Council to act on chicken ordinance

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Fenton — Will they stay or will they go?

After months of research the Fenton City Council agreed Monday to make a decision on whether city residents can raise egg-laying hens in their backyards. Council is expected to take action on the proposal at its next meeting.

The topic came to Council’s

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Everything’s coming up roses

Jen Gerych, owner of Gerych’s Distinctive Flowers & Gifts, said there are 25-50 new items out for St. Valentine’s Day. Red roses are always popular, but so are other colors, like pink.

What happened to winter?

Abnormal the norm for mid-Michigan winters

By Tim Jagielo
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So far, winter 2012 has been pretty green, with less snowfall than usual, and above average temperatures, the snows-on Friday being the exception to the rule.

Even Chief Meteorologist Mark Torregrossa of NBC 25 is surprised. “Yes, it is definitely an abnormal winter,” he said.

This winter has been a blessing for residents wary of snow and ice, and a curse for businesses that make their money off the winter weather.

See WINTER on 11A

“Terror big thing to happen. Thankful for our emergency personnel. They do a great job.”

— Jem

“It’s a great feeling knowing that we have such great people in our emergency services. Thank you to those who do that job day in and day out.”

— Janet

New editor named at the Times

Fenton — Former Assistant Editor Sharon Stone has been named the new editor of the Tri-County Times effective Feb. 1.

Stone began her career at the Times in 2004 as a freelance reporter. In 2005, she accepted a full time position and covered local government, schools and police beats, as well as writing feature stories. In May 2011, she accepted the position of assistant editor, and was part of the

See EDITOR on 8A
Fenton Rotary helps wipe polio from world

Rotary International and Gates Foundation form partnership

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Local Rotary members are celebrating a milestone, along with Rotary International. Rotary International succeeded in meeting the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s $200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than $202.6 million as of Jan. 17. The fundraising milestone was reached in response to $355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

“The Gates Foundation committed an extra $50 million to extend the partnership. Rotary started the global fight against polio and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers,” said Jeff Raikes, CEO of the Gates Foundation.

Rotary club members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, but also engaged their communities in a variety of creative fundraising projects.

Scott Tarkleson, president of the Fenton Rotary Club, was thrilled to share information about what Rotary International and the local Rotary clubs have accomplished concerning eradicating polio. “It’s close to being non-existent,” he said.

Currently, Tarkleson said there are a couple of hot spots around the world where cases of polio remain. He said there were a few cases in India and Sudan.

Funds that the Fenton Rotary raise stay in the Fenton area, however, Tarkleson said they have received some private donations, a couple that were substantial, which were forwarded to Rotary International’s polio fund. He said Fenton Rotary has also sent a few of its members to work out in the field for the first-hand experience of administering vaccines and educating people in impoverished nations.

“We’re so close (to eradicating polio).” Once it’s gone, it’s gone.” Scott Tarkleson, Fenton Rotary president

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It has been one year since the last case of polio was diagnosed in India. All in large part thanks to the efforts of Rotary International.

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Facts:
• Polio is a viral disease that can affect nerves and can lead to partial or full paralysis.
• Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011.
• To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than $1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985.

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Significant progress has been made against polio in the remaining four polio-endemic countries, particularly in Nigeria and India.
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To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing

In order to make the world a better place — or at least the Fenton, Holly, Linden area — I have generously donated my time in compiling a collection of my favorite axioms, adages and aphorisms. Authors have been deleted in the interest of impartiality. I am providing the tool to you in the hope that you will choose at least one, embrace its core value, and thereby improve yourself, your family and thus, our communities. No thanks are necessary, just knowing I am making the world a better place is thanks enough.

• Those who refuse exposure to what they don’t agree with, are doomed to a life of blissful ignorance.
• What you tolerate, you encourage.
• Better to fail with honor than succeed by fraud.
• A great many people seem to end up over the hill without ever having actually climbed it.
• Look at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first time or the last time.
• The wise does at once what the foolish does at last.
• If I’d known how many problems I was going to run into before I finished, I can’t think of a single project I would have started.
• Children need models, not critics.
• Some people who desperately yearn for endless life, don’t even know what to do with a rainy afternoon.
• Good judgment comes from experience. A lot of that experience comes from bad judgment.
• The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.
• It is a life poorly lived that knows neither victory nor defeat.
• Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.
We all face great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.
• He didn’t know it couldn’t be done, so he went ahead and did it.
• Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.
• Adversity weakens the weak and strengthens the strong.
• He that will not sail till all dangers are over, must never put to sea.
• A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful, than a life spent doing nothing.
• I know God will not give me more than I can handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much.
• Triumphs without difficulties are empty. It is difficulties that make the triumph.
• Be more concerned with your character than your reputation.
• The smallest deed is greater than the grandest intention.
• How a man plays the game shows something of his character. How he loses shows all of it.
• A man of principle does not expect to be liked by everyone, nor does he worry about being liked by anyone.

GAS DROPPED UNDER $2 per gallon quickly in mid 08 to get McCain elected. Then, it had to rise up slowly so they didn’t get busted as to why it dropped.

■■■
I DON’T VOTE by pocket, I just care a lot more about the least of us then whether gays can get married, by a lot.

■■■
I CAN’T BELIEVE how many Democrats have abortions, own guns, are conservative, like unions, and then vote against them. Unbelievable.

■■■
I CANNOT BELIEVE the elite hypocritical Democrat extremists blame everyone from the unions to the Republicans for all the problems. Even though I can’t blame it all on you extremists, you certainly should take most of the blame. Your own party has done nothing but bleed the 1 percent.

■■■
WOULD THE DPW please fill in that big hole by that speed bump behind Ruby Tuesday’s, before somebody loses an axle or gets a flat tire. It’s ridiculous.

■■■
LET’S GET ONE thing straight about the auto bailouts. It’s true GM and Chrysler back their government loans. But their stockholders from before the bankruptcy lost everything. When will the previous stockholders get paid back? Never! If I buy automotive stock, it’ll be Ford.

■■■
AMERICA HAS OIL in California, the Gulf Coast, the Great Lakes, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Unfortunately, the dipsticks to that are in Washington, D.C.

■■■
IN RESPONSE to the schools seeking their third bond in 14 years. People need to understand that Hurley tried that election season, trying to push it through so that only the people they had lined up would vote for it. May elections are ridiculous. They should be in November when everybody else is voting. The point is, the only people who will even go vote are the teachers or the unions or whatever other group is organizing it. Come on open up guys and figure it out. Go vote in May and vote no.

■■■
TO THE MOM in the white Pontiac who cuts cars off in the LPMS parking lot every morning, be a good example for your child and follow the rules. You are going to hurt someone.

■■■
IT TOOK BUSH years to destroy our economy but Obama is supposed to fix it in three years? I know Obama is a great President but he’s not a miracle worker.

■■■
HAVE THE TEACHERS ever thought to ask the parents for supplies when they run out? We get requests from our Oberlin School all the time and the supplies are always donated. Or is it just easier to complain about everything: pensions, health insurance, supplies. Ask and you shall receive.

■■■
I LOVE THE Hot lines, thank you Times. See HOT LINE throughout Times.
Parents, community continue fight against drugs

►Chasing the Dragon has reached more than 15,000 kids
By William Axford
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For Sam Jawhari, last Valentine’s Day was one of the most heartbreaking days of his life. Jawhari found his 17-year-old daughter Briona in her bedroom, face down and unresponsive. Jawhari called paramedics but knew it was too late.

Less than three days later, Ron Schlosser experienced the same horror, finding his 19-year-old daughter Erika sitting on her bed with blotchy arms.

Both Briona and Erika died of a heroin overdose.

Parents become activists
Community Parent Inc. (CPI) and Chasing the Dragon (CTD) have been established in the wake of the deaths, programs aimed at combating drug use in the community.

“Everybody’s being touched by drugs and alcohol,” Jawhari said. “We’ve reached 15,000 kids, and they’re coming out of the woodwork saying family members and friends have died or gone to jail.”

Though Jawhari said it’s rewarding to know that he’s changing lives, he struggles with depression and relives his daughter’s death at every presentation.

“There isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t think about her,” Jawhari said. “Where I should have planning her wedding, I was planning her funeral.”

Schlosser, like Jawhari, finds solace in knowing he’s potentially saving lives, but still struggles with accepting Erika’s death.

“It’s been hell, this month has been terrible. I just started recuperating.” Schlosser said, “How do you lose a kid? How do you deal with that? You can’t. You just take it day-to-day.”

Continuing Success
In less than a year, CTD has been presented to 13 different high schools and 12 middle schools. CPI has expanded to include alcohol, bullying and mental health.

Outreach coordinator of the Depression Center of the University of Michigan and former Lions quarterback Eric Hipple joined CPI last month. The Federal

A memorial for Briona Jawhari and Erika Schlosser will be held this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

Family clings to fading hope
►Feb. 11 marks three years since Randa Jawhari disappeared
By Sharon Stone
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It’s been three years since Randa Jawhari seemingly vanished into thin air.

Randa’s disappearance is shrouded in mystery causing painful frustration for her family and police.

The Jawhars reported the 42-year-old woman missing on Feb. 11, 2009 after her mother, Anisse Jawhari, stopped by her apartment around 8 a.m. Randa was not at her tiny Shiawassee Avenue apartment and no clues have ever been found to reveal her whereabouts.

There were no signs of foul play and her body has not been found. Randa did suffer from mental illness and was very ill at the time of her disappearance. She did not have a cell phone or credit card, which could have helped investigators. Foot and aerial searches were conducted and Crane Lake in Fenton Township was even searched with sonar equipment.

Fenton police have followed up on every lead, however, they are left with more questions than answers. An unknown black man who took Randa to a dentist in the Flint area is still of interest to Fenton police, however, they have been unsuccessful in locating him.

Randa’s story has been submitted to every missing person organization and Fenton police have distributed her photo and information throughout the region.

In her Lebanese accent, Anisse said, “It’s like she never been on this earth.”

Randa’s sister, Naheda, agreed with her mother but added that little things now and then would send an instant reminder that she did exist.

Anisse is grateful for the work that Det. Ron Skarzynski has put into trying to solve this mystery. The family cannot

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Bureau of Investigation has a person on the CPI committee.
“We’ve gotten requests to go to Anchorage, Alaska and in the south bend of the Chicago area,” said CEO Liaison Robert Krug.
“We have found that not only are we educating kids but also a lot of parents who have lost someone to addiction or have a kid who currently is addicted.”
CPI hopes to introduce a bill to the Michigan Congress that would require people with felony drug charges to register with the state, similar in the manner sex offenders have to be registered.
Investigation
Det. Ron Skarzynski, of the Fenton Police Department, said Schlosser’s death remains an open investigation. Police have identified a male suspect that they believe provided the heroin to Schlosser, however, they do not have enough evidence to charge him. The case has been sent to the prosecutor’s office for review. The detective said the suspect has an attorney and he has been advised to say nothing. “We’re hoping for a break in that case,” said Skarzynski.

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understand how nobody from Randa’s apartment complex saw or heard anything the night or early morning when she apparently disappeared and a motion-activated video system covering the parking lot didn’t pick up her image.
Skarzynski said Randa’s disappearance remains an active investigation. He is still attempting to identify the unknown black man that drove Randa to the dentist, if nothing more than to just speak with him. The detective said contact continues with the other residents and landlord to make sure that he didn’t miss any clues.
Skarzynski thinks and works on the case everyday. He knows it won’t go away until the mystery is solved. Any time an unidentified body is found across the country, Skarzynski is contacted with the hopes of making a match using dental records. These findings, as well as leads are random and frustrating.
Randa’s only brother Sam Jawhari said Randa’s disappearance has been like a time bomb going off within their large close-knit family. “As a family, we’re trying to put the puzzle together,” he said. “We all question everything. How did she leave that day?”
Naheda, who lives in an apartment, wonders how Randa’s neighbors heard nothing when she so easily hears her own neighbors.
The ongoing frustration and sadness compounded by many questions and so few answers have taken a toll on the Jawhari family. “We’re broken,” said Sam.
While each family member — Randa was one of eight siblings — finds ways of coping with the unknown and disappearance of Randa, they were reunited by another family tragedy. On Feb. 14, 2011, Sam’s daughter Briona, died from a heroin overdose. “The death of my daughter brought us together,” said Sam. (See related story)
Anise credits her faith in God for the strength she has found during this time. She also finds strength from family and close friends from the Flint farmers’ market. As a grieving mother, she said. “She’s still missing. We’re still searching and we don’t want her to be forgotten.”

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Police&Fire report

OHIO RESIDENTS ARRESTED IN TRAFFIC STOP

Speeding through Fenton on Thursday resulted in tickets and arrests for a man and woman from Ohio. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said an officer on patrol initiated a traffic stop when he spotted a northbound 2006 Dodge Charger, with Ohio plates, speeding on U.S. 23 near Silver Lake Road. The officer issued a ticket to the driver, a 41-year-old woman from Columbus, Ohio. When asked if she had any weapons in the vehicle, the driver said she had a taser in her purse. Tasers are illegal in Michigan; however, the woman said they are legal in Ohio. She was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and taken to the police station for processing. Aro said just because the Tasers are legal in Ohio does not mean they are legal in Michigan. Police ran a computer check on her passenger, a 31-year-old Columbus, Ohio man and learned that he had an outstanding arrest warrant out of Genesee County for being more than $10,000 behind in child support payments. He was turned over the sheriff’s department and taken to the county jail. Aro said the woman’s case with the taser is being reviewed by the prosecutor’s office.

COUPLE REPORT ARGUMENT

On Monday, Feb. 6, a 32-year-old Holly man and a 27-year-old Holly woman filed a report with the Holly Police Department. The couple lives in the 300 block of South Broad Street, walked over to the police station, and told police that they had been in an argument and altercation and didn’t know how to resolve the matter. The woman said the father of her 6-month-old baby injured her wrists. The man said he tried to reason with the woman and she spit at him and slapped his face several times. Police advised the couple to seek separate living arrangements until they could resolve their situation.

Three car crash

A three-car crash at the corner of Holly and Grange Hall roads in Holly Thursday afternoon caused one person to be transported to a local hospital. At least six people were involved in the collision, which the Holly fire and police departments and Michigan State Police tended to.

Van rolls in Fenton Township

A Fenton Township firefighter holds the hand of the injured driver following the crash on Linden Road in Fenton Township Wednesday afternoon. Two senior adults were transported to Genesee Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for minor injuries, after their van rolled before coming to rest in a ditch on Linden Road. The Fenton Township Fire Department, Genesee County Sheriff’s Paramedics and Linden police responded.
Join Fenton for 3rd Thursday treats

Area merchants extend hours to offer customers great deals

By Sharon Stone
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February proves to be the month of love as the fun continues for Fenton’s “3rd Thursdays.” From 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16, the community is invited to Fenton as local merchants extend their hours offering great deals on shopping, dining and entertainment.

Participate with the “Be Closer to What a Girl Really Wants” promotion during the event. The first 10 customers to spend $10 or more at participating merchants will receive a special gift from Sweet Variations. One winner will win the elegant “white ice silver pendant with white diamonds,” compliments of Sawyer Jewelers.

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12th Annual Sportman Dinner
was held by Holly Moose Lodge 1168 on January 28, 2012

We would like to thank the following donors and volunteers for another successful sportman dinner, which gives us the ability to help our community in many ways: youth baseball, football, wrestling, Holly High School band, project graduation and cheerleading, just to name a few.

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Stoned attended Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design. She and her husband Jeff, own and operate the local Sears store, and have lived in the Fenton area for 21 years. They have two children, Laura, a Lake Fenton and MSU graduate, and a son, Jake, a junior at Powers Catholic High School.

As a family, the Stones have hosted the Brad Stone Summer Classic golf outing and the Brad Stone Fall Classic hockey tournament for a dozen years in memory of their son Brad, who passed away in 2000.

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team that initiated a complete design overhaul of the Times.

Stoned has won numerous MPA awards while at the Times, including a First Place state award for her series “A Home for Josh,” and a First Place award for her photographs of a plane crash on I-75 in 2006.

“I am very excited by this opportunity,” said Stoned. “We have an extremely talented and dedicated staff. Our goal is to, once again, capture ‘Newspaper of the Year’ honors for the Times, by consistently providing best-in-class news and feature stories for our readers.”
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start an account, it is important to separate the facts from the myths about Facebook. Here’s everything you would need to know about the world’s most popular website, and how you can get the most out of it.

It’s the most direct and popular form of online communication

Facebook is arguably the fastest and most efficient way to communicate with people on the Internet. From private messages to public wall posts to real-time chatting, Facebook offers multiple ways to stay in contact. And, since the site is accessible via smartphones, most people can check their profile from anywhere at any time.

Demographically, insidefacebook.com reports 18-25 year olds make up 29 percent of Facebook users, followed by 26-34 year olds at 23 percent. That’s roughly 27 million young adults and 21 million family-aged adults. For parents and grandparents looking to stay connected, Facebook is the fastest way to get a response next to making a phone call.

From a business point of view, direct contact with 48 million plus tech savvy adults is a marketer’s dream come true. Upkeep of a profile is relatively easy; the only content posted on your business’ profile is whatever you chose to put on it, outside of customer responses.

Privacy concerns
One of the biggest arguments against using Facebook is security, and how much of a user’s personal information is shared.

A general rule of thumb: don’t post anything you wouldn’t want your grandparents to see, or, if you’re at the other end of the spectrum, anything you wouldn’t want your grandkids to see. Yes, Facebook does allow you customize your privacy settings, including who will see your posts and pictures. But, these settings aren’t always fool proof. The best procedure is to assume everyone can see everything on your page, so be sure to keep it clean.

Also, Facebook can only share information users post onto their profile. So if you’re concerned about what information is being shared, keep a close eye on what you post.

How to start a profile
Facebook is free and maintains that it always will be. To start an account, go to Facebook.com. You’ll need to submit your first and last name, an email address and a new password. You’ll also have to submit your date of birth in order to confirm you are of the correct age to have a profile. From there, Facebook will guide you step-by-step on how to post pictures and the various features available on the site. Facebook features an in depth help center that answers any concerns that you may have.

Here are some of the suggestions for teens
• Never share your password.
• Think before you post.
• Accept friend requests only from people you know personally.
• Report messages or profiles (Timelines) that look suspicious.
• For more information on privacy settings with minors, visit www.facebook.com/help/parents.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
NORTH ROAD ELEMENTARY parents: please obey the barrel during pick up. It is there for a purpose! If you think you are special, you will feel really bad when there is an accident because you were too lazy to park your car and get your child!

MAY WE REMIND ourselves that when picking up your children from school drive safely and be courteous to others. I witnessed a man with children in his car speed pass another vehicle in front of AGS only to sit at the red light. Slow down and appreciate life.

WHY ARE TAXPAYERS spending even a dime to promote business? That is what the Chamber is for. I’m voting against any council member that goes along with the DDA on this outrageous waste of our money.

ONCE AGAIN, I’m driving along on my way to a time-sensitive meeting in a 35 mph speed zone behind someone going 15 mph. How can you see six to eight cars behind you while going 20 mph under the speed limit and not speed up out of common courtesy?

MY LAST THESIS in college in the 70s was on President Carter’s energy plan. He lowered the speed limits on the expressway to save billions in fuel costs. He also encouraged personal responsibility and cutting back our home usage in our private lives. Hey, maybe he was onto something.

WHOEVER KEYED THAT grandma’s car, what a disgusting thing to do. I feel very sorry for you that you are bitter enough to have that kind of reaction just because someone took the parking space you wanted, and especially an elderly woman who needs a shorter walking distance than you. I hope that made you feel better. Real classy.
**CHICKEN**

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attention when an 11-year-old Fenton girl and her mother approached city officials last October to report that they be allowed to keep their chickens. A city ordinance existed prohibiting the practice. Olivia Bossardet pleaded her case to city officials, with the support of her mother Malissa Bossardet. Their 10 chickens became known to city officials after a complaint was filed by someone walking past their property on Adelaide Street.

The Bossardets did not know there was an existing ordinance prohibiting them from raising chickens when Malissa was given four chickens, two of which were roosters, about two years ago. She learned of the complaint by a note posted on her front door.

Malissa looks at these hens as a way to provide organic eggs for her family and extra income for her three children, one of whom is autistic and benefits from the routine of caring for the animals.

In order for the Bossardets to comply with city ordinances, the city would have to amend its ordinance.

**Summary**

Fenton City Council will consider amending a city ordinance, which prohibits residents from raising chickens in their backyard.

City planners contacted several municipalities, including Ferndale, Springfield, Madison Heights, Ypsilanti, Port Huron, Milan, Ann Arbor, Clare and DeWitt to see how they handled backyard chickens through ordinances. The various ordinances were reviewed by council members. During Monday’s work session, council members briefly discussed the topic and gave verbal opinions as to where they stood on backyard chickens.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said the Bossardets are in violation of the city ordinance. “She knew it and did it anyways,” she said.

Councilman Mike Piccentini said he would like to see a draft of an amended ordinance so that Council could pick and choose what would work for Fenton.

Councilman Benjamin Smith, who spoke out against changing the city’s ordinance last October, remained opposed to the idea of backyard chickens.

Mayor Sue Osborn said she favored keeping the ordinance as is.

Councilman Les Bland said he had no problems with raising hens. “I’m a hillbilly,” he said. He believed having natural eggs would be a good thing. He said restrictions would be necessary and he saw no need for roosters.

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said she was in favor of amending the ordinance to allow for three or four hens at the most. She suggested annual fees be included in the amended ordinance.

Councilman Brad Jacob said, “I’m all for them (chickens).” He agreed with Bland and said there was no reason to have a rooster. He suggested a limit of five hens. “They’re easier to take care of than a dog,” he said. “I would support having them, use common sense.”

“They’re easier to take care of than a dog.”

Bradley Jacob
Fenton City councilman

**WINTER**

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Torregrossa said that January and February combined, are about six degrees warmer than normal, which is significantly higher. At 25 inches of snowfall for the season, Michigan is also 10 inches below normal.

What was strange to Torregrossa is all the green everyone sees, even in February.

Even if it does snow, it melts quickly. “Last year was a brutal winter,” he said.

Torregrossa said the warm weather is being caused by the Arctic jet stream that usually sweeps down to Tennessee, and brings cold weather with it. This year, it is staying in southern Canada.

The jet stream is affected by cycles and temperatures of the ocean, which is not fully understood.

He said that there may not be an “average” winter in Mid-Michigan, something the Bossardets are already well aware of. He said he can never really know what winter is going to be like, but this year flies in the face of the long-term predictions he saw going into the season. The long range forecast called for a colder, snowier winter.

“I’m very surprised by this winter,” he said.

The new long-range forecast shows a warmer than average February, and spring this year is unclear. This weekend is supposed to be colder, with snow, but in this season’s fashion, it is supposed to warm right back up.

He thinks everyone may be pleasantly surprised by an early spring. “I think we could still get a major snowstorm, but time is on our side and it would melt fairly quickly,” he said. The fact that there is no snow on the ground now will help repel snow for the rest of the season.

Torregrossa said the normal daily high temperature has already started increasing.

“The sunshine’s power is on our side.”

Basically, Punxsutawney Phil, the famous ground hog, is full of it and winter might not come back at all.

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Kelli Clark, a cook aid for food services at Fenton High School, makes salads on Wednesday that include romaine lettuce and a variety of toppings. witc, with water, milk, and a banana. She gives herself high marks for choosing the healthy food offered, but gives the overall student population a 5 or 6.

Around the lunch room, there are many who brought a brown sack lunch. Brandon Keen, 17, brings his lunch every day, which he prefers to the school offerings. He brings a sandwich, apples, and protein bars. He sees his brown bag as healthier.

At Fenton High School, Kitchen Manager Jackie Schmidt guesses her department feeds half the student population, or about 600 students every day. Not only are foods going to whole grain, low fat, and low salt, even the snacks have to meet the same sugar content required by the HHFKA. Soft drinks by vending machine are not available during school hours, and even the potato chips are all baked.

She said her students, like at LFHS, are mixed between students that buy the healthy and less healthy choices. She can’t make them buy the chicken salad if they want the pizza and fries. ‘They’re the ultimate customer,’ she said. If the students don’t eat it, they can’t sell it. Schmidt makes the menu with her boss’ discretion, but the students ultimately call the shots.

“I think it’s all in educating the kids,” she said. Schmidt compared issues like bullying to childhood obesity: they both begin in the home. She thinks a diet that is healthy at home, would compel students to eat healthy at school. “Family just doesn’t sit down to eat anymore,” she said.

Talitha agrees that cooking at home might encourage healthier eating, but she only eats together as a family twice per week. Morey said she rarely hears about students sitting down to eat dinner as a family.

An ereleases.com article suggests that if young children help their parents prepare healthy meals, they will develop healthy eating habits.

The same law that gets rid of fried, high fat, high salt foods also equalizes school lunch prices, makes it easier for low-income children to receive school lunches, and encourages local sources for fruits and vegetables.

Linden, Fenton, and LFHS’s food programs are run by in-house staff, while Holly High School is run by contractor Chartwells Food Dining Services. "We strongly support these improvements to the breakfast and lunch meal patterns that are required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act," said a representative in an e-mail statement.

Linden schools also got ahead of the curve with healthy changes. They began last year with whole grain and wheat bread, and new vegetables. "We knew that there was going to be a change," said Debbie Brindle, Food Service Director. She opted to introduce the new items at the beginning of the year so they wouldn’t be a surprise to students.
I would rather pay an attorney $10,000

Resident opposes seasonal maintenance project

By William Axford
axford@tctimes.com, 810-433-6792

Tyro. — Residents of Great Oaks Drive in Tyrone Township are one step closer to receiving seasonal maintenance of their road. On Tuesday, the board unanimously approved a resolution for the Great Oaks Drive seasonal road maintenance project. Trustee Colleen Ameel was not present.

Residents have expressed various dangers, such as numerous steep road gouges and hilly snow buildup in the winter as reasons for needing seasonal upkeep.

“There were a whole lot of rough spots and gullies,” said Keith Kremer from his experience driving on the road. “It was quite rough.”

An estimate from a private company placed the annual costs of maintaining the road at $4,900. The program would include adding 30 tons of natural stone every spring and fall, as well as grading and plowing of 2,300 feet of road. The township would have to sign at least a five-year contract with a private company if the project is approved.

Resident Karl Geisler was the lone person to oppose the project. Geisler said, for the price of the maintenance, the township would be better off paving the road.

“When the road is graded and smooth, people drive 90 miles an hour down it,” Geisler said. “If the road was graded in November, it’d still be bad by spring. Would it cost more to simply pave it?”

Supervisor Mike Cunningham told Geisler that paving a one-mile road could cost up to $1 million. A majority of residents present at the meeting were for the project, paved road or not.

Residents said mail carriers have threatened to stop services due to the road’s undrivable conditions. Waste carriers and package delivery companies have told residents the same thing. Safety was also a chief concern among supporters of the project.

“A couple of winter’s ago, my husband got stuck and all I could think was ‘what if an ambulance got stuck,’” said Tanis Robinson. “I’m so grateful that this is in front of you.”

The project will be revisited again at a later board meeting. Geisler said that no matter what it takes, he’d fight the project if it doesn’t include paving Great Oaks Drive.

“I’ll file a lawsuit before it goes through,” Geisler said. “I would rather pay an attorney $10,000 before I pay the township $1,000.”

Summary

Great Oaks Drive residents may receive annual road maintenance, including grading and plowing. The project will be discussed again at a future board meeting.
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Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary Election will be conducted on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at the Tyro Township Hall, 14048 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate to electors that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

Keith L. Kremer, Tyro Township Clerk

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OLD GRAVEL TRUCK ROAD, starts at Hartland Road and runs to Genesee County line. Total acreage 9.5 acres. Road is 80’ in width with an additional split off towards Parkin Lane. $6,100 per acre. Can call on this property between 7:30-5p., Monday-Friday, phone 810-459-9190, ask for Vaugn.

Real Estate
- Fenton
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NOTICE OF BID ACCEPTANCE
CITY OF LINDEN
2004 and 2006 POLICE CRUISERS

The City of Linden will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser and a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser as is with no warranty. Bids may be submitted marked SEALED BID - POLICE CRUISER to the City Clerk, PO. Box 507, Linden, Michigan 48451 until Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 10:00 am at which time the bid opening will take place. Information requests or questions about the vehicle may be obtained by contacting Scott Sutter, Police Chief at (810) 735-5454 or e-mail police@lindenni.us. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to make award in the best interest of the City of Linden. Any bid not rescinded prior to the time of opening shall be irrevocable and, if accepted by the City Council, shall be deemed a contract enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction.

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FEBRUARY 28, 2012
IN GROVELAND TOWNSHIP

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GROVELAND TOWNSHIP
County of Oakland, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

THE Polls will be open 7 o’clock a.m. until 8 o’clock p.m.

All Polling Places are Handicap Accessible.
Braille and Audio Versions of Voting Instructions Are Available at the Polling Places Listed Below:

Precinct 1 - Groveland Township Office (4695 Grange Hall Rd.)
Precinct 2 - Groveland Fire Station No. 1 (14645 Dixie Hwy. Training Center)
Precinct 3 - Groveland Fire Station No. 2 (3085 Grange Hall Rd.)

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NOTICE OF MEETING 2008 BOARD OF REVIEW
CITY OF LINDEN

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008
9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Meetings will be held at the Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451, for the purpose of reviewing the City of Linden Assessment Rolls. The tentative equalization factors for the City of Linden are: Commercial 1.0, Residential 1.0, Industrial 1.0 and Personal 1.0. To schedule a meeting with the Board of Review, you may submit your petition to the City Office prior to the Board of Review. Petition forms are available at the City Hall and appointments should be made by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 14, 2008 by calling the City Offices at 735-7890 or 735-9624. Written protests will be accepted. Additional dates will be scheduled by appointment if necessary.

Martha A. Donnelly, City Clerk

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2012 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
ROSE TOWNSHIP
9080 Mason St.
Holly, Michigan 48442

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE
The 2012 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:

March 6, 2012 2:00pm Organizational Meeting (No Appeals Heard)
March 14, 2012 1:00pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 9:00pm
March 15, 2012 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:00pm
March 21, 2012 9:00am – 12:00pm
March 21, 2012 1pm (No Appeals Heard)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – Call (248) 634-7551 to schedule.

APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN 5:00PM MARCH 12, 2012.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE NOTICES OF APPEAL HAVE BEEN MAILED.

All persons requesting a public appointment should call (248) 634-7551 as follows:

MARCH 5, 2012 8:00AM-12:00PM & 1:00PM-4:00PM
MARCH 6, 2012 2:30PM-4:30PM & 6:00PM-9:00PM
MARCH 7, 2012 8:00AM-12:00PM & 1:00PM-4:00PM
MARCH 8, 2012 2:30PM-4:30PM & 6:00PM-9:00PM

Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting are asked to contact the Rose Township Clerk (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2012 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE CONSIDERED THE FOLLOWING:

ZBA12-002 Trevor Conaway 15097 Hogan Rd. requesting a variance to the maximum allowable square footage of all accessory buildings to construct detached accessory building in rear yard. Parcel 06-30-503-016

ZBA12-003 Gregory Hernacki 12419 Margaret Dr. requesting front setback variance for a new garden shed that is 12’ x 12’. Parcel 06-11-551-001

Copies of the above listed applications and the township ordinance are available at the township office for your review. Your opinions may be expressed verbally at this hearing or in writing to the board of appeals prior to this hearing. The zoning board of appeals encourages your participation in these appeals.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537.

Ordinances, meeting schedules and other township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

NOTICE of 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW
FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan as follows:

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 1:00 PM - Organizational Meeting to receive 2012 Assessment Roll from Assessor (MCL 211.29(1)) No Public Appointments

Appointments will be taken for:

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Monday, March 12, 2012 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:30 PM-4:30 PM
Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

The 2012 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classification.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85583 or 248-889-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written appeals should be addressed to:

Oakland County Equalization, Holly Township Assessor
250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1000 West
Pontiac, MI 48341

Please use Parcel Identification Number when referring to your property so that records can be quickly located.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

HOMEOWNER’S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY PA. 105 of 2003. If you have purchased your principal residence after December 31 last year, to claim the principal residence exemption for next year if you have not already done so, you are required to file an affidavit before May 1 this year.

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk’s Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 7 business days prior to the appointment.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE NOTICES OF ASSESSMENT HAVE BEEN MAILED.

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Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk
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**FLINT**
11300 W. Smith Road
A True Gem.
3 bedroom 1 bath, 1 car garage, corner lot.

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PINTEREST
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share them with friends and followers. He started the company in November 2009 out of his apartment, and quietly launched the site in March 2010, inviting people in his personal network to join.

Interest in Pinterest exploded after its first year. By December 2011, the number of U.S. visitors to Pinterest soared to 7.5 million, up from 418,000 in May, according to comScore Inc., a Chicago-based Internet research firm. Pinterest has been a boon, in particular, to the mommy blog community and to the artisan-shopping website Etsy.com, helping bloggers and designers find a wider audience.

“It’s like looking through your favorite magazines, but instead of tearing out ideas and filing them in a folder, you can keep track of your ideas by pinning them on your own board and sharing them with friends, and following other people’s boards,” said Holly Hodgkin, of Fenton. She uses the site for her own inspiration and to promote her custom-made scarves, which she sells on Etsy.com. “You can’t sell anything on Pinterest, but you can promote what you have and link it to other sites.”

Linda Kelly, of Fenton, discovered Pinterest when her soon-to-be-daughter-in-law started posting wedding ideas on Pinterest and piqued Kelly’s curiosity. “I had no concept about it, and couldn’t find anyone else who knew anything about it,” said Kelly. “But once you get it, you’re hooked. It’s addictive. It’s like Fantasy Football for women.”

Kelly views Pinterest as the “best tool in the world” for planning a wedding or any other party or special event. “There’s so much out there and there’s always some-one with a new idea that’s even better.”

She uses it not only for ideas, but also as a communication tool with her daughter, Ali. While you can’t pin an idea to someone else’s board, she named one of her boards “Ali,” then her daughter can follow that board. “I can pin inspirational quotes, or ideas and recipes I know she’d like,” said Kelly. “She’ll either smile, cry or laugh when she looks at my ‘Ali board.’ It’s like a connection between us.”

Setting Pinterest apart from other social media sites is that joining is by invitation only, either by requesting an invitation from Pinterest (www.pinterest.com) or by another Pinterest member. Because of its popularity, there may be a short waiting period in getting on the site. In order to use the site, members must have either a Facebook or Twitter account.

Once you’re on, however, the global world of creative ideas is truly “your oyster.” “It’s mind-boggling when you really see how truly infinite the Pinterest possibilities are,” said Kelly. “It puts me in my ‘happy place.’ I’m totally addicted. At 1 a.m., I’ll write, ‘I can’t stop pinning!’

How to use Pinterest, step-by-step
Once you have gotten on Pinterest through an invitation, here’s what to do next.

Step 1: Pinterest will ask you for your interests. Choose all that apply.

Step 2: Create your own boards. They will give you some starter boards. You can keep these or start your own.

Step 3: Make sure to install the Pinterest bookmarklet so you can pin wherever you are on the Internet.

Summary
Pinterest is the newest social media craze that brings in millions of users a month to share creative ideas for home decor, travel, recipes, crafts, etc.

*810-694-1311*
I FIND IT sad that State Road Elementary School has such horrible lunches for $2.75 and Linden has awesome ones for $2.25. Come on State Road get some good food for our kids in there!

IF THE FENTON cinema were such a great moneymaker, a cinema would be there now. If you feel so strongly against something else in that building, how about you buy it with your money and run the cinema?

IS THE MICHIGAN Brewery Co. still opening? It appears that another DDA project will be past way the deadline. The DDA needs a full-time director like the one we used to have. The assistant city manager can’t devote the time needed to stay on top of all projects.

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One out of five marriages in 2012 began online

By Sally Rummel
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Is your marriage a “match made in heaven” or on Match.com?

Romance used to blossom when couples became acquainted at school or work, or met through a network of family or friends. Now it’s just as likely to begin at a computer keyboard.

If you’re getting married in 2012, chances are one in five that you met your “true love” through an online dating service.

But if you’re single, divorced or widowed and have your heart set on meeting “that perfect someone” online, you might want to lessen your expectations. The word “perseverance” comes to mind in describing what it takes to successfully find your life’s mate through an online dating service.

“You’ve got to expect to kiss a lot of frogs before you find your Prince Charming,” said Karen Eliason, 31, who met her husband, Jeff, 33, through Match.com three years ago. They are friends of Tri-County Times sports editor, David Troppens. “There are a lot of bad apples out there. It helps if you’re outgoing and willing to get out there just to meet new people.”

“Say ‘yes’ to dates,” advises Fenton resident Janet Cooley, 62, who met her true love, Paul Stedman.

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Summary

Online dating is now the third most common method for people to meet a future spouse, after school/work and family/friends. It is estimated that one in five marriages in 2012 will result from online dating.

Online dating statistics

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Karen and Jeff Eliason are full of bubbly smiles after their wedding in October 2010. They met on Match.com three years ago.

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Janet Cooley and Paul Stedman are pictured here in Florida. They plan to marry in 2012, after having met on Match.com five years ago.
What’s love all about?

Love and marriage are masterpieces of God’s creative plan. Two people with different personalities, backgrounds and gifts enter into a love relationship that makes them one. It’s as old as the Garden of Eden, where the first wedding contained words that have been part of marriage ceremonies ever since: “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

Some marriages are enjoyable. Others are contests of quiet (or very loud) desperation where both husband and wife are trying to somehow endure to the end; sometimes to bitter end. Today, too many marriages are going down in flames, leaving broken hearts and shattered lives that make miserable memories for those who started out with such great hopes and especially for their children.

If your marriage is less than you hoped it would be, here are four questions to brighten your walk down Lover’s Lane:

Why not really fall in love?

Our misunderstanding of true love is understandable. Hollywood has misled us. Books about romance have muddied the waters. Couples therefore come to the altar with false expectations, thinking their husband or wife will provide all they need to be happy. But true love is more about giving than receiving.

This closest of all earthly bonds is to be a tender one and much of the responsibility for this tender touch falls to the husband. A familiar quote, often heard at weddings, says it well: “Woman was made from the rib of Adam; not from his foot to be under him, nor from his hand to be ruled by him, but from his side to be next to him, from under his arm to be protected by him, from near to his heart to be loved by him.”

Why not build on each other’s strong points?

Love isn’t about putting each other down but about lifting each other up; not about criticism but about encouragement.

What do you like about your wife? What caused you to marry her? How long has it been since you told her how much you appreciate her for who she is and what she does?

What is there about your husband that moved you to want him to be your man? Is he strong? Gentle? Faithful? Honest? A good provider? Make a list of his strengths and go over it often. See what accentuating the positive does to your marriage. Why not express your affection often?

How long has it been since you found a special way to express your love? If you’re stingy with your affection, you’re not living as God intends.

The late Dr. Oswald Smith, former pastor of Toronto’s great People’s Church, wrote: “You say you are too busy, too weary and too old? Too busy for love? Too weary to express your affection? Too old to appreciate the touch of a lover’s hand? Surely not!”

Some can’t enjoy life together because they are unwilling to forgive old wrongs. How unlike the love of Christ their love has become! He forgives us again and again. Following His example will help old couples understand what love is all about.
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Design a kitchen with ageless beauty

If you’re remodeling a home to last the rest of your life, it should include a visually beautiful kitchen. Invest in the beauty of granite, Corian or quartz counter tops. And don’t neglect what’s underneath. Today’s gorgeous wood and tile selections, in particular, create a great base for a beautiful kitchen.

Plan access to a great kitchen

Creating access to the kitchen by considering doorways and workspaces, for instance, can be redesigned to accommodate assistive devices. Cabinet heights can be adjusted to allow access to counters, drawers and cabinet doors. Ask your contractor about non-slip flooring, too. Don’t get locked out of your own kitchen due to decreased mobility, when simple design changes can help.

Building in easy maintenance

The superior quality of the counter top, flooring and cabinet materials now available let you love your kitchen without becoming a slave to it! Today’s gorgeous kitchen designs are perfect for the Baby Boomer planning to live in place. Build in the features you need to be safe, happy and comfortable in your kitchen. That’s the best way to be sure you’re designing your own “kitchen for the ages.”

The first things people think of when it comes to state-of-the-art kitchens are appliances, with good reason; new technology and appliances go hand in hand. Laying them out for maximum cooking efficiency along with clever new appliances, with good reason; new technology and appliances go hand in hand.

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Dedicated task stations.

It’s not just about the work triangle anymore. State-of-the-art kitchens are designed more like restaurant kitchens, complete with a clean up station, a prep station, a hot station and computer station.

The age of the notebook kitchen

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**Q.** My 92 Chevy S10 was driving fine, until we pulled into a gas station and all of a sudden it started smoking and my brakes went out! It will stop but the brake pedal goes all the way to the floor and when I push the brake, it will smoke! What could the problem be? - Derek

**A.** Derick, There are a couple of possibilities here, first thing is to check the level of the brake fluid. It is most likely leaking and either spraying on the hot engine or exhaust as you hit the brakes. If the smoke is coming from the tailpipe of your exhaust then you most likely have a bad master cylinder and it is getting in to the vacuum hose through the brake booster. This will cause damage to the brake booster if it happens for too long.

Do you have a question that you would like to have answered? E-mail it to me at: askthemechanic@wilkinsonautorepair.com

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**Holly teen vying for community’s vote**

**Leadership academy sending three girls to London Olympics**

By Sharon Stone
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Amy Scruggs, of Holly, is hoping to gather enough votes to win a four-day trip to the 2012 London Olympics taking place this summer.

The 13-year-old Holly Middle School girl attended the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy last summer, where she learned about being a leader and making a difference in her community. The camp challenged the girls from the three camps to come up with community projects and submit their projects to the academy so people could vote.

One girl from each camp who collects the most votes will win the trip. Voting ends Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Amy created a team group called Teen Pride Volunteers. She brought about 20 other teens together to volunteer their services throughout the community. They helped the local AYSO paint fields, put up nets and clean up the fields. They also cleaned three local parks, baked cakes for a local church and volunteered at local elementary schools.

Amy and her family are hoping that people will recognize her volunteer efforts and cast their vote for her. To vote, go to http://contest.juliefoudyleadership.com/node/72.

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February is the time to rekindle romance with your home

Valentine month is the time of year when we seek appropriate ways of expressing our love for those closest to us. Why not rekindle the romance with your home at the same time? Flowers, candy or jewelry might not get you very far, but asking these three questions is going to show you care:

1. **HOW IS YOUR HOME FEELING?**
   It’s often hard to get fresh air into our homes during the winter, meaning pollutants can get trapped inside. If your home has poor indoor air quality you can help it feel better.
   - Limit the use of products containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in common household products, such as cleansers and paint.
   - Consider adding a mechanical ventilation system to provide a controlled source of fresh air to your home. It can help manage indoor pollutants and excess indoor moisture.

2. **IS YOUR HOME WARM AND COMFORTABLE?**
   Conventional fiberglass insulation is like a wool sweater on a winter day. It might look warm and fuzzy, but it won’t stop cold air from passing through.
   - Conduct an energy audit of your home to spot key sources of air leakage, especially around windows and doors and through the attic.
   - Consider installing spray foam insulation (like popular Icynene) in your home. It can create an air barrier and help control air leakage, energy loss and airborne pollutants.

3. **IS YOUR HOME NICE AND DRY?**
   Indoor moisture can accumulate in the winter months, leading to a musty smell, condensation on windows and even to mold.
   - Make sure bathroom fans and kitchen hoods are hooked up and working.
   - Use proper ventilation to the outdoors when showering or cooking.
   - Limit the use of humidifiers. Set up a dehumidifier in damp areas inside the home, like the basement.

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**Hometown Urgent Care opens in Fenton**

> Provides medical care seven days a week

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

If your family is having one of “life’s little emergencies,” you’ll want to get acquainted with Hometown Urgent Care & Workcare Center, located at 3220 W. Silver Lake Rd. in Fenton.

From common colds to fractures and lacerations, Hometown Urgent Care specializes in the treatment of all minor injuries and illnesses by a full staff of physicians, radiologists, medical assistants, etc. Maureen Onvigbo, M.D., M.P.H., is the main staff physician, with three other doctors also on staff.

The office offers comprehensive services, including full digital X-rays and lab services, offered in a relaxed, comfortable setting. A special kids’ area is decorated with colorful Disney wall art to provide a stress-free setting for younger patients.

Hometown Urgent Care is also a full occupational health center, offering drug screenings, respiration, work physicals, work injury care and other services.

“We have been so pleased with the overwhelming support shown to us since we opened in Fenton on Feb. 2,” said Chris Hale, director of operations in Michigan. “We’re proud that Hometown Urgent Care is one of the fastest growing urgent cares in the U.S. and is now available for faster, more affordable medical access in Fenton.

Open seven days a week, Hometown Urgent Care is available when your primary care physician may not be. “We’re not trying to replace your primary care physician,” said Hale.

“But we encourage people to stop at Hometown Urgent Care rather than a hospital ER, unless the illness or injury is life-threatening. The wait time is less than a quarter of the wait time in a typical ER visit, and it is much more affordable.”

For more information, call (810) 208-7470. Hometown Urgent Care accepts most major insurances. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**TYRONE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS**

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD 7:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 7, 2012

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Dave Kurtz, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Steve Hasbrouck, Don Peitz and Jim Kolhoff. Absent: Trustee Colleen Ameel.

2. Closed the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m. for a public hearing to review the proposed Great Oaks Drive Seasonal Road Maintenance Project Special Assessment District.

3. Reopened the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.

4. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.

5. Received and placed Communications #1-2 on file as presented.

6. Approved Resolution #120201 Approving Project Details and Directing the Preparation of the Special Assessment Roll of the Great Oaks Drive Seasonal Road Maintenance Project.

7. Approved Resolution #120202 Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling a Hearing, Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices and Ratifying Previous Actions of the Great Oaks Drive Seasonal Road Maintenance Project.

8. Approved the Tetra Tech invoice for the Tyrome Woods closure.


10. Approved Tyrome Township’s Meeting Dates Resolution #120204.

11. Approved to forward the allocated funds to Hartland Senior Center.

12. Approved Resolution #120205 to Establish a 180 Day Moratorium on the Development, Permitting and/or Opening of Medical Marijuana Facilities.

13. Approved the use of budgeted funds for the EDC/Ann Arbor Spark with a 30-day opt-out clause in the contract.

14. Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrome Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrome Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrome Township Board will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrome Township Hall. The public is invited to attend.

 Supervisor Mike Cunningham
 Clerk Keith L. Kremer
Dear Optimists, Pessimists and Realists, while you were fighting over the glass of water, I drank it. Signed, the Opportunist.

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy?
Playing video games and watching football.

My dream car is: The new Shelby muscle car, blue with a white pin stripe.

My all-time favorite movie is: ‘Friday Night Lights,’ because I really like football.

My earliest memory is: I remember living in DeWitt when we had a dog, I must have been 2 or 3 at the time.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? I’d like to rewind time, because I’m a procrastinator and I don’t always get things done.

I always: Know how to make people laugh.

I never: Keep things clean.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be? I’d want everyone to be themselves instead of trying to be a TV model.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for? I’d say high school football, because I had a stroke and can’t play anymore.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? Led Zeppelin in ‘71, because they were a pretty good band for their time.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say? Smiles and laughs are free of charge.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Graduation, because I can’t wait to go to college.

What has been the best day in your life so far? After my stroke surgery I woke up to all my friends and family.

What are your plans after graduation? I’m attending Saginaw Valley State University where I’ll be studying bio-chemistry.

What foods and entrees do you like to order at lunch?

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- Mar 05-11 #71 No John, I’m Not Cheesing

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▶Mother of famous quarterback to speak at spring dinner

By Sally Rummel
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The tri-county area is about to be “Tebowed.”

Pam Tebow, the mother of popular NFL Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, will be the guest speaker at the 2012 Fenton Right to Life Spring Dinner on Tuesday, April 17 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The dinner will begin at 7 p.m., following a 6 p.m. private “Meet & Greet” reception with Pam Tebow for people who purchase reception tickets.

Pam Tebow’s personal story is actually Tim’s story, which began before his birth. Pregnant while she and her husband, Rob were living and working as missionaries in the Philippines, she entered into a coma after contracting amoebic dysentery, an infection of the intestine caused by a parasite found in a contaminated food or drink. Treatment for the condition would require strong medications that doctors told Pam had caused irreversible damage to her unborn son, already named Tim, so they advised her to have an abortion. She refused to do so and “gives God the glory for not taking her life or the life of her son,” according to her biography.

As a missionary family in the Philippines, all five of the Tebow children were home-schooled from kindergarten through high school — each of them earning a college scholarship. The rest of the story begins with Tim Tebow himself, and his amazing popularity as a college football player.

Tim Tebow began his rise to fame when he won the Heisman Trophy following his sophomore football season with the Florida Gators. One of the most popular players in the history of college football, he was drafted by the NFL in 2010, but spent his first season on the bench. When he finally got a chance to play in 2011, his dramatic wins and Christian witness on and off the field brought him global media attention.

Tebow’s prayer stance of dropping to one knee with his fist to his forehead before a game, after a touchdown or anytime he feels like praying, has coined a verb all its own, “tebowing.” What is Tebowing? (vb) to get down on a knee and start praying, even if everyone else around you is doing something completely different, according to tebowing.com.

“He’s the purist athlete we’ve ever seen,” said Steve James, president of Fenton Right to Life and an avid sports booster for Tebow fan. “He’s courageous when it comes to his faith.” He is very pleased to be bringing Pam and Tim’s story to the people of the tri-county area. “It’s an amazing ‘feel-good’ story,” said James. “In this day and age, it’s exactly what we need to hear.”

In addition to their continuing work as missionaries through the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association, Pam and Bob Tebow also run an orphanage, Uncle Dick’s Home, in the Philippines. While Pam is still involved in her husband’s ministry, she enjoys speaking for women’s groups, nonprofit fundraisers and various other events across the country.

Tickets
www.fentonrtl.org

“This will be the biggest event in our 25-year history. We’ve never had a speaker of this caliber before. We’re expecting between 350 and 400 people to attend.”

Steve James
Fenton Right to Life president

Tickets for this Spring Dinner are available on the Fenton Right to Life’s website, www.fentonrtl.org. James encourages people who are interested to buy their tickets early, because they are going quickly and seating is limited.

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Buy your tickets soon! This event will sell out.


Joyce Elaine Earl, Joyce Elaine Earl - age 78, of Linden, died Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at home. Funeral services will be 2 PM Saturday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 204 E. Broad Street, Inden. Pastor Jack McMaster officiating. Visitation was held Friday 5-9 PM and also will be held Saturday 12 PM until the time of services. Devotional readings, and in his prayers, his braille and 5 siblings, Harold, Marsha and Rodney Earl; death by 2 infant children, nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by 2 infant children, Marsha and Rodney Earl; and 5 siblings, Harold, Kenneth, Thelma, Mildred and Norma. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharfuneralhomes.com.

Paul A. Living, Paul A. Living - age 86, formerly of Holly and Gregory, MI, died Tuesday, February 1, 2012. He was born in Baraga, MI on April 8, 1925 the son of Charles and Clara (Chantlois) Living. Paul was one of nine children and although he knew only the world in silence, he was all male. He was adventurous and took chances just like all the Living boys who grew up in Holly. Paul went to school at the Michigan School for the Deaf, as did his sister Jamie. He was good with tools and could straighten a chair and a table from wobbling. In his 50’s, he lost his vision and did the best to adapt. He became involved in the Blind Bowlers League and worked in a small shop for the physically challenged. He lived in Gregory, MI for many years with a caregiver, Paula, who provided very good care to Paul. He was active in the Pinckney Catholic Church and other activities in the area. He truly enjoyed his friends, his family, and the Lord. He was a very devout man who had a very close relationship with the Lord, and he loved the Lord. He had many children, nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at 11 AM Thursday, May 24, 2012 at the Dryer Funeral Home. Children’s Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan School for the Blind, Blank Books for Blind Children/American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.


Robert McDonald, Robert McDonald - age 80, of Swartz Creek, died February 6, 2012. He was born in Bay City, Michigan to the late Charles and Clara (Chantlois) Living. Paul was one of nine children and although he knew only the world in silence, he was all male. He was adventurous and took chances just like all the Living boys who grew up in Holly. Paul went to school at the Michigan School for the Deaf, as did his sister Jamie. He was good with tools and could straighten a chair and a table from wobbling. In his 50’s, he lost his vision and did the best to adapt. He became involved in the Blind Bowlers League and worked in a small shop for the physically challenged. He lived in Gregory, MI for many years with a caregiver, Paula, who provided very good care to Paul. He was active in the Pinckney Catholic Church and other activities in the area. He truly enjoyed his friends, his family, and the Lord. He was a very devout man who had a very close relationship with the Lord, and he loved the Lord. He had many children, nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at 11 AM Thursday, May 24, 2012 at the Dryer Funeral Home. Children’s Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan School for the Blind, Blank Books for Blind Children/American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.
Recipes

Roasted Herbed Chicken with Lemon

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 whole chicken (2 to 3 lbs)
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges
- 2 T. fresh rosemary
- 10 cloves garlic
- 1/4 cup white wine or chicken broth
- 1 small pat butter or margarine, melted
- Fresh green beans (doy as desired)
- Salt and pepper to taste

**DIRECTIONS**
Clean the chicken and pat dry. Add chicken to the stoneware. Dribble the chicken with butter and then rub with garlic and sprinkle with salt and pepper as desired. Add the garlic, wine, and red potatoes to the stoneware. Add the green beans on top of the potatoes and sprinkle the rosemary on top of the chicken and stoneware. Add the green beans on top of the potatoes desired. Add the garlic, wine, and red potatoes to the stoneware. Garnish the top of the chicken with lemon wedges as desired. Cook on High 4 hours, or on Low 7-8 hours.

paw’s corner

**Dachshund’s odd behavior**

**DEAR PAW’S CORNER:** When we give my minia-

ute Dachshund, “Peg,” a chew treat, she takes it and walks all over the house crying. She will stop and “bury” it in different places, under a blanket or behind things, then pull it right back out and con-
tinue the process again and again for a while before she finally settles down and begins chewing it. We were wondering what is going on in her head that results in this behavior.

— Curious Doxy Mom

**DEAR DOXY MOM:** Peg’s behavior has all the earmarks of instinctive behaviors applied to a specific item (the chew treat). Dachshunds are notorious dig-
gers— it’s a part of what they were originally bred for, as working dogs that would root out vermin like moles. So it’s not too surprising that she does this with her chew toys. The crying seems like a way of announc-
ing possession, like “hey, this is mine, I got it, check it out!” rather than distress. If the behavior happens only at treat time and doesn’t bother you or harm the furniture, it’s up to you whether to let it continue. How-
ever, it sounds like Peg needs more stimulation in her life. Try playing games where you “bury” a toy (cover it with a pillow, say) and have her find it. You can even go so far as to build a sandbox out back where she can bury and dig up toys during play times, under your supervision. Don’t let her dig in other parts of the yard, though; if she starts that up, distract her and give her something else to do (like teaching basic obedience commands) or bring her back to the sandbox to dig.

This Valentine’s Day, readers bring the love

**DEAR AMY:** I read with interest letters in recent columns in which readers have offered prescriptions for a successful marriage.

Over the past six years in Cornell University’s Legacy Project, we’ve collected the advice for living from more than 1,200 Americans (most age 70 or older). I thought your readers would be interested in the top five tips these “wisest Americans” have for people striving for a long and happy marriage:

1. Marry someone a lot like you: Similarity in core values in particular is the key to a happy marriage. And forget about changing someone after marriage; the elders say it just doesn’t work.

2. Friendship is as important as romantic love: Heart-thumping passion has to undergo a metamorphosis in lifelong relationships. Marry someone for whom you feel deep friendship as well as love.

3. Don’t keep score: Don’t take the attitude that marriage must always be a 50-50 proposition; you can’t get out exactly what you put in. The key to success is having both partners try to give more than they get out of the relationship.

4. Talk to each other: Marriage to the strong, silent type can be deadly to a relationship. Long-
term married partners are talkers (at least to one another, and about things that count).

5. Don’t just commit to your partner, commit to marriage itself: Make a commitment to the institution of marriage and take it seriously. Seeing the marriage as bigger than the immediate needs of each partner helps people work together to overcome inevitable rough patches.

Many respondents in our surveys had been married 40, 50 and even 60 or more years. They’ve experienced all the ups and downs marriage brings, so their advice is worth listening to!

— Karl Pillemer, Cornell University

**DEAR KARL:** I am fascinated by this research, which is collected in the book “30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice From the Wised Americans” (Hudson Street Press, 2011). I was inspired by both the wisdom and the practical advice offered by people who have truly “been there.”

So often these elders reflected on relationships in their lives that had soured over long-forgotten slight; those people who were the happiest also seemed to have the most balanced and happiest relationships. Simple values such as being kind, forgiving people and being a good friend ranked very high as lifelong values for these older people.

On Valentine’s Day we celebrate the fantasy of real love. Real romance can sometimes be messy or difficult, but it endures.

(Send questions via e-mail to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Amy Dickinson’s memoir, “The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them” (Hyperion), is available in bookstores.)

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vorce and mother of three, asked to remain anonymous in this story. She has found more male friends on the dating sites than she has “marriage material.” “I found out that the one guy I did fall in love with was living in his ex-wife’s basement, because he had foreclosed on his house,” she said. “We’re still friends, but he knows I need more from him than he’s able to give. At least we’ve been honest with each other.” Honesty seems to be one personality trait often missing from online dating experiences. “About 75 percent of the men lie,” said the woman. “What’s funny is that they lie about the obvious, like their height, where they live, what they do for a living, etc.” She remains, however, optimistic about dating, saying that it’s still fun to make new friends, even if they aren’t “the one.”

Two main services dominate the online dating scene. Tops in the field are Match.com and eHarmony.com. Many smaller online services cater to niche audiences like ChristianMingles.com and Seniorpeoplemeet.com. Most online dating services charge a monthly fee, which typically gets lower the more months you sign up for. Other services, like PlentyofFish.com and OKCupid.com, are free. A site like eHarmony.com even provides a guarantee that if a mate hasn’t been found within a certain time, the next six months are free.

The amount of information required to more closely match compatible profiles is another difference between sites. Match.com is very open-ended — you decide what you write about in your profile, what singles on the site to contact and what you’ll discuss when you do. eHarmony is more regimented in its profile matching approach. It starts with a lengthy self-examination questionnaire and asks you about the traits you value in a partner. After you finish, you’re rewarded with a list of potential partners based on your questionnaire results.

The results can be overwhelming. “I just joined Match.com for November and December of last year and had more than 3,200 e-mails to sift through just during those two months,” said the anonymous woman.

“It sometimes feels like a second job,” admitted Cooley. “You get all of these ‘hits’ and you feel like you have to respond. It’s like being an actor going out for a part, then getting rejected for a role. You just have to keep going.”

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**ONLINE DATING STATISTICS**

- **More than 280,000 marriages** a year are a direct result of people meeting on an online dating service.
- **More than 5 percent** of Internet users have paid to use an online dating service.
- **For a first date**, singles prefer dinner to any other activity. Less than 1 percent thought that a movie was a good first date idea.
- **Forty-nine percent** of women say they never pay for a date.
- **More than 20 million** people visit at least one online dating service a month.
- **49 percent** of people believe that online dating is a great way to meet others while 48 percent believe it is a waste of time.
- **More than 50 percent** of online daters in the U.S. indicated that they’ve had at least one disastrous date with someone they met online, but 64 percent said that they have had more good dates than bad ones.
- **There are nearly 90 million** singles in the U.S.

*Source: Online Dating Magazine*
Eagles teams’ offenses soar against East

Linden boys shoot 58 percent in win; Nosek scores 27 for girls sparking easy Metro victory

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Linden — It was a good night to be a Linden Eagle.

In the opener of a Metro League doubleheader, Madison Nosek scored a career-high 27 points, leading the Linden girls basketball team to a 55-18 victory over Lapeer East.

In the nightcap, Kevin Baker scored 12 points and dished seven assists, leading the boys to a 59-47 victory against East.

“I think our whole team just worked together, and it just wasn’t one-person effort,” Nosek said, deflecting the fact she had 27 points. “Everyone contributed tonight. Even our bench came out strong and played well. I think we came out quick, so we had a lot of steals. We took advantage of a lot of turnovers.”

“We played very smart,” Linden varsity boys basketball coach Denny Hopkins said. “I think the Swarmicz game and tonight’s game were our best outings moving the ball and taking quality shots. I was real pleased with the shot selection.”

The Linden boys led just 14-9 after one quarter, but then opened the second period by going on a 6-0 run. A Baker pass to Collin Hoeberling for a layup ended the run. Linden led 20-9. That lead grew to 29-16 at the half.

In the second half, the Eagles led by as many as 20, reaching that point on a Nash layup with 13.8 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Eagles (5-9, 7-9) hit on 25-for-43 shots from the field. Balanced scoring was the key. After Baker’s 12 points, Shaye Brown and Nash had nine points. Hoeberling had seven. Baker also had eight rebounds and four steals.

“Baker was pretty doggone good,” Hopkins said.

The Linden girls (8-6, 9-7) dominated from the start. Nosek had 22 of Linden’s 35 first-half points, leading the team to a 35-15 halftime edge. She added five points in the third, and didn’t really look for her shot in the fourth quarter. Majia Satkowiak had seven points, while Lexi Downes had six points and five rebounds. Nosek also had 10 steals.

“(Nosek) played awesome in the first half,” Linden girls coach Ben Varner said.

“She was hitting a lot of stuff. … She was opened with a chance to shoot a three almost every time she had the ball, so she did a nice job just not always shooting and trying to score points.”

Fenton boys earn at least a share of Metro title; Holly girls back in tie for first

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The Tigers are four-time defending Metro League champions.

Dylan Hickoff and Ryan Hickick each scored 17 points, in the victory that gave Fenton (13-1, 15-1) at least a co-Metro League title. Eric Readman added 10 points for the Tigers.

A 22-9 third-quarter run helped spark the win for the Tigers.

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

Kearsley 61, Holly 58 OT

Jared Plawski scored 20 points in the losing effort, while Isaac Casillas had 12 points.

Girls Basketball
Holly 39, Kearsley 24

The Bronchos got 12 points from Jessica Beeler and 11 from Alyssa Copley.

The win, coupled with Lapeer West’s loss to Fenton, puts the Bronchos in a three-way tie for first place in league action with Clio and Lapeer West.

Holly outscored Kearsley 10-3 in the second quarter, taking a 15-6 lead into the half.

Fenton 33, Lapeer West 29

The Tigers (9-5, 10-7) outscored Lapeer West 11-1 in the second quarter, helping spark a defensive-minded victory.

Julie Gilbert led Fenton with 10 points, while Payton Maxheimer had seven points and 14 rebounds. Carly Granger chipped in six points.
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**Lake Fenton** — It wasn’t as quick as last year’s District title.

But, the Blue Devils repeated as Division 3 Team District wrestling champions Wednesday.

Lake Fenton defeated GAC foe Mt. Morris, 57-18, to earn a second straight Division 3 team district title.

Last year, Lake Fenton faced Powers in district action, winning the match in less than 15 minutes. The only three matches wrestled on the mat were Blue Devil pinfall wins.

This time, the Blue Devils won 11 of the 14 matches, with six pinfall wins. This was the second straight season there wasn’t a semifinal match in the district due to lack of teams participating.

Wednesday marked the first time this year the Blue Devils, who have suffered injuries throughout the season, fielded a wrestler in all 14 weight classes.

Lake Fenton got pinfall victories from Todd Melick (119), James Demember (125), Cody Sanders (140), Tyler Sanders (145), D.J. Melton (152) and Ray Denam (171). Jared Corcoran (112) and Chase Hall (189) had void wins. Winning by decision were John Barry (130), Nathan Resko (160) and Lucas Allen (215).

“It was nice having a full team. The kids wrestled well. Everybody just came back at the right time,” said Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran. “John (Barry), Lucas (Allen) and Todd (Melick) just came back. Both, D.J. (Melton) and James (Demember) just returned last weekend.

“John (Barry) and Ray (Denam) have injuries that will keep them from wrestling (in the individual tournaments) but they wrestled for the team tonight.”

The Blue Devils pulled away with a 35-second pin earned by Melick, and first-period fall earned by Demember. Barry won a 5-0 decision to build a 21-6 lead. Lake Fenton then clicked off 36 straight points with seven consecutive wins. The Sanders brothers of Cody and Tyler got it rolling with pinfalls. Melton trailed 6-5 before he turned the tables with a fall in 2:26. Resko, whose motor never stops running, used his aggressive style for a 10-6 decision victory. Demam put away his foe in 58 seconds, and Allen earned a 7-6 overtime win.

“It was a knee re-injury from football.” See LF on 15B

**TEAM WRESTLING REGIONALS**

The tri-county area has two teams heading to Wednesday’s regional action. The starting times have yet to be determined.

**D2 at Lamphere**

**Semifinals**

Holly vs. Lamphere

Warren Lincoln vs. Redford Union

Finals approximately 10 minutes after last semifinal match ends.

**D3 at Birch Run**

**Semifinals**

Lake Fenton vs. Durand

Birch Run vs. Portland

Finals approximately 10 minutes after last semifinal match ends.

**Holly’s Joel Schuermann was 2-0 in team district action for the Bronchos on Wednesday.**

**Bronchos capture third straight district team wrestling crown**

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The Holly varsity wrestling team came into its Division 2 team district as an overwhelming favorite on Wednesday.

And the sixth-ranked Bronchos didn’t disappoint.

Holly captured its third straight team district title, defeating Lapeer 72-6 and then Avondale 57-12 at the Orchard Lake St. Mary’s district event. In the process, the team also made school history, earning back-to-back-to-back championships for the first time ever.

Three championships in a row, that’s very nice,” Holly coach Don Plata said.

“That’s the first time we ever did that. We set goals. We wanted to be back-to-back Metro champions, back-to-back-to-back district champions, and our next goal is to be the first back-to-back regional champs. There’s a lot of motivation on this team. They have a strong desire to perform well, and be one of the elite teams. That’s what we’re striving to be.”

The win means the Bronchos will compete in the Madison Heights Lamphere team regional on Wednesday against the tourney hosts in the semifinals. The winner of that match will face either Warren Lincoln or Redford Union in the regional title match, and for a spot in the Team State Meet in Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena.

The Bronchos cruised in their district opener against Lahser. Lahser had only 10 wrestlers and had a lot of empty weight classes. Avondale was able to field a complete lineup, with the exception of 103, but couldn’t keep up with the battle-tested Bronchos. Holly posted pinfall wins in seven of the matches, including in every weight class from 112 to 135. Getting those pinfall wins were Jacob Palleson (112), Steven Buttery (119), Tyler Gibson (125), Mason Cleaver (130) and Anthony Gonzales (135). Also earning pinfall wins were Kyle Pepper (145) and Joel Schuermann (215).

Others earning wins for Holly against see BRONCHOS on 13B

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**Fenton struggles vs. Gladiators in team district semifinal action**

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**Fenton** — Bo Brancheau wanted to bring at least one highlight to the Fenton Tigers’ Division 2 Team Wrestling match against Fowlerville on Wednesday.

When he took the mat with just his weight class and one more remaining, the Tigers already trailed Fowlerville 64-3. Only teammate Charlie Jones (135) had won a match, and the team still was looking for its first pinfall won.

Brancheau (140) ended that search. Brancheau earned a pinfall victory 1:55 into his match with Tucker Gibbons, creating the team’s biggest highlight of the day. However, the Tigers still lost the semifinal match 68-9.

“It felt pretty good,” Brancheau said about the pinfall. “I tried my hardest because I thought it was pretty bad we didn’t get a pin yet. I just gave it my all.”

The Tigers lost their first 11 matches in the event with Fowlerville, but the losing streak ended with Jones’ 9-2 decision win. During the match, Jones was almost pinned in the second period with a large lead, but he fought back and won the match relatively easily by decision.

Then came Brancheau’s match. He cruised to his easy win with the pinfall. “I always give it my all,” Brancheau said. “Even if we are down, I try to get

See **FENTON on 14B**

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**Linden wrestling falls in district finals to Fowlerville**

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**Linden** — It was a season of struggles and rebuilding for the Linden varsity wrestling team this year.

The squad didn’t contend for the Metro League title like it usually does and struggled with injuries and other issues throughout the season.

The team portion of the year came to an end on Wednesday in the Division 2 Team District meet held at Fenton High School.

The Eagles lost the first six matches, resulting in a 47-19 loss to a reasonably talented Fowlerville squad in the district final match.

“It was a crazy season,” Linden coach Todd Skinner said. “Fowlerville is tough, and the situations we went through this year with eligibility issues, kids being dismissed from the team and being so young made it a hard season.”

The Eagles knew they were going to be young and rebuilding, so maybe a 17-17 final record wasn’t too bad.

“For me, it wasn’t but for some of my teammates it might have been,” said senior Chase Gifford when asked if he was frustrated about this season’s rebuilding status. “We knew (Fowlerville) was going to be a tough team. We have a young team this year.”

The Eagles trailed 26-0 after six matches, but then bounced back by winning four of the next five matches. Johnnie Bates (112) won by decision, Zack Shaw (119) won by pinfall in 4:39, Dylan Mussal (130) won by pinfall in 5:03 and Austin Golden (135) won by major decision 10-2. That cut the Gladiators’ lead to just 32-19 with three bouts remaining. However, the Eagles lost the final three matches, ending their season a match short of a district crown.

“I look at the kids that won though and they were all underclassmen,” Skinner said. “That’s a positive to look at — four winners, four underclassmen.”

Gifford was upset the team didn’t get out of districts.

“It was my senior year and I came into it wanting to make it out of districts, and get into regionals,” Gifford said. “We knew Fowlerville was going to be a tough team, and just went in wrestling tough.”

The Eagles did have a lot of close matches that could’ve gone either way entering the third period. That was the case early in the match. However, the Eagles ended up losing the first three decision matches, helping Fowlerville win district points.

See **Linden on 15B**

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Fenton girls ski team wins second straight divisional title

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The first day didn’t go as planned for the Fenton varsity girls ski team.

The Tigers placed second in the slalom during the first day of Divisionals, meaning the team’s chances of an outright Divisional title was a bit in jeopardy.

But on Thursday, the Tigers proved that their fans had nothing to worry about. The Tigers dominated the giant slalom, cruising to the Mt. Holly Divisional Meet Championship victory and an overall first in the final standings.

Fenton finished with 45.5 points, easily beating second-place Grand Blanc’s total of 60 points. Holly/Oxford finished third. The teams also finished in the same order in the final standings.

In the boys’ ski meet, Holly/Oxford showed its postseason dominance, crushing the field in the slalom and giant slalom en route to the first championship with 29 points. Grand Blanc was second with 68 points, while Fenton was third with 78 points.

In the final standings, Grand Blanc finished champions, while Holly/Oxford took second and Fenton placed third in the five-team event.

The Fenton girls were paced by Lauren Rihoads, who finished second overall in both events. She was second in the slalom with a two-run combined time of 1:00.76, and runner-up in the giant slalom with a two-run combined time of 45.63 seconds.

The entire Fenton squad finished in the top 10 overall of the giant slalom. Other scorers for the girls were McKenna Valley in fourth (45.99), Flannery Wise in fifth (46.19), and Kelley McKay in sixth (46.21). Others finishing in the top 10 were Tori Hallwood in seventh (46.48) and Marina Nimmo in 10th (46.77). In the slalom, Tori Hallwood placed fifth (1:02.98) and McKay finished sixth (1:03.39).

The Holly/Oxford girls were paced by Rachel Harrington, who placed third in the slalom (1:02.07) and third in the giant slalom (45.66).

The Holly boys dominated the divisional meet, with Lars Joergens-Koka taking first in the giant slalom (43.26) and second in the slalom (57.36). Teammate Alex Schultz won the slalom (56.95) and placed third in the giant slalom (43.71). Other top-10 finishers for Holly/Oxford in the giant slalom were Greg Schultz in fourth (43.77) and Dalton Sink in seventh (43.91). In the slalom, the team’s other top-10 performers were Schultz in fifth (58.59) and Sink in sixth (59.42).

The Fenton boys were led by Seth Thompson’s second-place finish in the giant slalom (43.70), while Julian Weimbarg was third in the slalom (53.44). Max Weimbarg was seventh in the slalom (59.64) and ninth in the giant slalom (44.13).

Downes leads Lady Eagles to victory against Kearsley, 45-38

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After most victories, a coach can tell you that one player they thought made the extra difference in that win.

On Tuesday night, that player was Lexi Downes.

Downes scored nine points, grabbed 10 rebounds and played strong defense on Kearsley’s Ann Roda, helping spark a 45-38 Metro League victory against Kearsley.

“She probably had the best game she’s played since I’ve been at Linden,” Linden coach Ben Varner said. “She had nine points, 10 rebounds and did an awesome job on their No. 11 (Roda). That girl almost had a triple-double Friday night against Stwart Creek, and Lexi did an absolutely fantastic job against her.”

Roda had just eight points on Tuesday night.

Linden pretty much led the entire game, but it was never by a comfortable margin.

The Eagles led 13-8 after one quarter and 21-15 at the half. In the third quarter, the Eagles (7-6, 8-7) pulled away. The lead was up to 34-23 entering the fourth quarter. However, Kearsley cut the gap to 7. That’s when Downes made one of the game’s key hoops. She got a putback and made the layup. That was followed by Savannah Kinney’s driving layup. Suddenly, the Eagles had a comfortable lead again.

“Lexi made a great rebound and a great layup to get us back up comfortably,” Varner said. “And then Savannah was driving layup, too. I thought she fouled out as well, but she didn’t get the call. It was another huge layup, though. Finally we are starting to make some big layups at the end of a game.”

Kinney and Madison Noske led Linden with 13 points and five rebounds each. Jordan Sargent had four assists, while Megan Harp had six steals.

Boys Basketball

Kearsley 70, Linden 48

The Eagles (4-9, 6-9) trailed 20-4 after one quarter and were unable to get out of that hole, resulting in the Metro road loss on Tuesday.

Dillon Nash led Linden with 14 points, while Shaye Brown had 10 points. Kevin Baker netted nine.
Lake Fenton’s Darian Welch (left) tries a free throw. "Darian put it away with his free throws. It felt good to be back on the mat and wrestling well after being out four weeks," Demember said. "We have had four guys out at a time. The guys are at the point where they do what they can and wrestle through the injuries. We felt we had to perform and had something to prove." Lake Fenton will now meet the Durand Railroaders in the Birch Run Regional semifinal Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Blue Devils captured a regional title a year ago, en route to a second-place finish at the Team State Meet.

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team want to get in the winning habit as the Blue Devils work their way to districts.

They accomplished that goal on Tuesday.

Lake Fenton broke a six-game losing skid and notched its second win of the season by beating Genesee Christian 49-45 in a non-league game at Lake Fenton High School.

The young Blue Devils’ starting five underclassmen came up with the win at crunch time. The Soldiers’ Josh Comb made a three-pointer, cutting the Lake Fenton lead to 47-45 with five seconds left in the game. However, with four seconds left, Darian Welch calmly hit two free throws to seal the win.

Despite what’s been a tough season, the Blue Devils (2-11) have not folded and have kept playing hard.

“It’s good to get a nice win,” said Lake Fenton coach Matt Furey. “We have been working hard and getting better. They have never had any complaints. No matter the outcome, it is always go time.”

Lake Fenton had three players in double-figures, led by Welch with 12 points and Caleb Nealy and Chase Hanson with 10 points each. Tyler Begley had nine points. “We knew we had to stay positive and persevere. If you get negative, things go bad,” Begley said. “We have some games we can win, and a chance to win the District if we play well.”

“We have stayed pretty positive and keep playing hard,” Welch said. “We know we are better than the amount of games we have won.”

Lake Fenton went on an 11-1 run to build a 27-19 cushion at halftime. The Blue Devils scored the first five points of the second half. Hanson hit a three-ball, and Nealy had a hoop. Lake Fenton had its biggest lead of the game at 32-19.

However, the Soldiers outscored LF 19-6 the rest of the quarter. Matt Denny drilled a three-pointer, tying the game at 38-all with 10 seconds left in the third quarter.

Midway through the final quarter, Nealy hit a three-pointer to give the Blue Devils the lead for good at 43-40. On an inbounds play under their own hoop, Jeff Burke found Welch, who scored and was fouled. He hit the free throw for an old fashioned three-point play and a 46-42 lead. Plagued by turnovers, neither team scored again until Welch hit a free throw with 12 seconds left for a 47-42 lead. Then, Comb hit the three-pointer cutting the lead to a hoop. However, Welch put the game away with two converted free throws.

“Darian put it away with his free throws. It was nice to see us execute down the stretch for the win,” said Furey. “The Welch assist to Tyler and then him scoring on the inbounds pass were nice plays.”

“I set up for the three-pointer on the inbounds and cut to the back door for the hoop,” said Welch.

“(Genesee Christian) made their run like we knew they would. They have two good shooters, but our guys stepped it up at the end,” added Furey.

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