

**HOT LINES:
SCHOOL PICKUPS**

“I read a lot of Hot lines about parents that seem to ignore the rules associated with dropping off or



picking up their kids from school. With so many young

kids running around, shouldn't a Fenton police officer be available to ticket the inevitable clods that think the rules don't apply to them? There, problem solved. You're welcome.”

**STORY:
BUYING A KIA**

“For the record, the Kia vehicles are not “manufactured” in Georgia, they are merely assembled



there. All the parts are manufactured overseas and shipped

here. The only U.S. benefit is the wages paid.”

**FACEBOOK: STATE
REP ELECTION**

“I wish Paul Scott were running against the teachers union representative.”

“If you want to cast a vote that is truly ‘for the kids,’ vote for Joe Graves.”

**STORY: LIQUOR
LICENSE**

“Has anyone else noticed that Les Bland and Pat Lockwood are the only council members that seem to be actually representing the taxpayers?”

HOT LINE

OF THE WEEK

**“DRUNK
PARENT AT school**
‘I’m not a proponent of sticking my nose into other’s business, but if you saw a drunk parent behind the wheel on school property, why in the world didn’t you call the police?’”



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Candidates vie for empty state rep seat

► **Election on Feb. 28**

By Sharon Stone
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On Tuesday, Feb. 28, residents within the 51st District will elect a new member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

This person will replace former Rep. Paul Scott who was recalled from office last November. There are three candidates running for this partial term, which expires in November.

The candidates are Jo-

seph Graves, who is currently serving as Genesee County commissioner; Steven Losey, who is currently serving as a trustee on the Linden Board of Education and Cary Neuville-Justice.

See STATE REP on 8A



Joseph Graves
Republican



Steve Losey
Democrat



Cary Nueville-Justice
Green

Walking with dinosaurs



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Eddie Briand, 9, of State Road Elementary becomes a Triceratops at the Sloan Museum Discover Dinosaurs exhibit in Flint Friday morning, by playing the digital “Dinosaur Simulator.” His third-grade class explored the different exhibits and the Longway Planetarium on the field trip.

**State’s voters to
reveal favorite with
primary election**

► **Republican Party
candidates court Michigan
for Feb. 28 election**

By Tim Jagielo

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The primary election fervor is coming to Michigan, with Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul all making Michigan stops, like rock stars on tour.



Mitt Romney



Rick Santorum

Words like “primary,” “caucus” and “delegates” are being thrown around, as well as attack ads from one candidate to another.

To some, the primary election is almost as important as the general election in November, and some are confused by the process.

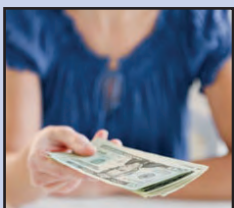
See ELECTION on 14A

**Fire chiefs warn
of impersonator**

► **Unknown man attempting
to conduct fire inspections**

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff and Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz are warning businesses about an individual who may be impersonating a fire department member attempting to conduct “fire inspections,” for a fee.



See IMPERSONATOR on 6A

**School principal
charged with hosting
underage drinking
party files lawsuit**

► **Tracey Sahouri asks for at
least \$100k in damages**

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Twp. — An Argentine Township woman who was charged, but not prosecuted, for hosting a party where underage drinking occurred last summer has filed a lawsuit against Argentine Township and one of its



Tracey Sahouri

See LAWSUIT on 11A

**It’s time to
choose tagline**

► **Times readers respond
with entries of their own**

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The Times asked our readers to submit ideas for a new Fenton tagline and, not surprisingly, they responded enthusiastically.

Because of so many citizens criticizing the current tagline, Be Closer, the Times decided to conduct its own, unofficial, contest to come up with an alternative idea, based on input from those closest to the matter — the residents. The Times invites readers to browse through the following submitted taglines and cast your vote.

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LF principal 'exceptionally' pleased with scores► Schools adapting to new
cut scores for MEAP testing

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton — Lake Fenton Middle School Principal Dan Ferguson credits the character of the district's students and the support of their families for the success the school has achieved in its most recent MEAP testing.

"In Lake Fenton, our schools comprise a significant portion of community and we are privileged to serve such amazing families," he said. "From West Shore and Torrey Hill to our remarkable high school, we have a wonderful educational program we can all be proud of."

Ferguson said he is exceptionally

pleased with his school's results, despite the new standards. "The new cut scores will be a challenge to communicate to the public," he said. "An example of this is we are leading the county in science instruction, but only 49 percent of our students were deemed proficient."

"This clearly sends a difficult message to a majority of our parents. Parents must be aware that going from proficient in previous years to not proficient this year does not mean achievement loss but a reflection of a higher standard (cut score)."

Sixth grade

Sixth graders ranked fifth in the county, on the social studies test with 37 percent of the students passing, compared to 28 percent for the county. The sixth graders ranked first in the county, up from third last year, with their math scores. Ferguson said 57 percent passed.

On the reading test, 84 percent of the sixth graders passed, compared to the county average of 65 percent. Last year they tied for first place. This year, they were alone at the top. Ferguson said the middle school's sixth graders had the highest average ranking of any school.

Seventh grade

The school's seventh graders ranked second in the county with 54 percent passing the math test. In reading, 78 percent of this class passed the reading test, compared to 56 percent passing countywide. Ferguson told parents and students Thursday morning that his seventh

See **SCORES** on 24A**Summary**

► Overall, Lake Fenton Middle School Principal Dan Ferguson was very pleased with the MEAP scores recently released for his school.

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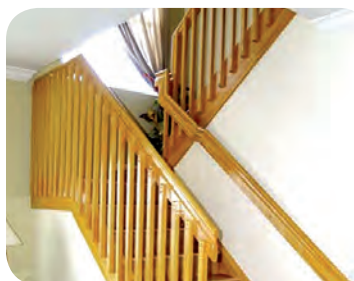
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Teens face stiff competition for summer jobs including those for counselors at Camp Copneconic.

Summer jobs

► Teens advised to start looking now

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While summer might seem like a distant dream, the reality is that many businesses are now beginning to make their hiring plans for summer. That means if you haven't begun to think about your summer working plans, it is time to brush up your resume, re-think your job skills and begin the process of looking for a job.

"We'll only be hiring two or three more workers for this summer," said Dave Durant, of Uncle Ray's Dairyland in Fenton, leading a workforce of about 35 in peak season. "Only the energetic, enthusiastic need apply. Don't forget to bring your own pencil, and make sure you are clean and neat — that means no flip flops." Durant's goal is to have his workforce in place by March 1, so there's a narrow window of opportunity for someone to apply. Applicants should meet with Durant, in

Summary

► Now is the time to start your summer job search. Teen job seekers can expect another competitive job market this summer, but the economy appears to be opening up more opportunities.

person only, he said.

While this year's job market may be slightly improved over last year, it still may be a tough job market for teens, according to Patt Sudbay, employment counselor for Michigan Works! Livingston County. "The economy

has improved, and the jobs that adults had taken last year may be open for more teens this year. But it's still too early to predict."

In today's very competitive teen job market, the few jobs that there are will be going to those teens who present themselves well and "do their homework" before applying for a job.

"You've really got to be above average in every way," said Shelly Hilton, associate executive director of Camp Copneconic YMCA, which employs about 120 summer workers from all over the world. "We'll only be hiring

"You've really got to be above average in every way. We'll only be hiring about 20 this year, because we have so many returning employees."

Shelly Hilton

Camp Copneconic YMCA

See **JOBS** on 23A



STATUS UPDATE:

hired or fired

► How to use your online presence to snag a job

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A resume or application go hand and hand with an interview when it comes to landing a job. But in today's ever-advancing technological world, your online presence is just as important as your resume and interview. Reports of workers being fired for Facebook posts or Twitter updates are all over the web. Whether you're a high school student looking for your first job or in the midst of switching careers, paying careful attention to your online profiles can be the difference between a dream job and the unemployment line.

Here's some advice on how to utilize Facebook and Twitter to get hired and avoid being fired, according to MSN.com.

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- Who in the hell ever decided to:
- **Take the numbers** off of watches.
 - **Ruin baseball** with a designated hitter.
 - **Change light** to lite.
 - **Put potato chips** in a can.
 - **Design packaging** that only Superman could open.
 - **Sell bottled water.**
 - **Give illegal immigrants** Social Security benefits.
 - **Sell bags of dirt.**
 - **Add an extra day** to February instead of June.
 - **Report the disgusting** details of entertainers' lives as if it were news.
 - **Sell artificial sun** (tanning salons).
 - **Allow commercials** at the movies.
 - **Call station-wagons** SUVs.



- **Allow men into** beauty parlors.
- **Allow women into** locker rooms.
- **Pay an actor** \$20 million for one movie.
- **Reason with 2 year olds** about "choices."
- **Sell artificial Christmas trees.**
- **Call old people** senior citizens (are young people junior citizens?).
- **Give credibility to** anything, any entertainer has to say, about anything, ever.
- **Not regulate content** (F-bombs mostly) on cable channels.
- **Congratulate unwed parents.**
- **Use the term** "politically correct."
- **Wear a jogging suit** on an airplane.
- **Automatically add an 18-percent tip**

- to tables of eight or more.
- **Allow women into** military combat zones.
- **Market clothes for** dogs.
- **Endlessly eulogize celebrities** who OD on drugs.
- **Wear clothes that** are billboards for the manufacturers.
- **Replace "you're welcome"** with "no problem."
- **Print directions in** any language but English.
- **Pay any attorney** more than \$100 per hour.
- **Allow shyster attorneys** (oops, redundant and repetitive) to advertise on TV.
- **Put personal shrines** on public roadways.
- **Make digital clocks.**
- **Not spank misbehaving** children.
- **Allow a state to construct** a toll road of any kind.
- **Let politicians vote** on term limits.

- **Let politicians vote** on their own pay raises.
- **Return change by** dumping it into your hand instead of counting it back to you.
- **Sell disposable diapers.**
- **Have waitstaffs introduce** themselves like they are friends.
- **Pay any athlete** more than one million dollars per year.
- **Charge \$8.50 for** a quarter's worth of theater popcorn.
- **Make airline seats** smaller than the average person's butt.
- **Remove dress codes** in schools.
- **Allow physicians to** ignore the concept of an "appointment."
- **Build golf courses** in the desert as resource-sucking playgrounds for the rich.
- **And, last but certainly not least,** have couples wedding showers.

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Hot lines

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MY GRANDDAUGHTERS AND I are incredibly sad today. The Toy Factory in Linden is closing. This is one store that would remain open, had everyone shopped there for toys. They had the most wonderful educational toys that were well built and reasonable. Shame for not shopping local.

THE LUNCHES AT State Road are only 25¢ more than Linden's. However, Linden has amazing choices and a diverse menu. Yep, I'm sure that they go to State Road. Maybe you work there, that is why you think the lunches rock!

IF YOU WISH to 'move' a light to cover the intersection of Shiawassee and Leroy, as one writer suggests, consider instead the one at Caroline and LeRoy before the one at Caroline and Adelaide. The one at Caroline and LeRoy is an entirely useless fully functioning traffic signal.

NO, MR. BARNES, the time is not 'right' to put forth any increased millage on the overburdened taxpayer. You state a sinking fund was rejected in 2009 due to the economic downturn. Are you in a hole? We are still in an economic downturn. Live within what you have now.

FEDERAL AGENTS INSPECTING the brown bag lunches of elementary students in Carolina? This is true stuff

people. Wake up, this is not about Democrat, not about Republican, it is about your freedom. You have the power to keep your freedom in November. Vote Obama out.

TO THE PERSON that apologized and then gave a reason for purchasing a Kia, you don't need to explain yourself. This is America and you can do or buy anything you damn well please.

HERE COMES ALL the Hotlines about why you should buy an American car. I know, because the money comes back to America, not Japan, right? We have to make sure all the executives who closed

the American plant and moved it to Mexico get paid their bonuses, right?

I WAS AT my bank on Tuesday, Valentine's Day, when a woman and her young daughter came in. The daughter was delivering Valentines to the people there. She gave me one. Thank you, Ella. It was the only Valentine I received. You made my day.

MY CHILDREN ATTEND Central Elementary School in Linden and I am continually reminded how awesome and dedicated our teachers and principal are to our children! What a blessing to our children and we are so lucky to have them all. My children sure

hit the jackpot here in Linden schools.

DON'T VOTE ANOTHER Paul Scott into office.

POLITICIANS IN LANSING are selling this state to big corporations, piece by piece everyday. It's not just about unions it's about all of us.

I READ THE Hotlines pretty regularly. Whiners and the uninformed make me laugh. One thing everyone needs to know is the biggest problem with freedom is everyone gets it. Even if my freedom does not line up with yours, it's mine so deal with it. Live long and prosper.

CASH FOR CLUNKERS cost each taxpayer \$2,200. Now they are going to increase the rebate on the Volt from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The problem is higher income people are the ones buying and they don't need the rebate so the taxpayers are stuck again with the bill.

OBAMA SAYS THE economy is getting better. When growth continues at 3 percent and the government is spending 30 percent of GDP, it is mathematically impossible to survive let alone even thinking about balancing the budget. Let's face it, controlling our lives is his goal and victory is at his fingertips.

I HEAR HOLLY is planning on combining the Protect & Serve Day with the "Patriot Festival." Is this true? What better way to promote underage drinking than to have a fun day for kids along side a beer tent full of drunks! Whose stupid idea is this?

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What was your first job?

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"I worked at McDonald's in Detroit when I was 16."

— Lisa Wabel
Linden



"I've been a dairy farmer in Gaines since I was a kid."

— Tom Atherton
Gaines



"Drying cars at Foresters in Waterford."

Chris McDonald
Holly



"Babysitting neighborhood kids in Holly."

— Tiffani McDonald
Holly



"My first job was working at Montgomery Ward."

— Pat Coleman
Linden



"Dairy Queen in Detroit when I was 15."

— Linda Barrer
Berkley

Streetscape project moves forward

►Budget adjustments necessary

By Ryan Tackabury

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Fenton—The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) made progress on the Downtown Streetscape project at the city council meeting on Monday, when two proposals were approved to begin moving the development project into its next phase. The Fenton City Council unanimously voted to accept both the proposal by Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, Inc. (OHM), as well as the proposal by Landscape Architectural Services (LAS) to provide design services for the Streetscape project.

To accommodate the quick pace at which the Streetscape project is moving, the DDA budget required revising in order to pay for the design services provided by OHM and LAS. The Council approved the DDA's request to amend their budget, which saw \$100,000 transferred from both the Facade Improvement Program and Master Plan Implementation to the Streetscape project. "I don't foresee us utilizing all the money in those particular line items this year," DDA Director Michael Burns said.

Councilman Michael Piacentini ex-

pressed concern with constant budget adjustments. "We should be budgeting, and sticking to these budgets," he said. "We seem to change course every month."

Burns acknowledged these concerns but believes the changes are necessary. "The DDA is moving very fast right now," he commented. "We have to be very agile with our budget."

A third proposed budget amendment to move \$25,000 budgeted for the Community Center Restoration project to the Downtown Streetscape project was met with criticism.

"We have to be very agile with our budget."

Michael Burns
Fenton Downtown
Development Authority
director

Councilwoman Cheryl King was not in favor of moving the money. Instead, King said that the restoration project should receive more focus, and that making the community center handicap accessible should be an immediate priority.

Mayor Sue Osborn shared similar thoughts on not touching the funds at the meeting. "I'm committed to that community center," she said. At Osborn's suggestion, the Community Center restoration project was not included in the budget amendment vote. Burns said the Streetscape project will be capable of moving forward regardless.

Super drunk law takes effect

►Police chief expects city to create local ordinance

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Penalties for overly intoxicated drivers in Michigan just got stiffer. Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed legislation that allows municipalities to enforce tickets for driving "super drunk" – drivers who are caught with a blood alcohol content of .17 or higher. The current BAC level for drunk driving is .08.

"We all must work together to combat drunken driving and keep our roads safe," Snyder said. "This legislation gives communities the tools to be effective partners in protecting Michigan families."

Drunkanddriving.org reports that for every 1,000 drivers in Genesee County last year, 4.3 percent of them were arrested for drunk driving. On average, 12,000 people die annually from drunk driving related accidents and 900,000 drivers are

arrested each year for drunk driving.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said his department has not had to use the super drunk law yet.

"It was difficult for us to prosecute people with this law in the past because we had to go to the county court, where they deal with more serious offenses," Aro said. "This new law allows local municipalities to prosecute super drunk drivers under local ordinances."

Aro said he'll most likely approach the Fenton City Council within the next 30 days to adopt the law as a local ordinance. He anticipates the council adopting the ordinance.

Drunk drivers are prosecuted at the local courthouse at 1750 Silver Parkway.

Snyder also recently signed legislation requiring the Secretary of State to refuse a new driver's license to drivers with three or more unpaid parking tickets.

Previously, the state only refused drivers who had six or more unpaid tickets, resulting in some cities losing millions of dollars in unpaid fines.

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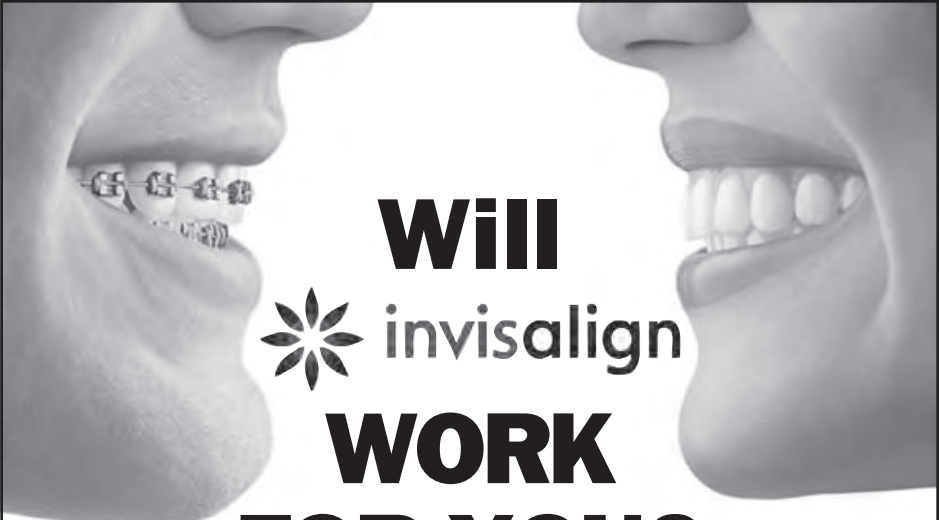




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HOT LINE CONTINUED

WOW! IT IS amazing that the young man never attempted to retrieve his 96 marijuana plants. Oh, I guess he does not need them for "medical purposes" huh? No surprise here! Or, he has eight friends roaming the country looking for him. So sad.

YOU ARE DEFINITELY right. Besides the mistake of not putting a traffic light at North and Torrey roads, moving the light from Caroline Street to Shiawassee and LeRoy is a great suggestion. No one ever seems to know when it is their turn to go.

COME ON! IT is just common courtesy for smokers to follow the rules and not throw their filthy butts out the window. I used to smoke. Use the ashtray, that's what they are for. Cigarette butts can start fires in dry conditions. Keep 'em to yourself. Be nice.

TO THOSE WHO are not on the payroll of the contractor taking the house down next to mine. You are trespassing, please stay off the property and out of my driveway. You are on a recorded camera every time you pull in my driveway!

IMPERSONATOR

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Cairnduff learned about the incident from Volz after a business on North Fenton Road in Fenton Township, near Fenton City limits, notified him that a man who represented himself as a fire department member tried to conduct a fire inspection.

During the incident, the unknown man also attempted to collect a fee from the store for this service. Cairnduff said this person was not an employee of Fenton Township or Fenton City.

Fenton and Fenton Township have personnel that perform fire inspections for businesses, but they will have identification and will also arrive for the visit in a marked vehicle from the city or township. The person in this incident was wearing a uniform and did show identification to the business, however, it was not legitimate. "Our personnel will also never attempt to collect fees for the inspection on site," said Cairnduff.

Volz said the unknown man provided his name to the business; however, they have not been able to verify his identity. He added that his employees never collect a fee during the visit, they invoice the business later. Employees for Fenton Township routinely call ahead to let the business know when they will be arriving.

If a business has anyone show up for an inspection and they are unsure if they are an employee they should contact Fenton City at (810) 629-2261 or Fenton Township at (810) 629-1537 or call 911. The fire chief said it would be helpful in identifying the individual if they could obtain a license plate of the vehicle they are using.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Crime Stoppers of Michigan President John Broad speaks with members of the Jawhari family at the Fenton Police Department after a press conference on Thursday morning. Randa Jawhari has been missing since February 2009, and the family hopes the press conference which aired on ABC 12 Thursday night, brings them some hope, and clues to her whereabouts. Police Chief Rick Aro (left) also spoke.

Crime Stoppers seeks to aid Jawhari family

►Up to \$1,000 reward for information

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — It's been three years since Randa Jawhari, 42, of Fenton, went missing with no solid leads. On the anniversary of her disappearance, Crime Stoppers is stepping in to help.

The popular 501 (c) 3 non profit, Detroit-based organization held a press conference at the Fenton Police Department with many of Randa's family members Thursday morning, pleading with viewers to offer any information they might have. "I believe somebody knows something," said sister Naheda. She pledged to never give up on her sister because she wouldn't give

up on them.

Randa's mother said, "It's been three years, very long time to wait." Randa's father David spoke on how difficult it was bringing up eight children.

"This family is more determined than any I've seen," said Crime Stoppers President John Broad. "This is what Crime Stoppers does."

"This family is more determined than any I've seen."

John Broad
President, Crime Stoppers of Michigan

Broad said that the organization has extracted clues on cases 10 years old, and received 5,900 tips in 2011, based on their press conferences. The organization also does billboards and flier campaigns.

After the piece airs on ABC 12, Crime Stoppers will run it on their website, and Facebook page. Tips leading to an arrest will be awarded up to \$1,000, anonymously. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Randa Jawhari can call 1-800-speak up.

Police&Fire report

ITEMS STOLEN FROM GARAGE

On Feb. 16, Fenton police responded to a larceny complaint in the 600 block of Andover Woods. Police Chief Rick Aro said the 29-year-old female complainant said that between 9 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. on Feb. 15, someone entered her garage and stole an Echo backpack leaf blower and an air compressor. Witnesses reported seeing an unknown white male, dressed in black clothing walking through the neighborhood around 12 p.m. Stolen property is valued at \$450. Police have no further information. If someone has information, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

WOMAN REPORTS STOLEN WALLET AND CHECKBOOK

Fenton police are investigating a larceny complaint, filed on Feb. 28 by a 69-year-old Fenton woman. The woman said her wallet, containing her driver's license and checkbook was stolen from her purse while she shopped at a grocery store on Silver Parkway on Jan. 28. She learned that one of her checks had been cashed on Feb. 4 at a local department

store and there was an attempt made to cash another check. Police are continuing to investigate and reviewing store surveillance videos to identify a suspect.

RX STOLEN FROM HOME

On Feb. 15, Fenton police were sent to a home in the 400 block of Ninth Street to investigate a theft of prescription medicine. The 54-year-old homeowner reported that Adderall, prescribed for his grandson was missing. He said the prescription was recently filled and 11 pills were missing. The doctor required a police report before refilling the prescription.

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Linden man takes home \$166,020 in Valentine's Day lottery drawing!

Lansing — Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2012, will be forever sweet for an anonymous lottery player from Linden. That is the day he purchased his ticket, the drawing was held, and he claimed his half of a \$332,040 jackpot playing Fantasy 5.

Two lucky Michigan Lottery players split the jackpot, giving each of them \$166,020 for matching five Fantasy 5 numbers. Numbers for the Feb. 14

drawing were 03 - 16 - 23 - 34 - 37. The other player must claim their portion of the prize before Feb. 14, 2013, as the ticket will expire one year from the date of the drawing.

The winning tickets were sold at Speedway #8753, located at 1466 E. Bristol Rd. in Burton and at Larry's Family Foods, located at 120 E. State Highway M35 in Gwinn.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY TIMES. WITH a new editor, how about getting into the school district books to let everyone know how much IB is costing the district. We are paying to send teachers to Miami, Orlando, Montreal, Los Angeles and who knows where else.

NOT SURE WHY someone is mentioning books and teachers. Books are supplied by the school district. That means the school board should be paying for books. But, the school board doesn't want to replace books because they need the money for lucky few in IB.

I BELIEVED WHEN our government officials swore to uphold our Constitution, they did. American history for the last 100 years proved me wrong. America is no longer a functioning constitutional republic. Our government is corrupt. "We the people" allowed it. No more! "We" must demand that our laws be Constitutional.

THE DUMBEST AMONG us will vote for Obama and his plantation politics.

The intelligent voter understands that our constitutional freedoms are being eroded and will vote for the other party's candidate.

YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN, and a Democrat? And you voted Democrat so you could vote your beliefs? Gosh, my question is what are your beliefs?

WOW, \$161,272 TO add a driveway to Hyatt Elementary? Are you kidding me? Put your kid on the bus or wait. Put that money toward education.

DEAR NEIGHBOR, I dislike you and your Kia. I lost my Michigan automotive job, pension, health care and future. If you like Georgia so much please move there and stop using Michigan tax dollars. If you own a Nissan, move to Tennessee if it's a Toyota move to Indiana.

HELLO, I TOTALLY agree with the person's comment on the IB program at Fenton schools. For the amount of money they spend on that IB program and the few students it serves, they could buy six brand new school buses every year.

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STATE REP

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Joseph Graves**Party:** Republican**Age:** 58**Residency:** Argentine Township**Family:** Wife, Denise, four adult children, 12 grandchildren.**Education:** Master of Business Administration from Baker College. Bachelor of Arts from Sienna Heights University.**Employment:** Small business owner, J & D Select, retired engineering manager from GM.**Past offices held:** Currently Genesee County commissioner, Argentine Township clerk and trustee.**Community involvement:** Community Parent, Inc., Chasing the Dragon — anti-drug presentation in public schools.**Qualifications:** 35 years in the private sector, seven years in the public sector. I am a long-term resident committed to the future of Genesee County.**Why vote for me:** I share their values and priorities.**Opinion of recall elections:** Recalls are constitutional, but quite expensive. Policy differences should not be a reason for a recall election.**Top priority, if elected:** Revitalizing our economy and bringing jobs back to Genesee County. We must also focus on public safety, including additional jail space for law enforcement.**If elected, what happens to your county commissioner seat?** I would remain county commissioner until the Board of Canvassers certify the election then I will have to resign and be sworn in. I have heard two scenarios on how I would be replaced, including the remaining commissioners pick

a replacement until the November election or the election committee, which consists of the county clerk, treasurer, prosecutor and two party chairs, pick a replacement until November. I consider the nomination a great honor and although the campaign has been lot of hard work, it has been rewarding.

Steven Losey**Party:** Democrat**Age:** 56**Residency:** Linden**Family:** I have been married to my wife Laura since 1993. We are the proud parents of a son and two daughters, Mathew, 16, Megan, 13, and Morgan, 10.**Education:** Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan University.**Employment:** Special education teacher.**Past offices held:** Linden Board of Education trustee.**Community involvement:** For two years, I sat on the Washtenaw County Special Olympics Planning Committee. I used to sit on the Redford Union School District Facilities Planning Committee. I am currently the vice president of the Chestnut Grove Homeowners Association.**Qualifications:** I have been an educator for 17 years, which gives me nuanced knowledge of what our students need in order to succeed. Well-educated and well-trained labor is what Michigan needs in order to attract businesses back to the state. I also hold the position of Linden school board trustee, which has given me a unique opportunity to work collaboratively with the unions to get students what they need and deserve.**Why vote for me:** I am not a career politician. I strongly believe in reforming Lansing. We need lawmakers in Lansing that actually listen to the people. The severe partisanship in Lansing makes it hard for

sound, moderate policies that work for everyone to become law. What has happened to date is what I refer to as windshield wiper politics; our partisan politics swing from far left to far right and everyone in the middle just gets wiped away. The people have a choice to either send another typical Scott-like politician, like my opponent, or help elect me, the reformer, who listens to the people instead of party bosses.

Opinion of recall elections: Legislators must be held accountable. I want the people that I represent to hold me accountable as well. Paul Scott got to Lansing and thought that since he had a two-year term, he was safe to push through his party's extreme policies. He did this without any regard to what it would do to the people in his community. The people of the 51st district rose up against the extreme right-wing policies for which Scott thought he was safe to enact.**Top priority, if elected:** My top priority will be fighting to restore our state's priority to its people. We must bring Lansing back to focusing on policies that work for the people. Upon being elected, I will hold a series of town hall meetings before my first trip to Lansing. I want to know what policy proposals you, the people, think will best help re-align our state's priorities.

During the last few months, I have been talking to voters in all corners of our district. They are letting me know that my first task in Lansing must be to propose policies that allow for the most upward economic mobility and economic security possible for all residents.

We must restore proper funding for our kids' educations. We allocate less than \$7,000 per student where as we pour in over \$35,000 per inmate. We must also move to eliminate the unfair tax increase on retirement income. Millionaires and billionaires received a \$1,800,000.00 tax break for which senior citizens, living on fixed incomes, were forced to pick up the tab. My first priority is bringing Lansing's attention back to the people and away from special interests.

What influence will your involvement in the teachers' union and school board have on your role as state rep? It gives me the "practical" working perspective that very few in the legislature have. I live "first hand" how the impact of the decisions that are made in Lansing affect one of our most vulnerable groups of citizens — our children.

Decisions on laws, policy and school funding need to be researched and thought out before they are put into place. Our children are not partisan playthings, they are our present and our future, they need to be advocated for. If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. I refuse to be part of the problem.

Cary Neuville-Justice**Party:** Green**Age:** 52**Residency:** Linden**Family:** Married to husband Clyde for 26 years.**Education:** Master of Business Administration, graduated with highest honors.**Employment:** Self-employed tax professional.**Past offices held:** Appointed in 2004 and currently serve on Linden's Board of Review.**Community involvement:** I have worked to promote positive inner feelings in my community for over 25 years through my vocation and volunteerism. I have served on Linden's Board of Review helping citizens appeal their taxes. I have been a patient, and a patient advocate, since the citizens initiated the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act in 2008 by an overwhelming majority. I am the Genesee County Chapter Leader of MINORML (Michigan National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws).**Qualifications:** I am a business and tax professional. I earned a master's degree in business administration. As an Enrolled Agent, I am authorized to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. I intend to be

a citizen legislator, not a career politician.

Summary

Residents in the 51st District will elect a new state representative for the Michigan House of Representatives on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Why vote for me: I will be their positive, independent voice, providing actual transparency. I am not bound by partisan politics or special interest money that has corrupted the two-party system.**Opinion of recall elections:**

I support the citizens' right to remove an official from office by a vote of the people. I think they are a necessary tool for the electorate; however, they should be infrequent and only if a clear violation of law or moral ethics has occurred. In the recent recall campaign, \$240,000 of partisan and special interest money was spent that divided our community and caused the taxpayers to incur tens of thousands of dollars for an election.

Top priority, if elected: People. We have to make quality, affordable education available as a pathway to good jobs that provide a promising future and a way to sustain a family. I would oppose HB 4019, the charter school revision bill, since I feel it moves us in the wrong direction. I believe education, not prisons, is the best tool to reduce crime.

Through the tax code, we have shifted the method of generating revenue from corporations and businesses to seniors, students and working families. Most people cannot afford an increase in taxes and the outrageous cost of student loans. The shortfall of revenue should not be balanced on the backs of our seniors. I feel my tax expertise would be a valuable asset as we work to create a more equitable tax code.

How will your views on medical marijuana affect your vote? Every precinct in the district voted with an overwhelming majority to pass the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act in 2008. Now their money is being wasted prosecuting patients. Clearly, their voice is not being heard. If every person that voted for the Act votes for me, I will win in a landslide.


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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO PEOPLE PUTTING in Hotlines that say things such as 'quit complaining,' we are entitled to our opinions, and that includes complaints. We are allowed to share them if we please. If you would like to comment and give your opinion in return about a particular Hotline, feel free. But don't try to suppress our freedom of speech.

TO THE PERSON who said 'if that's the most you have to complain about, quit whining,' are you any different? I don't like people hitting my car with their cigarettes, and you don't like me expressing it. My comment was not a personal offense toward you, yet you felt strongly enough about my complaining to put in your own complaint about something that had nothing to do with you. Can we say 'hypocritical'?

ATTENTION PARENTS: MULTIPLE accounts of a teacher's conduct, losing assignments, yelling at students, no papers are returned, stories come home. It seems to be years of pattern with this teacher. Feels like deaf ears when concern is voiced to the school. Accounts with other parents are similar. Is this your child?

I WANT TO purchase a pet pig, and I live in the city. Now, if the chicken lady can have a bunch of chickens, I can have a pig, right?

WOW, WAS I surprised when I opened the Tri-County Times and I saw Barack Obama had called in to our small little paper, what an honor. But don't believe him when he starts talking about downsizing and cutting Medicare and Social Security. No one has ever advocated cutting either one of those

programs. This is just the same old Democrat trick they roll out every election cycle.

GRAB A MAP of any state and look up small-town websites. Most towns don't have taglines, which begs the question — why have one? Given the outrage over "Be Closer" and despite soliciting community input, you'll end up with a similar situation, plus DDA spend-a-holics will waste even more money.

I WOULD LIKE to see Fenton turn one of their empty buildings into a year-round skating rink. Please consider it.

I THINK IT'S funny how Republican presidents are responsible for everything that happens during their term, even the weather. But somebody like President Obama is not responsible for even his own decisions.

WHAT GETS YOU**Complaining about your job and boss**

Publically complaining about the workplace before speaking with your boss about a problem shows disrespect. If you have a problem, talk with your boss in person. Chances are, it can be resolved quickly and won't lead to you being fired.

Talking with competitors

Employers want to see loyalty and speaking with other companies about possible jobs is a sure way to get fired.

Gloating — No one likes a show off or someone who can't stop talking about themselves. Be humble.

Pictures of you partying like a rock star — everyone lets loose now and then. But good luck trying to explain to your boss why your friends are holding you upside down over a beer keg.

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HIRED

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Treat your profile like a megaphone. Whether you agree with it, what you post online is considered public comment. Statements online can be shared and passed around as soon as you click on the enter button. Privacy restrictions do exist but they aren't always fail proof.

Complaining about work or your boss online is the quickest way to get fired. Even if you haven't added your boss or any other coworkers to your profile, it doesn't mean that you have free reign to say whatever you want to about work. Chances are your boss or a coworker knows at least one of your Facebook friends. Words travel fast online, even if you delete something quickly.

Openly complaining about a job or employer shows a lack of respect. All complaints should be addressed with your boss, not Facebook.

Be proactive about your pictures. They say pictures are worth a thousand words and the Internet has millions of eyes constantly looking at pictures. This can be especially hard to deal with, considering anyone can post a picture on your profile or tag you in a disparaging picture.

The only way to ensure your page isn't littered with unflattering pictures is to check it daily and delete pictures you don't want showing up in your Timeline. If there's a picture of you online that would embarrass you in front of your family, there's a good chance an employer would think twice about hiring you.

Post relevant information. Trying to get an in with a real estate firm? Post articles or facts about the current housing market. Vying for a position as a cook at a restaurant? Share recipes with your friends or recommend places to eat. By posting things related to the job you're applying for, an employer will see you have an active interest in your field and solid knowledge of what you're potentially getting into.

Share some of your personality. Unbelievably, there is such a thing as being too productive. While employers like to see proactive employees, being able show you can function outside of the workplace is just as important as working. Share pictures of trips. Talk about your favorite show, what book you're reading and interesting interactions. The key here is balance; constant daily updates are a sign of obsessive traits. Keep your updates objective and friendly to the public and you should have nothing to worry about.

LAWSUIT

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police officers.

The complaint, filed in Genesee County Circuit Court in January on behalf of Tracey Sahouri, seeks damages in excess of \$100,000. Her attorney, Thomas Pabst, alleges that she suffered a loss of job and wages, emotional distress, damage to her reputation and incurred thousands of dollars in attorney fees defending the charge brought against her and her husband Raed Sahouri.

The Genesee County Prosecutor's Office eventually dropped the charges, due to a lack of evidence. Sahouri's complaint alleges that police officer Arch Ravert, who investigated the incident, lied in his reports to have criminal charges brought against her after she rejected his sexual advances.

Police Chief Dan Allen said his officer did nothing wrong and that the complaint stems from a 911 call, which the police department responded to in July 2011. Officer Robert St. John and fire department paramedics responded to the Sahouri's home on Rolston Road after midnight when Raed Sahouri called 911 to report an unresponsive 16-year-old female, who was intoxicated. The teen was hospitalized and later released.

As St. John and paramedics arrived, they saw numerous vehicles leaving the high school graduation party driven by minors.

Allen said Ravert's sole role in the investigation was talking with several of the young minors and their parents. Allen said the prosecutor's office issued the warrant, which was later dropped, based on the fact that a private detective was used by the defense council to reinterview the minors that were present at the party. "Some of the minors had recanted or in part changed

their account of the Sahouris' involvement in the party," said Allen.

Allen stands by his officer. "Information contained in Sahouri's allegations is baseless regarding contact with Det. Ravert," said Allen.

Pabst also represented former police chief Terry VanKeuren, who resigned five years ago after he accused Ravert of engaging in illegal conduct with a female citizen. VanKeuren was awarded a \$650,000 settlement.

Pabst also represented former Holly Village Manager Marsha Powers, who recently settled with the village.

Allen said information contained in the complaint regarding VanKeuren was an award based on an employment contract that was made between the township board and VanKeuren. At the time, VanKeuren was ordered to reinstate Ravert after an independent state police investigation concluded that there was inadequate evidence implicating Ravert in any wrongdoing.

"We're talking about the same detective who took part in the successful prosecution of both Brandon Hayes and Corrine Baker in the murder of Dominick Calhoun," said Allen. "This is a case of an officer being chastised and for doing his job.

"If it was your 16-year-old daughter that was at a home where there should have been proper supervision and they were allowed to drink and had to be later taken to the hospital, you would want a police response.

"Just because this case didn't have its day in court doesn't mean that there wasn't enough probable cause for the warrant to be issued as it was in this case, or that the event didn't occur.

"The call came in through the 911-dispatch center and our department responded to the call as we do every day."

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"Clients are often unaware of how estate tax gets calculated and what the ramifications are. They aren't aware that when a person dies, there are several types of taxes that can occur based on the type of asset and how a beneficiary is able to acquire it. An estate may be looking at having to pay gift and estate taxes and a beneficiary may have to pay income taxes based on how they take over the asset. Proper planning can help eliminate or reduce these taxes."

Current estate tax laws are set to expire in 2012 and reduce the current 35% tax rate on anything over \$5.12 million back to 2001/2002 rates, meaning 55% estate tax on anything over \$1 million. This doesn't include

any possible gift or income taxes that may be due as well.

"Clients who face these issues are often times unaware of how an estate gets valued. They aren't educated on the differences between estate, gift and income tax. For example, a big misconception is that your life insurance isn't calculated in your estate because it is income tax free to your beneficiaries. While this may be true, it is included in the overall value of your estate. So if you have a \$1 million life insurance policy, \$1 million will be added to your estate value to be determined if your estate has to pay estate tax."

Another issue that Shard commonly advises clients on is how to pass on closely held business stock. "Business owners don't realize that the IRS will assess a value on their company stock when they

die. If your stock throws the value of your estate over the exemption amount, estate taxes will be due. With the annual gifting exemption at \$13,000 a year, it doesn't allow an owner to start passing a big dol-

lar amount of stock to other members of the family. Plus, the owner may not be ready to give up control of the company or stock. For those owners without a proper plan in place, they risk their business being liquidated and their families having no future income/ownership. I have literally seen businesses be financially ruined when an owner dies due

to estate tax issues – even though their families are competent and have been groomed to take over the family business. It's sad because a lifetime of building a company is destroyed and it is something that can be prevented."

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SUBMITTED TAGLINES

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• Need a new tagline for Fenton? How about: **'COME ON IN, WE LOVE COMPANY!'**

• **'WE'RE LIKE FUDGE – MOSTLY SWEET WITH A FEW NUTS.'** Actually it's my family's motto.

• **'EMBRACE OUR REBIRTH.'** Who doesn't know of the stupidity of the city's fathers, in the 1970's who ripped our childhood memories from us when they demolished most of our beloved city in the sacred name of urban renewal. Maybe they can redeem themselves with rebuilding the new block.

• New tagline for Fenton: **'THE PARIS OF THE MIDWEST:** bad water, high taxes, and rude people.' And best of all, you can still keep the fleur de lis.

• **FENTON – FEELS LIKE HOME.** At least it did until urban renewal.

• Here's a tagline: **'FENTON, THE GATEWAY TO LINDEN.'** I like it because I get off the expressway in congested Fenton and hightail it to charming, quiet, friendly Linden.

• Referencing the tagline for Fenton: how about **'SHOP, PLAY, AND STAY?'** How about, **'STOP, SHOP, AND PLAY?'**

• How about **'TAKE A CLOSER LOOK'** for Fenton's new tagline? Or, **'FIND FRIENDLY FENTON.'** Great idea to get some new ideas from the people who live here.

• I like **"FIND IT IN FENTON."** For a catchier, metropolitan phrase, **"FIND FENTON FOR FAITH, FACTS, FAIRS, FAIRWAYS, FREEWAYS, FUEL, FENCES, FARMS, FERTILIZERS, FACTORIES, FLAGS, FISH, FAVORITE FOODS, FASHIONS, AND FUN-LOVING FRIENDS & FAMILIES.** There may be f-words that are more functional that I forgot to fit in. For shame!

• How about **FENTON – NORMAL IN AN EXTRAORDINARY WAY.**

• In regards to a new tagline. **"DISCOVER FENTON'S TREASURES."** Let's promote the history of our great town.

• **VACATION AT HOME** would be a great tagline for Fenton. Our lakes and parks are our biggest draw and we should feature them. The idea is — you don't have to travel somewhere else to enjoy your friends and family, just come home to Fenton.

• **FENTON, WHERE 'WELCOME' MEANS SOMETHING.**

• **THEY WERE THE BEST OF TIMES, THEY WERE THE BEST OF TIMES.**

• **FENTON, A SPACE WITH A FACE.**

• **FENTON IS WHERE IT'S AT.**

• **FENTON, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE.**

• **FENTON, WHERE HISTORY AND PROGRESS MEET.**

• How about **'FENTON MERCHANTS,** be closer to your wallet, you just got punked by the DDA'? Or 'Fenton, be closer' as in the DDA just blew your cash and you need to move in with your neighbor?

• **YOU'LL FIND WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT IN FENTON.**

• **HISTORIC FENTON...DISCOVER IT ALL.**

• I think the **'BE CLOSER'** tagline is great. All you have to do is add the little word 'to' after be closer. I think then people would be more accepting of it.

• **EAT. PAY. LOVE.** We could make a movie out of it.

• This one sucks, but it's better than Be Closer: **100% PURE FENTON.**

Below are reader-submitted taglines. To read the commentary that accompanied each entry, please refer to the story on Page 1A.

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Feel free to add your comments!

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#3—Embrace Our Rebirth
#4—The Paris Of The Midwest: Bad Water, High Taxes, And Rude People
#5—Fenton – Feels Like Home
#6—Fenton, The Gateway To Linden
#7—Shop, Play, And Stay
#8—Stop, Shop, And Play
#9—Take A Closer Look
#10—Find Friendly Fenton
#11—Find It In Fenton
#12—Find Fenton For Faith, Facts, Fairs, Fairways, Freeways, Fuel, Fences, Farms, Fertilizers, Factories, Flags, Fish, Favorite Foods, Fashions, And Fun-Loving Friends & Families
#13—Fenton – Normal In An Extraordinary Way.
#14—Discover Fenton's Treasures
#15—Vacation At Home
#16—Fenton, Where 'Welcome' Means Something
#17—They Were The Best Of Times, They Were The Best Of Times
#18—Fenton, A Space With A Face
#19—Fenton Is Where It's At
#20—Fenton, It's All About The People
#21—Fenton, Where History And Progress Meet
#22—Fenton Merchants, Be Closer To Your Wallet, You Just Got Punked By The DDA
#23—You'll Find Whatever Floats Your Boat In Fenton
#24—Historic Fenton...Discover It All
#25—Be Closer To
#26—Eat. Pay. Love.
#27—100% Pure Fenton
#28—Second To None
#29—Fenton – Find Out Why!
#30—Fenton, Be Nearer
#31—Find Yourself In Fenton
#32—Fenton: Surrounded By Lakes
#33—Fenton: Where You Want To Be
#34—Fenton, Mayberry On Steroids
#35—Fenton, Where The Chickens Come Home To Roost
#36—Fenton – We Never Have To Say We're Sorry
#37—Fenton – Gotta Live It!
#38—Fenton – Michael Moore Does Not Live Here
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#40—Your Hometown Haven</p> | <p>#41—Fenton – Living The Dream
#42—Fenton – Live It, Love It
#43—Fenton, Naturally!
#44—Fenton – All Beauty, No Beast
#45—Fenton – Handpicked By God
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#87—Come Visit The Town That Tore Itself Down</p> |
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• **SECOND TO NONE.** This is what I feel in my heart about this lovely town.

• **FENTON – FIND OUT WHY!**

• **FENTON, BE NEARER.**

• I can't stand the 'be closer' marketing slogan, and the arrogance of the DDA defense, or their disregard for all the complaints about 'be closer,' as if only they know what's best for Fenton. How about something like **'FIND YOURSELF IN FENTON'** as a slogan.

• Just about anything would be better than 'be closer' as a tagline for Fenton. Even something like **'FENTON: SURROUNDED BY LAKES'** or **'FENTON: WHERE YOU WANT TO BE.'**

• Howdy from Goober Pyle – **FENTON, MAYBERRY ON STEROIDS.**

• **FENTON, WHERE THE CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST.** Until a neighbor complains.

• **FENTON – WE NEVER HAVE TO SAY WE'RE SORRY.**

• **FENTON – GOTTA LIVE IT!** Gotta love it, hey.

• **FENTON – MICHAEL MOORE DOES NOT LIVE HERE**

• 'Be Closer' is nonsense because it makes no sense. It is a good example of our tax dollars spent foolishly. A contest involving our Fenton students with modest cash rewards for first, second and third places would utilize their brain power and create tons of fun.

• **FENTON – MAKE OUR TOWN YOUR OWN.**


• Our new tagline should be **"YOUR HOMETOWN HAVEN."** This would be welcoming, peaceful and a safe place to be.

• **FENTON – LIVING THE DREAM.**

• **FENTON – LIVE IT, LOVE IT.**

• **FENTON, NATURALLY!** Is my tagline suggestion; this captures the natural and unique beauty of the area (lakes, parks, etc.) As well as culture and convenience i.e. Where can I find five paint stores, charming shops, fine and casual dining? Fenton, naturally!

See **VOTE** on 13A



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

Q: I have a 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 with a 4.6l V8. It starts shaking when I'm stopped. I just did a minor tune-up. What do you think is wrong with it?


- Stephen

A: Stephen, Anything I tell you at this point would just be a guess without hearing the vehicle run and knowing the history. First, if the shaking did not start until after the tune up then you need to look for a possible cracked porcelain on one or more of the spark plugs. Check to make sure the proper spark plugs were installed since sometimes they are cataloged wrong. Next, I would make sure when you are checking the plugs to pay attention to the coil boots as you remove the coils to make that they are seated properly and in good condition. If the shaking was present before the tune up then it is probably best at this point if you have a professional look at it. Some components are difficult to test and may take some specialty equipment to test. With the cost of parts for today's vehicles guessing is not a good way to go.

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VOTE

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• Is there a prize if I win? **FENTON – ALL BEAUTY, NO BEAST.**

• **FENTON – HANDPICKED BY GOD.** No irreverence intended.

• This is the ultimate tagline: **OUR FOUNDERS WERE ADAM AND EVE.**

• Just try to top this one: **THE ONLY THING MISSING IS ADAM AND EVE.**

• **FENTON – YOUR BEST MOVE.**

• **FENTON, BE ADJACENTER.**

• **FENTON – ALWAYS IN SEASON.**

• I thought of this when I was calling my teenager: **COME ON HOME, ALL IS FORGIVEN.**

• **WHERE FAMILIES THRIVE.** Long version: your hometown community - where friends meet & families thrive.

• I have a tag line, **FENTON: A PROUD AMERICAN CITY.** A fleur de lis? What has that to do with Fenton? How about our gazebo. Get closer? That just sounds creepy. Think of the last time someone said that to you, was he wearing a trench coat?

• **FENTON - CLOSE TO THINGS THAT MATTER.**

• **FENTON – NO TAGLINE NECESSARY.**

• **FAMILY, FAITH, FUN ... FENTON.**

• **YOUR WAY HOME.**

• **EXPLORE FENTON.**

• This is the best. **FENTON – A TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUITS.**

• **BUILD A BETTER LIFE!**

• **FENTON – YOUR FUTURE HOME-TOWN.**

• **FENTON – ONE OF NATURE'S MASTERPIECES.**

• Hi, this is Glenn Frey from the Eagles, how about: **LIFE IN THE SLOW LANE.**

• **LIVIN' THE DREAM!**

• **FENTON, WHERE THE PAST IS PRESENT.**

• **EAT. STAY. LOVE.**

• A tagline shouldn't require explanation in order to be understood. Nor should a symbol or sign. The point is to bring outsiders in to Fenton. Are we explaining to them what the tagline and symbols represent so they can understand too? I vote for **NO TAGLINE** at all and to change the signs!

• **"FENTON, CLOSER TO WHAT YOU NEED."** The background should have U.S. 23 and I-75, shopping and eateries, as well as families walking from Dibbleville to the farmers' market. This shows access to expressway areas as well as being safe and family orientated. A real no brainer.

• As far as the tagline for our city, 'be closer,' whatever that is supposed to mean, how about **'WELCOME TO OUR TOWN?'**

• First tagline is **'CALL.' FENTON IS CALLING.** Wifi hotspots, techies, gen Xers. A place we call home. The lakes, shopping, life, etc., Is calling. Second tagline is, **'CONNECT, WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, LONG DISTANCE OR NEIGHBORS.** Local shopping, small town atmosphere/attitude, big city appeal, your time and your ideas and any combination thereof. Less subconscious and more hi tech. Yes, there should have been a contest but you can make the new tagline a running contest. Constant contests with local businesses,

area residents, out of towners, etc. Like businesses give prizes away for generating ideas, finding clues and the like, an interactive tagline.

• Take this one seriously, it will work: **THE LAND OF MILK AND MONEY.**

• **COME ON HOME.**

• **FENTON, WHERE LIFE-LONG RESIDENTS GET CRAPPED ON AND WEALTHY OUT-OF-TOWNERS BUY REAL ESTATE FOR A DOLLAR.** It may not be the best motto, but it's the truest.

• **FENTON – THE KATE MIDDLETON OF MICHIGAN** – I know, pretty awesome!

• Have lived in Fenton for only two years, but we love it here: **FOR FAMILY, FOR FRIENDS, FOR LIFE.**

• Taglines: **'SEA MORE IN FENTON'** or **'NEST YOUR HEART IN FENTON.'**

• **FENTON – BELIEVE IN A BETTER PLACE.** I submitted many other taglines too, but just wanted to say that I've lived here one year and I think your city is great! Keep up the good work, but do change the current tagline - Fenton - be closer!

• **TWENTY LAKES IN TWENTY MINUTES.**

• **FENTON – 12 CASINOS WITHIN 50 MILES.**

• This is how I felt when I returned from a trip – **HOME AT LAST!**

• **LIVE. LOVE. LEARN.**

• **FENTON – FABULOUS, FRIENDLY AND WAITING FOR YOU;** Fenton - underestimated, not overrated; Fenton - not fussy, just fantastic; Fenton - great lakes, great people; fall in love with Fenton; Fenton - our well-kept secret; Fenton - where friends and family matter; Fenton - where charm meets friendliness; Fenton - fabulous in every way.

• Fenton – **WHERE LIFE IS CELEBRATED DAILY.**

• **FENTON – HOME OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW.**

• Need a new tagline for Fenton? How about: **FENTON – 'THE CLOSEST THING TO HOME.'**

• Hi, I want to submit a tagline for Fenton. **'COME VISIT THE TOWN THAT TORE ITSELF DOWN.'**

Social News**ENGAGEMENT****Shepard-Ward**

The engagement of Tess Lindsay Shepard of Fenton to Jon Christopher Ward of Fenton has been announced by her parents, Michael and Shelia Shepard of Fenton. His parents are Scott and Sue Ward of Linden. The bride-elect graduated from Mott Community College of Flint. She is employed by Kensington Valley Endodontics in Brighton. Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by Rowe Professional Services Company in Flint. An Aug. 4, 2012 wedding ceremony will take place in Linden.

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ELECTION

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How the Primary works in Michigan

Not all states handle their primary elections the same. Some states hold non-binding polls, such as the three states recently swept by Rick Santorum.

Michigan's Republican Party presidential primary is Tuesday, Feb. 28 at everyone's local polling station.

In Holly, the GOP primary is the only ballot question. Municipalities like Fenton and Fenton Township will also vote for their state representative to replace Paul Scott, who was recalled in November. They can also bypass the primary.

At the local level, the GOP primary is like any other election, except the municipality is reimbursed for the \$5,000 to \$6,000 it costs to run the election.

Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester guesses only 20 percent of the registered voters will turn out to vote.

It is required that each person pick the Republican or Democratic ballot whether they are registered for that party. They can

vote for the candidate they want in the November general election. Winchester said voters in her area don't like to pick a partisan ballot.

Instead of a straight popular vote, Michigan chooses its Republican nominee in county and statewide Republican Party conventions, though Michigan is not a "winner takes all" state. Candidates win two delegates in each of the 14 congressional districts in which they take the most votes, with two optional delegates who are free to support a different candidate.

Eventually, delegates make it to the national convention, where the party nominates its presidential candidate.

Not every candidate appears on every ballot in the U.S. Newt Gingrich will not appear on the March 6 ballot in Virginia. Also on the Michigan ballot are past leaders who have since fallen from the race like Michelle Bachmann, Herman Cain, and Jon Huntsman. State law requires a Democratic caucus, so Barack Obama appears on the Democratic ballot.

"I expect Romney will step up and spend a lot of money because of Santorum."

Denise Graves
Clerk, Argentine Township

Primary Election Terms

Primary Election: An election where a party's candidate is nominated to run against the incumbent or open political spot.

Caucus: A party-based election system that is paid for by the party. The Democratic Party has a caucus. The Republican Party has an election, which is paid by taxes.

Delegate: A person elected by their home area to represent them at a political convention, and cast votes for a candidate.

Who do you like?

Neither the Oakland nor the Genesee County Republican Party (GCRP) endorses a candidate before the primary election. "We don't all think alike, but generally speaking we can come together and rally around a candidate," said Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves. In a Republican field that keeps changing, Rick Santorum is currently the candidate to upset Romney's "inevitable" nomination.

Graves had preferred Mitt Romney, but now might lean toward Santorum. She likes the primary election because people can select the candidate to square off against President Obama. Some Republicans take the stance "Anybody but Obama." "We just want to select the best candidate to go against Obama," she said.

"The cities have really suffered and unemployment is really high, that's just unacceptable." Graves sees the race coming down to Romney or Santorum, with no chance for Newt Gingrich, or Ron Paul.

Jon Ettinger of Linden fully supports Ron Paul. "He is the one candidate in the race who has been consistently in the same message for three decades now," he said. He thinks the other candidates can't be trusted to follow through with their words.

Campaigning in Michigan

Jim Runestad is an Oakland County commissioner and adviser to the North Oakland County Republican Club that meets in Waterford.

Though he would like to drum up grass roots support for the different candidates, he sees most support coming from the campaigns themselves and not in-person, "Which is really surprising," he said.

In 2008, Romney and John McCain campaigned aggressively in Michigan at a grassroots level. "There hasn't been a lot of outreach by the campaigns," he said.

He expects television ads will pick up, but sees ads as less efficient than building a grassroots campaign of loyal supporters.

Summary

► The Republican Party primary election is Feb. 28, and is open to anyone who wants to cast a ballot.

"I expect Romney will step up and spend a lot of money because of Santorum," said Graves.

The best chance to get a little closer to the candidates

in the tri-county area was the Lincoln Day Dinner on Feb. 16, in Novi. The dinner featured Rick Santorum and Ann Romney, Mitt Romney's wife. Romney also visited Mundy Township on Friday. According to Oakland County Republican Party Chair Jim Theinel, 1,300 were expected at the dinner. Runestad said attendees take the messages back to their friends and families; a better way of delivering their messages than TV ads.

Runestad also is undecided on who he supports. "I like Michelle Bachmann, but she's not running so I still haven't made up my mind," he said.

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The City of Linden's Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., as part of the regular meeting agenda, in the Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan to consider amendments to the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Article 4 – DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 4.4.4 – Local Service District. Add the following under #5 Special Uses: Day Care Centers subject to the provisions of Sections 6.5.

Section 4.4.5 – General Commercial District. Add the following #11 under Special Uses: Day Care Centers subject to the provisions of Section 6.5.

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

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 248-858-5583. 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 P.A. 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.

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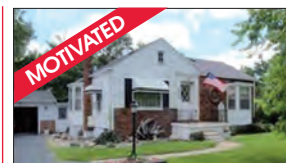
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MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012 8:45 AM - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012 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 .09725, Residential .09464, and Industrial .0996. To schedule a meeting with the Board of Review, you may submit your petition to the City Offices 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 16, 2012 by calling the City Offices at 735-7980 or 735-9624. Written protests will be accepted. Additional dates will be scheduled by appointment if necessary.

Martha A. Donnelly, City Clerk

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2012

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in all voting precincts of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the Office of President of the United States.

List of polling locations:

Precinct #1 Fenton Church of the Nazarene
(Linden School District voters) 11075 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton

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Precinct #3 Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church
(Fenton School District voters 10235 White Lake Road, Fenton
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Precinct #4 Tyrone Township Hall
(Hartland School District Voters) 10408 Center Road, Fenton

All of the above polling locations provide voting access for individuals with disabilities and contain voting instructions in alternative formats, including audio and Braille.

Upon arrival at the polls on February 28, 2012, voters will have to indicate which Party's primary they wish to vote in and they will receive a ballot for that Party.

Voters are reminded of the identification requirement. You will be asked to present photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Voters may also show the following forms of photo ID; driver's license or identification card issued by another state; federal or state government-issued photo identification; U.S. passport; military identification card with photo; student identification card with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university; or tribal identification card with photo.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or is not carrying one can still vote. They will sign a brief form indicating that they are not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and will be counted on Election Day.

Applications for absent voter ballots are available for the Presidential Primary Election and may be obtained by contacting the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office. Requests for absent voter ballots must be in writing.

Keith L. Kremer,
Tyrone Township Clerk

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

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

SUPER CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS

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4	2	9	8	5	6	1	7	3
6	8	1	4	3	7	9	5	2
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1	7	5	6	2	4	8	3	9
3	6	8	5	9	1	2	4	7
5	4	2	3	7	8	6	9	1
9	3	6	1	4	2	7	8	5
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KING CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

Solution time: 25 mins.

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GROUCH DYNAMO
REVIEWS IMPLORED
ALEE VIA FIND
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SUNDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS

8	4	9	2	3	1	6	7	5
6	1	3	9	5	7	8	2	4
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3	6	4	5	1	9	2	8	7
1	3	5	4	2	8	7	6	9
4	9	8	7	6	3	5	1	2
2	7	6	1	9	5	4	3	8

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE
ANSWERS

Jumbles: FORCE HUMID TOWARD NEPHEW
Answer: What a sudden cloudburst is—A "DROW POUR

SUNDAY JUMBLE
ANSWERS

Jumbles: PENCE OCTET HAZING CROUCH
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jeffrey W. Sizemore and Veronica L. Sizemore, Husband and Wife to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2006 and recorded May 5, 2006 in Instrument # 200605050043883 Genesee County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT5, by assignment dated December 15, 2010 and recorded December 28, 2010 in Instrument # 201012280086961 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$143,639.21) including interest 5.2% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on February 29, 2012 Said premises are situated in Township of Genesee, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land beginning North 2167 ft and North 89 degrees 52 mins West, 356.88 ft from the South-east corner of Section; thence North 89 degrees 52 mins West 79.97 ft; thence North 20 degrees 10 mins West, 408 ft to centerline of Richfield Road; thence North 69 degrees 50 mins 50 secs East 75 ft; thence South 20 degrees 10 mins East, 435.71 ft to place of beginning, Section 35, Town 8 North, Range 7 East, Township of Genesee, Genesee County, Michigan. Commonly known as 5494 Richfield Rd, Flint MI 48506 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 1/29/2012 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT5, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-53063 Ad #19774 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19/2012

FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 70c of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 70c please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Gary Hartley and Brenda Hartley, Husband and Wife to Interbay Funding, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 2006 and recorded November 20, 2006 in Instrument # 200611200100425 Genesee County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated March 7, 2007 and recorded April 11, 2007 in Instrument # 200704110033466 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$223,104.15) including interest 11.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on February 29, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block G and the Southerly 20 feet of Lot 13, Block D and the Southerly 20 feet of the Easterly 44 feet of Lot 14, Block D of Smith & Turner's Addition to the City of Flint, also that portion of vacated Turner Street lying Easterly of extended West line of said Lot 4; according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Deed Volume 55, Page 413, Genesee County Records. Parcel 2: All that part of Lot 14 lying Southerly of Grand Trunk Railroad R/W; also Lot 15 and the Northerly 15 feet of Lot 16, Block C; also all that part of Lots 9 and 10, Block D, lying Southerly of Grand Trunk Railroad R/W also Lots 11 and 12; also Lots 13 and 14 except the Southerly 20 feet, Block D, Smith & Turner's Addition to the City of Flint, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Deed Volume 55, Page 413, Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 119 Grand Traverse, Flint MI 48503 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 1/29/2012 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-54587 Ad #19773 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19/2012

**NOTICE
2012****CITY OF FENTON
BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Fenton Board of Review will meet at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430, at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to assessed values and the review of poverty exemption applications;

Monday, March 5, 2012	1:00pm-4:00pm
Tuesday, March 6, 2012	9:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday, March 7, 2012	1:00pm-4:00pm & 6:00pm-9:00pm
Monday, March 19, 2012	2:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday, March 20, 2012	9:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday, March 21, 2012	1:00pm-5:00pm
Thursday, March 22, 2012	1:00pm-5:00pm
Friday, March 23, 2012	9:00am-1:00pm(decisions only)

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be made by contacting the Assessor's office at (810) 629-2261, or visiting Fenton City Hall at 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, MI. 48430.

Property owners who reside out of the area may appeal in writing to the Board of Review. Written appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

**KING
FEATURES****SuperCrossword****ACROSS**

1 Start to cry?
4 Representations
10 One of a pair
14 Equipment
18 "— It a pity?" ('70 song)
20 Posh party
21 Hurler
22 Coax
23 Wellington's sobriquet
25 "— Lisa"
26 Lassie's father
27 Austen title start
28 CSA soldier
29 Oahu feature
32 Barber's "— for Strings"
34 Woods' org.
35 Aye opponent
36 Concept
38 Warehouse item
40 Salon request
41 Roth or Reid
44 Photographer
47 Psychologist
49 "Pilgrim's Progress," e.g.

DOWN

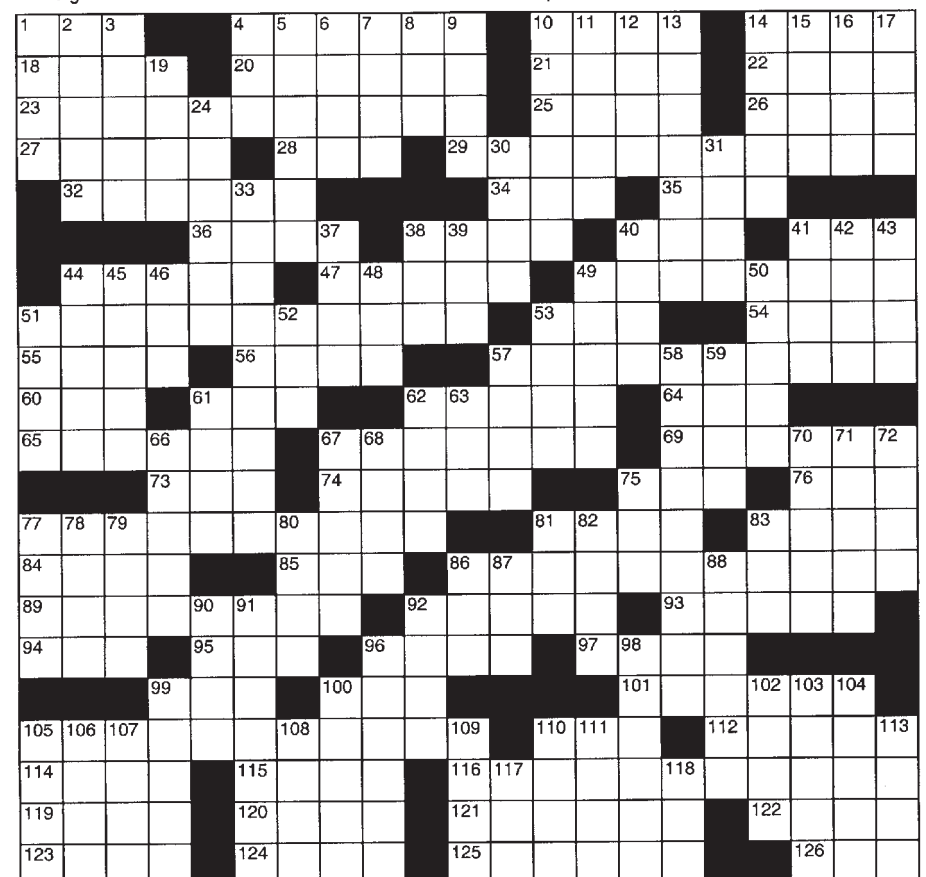
51 Music center
53 Southern st.
54 "I'm working —"
55 Marathon
56 "— bien!"
57 He devours books
60 Private pension
61 "Pshaw!"
62 Composer
64 Moo — gai pan
65 Occult
67 Prep school
69 Balzac's "Le Pere —"
73 Moore or Tarbell
74 Filleted
75 SDI device
76 SAT's big brother
77 Poe tale
81 Mammy
83 In addition
84 Barbara of "Perry Mason"
85 "Alley —"
86 Complete failure
89 Chicken Little, for one
92 Peter of "Young Frankenstein"
93 Raptor feature
94 Triumphed
95 Waugh's "The Loved —"
96 Wish
97 Cows and sows
99 Canonized Mlle.
100 Baseball's Parker
101 Moses or Monet
105 Deciduous tree
110 Cat's dog
112 PC key
114 Merrill melody
115 Rocker
116 Dorothy's destination
119 Capone feature
120 "Splendor in the Grass" writer
121 Poe character
122 The Laura Bush of Olympus
123 Protected
124 Like fine wine
125 Byzantine art form
126 Japanese honorific

DOWN

1 Drill accessories
2 Singer
3 Upright
4 Metric start
5 5th President
6 — de-camp
7 Baby beetle
8 Toon cry
9 Bird food
10 Vassal's allegiance
11 Smell to savor
12 Late-night name
13 Cozy cloth
14 Overly enthusiastic
15 Cleveland's lake
16 Akbar's city
17 Oliver of "Gladiator"
19 Actress
24 "Salve —"
30 — facto
31 Granola fruit
33 Like some twins
37 Skilled
38 Shuffleboard stick
39 "— Day Now" ('62 hit)
40 Eastern European

41 Author Morrison
42 Spring bloom
43 Legend
44 Frank book
45 Pizarro's victims
46 Mimic
48 "Treasure Island" monogram
49 Soothe
50 Like
51 Rickrack, e.g.
52 Live and breathe
53 Thin layer
57 "Ethan Frome" prop
58 Kitchen implement
59 Space
61 Hound's handle
62 Mr. Diller
63 Citrus cooler
66 Paper —
67 Head monk
68 Tour de force
70 Northern hemisphere?
71 Bean or Welles
72 "— Wolf" ('85 film)
75 PD alert
77 January event

78 Heavenly headgear
79 Dash
80 Health measure?
81 Buddy
82 Fateful 15th
83 Architect's add-on
86 Prune
87 Cyclone center
88 Stood up
90 Speck
91 Torpor
92 Cornice kin
96 Paid attention
98 Michener opus
99 Extra
100 Heel type
102 Foot part
103 Farm features
104 Neon —
105 Perennial panelist
106 Namu or Willy
107 Chanteuse
108 Belfry sound
109 Tiller
110 Cello parts
111 Section
113 "Saving Private —" ('98 film)
117 "O Sole —"
118 Fond du —, WI



ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

Free Items**28**

FREE YOUNG CATS, all have been vet checked with shots. Will financially help with neutering and spaying. See at Twin Oaks Kennel. 810-629-2859.

**Sporting
Goods****30**

RCBS ROCK chucker, reloading press and equipment; also Tumbler and Bench. 810-629-0093.

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Market place
at
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Fenton Lakes Sportsmans Club

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PREMIER
SPORTS TEAM

**Lost &
Found****31**

LOOK HERE

LOST TOY AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD. Black/white, short hair. Different colored eyes. Pink collar. Lost North Rd./Adelaide. 810-989-9154.

**THINGS TO DO WHEN
YOU HAVE LOST OR
FOUND A PET.**

1. Place an ad in the Tri-County Times, 810-629-8194.
2. Call your local vets.
3. Register with Adopt-A-Pet, 810-629-0723.
4. Check out previous lost and found pets on the classified section of our website at www.tctimes.com

Put **your** hands in **my** hands

TRAVELING MANICURIST
I'll come to you for no additional charge!
 Shut-ins • Seniors • Lunch Hour • Office Manicures
 • Bridal Parties • Pedicure Parties

\$50 Manicure & Pedicure Reg. \$55

LISA BRANHAM New Number! 810-922-6553

NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

To the qualified Electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in:

HOLLY TOWNSHIP, ROSE TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF HOLLY
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

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:

THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Republican Candidates:

Herman Cain Rick Perry
 Newt Gingrich Buddy Roemer
 Jon Huntsman Mitt Romney
 Gary Johnson Rick Santorum
 Fred Karger Michele Bachmann
 Ron Paul

Democratic Candidates:

Barack Obama

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

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

In person:

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

By mail:

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

Full text and sample ballots may be obtained from:

Township Clerk's Office

AV BALLOTS may be obtained from your

Clerk's Offices listed below before 2:00 P.M. Saturday February 25, 2012

HOLLY VILLAGE/TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATION:

PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4
HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM
6161 E. HOLLY RD.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk
102 Civic Drive
Holly, Michigan 48442
248-634-9331 Ext. 301

ROSE TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS:

PCT. #1 ROSE TOWNSHIP OFFICES
9080 MASON
PCT. #2 ROSE PIONEER SCHOOL
7110 MILFORD ROAD
PCT. #3 ROSE PIONEER SCHOOL
7110 MILFORD ROAD

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk
9080 Mason
Holly, Michigan 48442
248-634-8701

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Shawn Klanseck and Nikki Klanseck, husband and wife as joint tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee for Garrow Mortgage CO. its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 18, 2005 and recorded May 12, 2005 in Instrument # 200505120049926 Genesee County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Flag-star Bank, FSB, by assignment dated January 10, 2012 and recorded January 17, 2012 in Instrument # 201201170002600 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Four Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$161,604.18) including interest 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on March 7, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 18, Lennon Estates, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 55 of Plats, Page 19 and 20, Genesee County Records Commonly known as 2466 Nandi Hills Court, Swartz Creek MI 48473 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless deter-mined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 2/5/2012 Flagstar Bank, FSB, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-54738 Ad #20332 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 02/26/2012

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: David Lee, a Married Man and Nicole Lee, Married Woman to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 11, 2007 and recorded August 17, 2007 in Instrument # 2007R-028198 Livingston County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents (\$157,515.53) including interest 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Livingston County at 10:00AM on March 14, 2012 Said premises are situated in Township of Hartland, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest one quarter of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 6 East, Hartland Township, Li-vingston County, Michigan, Described as: Begin-ning at a point on the North-South one quarter line located due North 988.22 feet from the South one quarter corner of said Section 6; thence North 89 degrees 8 mins 0 secs West 268.00 feet; thence North 1 degree 44 min 0 secs East 345.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 8 mins 0 secs East 257.56 feet to the North-South one quarter line of said Section 6 and the centerline of Parshallville Road; thence South 345.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 7687 Parshallville Rd, Fenton MI 48430 aka 5253 Parshallville Rd, Fenton MI 48430 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 2/12/2012 CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-55658 Ad #20664 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 03/04/2012

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John C. Davidek, A Married Man and Svetlana A. Davidek, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 22, 2003 and recorded July 24, 2003 in Instrument # 200307240100780 Genesee County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$96,277.71) including interest 5.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on March 21, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 194 and 195, Woodcroft No. 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 8, Pages 34 to 36, Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 1818 Ramsay Blvd, Flint MI 48503 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 2/19/2012 CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-56130 Ad #20897 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 03/11/2012

TYRONE TOWNSHIP 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2012 Board of Review will be held at the Tyrone Township Hall, located at 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 Organizational Meeting 10:00 am

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 9:00 am -12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 (ext. 216) for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal will be accepted and must be received by 9:00 pm. on March 13, 2012. No faxes will be accepted.

	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	PERSONAL
Tentative Ratio	51.04	65.05	53.20	55.12	99.27	50.00
Tentative Factor	.9796	0.7686	0.9398	0.9071	.5037	1.00000

Final expected ratios are: Tentative Ratio 50%, Tentative Factor 1.00

Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, March 5, 2012, by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Sections 20.01 (Schedule of Regulations) and Section 21.02 (Accessory Structure Provisions)

A variance request by Robert Baydl for a 9-foot front yard setback variance in order to build a new house and attached garage on vacant property, located at 13443 White Lake Road, (TAX CODE # 4704-13-101-014).

Additional information, legal descriptions and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman
Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF GROVELAND TOWNSHIP 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of Review of the Township of Groveland will meet at the GROVELAND TOWNSHIP HALL, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, Michigan, Upper Level, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereof, at the following dates and time:

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Monday, March 12, 2012 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 1:00 PM to 4:30PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Additional days will be scheduled, if necessary, to give everyone an opportunity to appeal their assessment.

Property owners may file their protests by letter provided they are received at the Township Hall by Monday March 7, 2011.

For those wishing to protest in person, please schedule an appointment by calling:
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If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call GROVELAND TOWNSHIP OFFICE during regular business hours at (248)634-4152.

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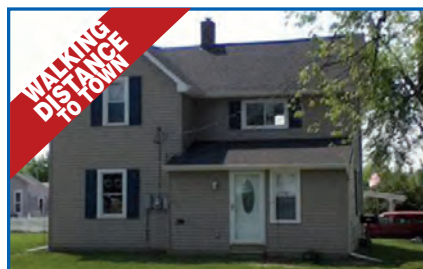
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JOBS

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about 20 this year, because we have so many returning employees. More than 500 young people will be applying for those 20 positions, so there will be a lot of competition."

One returning counselor is Matt Day, 21, who was just promoted to Senior Counselor in an interview for this summer's employment. Helpful on his resume was a six-month internship he held at Disney World in Orlando from August 2011 to January 2012. "He was a skipper on the Safari Jungle Boat in the Magic Kingdom," said his mother, Shelly Day. "He had to audition for that job, and learned a lot of great customer service skills."

To apply at Camp Copneconic YMCA, students must be at least 18 years old. To have a better chance at one of those 20 new jobs, applicants should have experience in working with kids, or be going to school to earn a degree in education or child development. "Community service helps, too," added Hilton.

With new restaurants opening and a slightly improved economic climate, jobs in the fast-food segment are a good place to start looking for work. Teens can also get creative in their job search, by filling a need with a skill they have — from web design to dog- and house-sitting. Internships, either paid or unpaid, can be a "foot in the door" for high school and college students, especially in a specific area of academic or career interest.

Some jobs may even take you away from home, to large employers like Disney, or to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio or Mackinac Island in northern Michigan.

Renee (Blankertz) McDowell, a 2004 graduate of Fenton High School, didn't wait for a summer job to come to her after her first year of college. She went to where the jobs were — at Mackinac Island, where she was employed as a summer pastry chef at the Grand Hotel.

Working as a professional baker today, she looks back at that experience and would highly recommend it to today's teens. "It was a great experience for me," said McDowell, now 26. "I met a lot of people from different countries. It was the first time I was actually away from home on my own." For more information about summer employment at Mackinac Island, visit mackinacisland.org.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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DEMOCRATS FAVOR THE 1 percent? Really? Last I checked, Democrats are the ones who want to end the Bush tax cuts to pay down the debt, but Republicans refuse to even consider it, because their corporate owners won't let them.

I WOULD SAY that it is somewhat ironic that Buick City was torn down and now they are selling new Buicks that are built in Germany and had been selling Buick's made in Mexico. Thank you GM.

"I met a lot of people from different countries. It was the first time I was actually away from home on my own."

Renee (Blankertz) McDowell
Summer worker
on Mackinac Island

Cedar Point hires ride operators, cash handlers, sweeps, merchandise sellers/associates, security guards, games employees, office support staff and more. Prospective applicants must apply online, then participate in open interviews at Cedar Point on Friday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday,

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The **2012 Relay for Life of Fenton** event is excited to return to Fenton High School and take place on **June 15 & 16**. For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact local Amy Lutz at (810)733-3702 or Amy.Lutz@cancer.org.



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SCORES

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graders ranked No. 1 in the county on the MEAP writing test with 73 percent passing. The county average was 44 percent. He said his seventh graders had the highest average ranking of any school in the district.

Eighth grade

The eighth graders did well on the MEAP tests too. Ferguson said 30 percent of his students passed the math test, compared to the county average of 22 percent. They ranked fifth in the county, behind Grand Blanc, Clio, Linden and Davison. He believes this was the most difficult test relative to county averages.

In reading, 82 percent of the middle school's students passed the reading test, ranking first in the county. The county average was 56 percent. In math, 30 percent of the eighth graders passed the test. This put them in fifth place, behind Grand Blanc, Clio, Linden and Davison.

This grade came in first for the county with 49 percent passing the science test, compared to the county average of 15 percent. Ferguson said the middle school's eighth graders had the highest average ranking of any school.

Eighth graders ranked first with the science scores since 49 percent passed.

Ferguson also announced the ACT Explore results for the eighth graders, which included English, math, reading, science and composite. They were above the national average in all subjects. Their ACT composite score was highest in school history.

Ninth grade

When the current ninth graders were in sixth grade, they ranked ninth in the county for their social studies scores. This year they ranked fourth. This test was based on the middle school curriculum resulting in the middle school taking ownership of the test, said Ferguson.

Ferguson thanked the efforts of many who contributed to the success of his students. "So many aspects of our society have created an unhealthy competitive atmosphere, but I must share that one of our greatest strengths is our willingness to work collaboratively with our neighboring and very successful districts like Linden, Fenton, and Grand Blanc," he said. "All of our students collectively have truly responded to the increased rigor of our state and now national core curriculum."

He ended his presentation by challenging his students to keep high goals and to make the right decisions to get there.

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SHOW TIMES

'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change'
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Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

For ticket information, see page 5B

“The director is the person with the artistic vision, who can see the entire production as a whole. The producer is the one who lines up all the jobs and makes sure everything gets done.”

SAM DIVITA, Director

TRI-COUNTY TIMES
TIM JAGIELO

(Photo above) Laura Slack, of Holly Township, grabs makeup for Carla Feamster, of Argentine Township, before their dress rehearsal of Fenton Village Players production, “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change,” Wednesday night at the Fenton Village Playhouse.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Stevie Visser, of Grand Blanc, changes quickly between scenes during the dress rehearsal at the Fenton Village Playhouse Wednesday night.

Acting is just small part of community theater experience

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Laura LeGant is not only the producer of Fenton Village Players’ “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change,” she has also helped wire together the curtain rigging for the production and will appear on stage for several walk-on parts.

Director Sam DiVita has been involved in every production since 2000, from painting sets to hanging up publicity posters, as well as many leading roles. “I was a singer in my first show, ‘Dearly Departed,’” she said. “The more involved I got in theater, the more I wanted to learn about everything.”

Such is the life of community theater, where it helps to be a “jack of all trades,” or

at least have a good sense of humor about all of the behind the scenes work it takes to put on a quality production.

The Fenton Village Players is presenting the adult comedy musical “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change” this weekend through Sunday with a 2 p.m. matinee, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-25 at 7 p.m. and a Sunday, Feb. 26 matinee at

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Summary

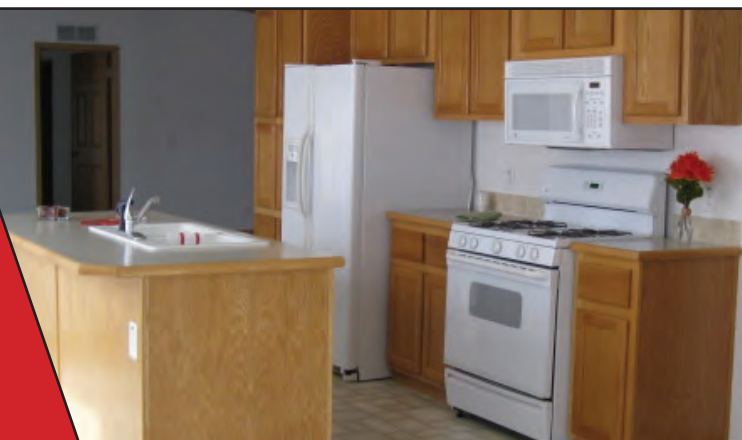
► You may see just the actors on stage, but the behind-the-scenes work of a Fenton Village Players production will involve at least 50 people — more in the case of a large musical cast, like last fall’s production of “Anything Goes.”

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Calendar of events

Genealogical Society meeting

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will hold a free public meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 to discuss the topic, "Traveling in Germany, researching in Poland. What you need to know to survive." Speakers are Trudy Krueger and Della Gamalski. Meetings are held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River, Howell. For details, call (810) 227-7745.

Controlling your blood sugars

McLaren's Diabetes Education Program offers, "Controlling Your Blood Sugars and Weight," a comprehensive pre-diabetes program. Classes start March 6 and pre-registration is required. Classes are for anyone who is at risk for, or has been diagnosed with, pre-diabetes (when blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as

diabetes). The program includes five, one-hour sessions that cover various topics. Specific program details follow. The next set of classes start Tuesday, March 6 and follow on March 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Classes are held at McLaren's Diabetes Education Office located at G-3200 Beecher Rd., in the Beech Hill Centre from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register, or for questions, please call (810) 342-4110. The class cost is \$45.

Diabetes Support Group meeting

McLaren's Diabetes Support Group is holding its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Meetings for the McLaren Diabetes Education Program are held at G-3200 Beecher Rd., Flint in Beech Hill Centre. Meetings are free, however, pre-registration is required. This month meal planning will be discussed. For more information, please call McLaren's Diabetes Education Program at (810) 342-4110.

Healthy Eating 101

McLaren's Diabetes Education Program is now offering a free class

called "Healthy Eating 101." Participants can learn how to eat healthier to lose weight, lower cholesterol and lower blood pressure. Topics to be covered include healthy food choices/portion control, exercise, grocery shopping/label reading and eating out. This class is being offered from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, March 12 and Monday, April 16. Registration is required, and can be made by calling (810) 342-4110.

Property tax forum in Grand Blanc

Sen. David Robertson will be hosting a property tax forum at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27 for residents of the 26th Senate District on how to effectively appeal their property tax bills. The forum will be held at Grand Blanc Senior Center, 12632 Pagles Dr., Grand Blanc. Robertson, Genesee County Commissioner Joe Graves, and tax expert Mark Avery will hold a public forum to discuss the process for appealing property tax assessments and common mistakes to avoid. They will also answer questions from taxpayers. The forum is free and open to the public. For

those who are unable to attend, information will be available through Robertson's office by calling his office at 1-866-305-2126, or e-mailing SenD-Robertson@senate.michigan.gov.

Property tax forum in Davisburg

Sen. David Robertson will be hosting a property tax forum at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5 for residents of the 26th Senate District on how to effectively appeal their property tax bills. The forum will be held at Springfield Library, 12000 Davisburg, Rd., Davisburg. Robertson, state reps Brad Jacobsen and Eileen Kowall, county commissioners Beth Nuccio and Bob Hoffman and tax expert Mark Avery will hold a public forum to discuss the process for appealing property tax assessments and common mistakes to avoid. They will also answer questions from taxpayers. The forum is free and open to the public. For those who are unable to attend, information will be available through Robertson's office by calling his office at 1-866-305-2126, or e-mailing SenDRobertson@senate.michigan.gov.

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what to expect

and

why?

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WHY ARE GAS PRICES SO HIGH?:

High gas prices are usually caused by high prices for crude oil, which accounts for 55 percent of the price of gasoline. In February 2012, concerns about a potential military action, by either Israel or even the U.S., against Iran are causing oil prices to creep up. In April 2011, fears about unrest in Libya and Egypt sent oil prices up to \$113 a barrel.

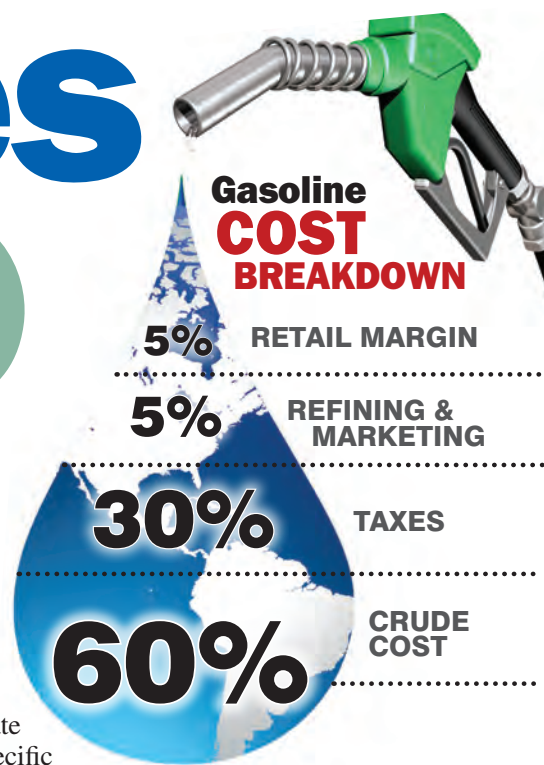
HOW HIGH OIL PRICES MAKE HIGH GAS PRICES:

Oil prices are set by commodities traders who buy and sell

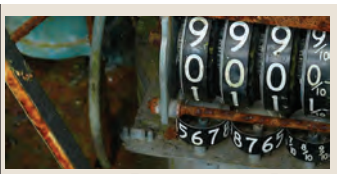
futures contracts on the commodities exchanges. These are agreements to buy or sell oil at a specific date in the future at a specific price. Commodities traders can create a self-fulfilling prophecy by bidding up oil futures prices. Once this starts, it can create an asset bubble. Unfortunately, the one who pays for this bubble is you!

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST FACTOR IN HIGH OIL PRICES?:

Like most of the things you buy, oil prices are affected by



supply and demand. However, oil prices are also affected by oil price futures, which are traded on the commodities futures exchange. These prices fluctuate daily, depending on what investors think the price of oil will be in the future. When traders think oil will be high, they bid it up even higher. This soon causes high gas prices.



Not-quite pennies

what is 9/10 of a cent worth?

Gas companies take an extra 9/10 of a cent for every gallon of gas we buy—what is that actually worth?

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), "prime suppliers" of "motor gasoline" reported sales of 372,833.5 thousand barrels sold in February 2007. Each barrel represents 42 gallons, and to determine the value of 9/10 of a cent for each gallon, we did the following calculation:

$$372,834 \times 1000 \times 42 \times .009 = \$140,931,063$$

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2. In the summer, you should only buy gas at night or early in the morning when the gas is cold. Because cold gas is more dense, you'll get more fuel for your money.

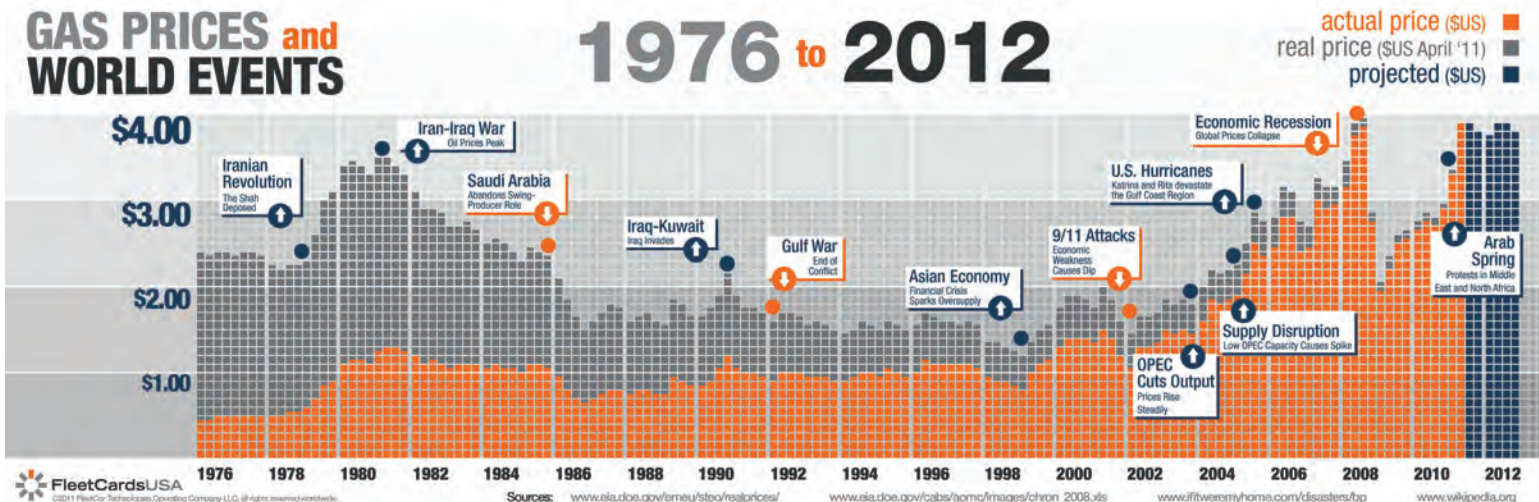
Reality: Buying cold gas is a lot harder than it sounds, and the potential savings are scarcely worth it.

3. To save gas, open the car's windows and shut off the air conditioning.

Reality: At higher speeds, leaving the windows open increases wind resistance so much that you probably wipe out any gain from shutting off the AC.

GAS PRICES and WORLD EVENTS

1976 to 2012



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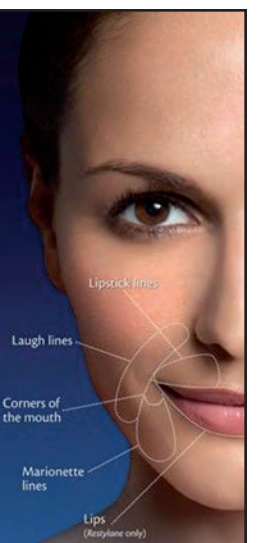
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teentalk

Compiled by Eric Trowt, intern

Danielle Garza

■ 18-year-old senior

■ Fenton High School

■ My family: parents, Larry and Irene Garza, and I have one sister, Gabby Garza

“Don't sweat the small stuff.”

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy? Soccer.

My dream car is: A black Equinox.

My all-time favorite movie is: ‘Water for Elephants,’ because I love Elephants.

My earliest memory is: Getting my first soccer trophy.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? I would want to fly so I could get places quicker and do more things.

I always: wanted to go to Africa.

I never: want to end up in jail.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be? It would be not to lie, because lying doesn't get you anywhere.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for? I'd like to go back and redo my freshman year of soccer, because it was the first time we made it to the semifinals.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? The Gettysburg Address, because Lincoln was one of my favorite presidents.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say? ‘I'm all ears’ because I'd like to



listen to people's problems to see if I can help.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Going to college, because it's a fresh start.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? The women's national soccer team play Brazil because it's traditionally a good game.

What has been the best day

in your life so far? Signing to play college soccer because it's my chance.

What are your plans after graduation?

I'm going to Concordia in Chicago.

How are you preparing for college? Saving a lot of money.

My parting advice for a better world is: There's always a light at the end of the tunnel.

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

student body

Where would you like to work this summer?

“I already have a job at Lucky's Steakhouse.”

LAYTON MANDLE
SENIOR



“I want a job at an athletic summer camp so I can help kids while practicing my sports.”

ELLIE COWGER
SOPHOMORE



“I'd like an internship at either a law firm or a courthouse.”

MATT GILBERT
SENIOR



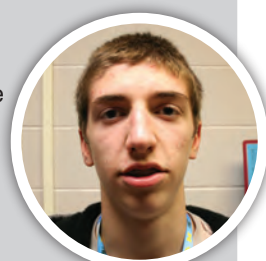
“I want to work at the Misfit Lab because I enjoy snowboarding.”

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“I'd like to work at a dentist's office because that's what I want to do when I'm older.”

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THEATER

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2 p.m. The Fenton Village Playhouse is located at 14197 Torrey Rd., Fenton.

While there will be 14 actors on stage, and most visible participants, it takes the volunteer efforts and talent of more than 50 people to put together a production. The eight show times represent only a fraction of the days and nights spent before the production is ready to hit the stage.

Preparation

The groundwork for this show was actually laid more than a year ago, when the FVP Play Reading Committee started planning the 2012 season.

"They read over a ton of scripts and recommend to the board of directors a handful of productions that they feel will work well," said Eugene "Geno" Essenmacher, FVP chairman. "Once the board makes a decision, the treasurer contacts the group who has the rights to the play, then pays royalty fees and arranges to get copies of each script. The treasurer then issues a separate budget for each production." Essenmacher is serving as acting treasurer, while long-time treasurer Joella Caskey recovers from a recent stroke.

Royalty fees

Royalty fees vary for each show, from \$2,000 up to \$15,000, depending upon the name recognition of the show. Last fall's musical, "Anything Goes" was the most expensive in recent FVP history, priced at about \$12,000, recalls Essenmacher. Royalty fees for this current show were approximately \$2,800.

Leaders selected

About seven to eight weeks before showtime, the producer and director for the show are selected, and a musical director, if the production is a musical. "The director is the person with the artistic vision, who can see the entire production as a whole," said DiVita. "The producer is the one who lines up all the jobs and makes sure everything gets done."

Auditions

They arrange for auditions by advertising in the FVP newsletter, their Facebook page and the Tri-County Times. When people audition for acting or choral parts,



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Laura Legant, (right), Rebecca Pauli, and Holly Myers, (left) get ready in the ladies dressing room at the Fenton Village Playhouse before dress rehearsal Wednesday night.

they sign an agreement that spells out the responsibilities they'll have for practicing and attending rehearsals.

Committees

Meanwhile, the producer is also selecting heads of various committees, including choreographer, if needed; house manager, stage manager, vocal coach, artistic director, set constructor/set designer, costumer, makeup and hair, tech person, playbill, publicity and tickets. "All of the organizational details of the show are in the producer's hands," said Essenmacher.

Most of these positions are volunteer, except for the director, producer, musical director and choreographer, who receive a small stipend to help pay some of their expenses. "The most I've ever made was \$250 and that was for a musical and two months of work," said DiVita, with a smile. "It's mostly for gas money."

Rehearsals

The director is in charge of rehearsals, which usually take place four nights a week, depending on a person's part in the show. However, the intensity of rehearsal really picks up the week before the show,

affectionately known as "Hell Week." "Everyone in the production has to be there," said Essenmacher. "Each actor is in full costume, and the full orchestra is rehearsing with us, too. Things really heat up for the producer and the tech person, to make sure everything is ready to go."

While the director is totally in charge



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Fenton Village Players costumer Karen Cramer works on the skirting of an antique phone to be used in the dress rehearsal of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Wednesday night.

during rehearsals, once the show opens, the stage manager takes over. He or she is behind the scenes, making sure people know when to walk-on/off the stage, etc.

For the love of theater

All of this work is done for the love of theater and the camaraderie that is a direct result of such an intense experience. "I love community theater and the opportunities to form friendships with such a diverse group of people," said LeGant. "We all come from different walks of life, with different talents and skills to bring to the stage. It is such a thrill to create a live theater experience together."

WHERE TO BUY TICKETS:

e-tickets on FVP website:
fentonvillageplayers.org

or at box offices:

The Fenton Winery & Brewery
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Tickets sold at the playhouse
one hour before showtime



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Mike Raleigh of Brighton, and Laura Slack, of Holly Township, perform the Scene "Stud and Babe" during the dress rehearsal of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Wednesday night.



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Rick Spangler of Fenton is dressed for the first scene of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Wednesday night.

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NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS MARCH 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Argentine Township Board of Review for 2012 will be held at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451 on the following dates:

Tuesday March 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.-**Organizational Meeting**

Appeal Hearings:

Monday, March 12, 2012-----9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13, 2012-----1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012-----1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 2012-----1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2012.

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

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

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Robert W. Cole, Jr, Supervisor
Argentine Township

Tri-county fundraisers

Shard Financial holding fundraiser to benefit food bank

On Thursday, March 8, Margie Shard, CFP, is hosting the Shard Financial Women, Wine, Fashion & Finance fundraiser for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Shard is president and wealth advisor for Shard Financial Services, Inc. in the Lake Winds Plaza in Fenton. Shard expects more than 300 people to attend the program, which gives kids a backpack each Friday at school so that they have food for the weekend. Shard and her group are trying to raise \$25,000 to feed 250 children for an entire school year. Proceeds stay within Genesee County. Her company created this event because she wanted to make an impact on the community and give back. Shard's office can be reached at (810) 714-5566 or at www.shardfinancial.com.

CALENDAR

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Nature club hosting program on March 6

The Hartland Audubon Nature Club is hosting a "Butterflies and Moths; Dragonflies and Damselflies" program on Tuesday, March 6, beginning at 7:15 p.m. John Smith, the club's president will be presenting the program. Along with beautiful photos of these delicate creatures, Smith will be sharing information about their habitats and life cycles. The public is invited to attend the meeting, held at the Hartland Senior Center, in the Hartland Education Support Service Center on M-59 just west of U.S. 23. For more information, contact Jami Bond at (843) 821-9495.

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business profiles

Anniversary marks 20 years of patient care

►Advanced Physical Therapy Center has grown to seven locations and 130 employees

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Twenty years ago, Linda Gibbs, P.T. and Kimberly Turner, P.T., C.H.T., opened Advanced Physical Therapy Center in Grand Blanc — the only independent physical therapy clinic in the area, and one of the few run by women.

Built on a reputation for treating low back and neck pain and specializing in certified hand therapy, Advanced Physical Therapy has now grown to seven locations and more than 130 employees.

Their newest locations are in Davison, which opened 14 months ago and Clarkston in November 2011. Other locations include Hartland, Clio, Flint and Goodrich.

Physical therapists at Advanced Physical Therapy also treat a variety of orthopedic problems, like shoulders, knees and necks.

Another specialty is women's health, according to Kristin Molzon, vice president of marketing and public relations for the company. "Women suffer with so many problems that can be successfully treated with physical therapy," said

Summary

►Advanced Physical Therapy Center has been treating patients for more than 20 years, opening two new clinics in 2011. They now have seven locations and 130 employees.



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Kim Turner, P.T., C.H.T. and Linda Gibbs, P.T. are proud to observe their 20th year in serving patients through seven Advanced Physical Therapy Center locations.

Molzon. "These are the people whose lives are dramatically improved by using physical therapy."

These specialty programs include programs for new moms and for women with uterine prolapse, pelvic pain, pain during intercourse and incontinence. There is also a program for breast cancer patients who develop lymphedema, a painful, chronic arm swelling that occurs

after surgery.

"We want to be your physical therapy clinic for your lifetime," said Molzon. "We offer free physical therapy evaluations by appointment. You'll need a doctor's prescription for physical therapy."

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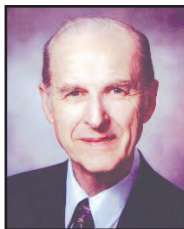
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Lincoln's promise that prepared him to be president

February 20th, President's Day, is a national holiday to honor both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, but many will still remember these February Presidents on the dates they were born: Washington on the 22nd and Lincoln on the 12th.

Abraham Lincoln was a man of many firsts.

He was the first President to be elected without being a native of one of the thirteen original colonies. He was also the first President to have a beard, to be a Republican, to hold a patent (No. 6469; a device that lifted ships over dangerous shoals through the use of buoyant air chambers), to be photographed at his inauguration.

At the age of 9, Lincoln made a promise to his dying mother that affected him throughout his life.

"I want you to live as I have taught you, to love your Heavenly Father and keep His commandments," she had said. And during Lincoln's long hard road from poverty to the Presidency, he never forgot those words or his promise.

In his book, "The Man and His Faith," G. Frederick Owen said of Lincoln: "God, to him, was not the God of the philosophers, but the God of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and of the Bible. Religion to him was not a philosophy which he was to formulate, but a personal experience into which he was to enter."

Lincoln's childhood covenant with his mother kept him out of trouble in later years and often had a positive impact on his character. Many a time, he said, he had found the courage to decline some tempting bribe or resist some compromise because at the moment of decision he would remember his promise to his mother.

Reading the Bible became a regular part of Lincoln's life.

"I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible," he once wrote, adding: "Take all of this book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man."

In spite of his high standards, his honesty, his Bible reading and other religious activities, however, Lincoln seemed to be ever on a search for a relationship with God that he had not yet found.

This search for peace sent him into the counseling room at The First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Illinois, during revival meetings and to the parsonage of The First Methodist Church to talk to Pastor Jacquess after his sermon on being born again.

It moved him to seek help from the woman of faith who had been the nurse on duty when his son, Willie, died. Still he was not satisfied.

Then came Gettysburg and Lincoln's entire night of prayer before that bloody battle, began an experience that prepared him for what happened later. According to this praying President, seeing the graves of the soldiers who fell at Gettysburg, moved him to absolute faith in his mother's Lord.

No wonder the "Gettysburg Address," has endured. It was delivered by a man who tearfully said that he had now received "the best gift which God has given to man."

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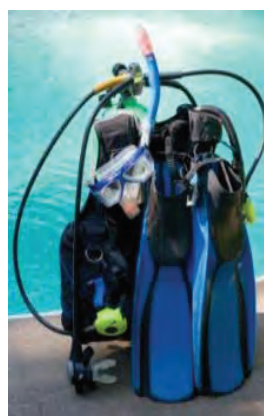
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Second-hand' shopping

A creative and affordable way to decorate the home

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When it comes to making decorating decisions for your home, don't limit yourself to only new items you see at a retail store. You'll open yourself up to a whole new world if you include re-sale and consignment shops in your decorating mix.

"Think outside the box, and look for new ways to use quality pieces," advises Linda Nielsen, co-owner of Fratz Consignment in Fenton. "Look for quality, structure and style when making furniture decisions. Don't base your choice on patterns or paint — that can all be changed."

If you're looking for a sofa, she advises that you look at the style, rather than the pattern. "You can always slipcover it or use throws on a quality piece," said Nielsen. "It's the same with dining room sets. If you like the style of a modern set, you can change the whole look

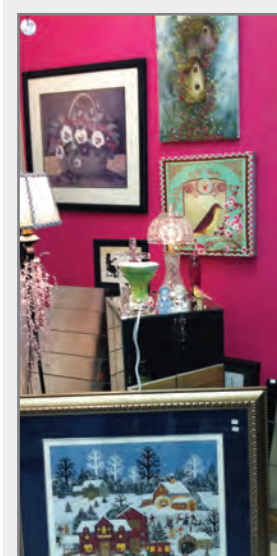
of it with a new coat of paint, or you can easily re-upholster the chairs."

You can also have a lot of fun with "re-purposing" valuable finds. Look for new uses for older things with a different intended purpose.

"Make a bench

for your garden or hallway out of a twin headboard," suggests Nielsen. "Put a bunch of glass pieces together with an adhesive and make your own glass sculpture with interesting heights and colors."

Using wall art and lighting are two of the most significant ways to change the look of a room, in addition to painting the walls," said Jody Stewart, co-owner of The Gift of Thrift in Linden and a well-known interior designer in the Fenton area. "Art is such a personal thing that what you choose has to 'speak' to you in

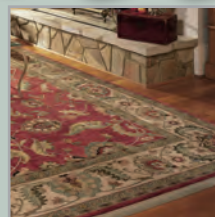


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Look for meaningful pieces of art that you will enjoy looking at everyday, advises Jody Stewart, of the Gift of Thrift in Linden.

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Chris Weir
Weir Building Company owner



a meaningful way. It has to be something that you will enjoy looking at every day," she said.

Bringing an older piece to life again by purchasing it at a re-sale shop also gives the buyer a chance to get nostalgic. "People are beginning to look at vintage items as a way to reconnect with family," said Stewart.

"So many of our customers say, 'I remember this from my mother or grandmother's house.' People are also appreciating re-purposed items from a recycling standpoint, bringing new life to them and saving them from the landfill."

There's also an appreciation for quality in vintage items that is lost

in many of today's manufacturing processes. The care and craftsmanship so evident in many furniture pieces from other eras are now able to be enjoyed the second time around, because they were built with quality and durability back, unlike today's more disposable items.

See **SHOPPING** on 13B

Tips for successful re-sale shopping

- **Know your prices.** Comparison-shop and do your research before you commit to a price on an item. Know what the full market value of that item would be if it was new.
- **Wait for sale days** and price reductions. Many re-sale shops offer special pricing on specific

holidays or days of the week. Most reduce the price of the item after it has been in the store's inventory for a certain number of weeks.

- **Make sure you really want the item,** because many re-sale shops do not offer returns.

- **Shop early and often.** It is usually best to shop early in the day or whenever the new shipment typically comes in. This allows you to have first pick of a fresh selection. Also, visit the store frequently. Many shops have new items arriving nearly every day.

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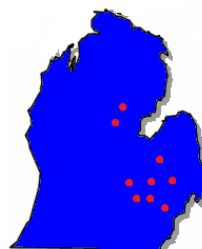
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Upgrading your bathroom

Use new design trends for 2012

Modern bathrooms are essential elements of comfortable and stylish home designs. Functional and attractive, today's bathroom design trends help create beautiful interior spaces which are not only healthy, efficient and eco-friendly, but also cozy and comfortable.

Summary

► Upgrade your bath for 2012, using the relaxed colors and accents of nature, or other design trends that are popular this year.

Soft bathroom colors, natural materials and impressive decorative accents are modern bathroom design trends for 2012.

Modern bathroom colors for this design year are quiet and almost neutral, including pale green tones, sand, cream, gold, silver, ivory, comfortable brown and classy white shades. These relaxing and calming pastel colors coordinate well with wood, glass, stone, shiny metal and ceramic tiles. Black and white decorating ideas are also in style, especially with the popular trend toward retro design.

Cool light blue, hot red colors, elegant black, bright orange and exciting red-pink color tones can be used for accents. They add more interest, energy and character to tranquil modern bathroom design ideas.

"This year's bath colors are either a retro look with handmade glazed tiles in bright colors, or they're earth tone-based colors, in almond and bisque with relaxing, natural undertones," said Scott Tarkleson, owner of Fenton Lakes Building and Design.

Eco-friendly and natural fabrics and bathroom design materials are popular trends. Wood, marble, ceramic tiles, bamboo, felt and cotton are perfect for modern bathroom decorating ideas. Wood and metal, used for decorating sinks and bathtub legs, faucets handles and cabinets door knobs, made of wood furniture and wooden accessories are elegant and modern design trends.

Top design trends for bathrooms in 2012 include:

1. Natural bathroom design materials

Natural stone and mosaic tiles are modern bathroom design trends also. Stone sinks and mirror frames, bathtubs and small accessories made of stone make modern bathrooms look rich, stylish and unique.

"Porcelain tile has become much more popular than ceramic tile for the bath," said Justin Farrington, kitchen and bath design consultant for The Home Depot in Fenton. As a glass, porcelain is more durable.

2. Glass tiles and attractive mosaic patterns

"Most of our bath designs are using a lot of tile, especially quartz," said Tarkleson, of Fenton Lakes Building and Design. "It gives the bath a really neat look and ties it all together."

3. Traditional bathtubs are out — larger "soaker tubs" and over-sized shower units are in.

"We're seeing a lot of interest in bath and shower units with walk-in capabilities that are ADA-approved for middle-aged couples and older, so they can easily move in and out of the unit," said Farrington. "People in this age group are thinking about the future and want to get more bang for their buck."

Younger clients at The Home Depot are looking at custom high-end showers with full-body sprays, almost like rain, according to Farrington. "Our older customers are looking at over-sized soaker tubs for comfortable bathing, but with no jets," he added.

Chris Weir at Weir Building Company in Fenton sees many of his clients "dressing up" the shower with tiles and mosaics and other glasswork, and then completing the contemporary look with a clear, frameless glass door so that the art can be seen and enjoyed. While his company has installed several Roman-style showers with an open design, he prefers the comfort that a shower door provides in keeping steam in the shower, especially during colder weather.

4. Toilets are becoming more energy efficient and taller for more comfort.

"We're starting to see a lot of customers asking for more energy-efficient toilets that use 1.2 gallons of water per flush instead of the older standard of 1.6 gallons," said Jim Metevieri, manager of Vic Bond Sales in Fenton. "The new models are also a more comfortable height of 16¼ inches rather than 15 inches. It doesn't sound like much, but it makes a big difference."

5. Air tubs are becoming popular.

Air tubs are similar to whirlpool tubs in that both provide a massage experience in the bath. But instead of circulating a mixture of water and air like a whirlpool, an air tub circulates only air through hundreds of small holes that jet air into the tub. Generally, they are less expensive than whirlpools because there is no piping to install. The pump can be located in a vanity, closet or even another room.

"We're trending away from whirlpool tubs and into air tubs," said Tarkleson. "There's less maintenance involved and much more massaging action going on through the hundreds of holes, compared to just a handful of jets in a whirlpool tub. It just makes so much more sense."

6. The furniture look is in for vanities.

"A lot of people are using the 'furniture look' instead of a vanity in their bathroom decor," said Weir. "With the price of granite coming down, it has become much more affordable material to use as a countertop in bathroom design. People can easily buy a granite remnant piece leftover from a kitchen design, and pay a very affordable price."



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Today's bathroom designs include artistic tile and stain work, rain like shower heads and energy-efficient fixtures. Air tubs are beginning to replace whirlpool baths for homeowners wanting a full body massage in a clean antibacterial environment. They're available at local supply stores like Vic Bond Sales in Fenton.

In addition to painted cabinetry, The Home Depot in Fenton sees a lot of interest in the deep dark colors of espresso and java, according to Farrington, of Fenton's The Home Depot.

7. Vessel sinks are still popular but undermounts remain the standard.

Vessel sinks, with a raised design and more contemporary look, continue to be a popular trend, but many people still use the undermount sink

because of its ease of use. "People don't always realize that they have to lower the height of their bathroom vanity or furniture piece to accommodate the height of a vessel sink," said Farrington.

At Vic Bond Sales in Fenton, sales on undermounts and vessel sinks are about a 50/50 split. "We still sell our share of undermount sinks," said Metevieri.



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Whether you want the soft and cozy feel of carpet underfoot, or the elegance and design of tile or stone, today's flooring options are plentiful.

Summary

► Carpeting is still the No. 1 residential flooring option in the tri-county area, but hardwoods and ceramic tile continue to be very popular.

No matter what type of floor covering you choose, it should work well for your lifestyle.

The ultimate decision about which flooring material will be installed should be based upon how a particular room is used. For example, a room in which there is heavy foot traffic needs a hard-wearing floor, while a bedroom floor needs to be soft and cozy on the feet, with either carpet or an area rug.

Flooring sets the tone of the room, how it looks and how it feels. Achieving that look can be accomplished by a number of different floorings and accessories.

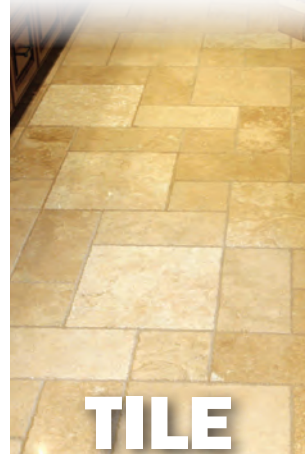
Hardwood floors, ceramic tiles and laminate continue to provide the look of elegance and durability that many homeowners are looking for. One new product, vinyl planking, provides the look of these more expensive natural products, at an affordable price with easier installation and maintenance. "We've recently installed vinyl planking inside the St. John's Activity Center," said Candace Jordan, of Li'l House of Carpet in Fenton. "It is much easier to install and maintain than traditional hardwood products or tile."

Carpeting trends continue to grow in the marketplace as well. Carpet is moving toward softer, textured and more luxurious looks as they add warmth and comfort to a room. "Carpeting is still 'Number One' with our residential clients," said Jordan. "Neutrals with colored flecks, and twists with superior wearability are popular styles this year."

On top of that, area rugs are definitely leading the way as the hottest decorating feature again this year.

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• **Ethical floor coverings** - Now more than ever, it's easy for the average homeowner to make environmentally friendly choices when it comes to home flooring products.

• **Laminate** - Originally from Europe, laminate floors have taken over the floor covering market with the practical benefits of being durable, hard wearing, and beautiful. Laminates are replicating stone and granite for endless decorating possibilities.

• **Hardwood** - Today's hardwood floors are adding old world elegance with a new twist, moving more toward distressed planks, wider widths, and the introduction of exotic woods.

• **Linoleum** - The original environmentally friendly floor covering, linoleum is available in a wide selection of colors and patterns, suitable for any decorating solution.

• **Carpet** - The most practical home flooring, carpet brings color and warmth into every room. Endless patterns, colors and textures still make carpet the top selling floor covering today.

• **Cork** - Comfortable to walk on, incredibly warm underfoot, many are discovering the beauty of cork flooring and what it can do for the home.

• **Bamboo** - An environmentally friendly hardwood, bamboo is fast becoming one of the most popular flooring trends.

• **Tile** - A decorator's dream come true, ceramic floor tiles offer timeless beauty and durability. Travertine tile is also another flooring option becoming more and more popular this year.

• **Rugs** - Versatile splashes of color ground a room, giving it personality and function. This year, luxurious shag rugs are a big hit with decorators.

• **Vinyl** - Offering the look of stone, ceramic tiles and hardwood — sheet vinyl and vinyl tiles are a natural solution for today's homeowner looking for quality and design.

• **Vinyl Planking** - New vinyl products are designed to capture the look of wood, stone or ceramic tile floors, while providing a more comfortable, low maintenance surface for everyday living.

Flowers

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Display fresh flowers for burst of color in any decor

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To brighten up your home during these remaining months of winter, bring into your decor a "breath of fresh air" with fresh cut flowers or colorful flowering plants. Not only will they freshen up your home with color, you'll catch the scent of fresh flowers as you enter a room.

Whatever your decorating style, you can add a touch of spring by bringing home cut flowers from your local florist or selecting a plant to brighten a table or your home's favorite cozy corner.

"Once Christmas is over, people are ready for spring," said Carol McAlister, of Yard 'N Garden in Fenton.

Jon Gerych, owner of Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts in Fenton, suggests using the flowers of spring to bring this fresh new season into your home. "You can buy hyacinth, tulips or daffodils as potted plants and watch them grow, or you can create an arrangement of fresh cut flowers," said Gerych.

"It's a lot of fun to put things into different vessels for a new look," said Gerych. "Glass containers and bowls of all sizes and shapes can totally change the look of the arrangement. Add branches, mosses, wheat grass, etc., to create a more natural look. For a contemporary style, decorate with pussy willows."

Choose flowers, colors and styles that will accent your home's decor.



Traditional - Choose full-petaled focal flowers, such as roses, chrysanthemums or lilies, and accent with baby's breath or golden rod. Arrange flowers loosely with a few stems of greenery in a glass or crystal vase.



Country - Try a watering can, basket, terracotta pot, or small bucket, and fill it with tulips, gerbera daisies, or dahlias for a fresh-from-the-garden feel. Accenting with spray roses, columbines, or larkspur will add a wildflower look.



Contemporary - Choose flowers that make a bold statement with a single bloom, such as calla lilies, birds of paradise, or orchids. Your vase should be equally simple, yet bold. Use minimal flowers and little or no greenery to keep the focus on the individual blooms.



Romantic - Create a dramatic arrangement with full, soft flowers, such as peonies, roses, and gardenias. Use draping greenery, such as ivy, and arrange flowers closely in a crystal vase or Grecian urn.

Use this guide of ideas from the Society of American Florists in decorating each room with flowers:

Living room - Take your favorite vase, treasured antique bowl or silver pitcher to your florist for a custom-designed arrangement, or float two or three blooms, such as gardenias or gerbera daisies in a favorite crystal bowl. Add a floating candle or two for a glowing evening effect.

Hallway or foyer - Attach small vases containing short stems of fresh flowers to a pre-made wreath and hang it on your front door to welcome guests. Make a first impression with a large, abundant arrangement. Create a focal point with a piece of artwork on a pedestal draped with a garland and flowers. For a friendly look, place a basket with a garden bouquet on the entry table.

Dining room - For an easy, elegant table decoration, set a series of alternating crystal vases and candles on a fabric runner. Place fresh flowers in each of the vases and surround them with greenery. Individual flowers are perfect at place settings or attached to name cards.

Choose the appropriate flowers for the changing seasons. Many flowers, such as roses, are both available and appropriate year-round. Other flowers, however, have a specific season.

For a pretty spring arrangement, think tulips and daffodils, advises McAlister. She also suggests irises and bouquets of star-gazer lilies. Other suggestions for spring color from Yard 'N Garden include roses, alstromeria, daisy mums, and stock - an old-fashioned flower with individual flowers clustered at the top. For a vibrant touch of color with a more long-lasting plant, McAlister suggests an African violet or a kalanchoe, a flowering pot succulent that requires very little maintenance.

How to care for your fresh flowers

- 1 Always start with fresh water, slightly warm.
- 2 Re-cut the flowers' stems right before putting them in the water.
- 3 Wash out the vase daily, cut the stems 1/4-inch and re-fill with fresh water.
- 4 "It's your choice whether to add flower food," said McAlister. "I never do at my house."

—Source: Carol McAlister, Yard N Garden

SHOPPING

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There's also a story or mystery about vintage pieces. You know that a certain piece had a place at someone's home before you, and you can't help but wonder about its history and the sentimentality of the piece to its former owner. When Stewart was helping a customer at The Gift of Thrift recently, the customer broke into tears when she found a curved vanity that was just like the one her parents used to have, and had given to her sister when they moved. She had felt the pain of this loss until she found this similar piece, and she now can close this chapter and enjoy her "new" piece of furniture.

When shopping re-sale or consignment shops for home decor, you have to

be willing to open yourself up for what you might find that you might not have come in specifically to buy. Experts suggest that you keep an open mind about what's out there and the possibilities involved in not knowing or needing anything in particular.

On other occasions, keep in mind exactly what you are looking for and eventually you will find the very same thing that's pictured in your mind. Cut out pictures of what you are looking for from magazines and glue them to a poster board. Stick the poster board where you will see it often and that will remind you to think about the object. You will likely find that "special something" to complete your home décor and it will have a significant meaning to you.

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Home staging



If you're planning to put your house on the market this spring, you'll want to make it not only visually appealing, but also able to "stand out from the crowd" of similar homes in the marketplace.

A house that is beautifully staged becomes warm and inviting, and that stronger perceived value often translates into a higher selling price.

"Staging a house helps us help the seller get the best price for their home," said Ken Brant of Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton. In a recent survey, real estate website HomeGain.com found that home staging resulted, on average, is a \$1,780 price increase on the sale of a home.

There are two different types of staging, depending on whether a home is occupied or vacant. One of the biggest tasks in staging an occupied home is reducing the clutter and depersonalizing the home. "All you want in the room is the furniture and accessories that will give a potential buyer the 'gist' of that room," said Trish Zito-Smith, a Realtor and stager for Prudential Great Lakes Realty. "The homes that I stage do sell faster than other listings."

Staging can be as straightforward as hiring a stager to inspect your home and make a list of suggestions, or it can be a major undertaking if a home is empty and in need of a full facelift. Homeowners can pay the stager to do the work that has been recommended, or can do the work themselves.

Furniture may just need to be moved around in an occupied home, plus all the extra accessories and clutter removed.

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Sell your home fast, by staging it first

By Sally Rummel
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"The No. 1 issue in staging is de-cluttering," said Brant. "Everything has to be taken out of corners, off countertops, out of the garage and basement."

If furniture or other supplies need to be rented, the homeowner will also pay the rental fees. When Zito-Smith stages a home for her own clients, she uses what they have first, borrows from her own collection, or rents what else may be needed. "Many times, it's just minor upgrades that are involved,

such as changing kitchen/bath hardware, painting cabinets, etc.," she said. "When there's painting involved, I help choose the colors that will help sell the house."

Staging a vacant home will likely be more expensive than staging an occupied home since the Realtor has to start from scratch. When buyers come in and look at a vacant home, all they can visualize are the problems. "If there's nothing in the house, it's hard to sell, because it tends to look 'frumpy,'" said Brant, who estimates that 15 to 20 percent of his clients stage their homes for sale to some degree. A few pieces of rented furniture can give potential buyers more to focus on than the house's flaws. A few plants and freshly painted walls can also help buyers envision themselves living in the property, which can lead to a sale.

The most important thing, according to Zito-Smith, is that a prospective buyer gets a good first impression when they first walk in the door of the house. "It has to smell good, be very clean and in tip-top shape," said Zito-Smith.

Six do-it-yourself projects under \$1,000 to help sell your house

These inexpensive DIY projects each cost less than \$1,000, but can make a big difference in the higher sales price of your house, according to HomeGain.com on Trish Zito-Smith's website.



1. CLEAN AND DECLUTTER

Remove any personal items, unclutter countertops, organize closets and shelves, and make the home sparkling clean.

Cost: \$290

Estimated return: \$1,990



2. LIGHT AND BRIGHT

Clean all windows inside and out, replace old curtains, update lighting fixtures, and remove anything that blocks light from the windows.

Cost: \$375 cost

Estimated return: \$1,550



3. STAGE

Rearrange furniture, bring in new accessories and furnishings to enhance rooms, including artwork and playing soft music in the background.

Cost: \$550 cost

Estimated return: \$2,194



4. REPAIR ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING

Repair any leaks under the bathroom or kitchen sinks, remove any mildew stains, and ensure all plumbing is in good working condition. Update the home's electrical with new wiring for modern appliances, fix any lights or outlets that don't work, and replace old plug points with new safety fixtures.

Cost: \$535

Estimated return: \$1,505



5. REPLACE OR SHAMPOO CARPETS

Steam-clean carpets, replace any worn carpets, and repair any floor creaks.

Cost: \$647

Estimated return: \$1,739



6. LANDSCAPE

Punch up the home's curb appeal in the front and backyards by adding bark mulch, bushes and flowers, and ensuring current plants and grass are well-cared for and manicured.

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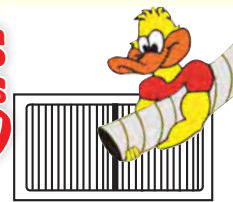
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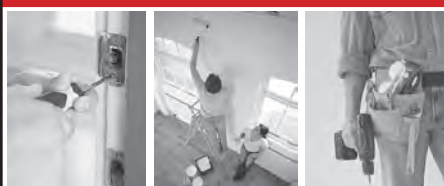
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AUTO RACING

(FOX)
Budweiser Shootout, 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL

(CBS)
UCLA at St. John's, 1 p.m.
(ESPN)
Missouri at Texas A&M, 2 p.m.
(ESPN)
Clemson at North Carolina, 4 p.m.
(B10)
Illinois at Nebraska, 5 p.m.
(ESPN2)
Florida at Arkansas, 6 p.m.
(B10)
Minnesota at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
(ESPN)
Ohio State at Michigan, 9 p.m.

GOLF

(CBS)
PGA: Northern Trust Open, 3 p.m.

HOCKEY

(FSD)
No. Michigan at Michigan, 5 p.m.
(FSD)
A-Fairbans at Michigan St., 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

AUTO RACING

(FOX)
Daytona 500 qualifying, 1 p.m.

BASKETBALL

(CBS)
Michigan State at Purdue, 1 p.m.
(ABC)
Mavericks at Knicks, 1 p.m.
(ABC)
Magic at Heat, 3:30 p.m.
(ESPN2)
Women: Purdue at Mich. St., 5 p.m.

(FSD)
Celtics at Pistons, 6 p.m.

(ESPN)
Nuggets at Thunder, 8 p.m.

GOLF

(CBS)
PGA: Northern Trust Open, 3 p.m.

HOCKEY

(NBC)
Sharks at Red Wings, Noon
(NBC)
Bruins at Wild, 3 p.m.



Bronchos capture regional title

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TOTAL DOMINATION

Fenton girls ski team crushes field en route to state bid.

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Fenton's Kelley McKay

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Eagles hold off Blue Devils, 53-47

By David Troppens

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By all indications, the Division 2 Fowlerville Boys Basketball District should be an interesting one to watch in a couple of weeks.

With its record creeping near .500, the Linden Eagles are already a contender for that district title. However, maybe the Lake Fenton Blue Devils should be considered as well.

The Eagles defeated the Blue Devils for a second time this season on Tuesday by a 53-47 margin, giving reason to think Lake Fenton has closed some of the gap on one of the district favorites.

The Eagles, who merced the Blue Devils earlier this season, took a commanding 22-8 lead after one quarter. However, Lake Fenton had that lead cut to a bucket with two minutes left, before Linden closed the contest with some free-throw shooting.

After that first quarter, Lake Fenton gradually cut into the lead. At halftime, the Eagles led 29-17. At the end of three quarters, the gap was just 40-33.

"We beat them in every quarter,

but the first quarter," Lake Fenton coach Matt Furey said. "I was proud of how our guys competed and fought back. We never thought we were out of the game. We can score in a hurry when things get good."

Both teams are improved products since Linden's win earlier in the year. At the time, neither team had won a game. Including that contest, the Eagles have gone 8-4 since that game. Lake Fenton (2-13) has recently won two games and is now finding itself competitive in more contests as well.

The two teams are mixed in a district that doesn't feature a team with a winning record.

"Anyone has a shot in this district," Furey said. "Whoever happens to be playing well that week will win it."

While Lake Fenton has improved, the Eagles (8-9) also are showing why they are a better team too. Linden was led by Shaye Brown's 16 points. Kevin Baker had 11 points, while Dillon Nash had 10 points.

Chase Hanson led Lake Fenton with 13 points, while Zac Zielinski and Darian Welch each had eight points.



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Lake Fenton's Sawyer Scott takes a shot in a past game as Linden's Cody Grandy tries to defend the attempt. Linden defeated the Blue Devils 53-47 on Tuesday.

Tri-County Winter Top Five teams winning championships at end of season

By David Troppens

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The winter sports season is quickly coming to a close. Many sports already have experienced postseason action. And with it, we are seeing a lot of change in our top five. These rankings are based through sporting events of Feb. 16.

No. 5 Holly girls basketball — The Bronchos entered Friday night's action with a chance of winning a Metro League title. They've been

one of the winter's fun stories.

No. 4 Fenton boys basketball — The Tigers earned the outright Metro League title this week, and have won four straight. What an incredible run it has been for the Tigers.

No. 3 Fenton boys swimming — The Tigers are undefeated in Metro League action and now enter the league meet as favorites to earn an out right championship. They are another one of the many feel-good stories of this winter season.

No. 2 Fenton girls ski — The Fenton girls didn't just win a regional title. The Tigers flat out dominated the field, scoring less than half the points of any other team. The girls are making a serious run for the top spot.

No. 1 Holly wrestling — They remain on top after dominating regional team action. The Bronchos are going to make school history by competing in the team state wrestling meet for a second straight season. They've also won a Metro League title.

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Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the **City of Linden**, County of Genesee, Michigan, on the 13th day of February, A.D. 2012, at 7:00 p.m., held in the City Hall located at 132 Broad Street, Linden, Michigan.

PRESENT: Swan, Ross, Dixon, Lossing, Culbert, Adams, Ciesielski

ABSENT:

The following preamble and ordinance were offered by Councilor Dixon and supported by Mayor Lossing.

ORDINANCE NO. 334

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR RESIDENTIAL UNITS SERVING LOW INCOME OR MODERATE INCOME PERSONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ACT 346 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN OF 1966, AS AMENDED, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. This Ordinance authorizes and approves an annual service charge in lieu of taxes for residential housing developments that: (a) serve Low Income or Moderate Income Persons (as defined in the State Housing Development Authority Act, Act 346 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1966, as amended, and this Ordinance); (b) are financed or assisted by USDA-RD or the Authority in accordance with Act 346; (c) are located within the City; and (d) comply with this Ordinance.

Section 2. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the “City of Linden Tax Exemption Ordinance.”

Section 3. Preamble. It is acknowledged that it is a proper public purpose of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions to provide housing for low income citizens and to encourage the development of such housing by providing for a service charge in lieu of property taxes in accordance with Act 346. The City is authorized by Act 346 and this Ordinance to establish or change the annual service charge to be paid in lieu of taxes by any and all classes of housing exempt from taxation under Act 346 at any amount it chooses not to exceed the taxes that would be paid but for Act 346. It is further acknowledged that housing for low income persons and families is a public necessity, and as the City will be benefitted and improved by such housing, the encouragement of the same by providing certain real-estate tax exemptions for such housing is a valid public purpose; further, that the continuance of the provisions of this Ordinance for tax exemption and the service charge in lieu of taxes during the period contemplated in this Ordinance are essential to the determination of economic feasibility of housing developments which are constructed and financed in reliance on such tax exemption.

The City acknowledges that **Venture Willow Haven LDHA LP** (the “Sponsor” as defined in Section 4 of this Ordinance) has committed to construct, own and operate a housing development identified as “Venture Willow Haven LDHA LP” on certain property located on 815 S. Bridge within the City of Linden, Michigan, which is legally described in Section 4.G. of this Ordinance, to serve Low Income or Moderate Income Persons, and that the Sponsor has offered to pay and will pay to the City, on account of the Housing Development, an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all taxes.

Section 4. Definitions. The terms used within this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

A. “Act” means the State Housing Development Authority Act, being Act 346 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1966, as amended.

B. “Annual Shelter Rent” means the total actual collections during each calendar year from all occupants of a housing development representing rents or occupancy charges, which rental amounts shall be exclusive of charges for gas, electricity, heat, or other utilities furnished to the occupants.

C. “Authority” means the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

D. “Class” means the Housing Development known as Venture Willow Haven LDHA LP for Low Income or Moderate Income Persons.

E. “Contract Rents” are as defined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in regulations promulgated pursuant to the U. S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended.

F. “Federally-Aided Mortgage” means any of the following:

- (i) A below market interest rate mortgage insured, purchased, or held by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) or United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (“USDA—RD”);
- (ii) A mortgage receiving interest reduction payments provided by the HJJD or USDA—RD;
- (iii) A Housing Development to which the Authority allocates low income housing tax credits under Section 22b of the Act; or
- (iv) A mortgage receiving special benefits under other federal law designated specifically to develop low and moderate-income housing, consistent with the Act.

G. “Housing Development” means a development which contains a significant element of housing for persons of low income and such elements of other housing, commercial, recreational, industrial, communal, and educational facilities as the Authority determines to improve the quality of the development as it relates to housing for persons of low income. For the purposes of this Ordinance, “Housing Development” means Venture Willow Haven LDHA LP located on the property legally described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, T5N, R6E, City of Linden, Genesee County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North ¼ corner of Section 29; thence North 89°04’22” West, 1334.51 feet, along the North line of Section 29, thence South, 196.41 feet, along the West 1/8 line of Section 29 to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described, thence South 88°54’00’ East, 550.00 feet; thence South, 108.72 feet parallel with the West 1/8 line of Section 29; thence North 88°54’00” West, 161.45 feet; thence South 49°59’54” West, 221.87 feet; thence 87.66 feet along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 217.09 feet, a delta angle of 23 degrees 08’12” and a chord of North 71 degrees 04’02” West, 87.07 feet; thence 145.79 feet along a curve to the left, Said curve having a radius of 290.63 feet, a delta angle of 28 degrees 44’29” and a chord of North 70 degrees 21’29” West, 144.27 feet to the West 1/8 line of Section 29; thence North, 182.92 feet along the West 1/8 line of Section 29 to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.20 acres, more or less.

H. “Low Income or Moderate Income Persons” shall be as defined in the Act, as amended.

I. “Sponsor” means person(s) or entities which have applied to the Authority for the Tax Credits to finance a Housing Development. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the Sponsor is Venture Willow Haven LDHA LP, a Michigan Limited Partnership.

J. “Tax Credits” means the low income housing tax credits made available by the Authority to the Sponsor for construction of the Housing Development by the Sponsor in accordance with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program administered by the Authority under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

K. “USDA-RD” means the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Services Division.

L. “Utilities” means fuel, water, sanitary sewer service and/or electrical service, which are paid by the Housing Development.

Section 5. Class of Housing Development. This Ordinance shall apply only to the Housing Development to the extent that the Housing Development provides housing for Low Income and Moderate Income Persons and is financed or assisted by USDA-RD or the Authority pursuant to the Act.

Section 6. Establishment of Annual Service Charge.

A. The City acknowledges that the Sponsor and USDA-RD and/or the Authority have established the economic feasibility of the Housing Development in reliance upon the enactment and continuing effect of this Ordinance and the qualification of the Housing Development for exemption from all property taxes and payment of an annual service charge in lieu of taxes in an amount established in accordance with this Section. In consideration of the Sponsor’s offer to construct, own and operate the Housing Development, the City agrees to accept payment of an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all ad valorem property taxes that would otherwise be assessed to the Housing Development under Michigan law.

(1) Effective upon the adoption of this ordinance and subject to the receipt by the City of the “Notification of Exemption” (or such other similar notification) by the Sponsor and/or the Authority, the annual service charge shall be equal to four (4%) percent of Annual Shelter Rent.

B. The Housing Development, and the property on which it shall be constructed, shall be exempt from all property taxes from and after the commencement of construction of the Housing Development by the Sponsor under the terms of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Limitation on the Payment of Annual Service Charge. Notwithstanding

Section 6, if any portion of the Housing Development is occupied by other than Low Income and Moderate Income Persons, the full amount of the taxes that would be paid on those units of the Housing Development if the Housing Development were not tax exempt shall be added to the service charge in lieu of taxes.

Section 8. Contractual Effect of Ordinance. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15(a)(5) of the Act to the contrary, and subject to the terms of this Ordinance including, but not limited to Section 11 herein, this Ordinance constitutes a contract between the City and the Sponsor to provide an exemption from ad valorem property taxes and to accept the payment of an annual service charge in lieu of such taxes, as previously described in this Ordinance. It is expressly recognized that the Authority and USDA-RD are third party beneficiaries to this Ordinance.

Section 9. Payment of Service Charge. The service charge in lieu of taxes shall be payable to the City in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes are payable, except that the annual payment shall be paid on or before April 1 of each year for the previous calendar year.

Section 10. Duration.

A. Subject to subsection B, below, this Ordinance shall remain in effect and shall not terminate for a maximum term of 18 years and so long as the Housing Development remains subject to a Federally Aided Mortgage and so long as the housing development submits the required annual notification of exemption pursuant to M.C.L. 125.1415a(l), as amended.

B. This Ordinance shall automatically terminate if construction of the Housing Development (a) does not commence within two (2) years from the effective date of this Ordinance, or (b) is not completed within one (1) year of commencement of construction. For purposes of this Section, “completed” means the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the City of Linden building and/or zoning official.

Section 11. Filing of Annual Audit. The Sponsor, or its successor, shall file a copy of any and all annual audits required to be provided to the federal government, the State of Michigan, and/or the Authority simultaneously with the City. The audit shall include detail with respect to occupancy of the Housing Development, Annual Shelter Rents received from the Housing Development, and the cost for utilities during the audit period.

Section 12. Publication; Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective the day following its publication or the day following publication of a summary of its provisions in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

Section 13. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

AYES: Ciesielski, Swan, Ross, Lossing, Dixon

NAYS: Culbert, Adams

Passed and adopted by the Linden on February 13, 2012.

David E. Lossing, Mayor

Martha A. Donnelly, City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
 COUNTY OF GENESEE)
 SS.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Linden, Genesee County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by City of Linden at a regular City Council meeting duly held on the 13th day of February,, 2012, and that the meeting was held in compliance with notice provisions and all other requirements of Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended. I hereby certify that I published the Ordinance in the _Tri County Times on the 19th day of February,, 2012.

Martha A. Donnelly, City Clerk

Holly wrestling headed to Battle Creek, again

►Bronchos earn first back-to-back team state trips in school history

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Anthony Gonzales knew he had a tough match to open Holly's Division 2 Regional Championship match on Wednesday.

He had faced Warren Lincoln's Bryan Jones once before this year, at the individual districts on Saturday. In that match, Gonzales won a tight 10-9 decision.

But there was going to be nothing close about the rematch.

Gonzales (130) pinned Jones in just 27 seconds, earning the Bronchos the first victory in the regional title match. It seemed that victory started a wave of momentum that lasted the rest of the meet as the Bronchos defeated Warren Lincoln 57-19, earning Holly its second straight trip to the Division 2 Team State Wrestling Championships to be held in Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, Friday and Saturday.

"I underestimated him (the first time)," Holly's past individual state champion said. "He's a great wrestler. Today, I had my game plan. I knew what I was going to do. I didn't wrestle his match."

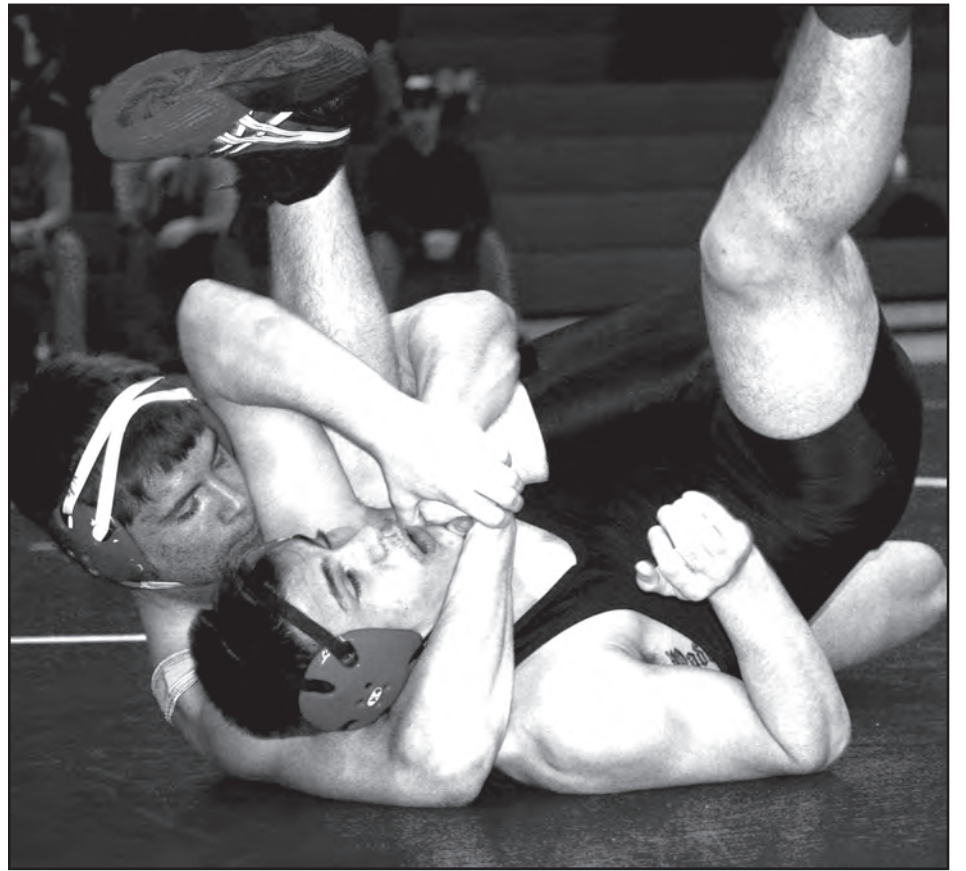
"It's just so sweet. The feeling is amaz-

ing. We are the only Holly team to able to do it twice in a row."

The Bronchos made school history, as Gonzales said. Holly will be making their first-ever back-to-back trip to Battle Creek in school history. Holly has only been to the team state meet one other time before last year. That was in 2005.

And the Bronchos made sure there was no doubt that history was going to happen. After defeating Madison Heights Lamphere 55-24 in the regional semifinals, the Bronchos may have posted their best team performance against Warren Lincoln, winning nine of the 14 matches by pinfall. After Gonzales' pin, Zack Jones (135) won by a defensive pinfall against Khanor Kaercher in 2:43. After a loss at 140, the Bronchos reeled off five more pins in the next six matches. Kyle Pepper (145) earned one in 1:04, while Andrew Scott (152) earned his in 2:41. Blake Cuthbert (171) pinned his foe in 1:18, and that was followed by the most unexpected pinfall. Trailing 8-1 at one time and almost pinned himself, Jose Martinez (189) bounced back with a pinfall of Larren Johnson in

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Holly's Blake Cuthbert (left) works on getting a pinfall win during the Bronchos' Division 2 regional title match on Wednesday.

Lake Fenton wrestlers advance to regional finals, lose to Birch Run

By Al Zipsie

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Birch Run — For the second straight year Lake Fenton made it to the MHSAA Division 3 Team Regional finals.

However, this year, the Blue Devils fell one match short of a trip to Battle Creek.

Last year the Blue Devils (25-13) beat Birch Run and went on to finish as the state runner-up. This season Birch Run, ranked fourth in the state, rolled to a 71-6 win in the regional title match. The Blue Devils opened the regional at Birch Run with a 51-15 victory against Durand in the semifinals.

Despite losing a lot of talented wrestlers to graduation and suffering many injuries, the Blue Devils were only three wins short of last year's school record 28 victories.

"(They) are a strong team. With all the injuries, to get 25 wins this season was great," said Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran. "We are building and thrilled to get to the regional final this year."

Against Durand, John Barry (130) and Ray Denam (171), who both missed the individual district, came back to help their team. Barry had a pinfall win and Denam won an 8-4 decision.

"They (Barry and Denam) came back just for the duals with Mt. Morris and Durand to help us," said Corcoran.

"John and Ray, both injured, came in to help the team," Lake Fenton wrestler Jared Corcoran said. "John had the pin, and Ray toughed it out for a win."

"We had a lot more wins than people thought we would have this season. With no JV, everybody is close and we have a brotherhood on this team."

The only Lake Fenton wrestler to get two wins on the night was Lucas Allen (215). He beat Durand and then gave Lake

Fenton its only win in the match with Birch Run. Allen trailed 7-3 before he came up with a fall in 3:35 in that match.

Other winners in the Durand match were James Demember (125) and Cody Sanders (140) by pinfall. Chase Hull (189) and Kallan Harbin (103) won by decision. Corcoran (119) and Todd Melick (119) had void wins.

"We lost a lot of talent to graduation and had many injuries, but this team has worked hard and showing a lot of heart," Hull said. "A lot of guys have stepped up throughout the season."

Fenton swimmers eyeing Metro League title, defeat Brandon

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team are halfway to a Metro League championship.

The Tigers completed their dual portion of their conference action undefeated by defeating Brandon 109-77 on Tuesday night.

The win means all the Tigers need to do at the Flint Metro League Swimming and Diving Championships is take second to assure at least a co-title. If they win the meet, they are the outright champions.

"There has to be a different enthusiasm," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "We are

very excited to finish undefeated in dual competition, but are very aware that without a win at the Metro Championships, we can not be outright champions. So our focus remains very high on that goal."

The Metro League meet is Friday and Saturday at Fenton High School's pool. While winning league titles is nothing new to the Fenton girls swim team, the boys are not used to that feeling at all. Jones said the team is eager to taste that success.

"This group of boys, our seniors, have been working towards this for a long time," Jones said. "Our girl's program has always been dominant in the Metro League. The

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Fenton's David Andreski dives into the pool during a recent meet. The Tigers are in first place in the Flint Metro League.

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Fenton's Lauren Rhoads won the regional championship in the slalom on Thursday at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Fenton girls ski wins regional title

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity girls ski team wanted to have a repeat of last year's regional where it qualified for the state meet.

The Tigers did a bit more than that. Fenton not only won the regional at Pine Knob Ski Resort, but dominated the competition, winning a regional championship and earning a spot at the state meet to be held at Nubs Nob Ski Resort on Feb. 27.

When the fog settled, the Fenton girls scored 51 points combined for their efforts in the slalom and giant slalom, or less than half of second-place Clarkston's total of 122 points.

"I wasn't expecting to see it that way, but it turned out that way," said Fenton coach Woody Brackney about how the Fenton girls completely dominated. "They skied really strong. I stay mostly at the finish line, and I was calling out course reports pretty constantly. They took what I called up and applied it on the course. Especially with it being so foggy, they did it."

The Fenton girls had three skiers fin-

ish in the top 10 in the giant slalom, scoring just 29 points in that event. However, they were even better in the slalom, having five skiers finish in the top 10 of that event and collecting just 22 points.

"When I signed off on the results, I looked at it and thought, 'Holey, moley,'" Brackney said about the team's low scores. "It was fun to watch."

The Holly/Oxford girls also competed and took fifth place. Individual Rachel Harrington qualified for the state meet in both events.

Lauren Rhoads was the regional champion in the slalom, finishing her two runs in a time of 46.43 seconds. Meanwhile, McKenna Valley placed fourth (49.15), Marina Nimmo placed eighth (50.68), Flannery Wise placed ninth (51.73) and Tori Hallwood placed 10th (51.76).

In the giant slalom, Valley led the Tigers by placing third in 36.67 seconds. Rhoads took sixth (37.39), McKay placed ninth (37.89) and Nimmo placed 11th (37.98).

Holly/Oxford's Harrington placed fifth in the giant slalom (37.17), earning a spot in the state meet. Individuals could

earn state spots by finishing in the top 10 or being one of the top four placers on a team that didn't qualify for state, whichever number was the greater. She also placed seventh in the slalom (50.20), and is headed to state in that event.

Boys ski teams at regionals

The Fenton squad placed fifth overall with 180.5 points, while Holly/Oxford took sixth (194). While the teams didn't qualify for state, both had individuals qualify.

Fenton's Julian Weinberg qualified in both events. He placed eighth in the slalom with a combined time of 43.88 seconds. He also made it to state in the giant slalom by taking 12th (36.09). Teammate Seth Thompson will be joining him in the giant slalom. He placed 10th in that event (35.95).

Holly/Oxford's Lars Joergens-Koka took fifth in the giant slalom (35.64), earning a spot in the state meet.

The Tigers had most of their success in the slalom, with three placers in the top 20. Max Weinberg took 13th (44.54), while Thompson placed 14th (44.75). Alex Schultz placed 18th in that event (45.80) for Holly/Oxford.

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guys are proud of what they have done thus far, but our season's success hinges on the Metro championships."

The Tigers cruised to the victory against the Blackhawks, winning seven of the 12 events, and taking second place in eight events.

Adam Ransom took part in three firsts. Individually, he won the 200 freestyle (1:53.37) and the 500 freestyle (5:10.86). He also teamed with David Congdon, Zahne Macklin and Joshua Bryant to win the 200 medley relay (1:49.56).

Three others won an individual event. They were Macklin in the 200 individual medley (2:22.85), Congdon in the 100 backstroke (1:06.96), and Chase Marcola in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.75). The 400 freestyle relay team of Alex Chase, Austin Landis, Sam Coffey and Landan Warren also earned a first (3:53.89).

The Tigers were particularly strong in the 500 freestyle, where they took the top three places. Following Ransom was Mike Banner in second (5:16.48) and Warren in third (5:46.88).

The Tigers also finished in first and second place in the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

Individually, Adam Andreski earned seconds in the 50 freestyle (24.02) and the 100 freestyle (53.15). Others earning individual seconds were Rob Brownlee in diving (202.85) and Chase in the 100 butterfly (1:01.77).

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Hickoffs, Fenton win fourth straight Metro title

► Defense sparks Tigers' win vs. Bronchos locking up outright league championship

By David Troppens

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Holly — When Dylan and Ryan Hickoff came to the Fenton varsity boys basketball team as freshmen, there was a lot of hype surrounding them.

And now as they near the end of their varsity careers with the Tigers, they are proving why that hype existed.

With one league game still remaining, the Fenton Tigers captured an outright Flint Metro League title on Tuesday, defeating the Holly Bronchos 60-39 at Holly High School. And with the win, the Hickoff twins captured their fourth Metro League championship in four seasons.

"It feels amazing," Dylan Hickoff said. "It is what everybody works for and what everybody wants to do. It feels great that all of the hard work paid off."

"It's really a great accomplishment," Ryan Hickoff said. "It's going to be a great memory of my high school career. My teammates, I have great teammates. Our team is rolling and it's a great outcome for the year."

Fenton coach Tim Olszewski was happy for his entire team, but admitted he will be upset when he sees the Hickoffs graduate.

"They are special players," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said.

"They are not just special basketball players, but they are special people. I've known them since they were in middle school. They are great people. They want to do nothing but win. They are supportive of their teammates. I don't know if I'll ever be blessed to coach two kids like that again, as far as all four years being with me since they were freshmen."

Holly, who entered the game with still a shot at earning a co-title, stuck with the Tigers for about a quarter. The teams were tied 11-11 entering the second quarter. However, the Tigers scored the second quarter's first eight points. Ryan Hickoff started the run with a putback hoop, and Dylan Hickoff capped it with two free throws, putting the Tigers up 19-11 with 1:42 left in the half.

Holly didn't make a shot in the second quarter, but still trailed only 24-15 entering the half.

The Tigers blew the game open in the opening stages of the third quarter. First, it was the Tigers' perimeter shooting. Eric Readman, Cory Cox and Ryan Hickoff each hit a three-pointer during Fenton's first four hoops of the third quarter. Then, back-to-back baseline drives by Readman, a driving layup by Hickoff, a layup by Mitch Shegos

and two converted free throws by Dylan Hickoff after getting fouled inside, capped a convincing quarter. The Tigers led 43-22 after Hickoff's free throws, and never saw Holly threaten again. While the Tigers were hitting 8-of-12 shots in the third quarter, their defense forced Holly into seven turnovers and just 5-of-12 shooting for the period.

"That's what we focus on every day in practice," Hickoff said about the team's defense. "We try to get dirty down low, and try to limit our opponent's points."

"Tonight, we were trying to be patient, work the ball around and get good shots," Ryan Hickoff said. "And we were getting our hands in the passing lanes. Every time they drove, we dropped down and helped. We got some easy steals, worked the ball around and got some easy buckets."

Fenton (16-1) was led by Hickoff's 16 points, eight rebounds, two steals and two assists. Readman had 13 points, six rebounds and three assists. Dylan Hickoff had 11 points, six steals and five rebounds. Cory Cox netted nine points and had seven rebounds.

Holly was paced by Jared Plawski's 12 points, while Isaac Casillas had eight points. Holly's three veterans — Nic Stoll, Plawski



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Fenton's Dylan Hickoff (left) takes a shot against Holly's Nic Stoll in the Tigers' 60-39 victory against the Bronchos on Tuesday.

and Austin Hopkin — combined for just 19 points, including no field goals in the first half.

"This was supposed to be (Fenton's) year, and it was, end of story," Holly coach Lance Baylis said.

"We chose the wrong night not to show up. They have a nice team."

The Tigers do have a nice team, and now have been a championship squad for four years.

"It's really difficult when there is a target on your back, and they just want to come out and give you their best game," Ryan Hickoff said.

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2:39. Finally, senior Shawn Scott clinched the victory with five matches still to be wrestled with a pinfall win in 1:18.

In short, the Bronchos couldn't realistically expect to wrestle better than they did in what was their biggest match of the season.

"All of the matches we thought were going to be close, it seemed we got a win and got six (points)," Holly wrestler Mason Cleaver said. "(Gonzales') match was huge. That was an awesome match. We needed that to happen to get us going and to get to states."

"That's what we were thinking (that Gonzales' match would be close)," Scott said. "That probably really stunned their team. One of their top dogs got pinned by

one of our top dogs."

The winning continued after Scott's pin. Trevor Hatfield (103) won his match by pinfall, while Tyler Gibson (110) won a tight 6-5 decision in his rematch with Riwan Hormiz, a wrestler he beat by one point on Saturday as well. Finally, Mason Cleaver, who opened the regional semifinal match with a pinfall in 1:08, capped the regional championship with a pinfall win in 1:53, setting off Holly's celebration.

"It's great to be going together for a second year in a row," Cleaver said. "The atmosphere in Battle Creek is awesome."

In the semifinals, Cleaver, Gonzales, Jones, Pepper, Andrew Scott, Cuthbert, Shawn Scott and Gibson won by pinfall. Vincent Bianchi (160) won by major decision, while Jesse Torres (140) won by decision.

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CITY OF LINDEN ORDINANCE NO. 333

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF LINDEN TO ESTABLISH PUD ZONING FOR THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY; ADOPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT; EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. **Public Purpose.** The City Council of the City of Linden does hereby deem that the Amendment to the Zoning Code to change the zoning classification of the below described property to PUD is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Linden.

Section 2. **Rezoning.** The Zoning District Map of the City of Linden as set forth in Section 4.2.1 of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to change the zoning of the following real property:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, T5N, R6E, City of Linden, Genesee County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 29; thence North 89°04'22" West, 1334.51 feet, along the North line of Section 29, thence South, 196.41 feet, along the West 1/8 line of Section 29 to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described, thence South 88°54'00" East, 550.00 feet; thence South, 108.72 feet parallel with the West 1/8 line of Section 29; thence North 88°54'00" West, 161.45 feet; thence South 49°59'54" West, 221.87 feet; thence 87.66 feet along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 217.09 feet, a delta angle of 23 degrees 08'12" and a chord of North 71 degrees 04'02" West, 87.07 feet; thence 145.79 feet along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 290.63 feet, a delta angle of 28 degrees 44'29" and a chord of North 70 degrees 21'29" West, 144.27 feet to the West 1/8 line of Section 29; thence North, 182.92 feet along the West 1/8 line of Section 29 to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.20 acres, more or less.

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Section 3. **Development Agreement.** The Development Agreement approved by the City Council on February 13, 2012 is hereby incorporated herein by reference and is made a part of this rezoning. The zoning of all or any portion of the subject property may be returned to this prior zoning or any other appropriate zoning upon a breach of any of the terms and conditions of the Development Agreement. The exhibits to the Development Agreement are a part of said Agreement and a part of this rezoning.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Linden City Council held on the 13th day of February, A.D., 2012.

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DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We adopted a kitten, "Charly," a little more than a year ago, and she tested positive for feline leukemia. Our vet prescribed a medicine and she has been fine. She is an indoor cat. Now a new kitten has found its way into our yard, and we have fed it. She will not come to us, but she and our cat play through the window. We were told our cat should not be around any other cats, as she could give them the disease. If the new kitten comes to us and receives the shot that protects against feline leukemia, would it be possible for the two cats to cohabitate?

— Amy V., via email

DEAR AMY: There is a possibility that both cats can eventually live together; however, if or when the stray kitten trusts you enough to come to you, you will need to keep her isolated from Charly for a little while longer. First, the new kitten will need to undergo tests by the veterinarian for both feline leukemia (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), as well as for other illnesses and parasites like worms and fleas. She'll need to be spayed and receive her required vaccinations. Second, kittens are at higher risk to contract FeLV, so she'll need to be housed separately from Charly until she reaches six months to a year in age. Both should receive twice yearly checkups and their immunizations kept up to date. Charly and the new cat may not mesh indoors as well as they do at the window. If they fight at all, they'll need to be kept separated, so introduce them to each other very carefully. Also, the new cat might never adjust to the indoors. Be prepared for that, and at least get her spayed and vaccinated to protect her and the neighboring cat population.

Mom worries about pokey child

DEAR AMY: My 11-year-old son has a severe problem with completing tasks on time.

Ever since he started going to school, I have noticed that he is really slow in doing everything. For example, when the teacher asks the students to line up, he is always the last one.

He takes twice as long as everybody else in the family when it comes to eating meals, and he spends three to four hours each night doing homework that the teacher recommends should only take 30 to 45 minutes.

I have asked his teachers and pediatrician about his behavior, but all they said is that he would grow out of it. However, it just gets worse each year.

Even though he does not participate in after-school activities, he still stays up until 11 p.m. sometimes, just to finish his homework.

I try to reward him with small prizes every time he finishes his homework faster, but it still does not work.

When I ask him why he does things so slowly, he says it is because he does not want to do them. How do I encourage him to do things faster? What am I doing wrong?

— Concerned Parent

DEAR PARENT: You should have your son evaluated more thoroughly to be checked for a learning, cognitive or medical issue that interferes with his ability to get and stay on task.

If he is consistently and noticeably different from other children his age and if this tendency is growing worse, then I would challenge assertions that he will grow out of it. In fact, he isn't growing out of it -- he is growing into it.

You should also give him more opportunities to have fun after school and at home -- because if he has less free time he might learn to budget his hours better.

He might enjoy music, theater or learning to play chess. Some educational video games could prompt him to make connections and learn to react more quickly.

Most importantly, follow your instincts to seek more complete answers concerning your boy.

(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.)

Amy Dickinson



Ask Amy

SundayJumble

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

CENEP

TOCET

NAHZIG

HUCCOR

FISHING MAY BE A "DISEASE," BUT IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THIS.

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

Print answer here: " " " " " " " " " " " "

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I believe I read in your column about something that can be given for hepatitis C. My doctor says there isn't any treatment. Will you please advise me? — Anon.

ANSWER: Chronic infection (lifetime infection) happens to about 80 percent of those infected with the hepatitis C virus. Worldwide, the virus infects 170 million people. In the United States, 3.2 million are infected. Of the chronically infected, close to 20 percent will develop either liver cirrhosis or liver cancer. It takes 20 to 30 years before signs of such complications become apparent. Predicting who benefits from treatment, therefore, is not an easy task. Perhaps your doctor said you would not benefit from treatment now. Indications favoring treatment are finding hepatitis C virus RNA (ribonucleic acid) in the blood and documenting liver changes suggesting cirrhosis is beginning to take place. As I said, only 20 percent of those infected with this virus are at risk for these complications. Treatment isn't 100 percent effective for all. Success depends on which strain of virus infects a person. Strains 1 and 4 are less susceptible to treatment. Standard treatment is ribavirin and peginterferon. New treatments are about to become available, and they show great promise in improving treatment success. Boceprevir and teleprevir are going to be launched for general use later this year. They will establish a new era for treatment.

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 ASSESSMENT HAVE BEEN MAILED.

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES.

PROPERTY OWNERS MAY APPEAL BY MAIL IF RECEIVED BY 5:00PM MARCH 20, 2012

All agents protesting values on property other than their own MUST have written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

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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

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