markland recommended approval of the $10,300 contract based on the report from the Protective Inspection Department, which completed the bid process for the demolition and removal of the dwelling and contents. Newirth Construction’s bid was the lowest complete bid the city received.

Contractor approved to maintain library elevator

The Fenton City Council approved a contract Monday with Great Lakes Elevator, based in Williamston, to service the elevator inside the Jack Winegardener Library. The city has not bid its elevator service since 2002 and it has been using Schindler Elevator Corporation since that time, paying on a monthly basis. The city received bids from four companies. The lowest bidder was Great Lakes Elevator, with a cost of $50 per quan- ter for three years. Other bids came in from Lansing and Livingston. The company will provide services on a monthly basis.

‘Celebrate Dominick’s Life’ event planned for Feb. 11

Friends and supporters of Dominick Calhoun’s family are organizing a “Celebrate Dominick’s Life” family-friendly dinner, followed by an adult-only “Verdict Celebration,” on Saturday, Feb. 11. Organizer Donna Hasman said the public is invited to attend these events to show support for the family of Dominick Calhoun, who was beaten death in April 2010. The first event is set from 5 to 7 p.m. at Janelle’s Banquet Center, 9072 Silver Lake Road in Argentine Township. Guests are asked to make a monetary donation toward the cost of renting the hall and main dish that Janelle’s is providing. They are also encouraged to bring a dish to pass. The Verdict Celebration begins at 7 p.m. A cash bar will be available. A jury recently found Brandon Hayes guilty of killing 4-year-old Dominick. Hayes’ live-in girlfriend Corrine Baker, is Dominick’s mother. She pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and second-degree child abuse. Hayes faces life in prison and Baker faces 13 to 30 years in prison. Both will be sentenced on Monday, Feb. 27 in Genesee County Circuit Court.

The UPS Store pledges $1 for every package shipped in February

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

Women are juggling much more today than in years past. According to U.S. Census Bureau reports from 2002, 31 percent of married couples with children are two-income families, and many women are balancing work, family, social obligations, and additional activities. This can leave little time for personal grooming.

However, looking your best doesn’t require a lot of time or money. In fact, by focusing on a few areas, you can put your best face forward despite being under a time crunch.

- **Invest in a good haircut.** Consult with a stylist who knows his or her stuff. Ask for recommendations on what cut will work for your facial shape, lifestyle and trends you desire. You want something that works for you and doesn’t require a lot of effort to achieve. For example, if you’re time-pressed and your “do requires 40 minutes of blow-drying every morning, it may not be practical for your situation. Work with your hair type instead of against it. Investing in a good cut is a beauty secret every woman should know.

- **Select dual-purpose products.** Saving time can often mean using beauty products that serve more than one purpose. For example, a moisturizer that’s also a sunscreen saves on the extra step of applying SPF. Some mineral powder products serve as a foundation and an oil-reducing finish coat. For women who want to skip a foundation, tinted moisturizers are also an option.

- **Play up your eyes.** Bright eyes give the impression of being well-rested and healthy. If you spend time on anything in your beauty regimen, it should be adding some mascara and applying a highlight under the browline and in the corners of the eyes.

- **Whiten your teeth.** Extra toothpaste works as well. It’s not too late to make a fresh start.
Banking in 2012

How to choose a financial institution
By Sally Rummel
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Choosing the best place to bank is more than just about finding the most convenient location. As the center of your financial life, your bank or credit union needs to be working for you, by providing you with the services that you need at rates that are fair and affordable.

Now more than ever, it’s important to shop around for low fees, account balance requirements and ATM surcharges that can make or break your financial future. With just a little research and insight, you can find the financial institution that’s right for you.

Here’s how:
• Figure out exactly what you need from your bank. Look at past statements to find out how much you are currently paying in fees or earning in interest. Check out other benefits offered, including notary services, weekend hours, educational discounts.

Summary
Now is a good time to make sure that you are getting the most out of your financial institution. Know what fees you are paying for and how much interest you are getting on all of your accounts. Compare shop, and make sure the bank you choose will best meet your financial needs and goals.

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“Not only are we your local, independent community bank, but we offer great financial products,” said Stacey Webb, vice president of operations at The State Bank in Fenton. “We’re very proud of the fact we offer free checking, electronic services, free debit card and free BillPay. Being able to offer these competitive products in a community bank setting makes The State Bank your best choice in banking.”

• Make sure you understand fee schedules, requirements and other significant aspects of your account before signing up at a new bank or credit union. For example, you’ll want to know how soon a deposit will be credited to your account. If the response is anything other than “as soon as possible,” keep shopping.

The first question to ask:
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NBC DIDN’T WANT to have a replay of the GOP debates in South Carolina so they told the audience to applaud, boo or even cough. Another violation of the First Amendment. All 12 people that watched on TV complained bitterly to this liberal network.

WELL, IN REGARDS to retired people ‘getting all the breaks’, I have to tell you that a lot of us have paid our dues and then some. We personally, have paid 16-percent interest to buy a used car! All of our money went for bills. Apologize?

THE KING SHOULD educate the Fenton voters about the Prevailing Wage law that applies to government contracts. With the Fenton school bond proposal, the reality is, getting the job done at the lowest quoted price, does not apply. Hey, it’s not their money. I will vote no.

HATS OFF TO the Times! At least someone is asking us to submit our ideas for Fenton tag lines. Could this be the way to show the elected and appointed ‘leaders’ of Fenton that they hardly ever solicit ideas or opinions in a meaningful way. We can only hope.

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The bond is a 1-mil increase for homeowners in the Fenton school district. A taxpayer with a home of an assessed value of $160,000 would pay $80 a year for the bond.

School officials said 67 percent ($6,444,662) of the proposed bond would be used for technology while 15 percent ($1,444,369) of the funds would go toward transportation. Parking lot and traffic flow adjustments will use 12.5 percent ($1,200,000) of the funds and operations equipment will use 5 percent ($500,000). The remaining 2.5 percent ($243,116) will be used for bond issuance, underwriting and closing costs.

Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said the district’s outdated computers are interfering with students’ ability to complete homework assignments. Students using the most current operating systems and programs at home are experiencing compatibility issues once they bring their work to school.

“Technology, research and writing are necessary skills for today’s job market,” Jalkanen said. “In order to be competitive with other school districts in the county, we need to update our technology.”

Jalkanen said he is not sure exactly how technology will be updated in the district. A technology committee is currently reviewing the best options for the school district and will make recommendations. Jalkanen said having wireless access in every classroom is one of the district’s goals as is having one-on-one devices such as the Kindle Fire or iPad available to classrooms. Whether the district will invest in tablets for each student or update existing computers is yet to be determined.

“We don’t know what technology will be available in three years, and we don’t want to invest in anything that will be outdated in a few years,” Jalkanen said. “We want our students to be competitive and successful.”

Bussing

Doug Busch, executive director of personnel and finance, said the Fenton school district is in need of new buses. Most of the buses in Fenton are 12 years old, with some purchased as far back as 1996. Between sporting events, field trips and numerous back roads within the district, Busch said maintaining buses is an expensive and constant endeavor.

“There are a lot of dirt roads in the district, and they’re very demanding on the buses,” Busch said. “We have two full-time, in-house bus mechanics, but there is only so much they can do.”

Under the proposed bond, 16 new buses will be purchased over the next 10 years. The purchases would be staggered, with new buses purchased every few years. Busch said a new bus today costs roughly $80,000 and increases slightly in price each year. A new bus on average lasts at least 10 years.

The total cost of Fenton schools’ transportation department, including wages, fuel, repairs and bus parts, is $769,631. Jalkanen said members of the transportation department have taken reductions to pay and benefits in the past few years, making their costs competitive to third party bussing businesses.

“Some school districts have eliminated transportation all together. We feel transportation is an important service in our district,” Jalkanen said. “Nearly 2,500 students ride our buses twice a day.”

Traffic flow and security

Congestion along Donaldson Drive has been an issue for nearly a decade, Jalkanen said. The proposed bond would allow the district to improve traffic flow. The parking capacity at State Road Elementary would also be improved, as the school’s parking lot is at about half

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Fenton Area Schools (FAS) Mechanic Harold Pignatelli tightens down a body u-bolt under bus 78 at the FAS garage on Wednesday. If the $9.6 million bond is approved by voters, the district will purchase 16 new buses over the next 10 years.

the capacity of other elementary schools in the district. The district also plans to expand the student drop off section at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School.

Jalkanen, who has been the superintendent at Fenton schools for the past two years, said he is not sure why the traffic flow was not addressed when A.G.S. was built in 1998.

Security cameras will be installed in every school within the district if the bond passes. Busch said the cameras would have recording capabilities and would provide more safety for students.

Previous bonds

Residents within the Fenton school district are currently paying off two other bonds from the school, one passed in 1998 and the other in 2006. The $41.5 million bond passed in 1998 was responsible for the construction of A.G.S. Middle School. The bond was refinanced in 2005, saving $800,000 to taxpayers. The bond is scheduled to be paid off in 2023.

The $24.5 million bond passed in 2006 provided the funds for the new stadium, auxiliary gym, the fine arts wing in the high school and new technology. The 2006 bond is eligible for refinancing in 2016. The bond is scheduled to be paid off in 2025.

Between the bonds from 1998 and 2006, $63.5 milis exist for homeowners in the Fenton school district. A mil is defined as $1 on every $1,000 taxable valuation.

Per state law, bonds cannot be used for employee salaries or benefits. Benefits can only be used for projects approved by the state’s Department of Treasury. Jalkanen does not foresee the need for additional bonds beyond the proposed $9.6 million bond, as the district’s building are in good shape.

“This bond will set us in place with technology and buses,” Jalkanen said. “The Fenton school board has asked for bonds in the past and has kept the promises they made with those bonds. Promises will be kept with this bond too, if it is passed.”

Jalkanen said sinking funds within the district would be tied up with building repairs such as roofing, leaving the district unable to use the funds for the items requested in the proposed bond.

Vote

If the proposed $9.6 million bond passes, residents would be paying for 7.35 milis. Residents will vote on the bond Tuesday, May 8.

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With the after-school traffic congestion from Fenton High School and Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School on Donaldson Drive, the Fenton Board of Education is considering a bond to, in part, help ease the flow of traffic.

What the bond would pay for

New technology Wireless access would be established within classrooms. One-on-one devices such as iPads may also be purchased, as opposed to new computers.

A fleet of new buses over 10 years The average age of each bus in the Fenton school district is 12 years. New buses would last at least a decade. Buses currently cost approximately $80,000.

Improvements to infrastructure and security An extra student drop off point would be added to A.G.S. Middle School. The parking lot at State Road Elementary would also be expanded. Security cameras would be installed in every school.

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BZA 2012-001, CHARLES PHYLE \SEC. 29, 92-23-101-010 & 011, 15100 DIXIE HWY., HOLLY. REQUEST TO PERMIT 15 BY 19 FOOT LOADING ZONE IN SIDE YARD.

Additional information is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments are welcome at the Township Office prior to the night of the meeting.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE SILVER minivan that ran the red light leaving North Road Elementary School, then traveled down to Chauncey Drive on Wednesday morning. Next time I will get your plate and notify the police; you are dangerous, especially at a school crossing.

OBAMA INHERITED a $1.7 trillion deficit from Bush. Now, for the first time in four years, the deficit will be less than $1 trillion. Good job Mr. President.

I SURE HOPE you were just joking when you said, ‘Any bird that swoops down on my dog will be shot.’ I do believe there is a law that states you cannot shoot any birds, even when they are on your property. I would check if I were you.

WELL, I LIKE art just as much as the next person, but, I do have to agree, we have people who need help with the essentials. My father in-law would say, ‘The breadwinner should support his family and no one else. People who need help can get from the government’. I believe there is a law that states you cannot shoot any birds, even when they are on your property. I would check if I were you.

I AGREE THOSE teachers should have to provide my kids with all the supplies they need. They should also babysit my kids, raise them and then fully prepare them for the future. While we are at it, they should also feed my children and pay for their college.

I BELIEVE THERE are two lanes at Grange Hall and Saginaw. There are two traffic lights there and I see the Holly police use the second lane all the time.

FENTON TEACHERS AND support staff have taken some very deep pay cuts over the last few years while the administration took no cuts and, in fact, hired a new administration position this year. Maybe it is time for them to take some deep cuts in order to help fund Fenton schools.

I KNOW WHAT you mean about the people in a hurry at the southwest corner of Grange Hall and North Holly roads. I can say, sometimes I feel I should just wave at them. Then, they will think I am a nut and stay away! I wonder.

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SUNDAY JUMBLE

Jumbles: IGLOO FLOUT GIRIMBALE; Igloos. What babybird expects to be fed at dinner-time — FILL THE BILL.

Puzzle Answer Keys

ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Notice is hereby given that Simply Self Storage will, between Noon–4:00pm for the following units.

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SUNDAY DEALERS

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1966 BSA A65 Vintage Dirt Tracker/Ice Racer. In Yamaha Trackmaster Frame. 2 dirt tires go with it. $2,750 or best offer. 810-629-7710.

Boats & Motors

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Tyroum 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 Tyroum 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 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
4704-23-100-026
4704-23-100-018
4704-23-100-019
4704-23-100-021
4704-23-100-013
4704-23-100-012
4704-23-100-001

(3) The Township plans to impose special assessment properties on the locations 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%. No person objection to the proposed Project or the proposed District must file his or her objections in writing to the Township Clerk the close of the business day on 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 Tyroum Township Board.

Date: January 17, 2012
Keith L. Kremer
Tyroum Township Clerk

APPENDIX I
Map of Special Assessment District
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**GRAND BLANC**

3410 Moonstone
Bank Foreclosure up for auction. Beautiful 2 story with Large Open Kitchen with Island, breakfast room, dining room, gas fireplace in living room, 4 bedrooms, Large Master Suite with Cathedral Ceiling and full master bath, main floor laundry, 3.5 baths, central air, 2072 sq. ft. $950 sq. ft. in full finished walkout with Daylight windows, brick paver patio, large Custom deck and 2 Car Garage.

**HOLLY TOWNSHIP**

11284 Autumn Breeze Trail
Great neighborhood! Rare opportunity for modern living in roomy, fully finished, and updated, 2400 sq. ft. home. Home sits on corner lot with large deck and beautiful view from private screened porch. New windows and Doors, New Carpet, New Paint, New Trim and Updated bathrooms.

**VIENNA TOWNSHIP**

12841 Wagner Road
New construction spacious home with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, central air, 1st floor laundry, 3150 sq. ft., finished lower level, 2 car garage. This is a Neighborhood Stabilization Program that could be in-law apartment. This home was built in 2004. Enjoy the scenic woods and ponds built in 2004. Enjoy the scenic woods and ponds.

**FENTON TOWNSHIP**

3538 Whitney Road
Remodeled Ranch with 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, central air, 1st floor laundry, finished walkout basement with Daylight windows on corner lot. Main level has its own furnace. Updated flooring and interior paint. 1st floor laundry and 1229 sq. ft.

**ARGENTE TOWNSHIP**

8234 Whitney Road
Spacious 5 bedroom home is ready to move right in. Family room, dining room, 2 full bathrooms, 1st floor laundry and 2752 sq. ft. Beautiful main floor master, large kitchen, 20 ft. ceiling, new flooring throughout, beautiful deck, 2 car garage with 9 ft. ceiling and plumbed for bath.

**HOLLY TOWNSHIP**

2118 Orange Hall Road
Spacious 5 bedroom home is ready to move right in. Family room, dining room, 2 full bathrooms, 1st floor laundry and 2752 sq. ft. Beautiful main floor master, large kitchen, 20 ft. ceiling, new flooring throughout, beautiful deck, 2 car garage with 9 ft. ceiling and plumbed for bath.

**VIENNA TOWNSHIP**

13000 E. South Holly Road
3 bedroom ground floor Condo that backs up to the Nature Conservatory, with hardwood floor in Great room, dining room, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, central air, 1st floor laundry, 1561 sq. ft., finished lower level walkout, deck off kitchen and 2 car garage. Need more space? Finishing lower level walkout with 9 ft. ceiling and plumbed for bath could add up to 900 sq. ft. $119,900

**HOLLY TOWNSHIP**

1919 Hogan Road
This home was built as a reproduction of the David Ogden home in Fairfield Conn. 18th Century style with natural fireplaces which are located in the living room, dining room, family room & Master bedroom, wide plank flooring throughout, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, 1900 sq. ft, & full basement. This is a great home for single couple who loves the historical style. It is one of a kind at a great price.

**FENTON TOWNSHIP**

300 E. South Holly Road
History buffs will love this home with the charm of the past. Large formal dining room w/exposed beam adjoining, sitting room, living & family rooms. 1st floor bedroom, original front double doors, slate fireplace w/original fender, 3-4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2683 sq. ft. screened in rear porch, beautiful wide-plank hardwood flooring. Large Spacious rooms, built-in china closets, Family room, dining room, 2 full bathrooms, 1st floor laundry and 1725 sq. ft. Numerous updates including new boiler, well pump, paint and carpet. Enjoy peaceful setting, but close to amenities.

**DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP**

7217 Hillcrest Drive
Beautiful Lakefront Home with 135 feet on Lobdell Lake. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 1st floor laundry, fireplace in den/library and master bedroom, 2340 sq. ft. +896 sq. ft. in lower level walkout that could be in-law-apartment. 2 car detached garage with workshop.

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**FLINT**

420 Greenfield Avenue
Check out this doll house located close to Mott College. Large Spacious rooms, builtn chinaclosets, French doors leading to family/sunroom, private office, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, 1st floor laundry, central air, 1566 sq. ft. 2 car attached garage, 2 car garage and large beautiful fenced backyard with pool and patio. Very sharp, easy to move in.

**VIENNA TOWNSHIP**

1289 Crystal Pointe Circle
Great neighborhood! Rare opportunity for modern living in roomy, fully finished, and updated, 2400 sq. ft. home. Home sits on corner lot with large deck and beautiful view from private screened porch. New windows and Doors, New Carpet, New Paint, New Trim and Updated bathrooms.

**FENTON TOWNSHIP**

2340 E. South Holly Road
3 bedroom ground floor Condo with 2 full baths, central air, 1st floor laundry, 1239 sq. ft. in-ground sprinkler and garage. Updated flooring and interior paint. Not a short sale. Very nicely maintained with a beautiful view from private screened porch. Open floor plan — move-in ready.

**VIENNA TOWNSHIP**

15199 Hogan Road
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**VIENNA TOWNSHIP**

1309 Lakeshore
Exquisite 2 story home with 50' on All Sport Fenton Lake. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, central air, fireplace in living room and basement, 1st floor laundry, 3180 sq. ft. +1611 sq. ft. finished lower level walkout with complete kitchen, bedrooms, family room, bathroom, and home theater system, in-law-apartment, dock, sprinkler system and 3 car garage. Vacant Lot included. In-law-apartment, deck, sprinkler system and 3 car garage. Vacant Lot included.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

AS A FATHER of 4-year-old twins, I was glad to see a guilty verdict come back in the Brandon Hayes trial. I tell my kids every day that Daddy’s only job is to take care of them. I trust that Brandon will learn some new respect while in prison.

DEMOCRATS WHO ARE Catholic have a choice to make in November. Health insurance must include birth control to young women, which flies in the face of this religion. You either have conviction or you are looking for the line for food stamps or just a free handout.

PRESIDENT OBAMA is taking credit for higher U.S. gas production and lower imports, angering industry groups and the Republican party that say he is working against domestic energy. Case in point, he refuses to sign the Keystone Pipeline from Canada to the Texas gulf.

THANK YOU FOR exposing the push for Smart Meters in Michigan. Those who want to be informed on this giant invasion of privacy can learn more at www.stopsmartmeters.org.

SELLING YOUR HOME? Do it before 2013 when a 3.8 percent sales tax goes into effect. You sell, you pay. It was snuck into Obamacare without much fanfare. Still like your change?

THIS IS IN reference to the article about Chief Aro. I think it’s kind of funny how all of the townships and cities around us can have all of these big drug busts and such, but what I’m wondering is what’s going on in Fenton? We have children dying here, so how come nothing is being done about the drugs in our area?

I JUST WANTED to thank Gov. Granholm for all the jobs she brought in and created, I JUST WANTED to thank Gov. Granholm for all the jobs she brought in and created, I JUST WANTED to thank Gov. Granholm for all the jobs she brought in and created.

BETWEEN 1980 AND 2009, national debt went from $500 billion to $12 trillion during the administrations of Reagan and the two Bushes. It also rose under Clinton, but he reduced the deficit to zero, balanced the budget, and handed a $295 billion surplus to Bush. Now, Republicans are trying to blame Democrats for the debt. How crazy is that?

STILL, NO TAX breaks for the middle class, and the top 2 percent still have their loopholes. Thank you, Republican congressmen.

FOR ST. JOHN’S Church: I want to let them know that they are doing a wonderful job helping people. Every time you call St. John’s, they are kind and generous. Maur- reen at St. John’s has been helping people and doing a tremendous job. I wanted to let her know that she’s really caring, really into her job, and truly helping people. Thank you.

WILL YOU PEOPLE please be nice when shopping retail. Don’t bring us your bad moods. We’re trying to make a living just like the rest of you. Just so happens we’re in retail. Please be nice and smile — it makes our day. Vinegar gets you nowhere.

TODAY, OUR DOLLAR is being sold by other nations because of our debt crisis. The possibility that China will call in our debt gives rise to a scenario like this: The public lands in the U.S. contain minerals, oil, gas, etc., which China may demand ownership of to repay their debt to them.
NEWS

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which includes a more active mix of news and information, and lively bantering between the on-air personalities. The morning show airs between 5 and 7 a.m. and it is packed with what veteran anchor Joel Feick likes to call “smart fun,” which is entertaining and informative. WEYI serves all of mid Michigan, which includes Fenton, areas of the thumb, Saginaw and Lansing.

Producing the show is a mere five people in studio and two out in the field. On Thursday, the guests included John Zhender for Zhender’s in Frankenmuth, a representative from “Pure Michigan,” the Flint Children’s Museum and American Legion. They also cut to Noble and her photographer Brett Dickie for live shots of artists working on ice sculptures in downtown Frankenmuth.

The dizzying amount of activity barely ruffles the young but seasoned team that keeps the show going. Van De Winkle said each person on the skeleton crew is responsible for around seven tasks at once. Nowhere are producers with headsets and clip boards, or even make-up and hair artists. “We all have to work together,” said Van De Winkle. “It’s just exhausting at the end of the day.”

Van De Winkle rattled off a list of her responsibilities: she does forecasts, creates graphics, produces the news ticker, updates the website, writes scripts, puts in graphics in the lower third of the screen, monitors Facebook during the show, sets up microphones for guests, sets up the next camera shot by moving chairs, does her own hair and makeup, close captioning, radio cut-ins and live cut-ins during the Today Show every 15 minutes.

During cut-ins, she makes calls for future guests. “We’re constantly booking guests,” she said. Van De Winkle also has to upload segments to YouTube and start producing the morning show on WEYI NBC 25. She talks on air, and then moves to the control room to make changes to the program.

“It’s chaos, but we call it organized chaos.”

Kathy Reynolds
News Director,
WEYI NBC 25

MacFarland or Van De Winkle produce.
“We roll with the punches,” said MacFarland, a Davison High School and Central Michigan University graduate. “If something doesn’t work out, it’s going to be fine.”

Feick sees himself as the team member most familiar with the market and a guiding force to the younger news team. “They keep me in line too,” he said.

The studio is located in Clio and is almost always busy with activity, even at night. Preparation for the morning’s show begins after the preceding morning show. “It’s kind of a never ending cycle,” said Television Productionist Rob Zielesch, 28, of Holly.

Zielesch guides the flow of the show, via an automated system that controls the microphones and cameras out in the studio, which he programs. “We do all audio, video, graphics and live feed past flow his many monitors and control boards. While the anchors and reporters are on air, Zielesch tells them what’s coming and directs them to talk longer if they are “light” on content, or tells them to speed it up if they are “heavy,” meaning they have too much.

Camera operator Mike McManaman was in the studio on Thursday, running the one free camera for tighter detail shots and multi-tasking during their two hour morning program.

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about businesses, organizations, schools, political offices and much more. It is a valuable source of information right at your fingertips — whether at home or work. Putting together this reference book is a yearlong effort by many members of the Times’ staff.

“This is our 15th Source Book,” said Gail Grove, advertising director for the Times. “I still hear great comments on how useful it is. Every year, we add new content, advertising opportunities and pertinent information to help our loyal readers on a daily basis.

“We have found the Tri-County Times Source Book has replaced other phone directories, in both the homes and businesses of our community.”

According to Grove, for the third year, the Source Book includes valuable coupons for services in the tri-county area. These coupons are located near the front of the book and are good for the entire year.

The Source Book has become so popular, that many Times readers request additional copies for their vehicles or second homes.

Are you looking to order lunch on the go? Menus at many of the tri-county restaurants are also included in the book.

“I love my source book,” said Christy Sutherland, of Argentine Township. “I use mine all of the time. Everything you need in our area is right there. I even keep one in my car for quick reference numbers. The menus and restaurant listings make ordering lunch a breeze.”

The 2012 Source Book is free to all Tri-County Times subscribers. Additional copies are available at the Times corporate office at 256 Fenway Dr., for just $3. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SOURCE BOOK

Summary

The 2012 Source Book is included with today’s Tri-County Times. The popular reference guide is packed with pertinent information about the tri-county area and an extensive listing of businesses ready to serve the community. Additional copies are available at the Times’ office, for $3.

• Alpine Food
• Arby’s
• Bass Pro Shops
• CVS
• Direct TV
• Health • Mind • Body
• Holly Foods
• Knmart
• VG’s
• Waigreen’s
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THIS WEEK’S INSERTS
What's the most popular United States condiment?

Hint: It's not ketchup

By Sally Rummel • news@ctimes.com; 810-629-8282

If you have kids or grandkids that put ketchup on everything, you might be surprised to learn that salsa has “kicked it up a notch” to become America’s favorite condiment.

Salsa’s popularity as a topping for just about every food category from eggs to potatoes is likely to continue to increase as the Hispanic population grows in the U.S., as well as the fact that more people are viewing salsa as a healthier alternative to other condiments and dressings.

When it comes to putting condiments on hamburgers and hot dogs, however, the more traditional toppings are king. Salt and pepper, ketchup and mustard, chili sauce, Tabasco sauce, Worcestershire sauce, picante sauce and horseradish are just a few examples of the condiment market that is valued at $5.6 billion in the U.S., according to Bloomberg Businessweek. It’s the second largest in specialty foods behind that of cheese, expected to grow to $7 billion by 2015.

John Koegel, president of Koegel Meats in Flint, defines a condiment as anything that is above and beyond the frankfurter and bun. He says that mustard “is right up there,” when it comes to its popularity on Michigan’s favorite hometown hot dogs, while ketchup is most frequently requested by younger kids and teens, whose taste buds haven’t grown into mustard yet.

The popularity of condiments is as much about the region of the U.S. as it is about the country. Salsa is outselling ketchup south of the border, while ketchup is America’s favorite condiment, but mustard and mayo are still the most popular, traditional toppings for burgers and hot dogs.

Summary

1. Salsa, picante, taco or hot sauce
2. Ketchup
3. Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip
4. Mustard
5. Ranch or other salad dressings
6. Barbecue Sauce
7. Steak Sauce
8. Cocktail Sauce
9. Horseradish Sauce
10. Tartar Sauce

It all starts with the mustard seed

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Whether you’re squirting French’s yellow mustard from a large squeeze bottle onto your hot dog, or marinating a salmon fillet with ground mustard as one of the ingredients, mustard seeds are the common ingredient.

Mustard is a plant, a member of the brassica genus of cruciferae family, so named for flowers, which carry four petals in a cross-like configuration. It blooms in the early spring, with its bright yellow flowers signaling the new season.

A mustard plant produces thousands of seeds grouped together in pods. Today, commercial mustard seed comes from just three species of brassica — white, brown, and black — but the seeds of mustard plants, both wild and cultivated, have been used for thousands of years to season foods.

Records exist of mustard’s cultivation as early as 5000-4000 BC, and mustard seeds have been found in Egypt’s great pyramids. Its popularity and its avoidance at times comes from its sharp, bright heat, an element that can be released simply by chewing the raw seed.

This sensation is the result of a chemical reaction that takes place when the outer husk of the mustard seed is shattered and its cellular structure is broken. With white mustard, the burning sensation is felt only on the tongue. With brown and black mustard, the burning sensation is felt on the tongue and in the cheeks.

E V O L U T I O N O F M U S T A R D

Mustard seed is the common ingredient. It is the fruits of a cruciferae plant, a member of the brassica genus. The yellow mustard is the most common variety.

Summary

1. All of mustard’s myriad of variations still stem from one common ingredient - the mustard seed.
CONDIMENTS
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is about the condiment itself. In many restaurants in Utah and Idaho, fry sauce reigns supreme — a mixture of ketchup and mayonnaise that may include other ingredients like spices, mustard and/or pickle juice. It’s so popular in that part of the country that it’s actually sold in grocery stores.

In New England, maple syrup is one of the most popular condiments for just about any food. In the Deep South, it’s barbecue sauce. In New Orleans, it’s Tabasco pepper vinegar or hot sauce.

Mayonnaise is the most popular condiment on hamburgers sold at all Halo Burger locations, including the one in Fenton. “We’re proud to use Hellman’s mayonnaise,” said Jeff Bedolla, vice president of operations for Dortch Enterprises, which owns Halo Burger. “That’s why our mayo is such a popular topping. Our second most popular burger condiment is olives.”

Ranch dressing, a combination of buttermilk, sour cream, yogurt, minced onion and garlic powder, has made its way from salads to just about any food that needs a dipping sauce or topping. It overtook Italian dressing as the best selling dressing in the U.S. in 1992.

Many diners use ranch dressing as a stand-in for mayo, or as a basis for many other condiment concoctions. One young enterprising cook has developed her own creation of “Ranch-Up,” a tasty combination of ranch dressing and ketchup.

“Our ketchup and mustard bottles are set on each table for diners to use themselves,” said Rocky Dedivanaj, manager of Mega Coney Island in Fenton. “We probably sell 20 times more ketchup than we do anything else.” He estimates that burgers’ most popular toppings are ketchup, mayo and mustard, while hot dogs’ favorite condiments are mustard and onion, “not too much ketchup,” he added.

Ketchup is also available for diners who request it at The French Laundry in Fenton, but it’s not used very often, according to general manager Steve Wittenkeller.

Their typical customers usually ask for The French Laundry’s unique brand of honey mustard, which offers a hint of horseradish, or aioli — a garlic-style mayonnaise made of lemon, eggs, garlic, and olive oil. “We don’t put ketchup on anything here, unless someone asks for it,” said Wittenkeller.

MIRACLE WHIP VS. MAYONNAISE

Ever since Kraft Miracle Whip made its debut in 1933 at the Chicago World’s Fair, it has been labeled a “dressing” rather than a mayonnaise. Although it looks like mayo, it actually isn’t. Here’s why.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires that anything labeled “mayonnaise” contain a minimum of 65 percent vegetable oil by weight. Although Kraft keeps Miracle Whip’s exact oil content a secret, the company confirms that it is too low to meet the mayo standard.

What makes it different? While it contains mayo’s key ingredients — egg, soybean oil, vinegar, water — Miracle Whip sets itself apart with a sweet, spicy flavor that some folks prefer. First introduced during the Depression, its cheaper price made it attractive to people who couldn’t afford the more expensive mayo. Now mayo and Miracle Whip are priced just about the same per ounce. At any price, Miracle Whip still has legions of devotees: According to Kraft, it’s currently among the grocery industry’s 20 top-selling brands.
What do your feet say about your health?

Red flag: HAIRLESS FEET OR TOES
WHAT IT MEANS: Poor circulation, usually caused by vascular disease, can make hair disappear from the feet. When the heart loses the ability to pump enough blood to the extremities because of arteriosclerosis, the body has to prioritize its use.
WHAT TO DO: Treating the underlying vascular issues can improve circulation. Toe hair seldom returns, but nobody complains much.

Red flag: COLD FEET
WHAT IT MEANS: Women, especially, report cold feet. It may be nothing — or it may indicate a thyroid issue. Women over 40 who have cold feet often have an underfunctioning thyroid, the gland that regulates temperature and metabolism.
WHAT TO DO: Insulating layers of natural materials work best for warmth. (Think wool socks and lined boots).

Red flag: A SUDDENLY ENLARGED, SCARY-LOOKING BIG TOE
WHAT IT MEANS: Probably gout. Yes, that old-fashioned-sounding disease is still very much around — and you don’t have to be over 65 to get it. Gout is a form of arthritis (also called “gouty arthritis”) that’s usually caused by too much uric acid, a natural substance. The built-up uric acid forms needlelike crystals, especially at low body temperatures. And the coolest part of the body, farthest from the heart, happens to be the big toe.
WHAT TO DO: See a doctor about controlling the causes of gout through diet or medication. A foot specialist can help relieve pain and preserve function.

Before your next pedicure check out these safety tips

• Don’t shave your legs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Environmental Protection Agency warn against shaving, using hair removal creams, or waxing your legs and feet during the 24 hours before getting a pedicure. “Hair removal can cause cuts or subtle abrasions that you don’t even notice on your feet,” says Dr. Kurtz. These tiny openings in the skin can allow bacteria and fungus to enter.
• Once you’re inside, take a look around. Do the surfaces and water where clients put their feet appear sanitary? If they look dirty, find another place to get a pedicure.
• Don’t let the pedicure technician cut your cuticles. When this protective barrier gets cut or removed, it’s easy for bacteria and fungus to enter.
• Be sure your feet are smoothed properly. A standard pedicure usually includes removal of dead skin on the feet, but this should be done with a pumice stone or foot file, not a razor-type tool. If used incorrectly, a razor can easily remove too much skin and cause infection or permanent damage to the skin.

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Tips for choosing athletic shoes

Proper-fitting shoes make all the difference whether you walk or run. Running and walking are among the purest, most natural forms of exercise around. With new innovations like Freesize laced middles and pump-it-up tongues, it’s knowing which shoes to buy that seems to require an advanced degree.

• Don’t make shoes multitalk. Walking shoes are stiffer; running shoes are more flexible, with extra cushioning to handle greater impact. If you do both activities, get a pair for each one.
• Choose the wrong athletic shoes and you could end up tiring on the couch nursing shin splints or aching heels instead of enjoying a brisk walk or run.
• Know your foot. Sure, we’ve all got 10 toes and two heels, but beyond that, feet come in a variety of shapes — and knowing your foot’s particular quirks is key to selecting the right pair of shoes.
• Bring your own socks — the ones you wear while running or walking. If you wear orthotics, bring those, too. Shoes need to fit with the orthotic inside.
• Don’t believe in breaking in. Running and walking shoes should feel comfortable right away.
• Use the rule of thumb. There should be about 1/8 to 1/2 inch between the front of your big toe and the end of the shoe — about a thumb’s width. The heel should fit relatively tightly.
• Understand the bells and whistles. Some models of running shoes look better suited to a space mission than a run in the park, but some of those goofy-looking features actually serve a purpose. Clear inserts, filled with gel, foam, or air, provide extra shock absorption, as do those springy-looking things.
• Don’t over- or underpay. Good-quality running and walking shoes are fairly pricey — and usually worth it. “A $15 shoe will not be as good as an $80 shoe,” -
Marina Nimmo
18-year-old senior
Fenton High School
My family is: parents, Michelle and Phil Nimmo. I have two brothers Eric and Phillip.

There’s is no try, only do!”

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy? I’m on the ski team, I ride horses and that’s about it.
My dream car is: A blue Mustang because they’ve always been my favorite.
My all-time favorite movie is: ‘The Hangover,’ because it’s really funny.
My earliest memory is: Going to Disney World with my family.
If you could have one superpower, what would it be? I’d like to fly. Because then I wouldn’t get stuck driving behind people.
I always: get my stuff done.
I never: try to exclude people.
If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be? That everyone had to respect each other.
Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for? I would say showing at World with my horse, because it was the best time of my life.
If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? Ancient Egypt, because it has always interested me.
If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say?

‘Be yourself,’ because today I think a lot of people try to act like something they’re not.
What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Graduation, I’m just ready to move on.
Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? Kid Cudi, because I really like his music.
What is your dream travel destination? I’d pick Ireland; it’s really pretty from what I’ve seen.
What are your plans after graduation? I’m going to Oregon State and majoring in zoology. Then I’m going to dental school. I want to be an oral surgeon but biology also interests me.
My parting advice for a better world is: Always work your hardest because you’ve got nothing to lose.

What physical improvements does your school need?

“Our lunchroom, because it’s outdated.”
Paryton Maxheimer, Junior

“I think we’re set, we already have two gyms.”
Payton Maxheimer, Junior

“I think we need new computers, ours seem to be outdated.”
Derek Jenkins, Senior

“Our weight room is really small, I think we should expand.”
Cody Hocevar, Junior

“More modern weight-training equipment, because I think it would improve our athletics”
Brendan Kruzan, Senior

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Matt Letten, owner of Snap Fitness in Linden, has taken over the ownership of Snap Fitness in Holly, offering the same full-service amenities as the Linden gym.

Linden Snap Fitness owner purchases Holly location

By Sally Rummel

Matt Letten, owner of Snap Fitness in Linden, has a new Snap Fitness location under his ownership. He took over Snap Fitness of Holly on Jan. 1, making his own resolution to get to know all the members at his new gym.

“I want to get to know everyone personally, so that we as a staff can make sure that you’re getting the results that you want out of your fitness and nutrition program,” said Letten.

Located at 15213 North Holly Rd., Snap Fitness of Holly has been open for three years and is now offering a Grand-Reopening special with free enrollment. A member who signs up now will get the rest of their sign-up month free, according to Letten. “Our clients have really latched onto this,” said Letten. “They’re seeing better results when they utilize an individualized workout designed for them and learn the correct form for each exercise. Many clients continue their personal training during the course of their membership, either in small groups or on an individual basis.”

“People today are shopping around for the best gym or fitness program to suit their needs,” added Letten. “We don’t try to be everything to everybody. We offer a more personal program in a fitness community where we respond to your workout needs and goals. People are busier now than ever before, and they need to know they can get the results they’re looking for with just three workouts a week at Snap Fitness.”

For more information, call Snap Fitness of Holly at (248) 634-2000.

Dorcas A. Jones - age 57, died January 22, 2012.


Bruce G. Clark 1936-2012 Bruce G. Clark - age 75, died peacefully January 24, 2012, at Genesys Hospice Care Center in Goodrich. He was the beloved husband of the late Harriet E. Clark. Survivors include his children, Vivian (Gary) Churchill, Bonnie Clark and Raymond (Kim) Clark; grandchildren, Kim Robbins, James Delaney and Bruce Clark; great-grandchildren, Brooke and Paige Robbins, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Mr. Clark retired from the City of Warren Fire Department after 25 years of service. He was very active at the Loose Senior Center in Linden and the Shiawassee Shores Retirement Community in Linden. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing cards, especially Euchre and Bridge. A memorial service will be held Friday, February 3, 2012, at 6 PM at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Lois will be remembered as having a great sense of humor and being a wonderful mother and grandmother. Donations may be made to Lois family C/O Nora Fox. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

Lois A. Fox 1930-2012 Lois A. Fox - age 82, of Fenton, died suddenly January 24, 2012. Beloved mother of Nora Fox, Marcia Fox-Griff and Joseph Fox. David Fox, 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren. Lois was preceded in death by her husband Bob, her father Jack Fox, her daughter Ann Fox, her grandson Josh Sandborn and her great-granddaughter Jarrod Fries. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 12-2 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Lois will be remembered as having a great sense of humor and being a wonderful mother and grandmother. Donations may be made to Lois family C/O Nora Fox. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com. 


Virginia D. Langley 1925-2012 Virginia D. Langley - age 86, of Holly, passed peacefully on January 20, 2012 surrounded by her loving family.

Virginia was born on August 28, 1925 in Baltimore, Arkansas the daughter of the late Walter and Edna (White) Hayes. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Delbert Langley; sons Larry Joe (Terrie) Langley, Jerry Lee Langley and Steven Wayne (Teri) Langley; grandchildren Matthew (Kelli) Langley, Nathaniel Langley, Kyle (Shelly) Thompson, Kory (Christine) Thompson, Alexander (Lindsey) Langley, Jason Langley, Thomas Langley and Shari Langley; great-grandchildren Jake Russell, Jordan Langley, Alexan- der Thompson and Tyler Thompson. Also survived by a sister, Sue Hayes Kenneth, and brothers Bill Hayes, Calvin Hayes and Alvin Hayes. Virginia was preceded in death by her daughter, ‘baby girl’ Langley, a granddaughter Ashley Langley, her father, mother as well as several brothers and sisters.

She was a member of the Glen Oak Baptist Church in Clarkston, MI and had volunteered for the American Heart Association. She enjoyed ceramics and gardening. In honor of her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held in the spring of this year. Condola- tions may be shared with the family at www.hillfh.com.


Homemade MEALS

Handmade Pasta

INGREDIENTS
• 3 cups all-purpose flour
• 4 large eggs
• 1 t. coarse salt
• 2-3 t. water

DIRECTIONS
1. In a large bowl, combine the flour and salt. Pour the eggs and water into the flour mixture to form a dough. If the dough is too dry, add water. If the dough is too sticky, add flour. Knead the dough until it is smooth. Let sit for 20 minutes. Roll out the dough to desired thickness.

2. Spread the pasta dough on a baking sheet. Bake until cooked through. Remove the pasta from the oven and let cool. Store in an airtight container.

Dog hates bathtub

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: My German shepherd, “Silky,” is 10 years old and has developed hip dysplasia, which makes her pretty uncomfortable. She avoids slippery floors and bathtubs, but I need to give her a bath. Any way I can do this better to keep her comfortable? — Jack T., Oklahoma City

DEAR JACK: There are a few ways to help Silky stay comfortable while being bathed. First, try placing a large, wet towel in the tub that she can stand on to gain traction. Place a bath mat in the tub to prevent slipping. Lift her into the high-sided tub rather than make her jump in. Shepherds are large dogs, so if need be, work with a second person and tandem lift her, with one of you cradling under her chest and the other cradling her midsection and then tucking the other arm between her back legs and supporting her belly.

A step-in shower is an even better option, if you have one. Again, put down a wet towel so that she feels secure standing or sitting.

In warm weather, you could set up an inflatable kiddie pool and fill it with warm water. This gives big dogs enough room to sit or even lie down during their bath, and they can just walk into it over the low sides. During the bath itself it’s important to work fast. Keep Silky’s collar and leash on so you can hold her still as you wet her down (either with warm water scooped in a cup or using a sprayer attachment), add soap (only soap formulated for use on dogs), then rinse. Tuck soothingly through the whole process. Once complete, lift her out of the tub onto a nonslip rug and towel-dry her fur, then give her lots of praise and a treat.

Dad’s dilemma is with divorce and disclosure

DEAR AMY: I have been putting off a divorce for far too long for various reasons. I have been married for 25 years. My wife had an affair early in our marriage and we worked things out with counseling. Two years ago I caught her having another affair but for family and other reasons we decided to stay married. I did not divorce her at that time. We put on an act for others, including our two children, so no one knows how bad our marriage is. Now my kids are in college and I want a divorce. My love lives with me dearly, and she is a good mother. Even though I am seething with anger under the surface, I do not want to do anything to hurt my children but I also do not like lying. I also don’t want them to somehow blame me for the divorce if I don’t tell them the real reason. We have a lot of family in town that we see often and my wife and I work in the same field.

My question is, what do I tell family, co-workers and, most important, my children about why we are divorcing? My wife certainly does not want to tell anyone that she is an adulterer, but that is not my concern.

— Soon to Be Ex

DEAR EX: In the old days, the injured party could legally change a cheating spouse with adultery. The concept of “no-fault” divorce obscures the fact that frequently there is fault. Given the absence of charging your wife or forcing her to wear the label “A” in the town square, the only question you need to ask yourself -- and honestly -- is, “What would be gained by telling people my wife cheated on me?”

By telling, you don’t add her to the righteous position of being the victimized party. But assigning fault doesn’t really change anything, and this disclosure might devastate other people. Being the injured party isn’t very satisfying for very long. You do not owe it to your wife to protect her from her own behavior, nor do you owe anyone an explanation for what is essentially a private decision.

You can say, “We put up a good front, but we felt it’s best for both of us if we split.” Make sure your kids know that they are loved beyond measure, now and always.

Don’t react out of anger. Take time to make the most ethical decision.

DEAR AMY: I work at an airline ticket counter and have kiosks in front of me where people check themselves in. Many times a passenger will simply start talking to me without any type of greeting. Now it’s like, “Hello.”

This drives me crazy. Would someone do this to people in a grocery store, on the street? I have said many times in the past, “Good morning!” only to hear them repeat what they said to me the first time. Yes, some passengers then say, “I’m sorry, good morning,” or, “How are you?” Every once in a while I have been known to reply, “Are you speaking to me?”

What would you recommend in instances like this? I think it’s very rude.

— The Last Straw

DEAR LAST: I understand your frustration and I agree that speaking to someone without greeting her first is rude.

If you make eye contact and interrupt by saying, “Hello. How are you?” this will often shock a person into responding.

But please remember that you have all the power. People in airports are sometimes freaked-out, quivering blobs of lateness (or maybe that’s just me).

(Readers may write to Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Amy Dickinson’s memoir, “The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Ma’maw, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them” (Hyperion), is available in bookstores.)
**MUSTARD**

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black mustards, there is also a sense of vaporization that affects the eyes, nose, and sinuses in much the same way as the Japanese horseradish wasabi.

This sensation is the reason that mustard has always been an intriguing substance, but not always widely accepted — until 1905, when Francis French developed a recipe based exclusively on white mustard seeds. Today, French’s mustard, bright yellow from turmeric and tart from vinegar, accounts for 40 percent of all mustard consumed in the U.S. Other countries prefer mustard with more heat and range of flavor.

Mustard’s many distinctions come from the ingredients used to flavor the mustard paste or sauce. The mustard itself is limited to mild and hot, coarse-ground or smooth. But the liquids, flavoring agents and degree of milling create all the subtle variations in a particular mustard’s taste and texture.

Apple cider vinegar, lemon juice, wine and beer may contribute their flavors, while a broad range of herbs, spices, and aromatics add essential elements. Nearly all mustards are finished with the addition of salt to help preserve the flavors and bring them together on the palate.

Today, French’s yellow mustard accounts for 40 percent of all mustard consumed in the U.S. Other countries prefer mustard with more heat and range of flavor.

**Types of mustard**

- Dijon - a smooth blend including brown mustard seed, vinegar and other acidulants, water, white wine, and seasonings such as salt and tarragon.
- Hot Mustard - sharp-flavored mustard seeds (brown or oriental) are added to vinegar, water and other seasonings such as allspice, tarragon or shalots.
- Yellow Mustard (prepared mustard) - a smooth paste of yellow mustard seed, the mildest of all mustard varieties, plus vinegar, water, turmeric, and seasonings such as salt, clove and coriander.
- Coarse-Ground Mustard (country style, brown, old fashioned) - a blend, including brown mustard seed, that is coarsely ground, vinegar, water, salt and a variety of spices and seasonings.
- Spicy Brown-Style Mustard (spicy brown, German-style) - a blend, including brown mustard seed, that is finely ground, with vinegar, water, salt and a variety of spices and seasonings.

**Ever heard of the National Mustard Museum?**

Barry Levenson founded the National Mustard Museum in 1986, opening it to the public in 1992. Its current location is in Middleton, Wis., where it houses more than 5,300 mustards and mustard memorabilia. Known as “America’s Favorite Condiment Museum,” the National Mustard Museum has been featured on Oprah, Food Network, HGTV’s The Good Life and in dozens of national magazines and newspapers.

**Finding strength to face difficult days**

One morning, the following prayer greeted me at my fax machine:

“Dear God,

So far, today I’ve done alright. I haven’t gossiped.

I haven’t lost my temper.

I haven’t been greedy, grumpy, unpleasant, selfish or overindulgent.

I’ve been very thankful for that.

But in a few minutes,

I’m going to get out of bed;

And from then on,

I’m probably going to need a lot more help. Amen.

My fixed in prayer gave me a good laugh to start the day, but the stark facts of life make it difficult for some days to be laughers.

Sometimes facing the day can be tough. Problems may loom that linger from stressful yesteryears. Responsibilities seem beyond us. Bills we’re unable to pay come due. Reports of recent medical tests are likely to lead us to worry and, most disturbing of all: Confrontations with disagreeable people may be imminent.

Makes one wonder if getting up is worth the effort.

On days like this, it’s important to know that help is available. According to the Bible, our Lord provides grace to help us in time of need.

A businessman with heavy responsibilities said he often been appalled after waking in the morning by the thought of all the duties and appointments awaited him during the coming day. He found help, however, in quoting two familiar Bible verses before getting out of bed: “In quietness and confidence shall be your strength” (Isaiah 30:15), and “Then shall keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is kept secure in thee” (Isaiah 26:3).

The daily faith builders changed his life. Here is his description of that change: “It is astonishing how quickly the load is lifted when once I become aware of God’s presence and help. The strain and tension go out of me and instead there wells up within me a feeling of serenity and peace.”

A W. Tozer, the well-known author of Christian classics wrote: “Of one thing we may be sure, we can never escape the external stimuli that cause vexation. The world is full of them, and though we were to retreat to a cave and live the remainder of our days alone, we still could not lose them. The rough floor of the cave would chafe us, the weather would irritate us and the very floor of the cave would chafe us, the weather would irritate us and the very

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Holly wrestling takes two steps closer toward league title

By David Troppens
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Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta expected Courtville Brandon’s squad to be improved. He was right. Brandon gave the Bronchos a great scare. We do not have enough data to fully understand,” said Corcoran. “They might work harder to get their name on it.”

Melick, Tyler Sanders and Denam were double-winners, along with Kalen Harbin (103), Jared Corcoran (112), Barry (130) and Nathan Resko (160) who also recorded two falls. Lake Fenton finished 9-2 in Gen- esee Area Conference dual action.

“We will take that record. Everybody thought would be supposedly have a down year,” said Corcoran. “See LF on 11B

Holly girls take OT to remain on top of Metro

By David Troppens
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Swartz Creek — Lauren Maher wasn’t having a good shooting night. At least not until the fourth quarter.

The senior guard made two three-pointers in the first quarter and then made a key trey with 1:40 left in overtime, leading the Holly Bronchos to a 50-49 overtime victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons at Swartz Creek Friday night.

The win keeps Holly (9-1, 11-2) in a tie for first place with the defending Metro League champions, the Chio Mustangs, with six conference games remaining. The two teams collide at Chio Tuesday at 7 p.m.

“I was really off in the first half, but the team told me to keep on shooting,” Maher said. “We have plays to get us open, so they kind of helped me out with that one. It was really nerve-wracking.

“IT’s so exciting (being in the league race). It shows we have to practice and work really hard. It’s so exciting to be able to win in this position.”

“Lauren made stepped up and made some big shots,” Holly coach David Hall said. “Allyssa (Copley) carried us for the first three quarters, but Lauren is our senior captain and she stepped up in that fourth quarter and made a couple of key threes.”

The Bronchos trailed most of the game, but took the lead for the second time in the contest at 39-37, just after Maher hit her second straight three-pointer with 1:25 left. The Bronchos went up 49-37 after a converted free throw by Delaney Serra with 59.1 seconds left, but Creek got a three-pointer by Gabby Deering with one second left in regulation, forcing overtime at 41-41.

In the extra session, Deering scored a hoop, giving Creek a 43-41 lead, but the Bronchos scored the game’s next six points. Two came on converted free throws by Serra, the next three on Maher’s three-pointer off an assist from Brooke Hart- hun, and the final one on a Serra free throw. Holly led 47-43 with 1:05 left. However, Creek’s Lauren Adas made two three-pointers in a matter of 32 seconds, cutting the gap to 50-49.

Creek actually had a chance to tie or win the game on a last pos- session, but the final three-point shot was way off, earning Holly the win.

Allyssa Copley led the Bronchos during the first three quar- ters with 16 points, while Maher finished with 15 points, 11 of them coming from the fourth quarter and on. Serra had 10 points. Adas and Autumn Henry led Creek with 16 points each.

Bronchos’ defense struggles at Swartz Creek, 69-51

By David Troppens
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Swartz Creek — Swartz Creek at- tacked the paint with drives, post moves and offensive boards all night long, eventually resulting in a 69-51 Dragons’ victory against the Holly varsity boys basketball team Friday night.

The loss drops Holly (8-2, 9-2) to one game behind the Fenton Tigers in the Metro League race, tied with the Dragons. However, both teams still have control of their own destiny for at least a co-title because both squads have games left with Fenton.

“They scored most of their points under-neath and that was smart of them.” Holly coach Lance Baylis said. “This was the first game we played bad defensively.”

The Bronchos also battled themselves by making just 7-of-22 free throws and commit-ting 20 turnovers.

Holly trailed just 23-19 entering the half, but Creek went on a 15-2 run to start the third quarter, getting most of the points in the paint. Holly trailed 43-25 when the run ended on a driving layup by Max Cum- mings.

The Bronchos never got the score into single-digits again, and trailed by as many as 20 points. Cummings led all scorers with 26 points, while Creek teammate De- well Tisdale netted 14 points.

Holly was paced by Jared Plasinski’s 15 points, five rebounds and two steals, while Donovan Williams had 12 points and sev- en rebounds.

Nic Stoll played limited minutes due to foul troubles and had just four points when he fouled out with 2:13 left.

For more on this game, go to www.tctimes.com.

Happy Birthday

Ex-Detroit Red Wings goalie Dominik Hasek was born on this date in 1965.
Wetzel helps lead Fenton wrestling past Kearsley

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**Fenton** — Preston Wetzel had more to think about than his match on Wednesday night at Fenton High School.

If he and his varsity wrestling squad teammates were going to defeat the Flint Kearsley Hornets, Wetzel (152) knew he probably had to do more than win; he probably needed a major decision.

And while his Kearsley opponent was about as defensive as he possibly could be to keep Wetzel from getting a major decision victory, Wetzel wouldn’t be stopped.

Wetzel earned a 12-3 major decision win, earning the Tigers a 37-36 victory against Kearsley in Metro League double-dual action.

“It puts a little pressure on you because you don’t want to disappoint your team,” Wetzel said. “I just have to wrestle my guy and think about that, so I can come out with the victory.”

“It’s really exciting because everybody is counting on you and cheering for you. It’s pretty cool.”

The win didn’t come easy. Wetzel led 4-0 after the first period and then led 8-1 late in the second period. However, he extended the lead to 10-1 with a takedown in the final seconds of the period.

Taking the offensive for most of the match, Wetzel was exhausted in the third period, but was able to hold on for the major decision victory, and four team points to the Tigers’ score. That made the team score 37-30 with just one match remaining. And considering the most team points a wrestler can earn is six, that meant the Tigers had the match clinched, barring unlikely team penalty point deductions. As it was, the Tigers needed the major decision because the match ended with a Fenton wrestler getting pinned in the final bout.

“He had a lot of upper-body strength, so it was hard for me to move him,” Wetzel said. “I capitalized on a few openings.”

“He needed a major,” Fenton coach Bruce Burwitz said. “The (Kearsley) kid’s goal was not to get pinned and not to get majorized. He wanted to be tough defensively, and not have that many points scored against him.”

Actually Wetzel was more than a closer. He also started the day strong, earning a victory in the night’s first match. He won a major decision match against Lapeer West. However, it was just one of four matches the Tigers won against West, resulting in a 59-13 loss to one of the stronger teams in the Metro League.

Wets have been tough to come by for the Tigers. They started the season with large numbers, but have seen those numbers dwindle during the season.

“We started with 40 and are now at 16 kids,” Burwitz said. “There are a few losses I shouldn’t have had, but overall it’s a good season.”

Against Kearsley, another key win was a 9-3 victory by Charlie Jones (135). The Tigers also earned void wins from Scott Becker (215), Carl Coster (285), Norm Golden (103), Josh Tousley (119) and Jacob Wykes (140).

Against West, Coster also won a 7-0 decision, while Norm Golden (103) won by pinfall in 1:53.

Holly boys, girls earn wins vs. East

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**Lapeer** — Despite winning only one game all year, Lapeer East played the Holly Bronchos tough for a second straight time this season on Tuesday.

In the season opener, the Holly varsity boys basketball team defeated East by six points. This time, the Bronchos fought off East to win a 55-41 verdict.

The win places Holly (8-1, 9-1) just one-half game behind Fenton for first place in the standings. A victory on Friday, with results located elsewhere in this publication, at Swartz Creek would put Holly in a tie for first against Fenton, who has an off-day.

The Bronchos struggled with shooting, scoring only 35 points through the first three quarters. However, they sealed the win at the free-throw line in the final quarter with 14 of 20 shooting from the charity stripe.

**Fenton’s Preston Wetzel (right) battles an opponent during the Tigers’ 37-36 victory against Kearsley on Wednesday night.**
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Fenton hockey scores late, earns 2-2 deadlock with Lakeland

"There's nothing more thrilling in hockey than a last-minute goal," said Fenton coach Jeff Mynatt.

"Well, there might be one thing. How about a last-second goal?"

Fenton's Kevin Berry came within two seconds of that ideal on Wednesday, scoring a goal with three seconds left, helping lead the Fentons to a 2-2 tie against Walled Lake Lakeland at Hartland Ice House and Sports Arena.

"We pulled our goalie for the seventh time this season, and it finally paid off," Fenton coach Jeff Mynatt said.

"Running only 12 skaters takes its toll, and these guys had to dig deep in order to battle back from a two-goal deficit and force overtime.

The Tigers’ other goal was provided by Jake Forguth on assists from Danny DeLong and Tyler Delong. It also came in the rights with a fall in 2:21 and then Barry nailed the same move in 1:51 in the next match.

"We were fouling earlier in the day with a new move," Barry said. "After you flick back you pull the arm into a third period.

Neither team scored in the extra session. Fenton never led. The game remained scoreless in the first period, and Lakeland scored goals in the second and third period. Bobby Schumacher and Ryan Biondo scored for Lakeland.

In net, Joe Foguth had an outstanding game, making 21 saves on 23 shots. "Joe made a couple of huge saves to keep us in it," Mynatt said.

Resko, a junior, wrestled last year in Orion and now has returned to the area, and has been on a roll.
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