Candidates vie for empty state rep seat

**Election on Feb. 28**

By Sharon Stone

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 Joseph Graves, who is currently serving as Genesee County commissioner; Steve Losey, who is currently serving as a trustee on the Linden Board of Education and Cary Neville-Justice, a Democrat.

Walking with dinosaurs

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.

Fire chiefs warn of impersonator

**Unknown man attempting to conduct fire inspections**

By Sharon Stone

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

School principal charged with hosting underage drinking party files lawsuit

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

By Sharon Stone

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 representatives.

It’s time to choose tagline

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

By Sharon Stone

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 Cooler, the Times decided to conduct its own, unoffical, 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.

State’s voters to reveal favorite with primary election

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

By Tim Jagielo

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.

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.

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Schools adapting to new cut scores for MEAP testing

By Sharon Stone
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Seventh grade

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SMART SOLUTIONS

1 Keep surfaces smudge free
Spritz spray starch on banisters, doors, and high surfaces to keep those surfaces smudge free from dirty fingerprints.

2 Quick antidote to work stress
For a quick antidote to work stress, stash a rolling pin in your desk drawer. The next time your stress, roll your feet off your shoes and roll your feet up to the end of your desk drawer. The next time your feet get tired, just slip your toes in your shoes and roll your feet over the pin for five minutes. This reflexology move triggers the release of endorphins (happiness-inducing brain chemicals) that erase anxiety.

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FEATURES

SUMMER JOBS

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

Summer jobs

Teen advised to start looking now

By Sally Rummel
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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 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 have 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. We’ll only be hiring about 20 this year, because we have so many returning employees,” said Shelly Hilton, Camp Copneconic YMCA.

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Who in the hell …

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 on 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 not human 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.

• Sell disposable diapers.
• Have waitstaff 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 hip.
• 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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[Image of Hotlines]

Compiled by Eric Trowt, intern.

What was your first job?

“I worked at McDonald’s in Detroit when I was 16.”
— Lisa Wavel
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

“My dairy Queen in Detroit when I was 15.”
— Linda Barrer
Berkley
Streetscapes 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 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 McClinton, 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 expressed 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. 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

By William Axford
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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.”

Drunkdriving.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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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 record camera every time you pull in and LeRoy is a great suggestion.

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**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, was reported missing. She has not been seen since Jan. 28, 2009. Fenton police are continuing to investigate and reviewing store surveillance videos to identify a suspect.

The Jawhari family recently held a press conference at the Fenton Police Department. Members of the family are hoping for someone to come forward with information on what happened to their loved one. The family said Randa Jawhari was last seen walking through the neighborhood in the early morning hours with her white male, dressed in black clothing. Witnesses reported seeing an unknown white male walking through the neighborhood. Witnesses said Randa Jawhari was last seen walking around 3 a.m.

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.

**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 was valued at $450. Police have no further information. If someone has information, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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**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 mention- ing books and teachers. Books are sup- plied by the school board. Curriculum 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 of- ficials 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**

**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 Demo- crat? And you voted Democrat so you could vote your beliefs? Gosh, my ques- tion 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 dol- lars. If you own a Nissan, move to Ten- nessee 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.**

**Police&Fire**

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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.
STATE REP
Continued from Front Page

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 Siena 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.

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 every- one to become law. What has happened to date is what I refer to as windshiled 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 com- munity. The people of the 51st have stood 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 bringing resolution to 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 policy session. 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 business owners all around 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 change the system. We need to make the unfair tax increase on retirement income. Millionaires and billionaires received a $1,800,000,000 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 Neville-Justice
Party: Green
Age: 52
Residency: Linden
Family: Married to husband Claude for 26 years.
Education: Master of Business Administra- tion, graduated with highest honors.

Employment: Self-employed tax profes- sional.
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 volunteer work. I 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 2006 by an overwhelming majority. I am the Genesee County Chapter Leader of MINORML (Michigan National Organiza- tion for the Reform of Marihuana 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.

Why vote for me: I will be their positive, independent voice, pro- vided the people of Michigan want another reformer, I am not bound by partisan politics or special interest money that has corrupted the two-party system.

Opinion of recall elec- tions: 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 parti- san 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 valu- able asset as we work to create a more equitable tax code.

How will your views on medical mari- juana affect your vote? Every precinct in the district voted with an overwhelm- ing majority to pass the Michigan Medi- cal Marihuana Act in 2006. Now their money is being wasted prospeccrating 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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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 was surprise! What? He said something that had nothing to do with you.

I would think you had 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.

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’?

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.

Complaining about your job and career — Publicly complaining about the workplace before speaking with your boss about a problem straws 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 parrying 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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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 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.
Margie Shard, CF® is the President and Wealth Advisor at Shard Financial Services, Inc., a boutique firm that specializes in looking at clients financial problems and finding solutions to them. One area of specialization that Shard brings to the table is often overlooked by clients — how they can pass money to their families without having Uncle Sam take a big chunk out of their lifelong accumulation of wealth.

“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 will 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 a tax free to your beneficiaries. While this may be true, it is included in your 5.12 million. 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 gifiting exemption at $13,000 a year, it doesn’t allow an owner to start passing a big dollar 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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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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Make sure you reference the tagline number listed next to the entries below.

Feel free to add your comments!

#1 — Come on In, We Love Company!

#2 — We’re like Fudge – Mostly Sweet With a Few Nuts

#3 — Embrace Our Rebirth

#4 — The Paris Of The Midwest: Bad Water, High Taxes, And Rude People

#5 — Fenton – Feels Like Home

#6 — The Gateway To Linden

#7 — Shop, Play, And Stay

#8 — Take A Closer Look

#9 — Friendly Fenton

#10 — It’s In Fenton


#12 — Fenton – Normal In An Extraordinary Way.

#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, Play, Love.

#27 — 100% Pure Fenton

#28 — Second To None

#29 — Fenton – Find Out Why!

#30 — Fenton, Be Neater

#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 Love It!

#38 — Fenton – Michael Moore Does Not 9-11 Here

#39 — Fenton – Make Our Town Your Own

#40 — Your Boat In Fenton.

#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

#46 — Our Founders Were Adam And Eve

#47 — Only Thing Missing Is Adam And Eve

#48 — Fenton – Your Best Move

#49 — Fenton, Be Adjacenter

#50 — Fenton – Always In Season

#51 — Live On Home, All Is Forgiven

#52 — Where Families Thrive

#53 — Fenton: A Proud American City

#54 — Fenton – Close To Things That Matter.

#55 — Fenton – No Tagline Necessary.

#56 — Family, Faith, Fun... Fenton

#57 — Fenton, Where The Chickens Come Home To Roost.

#58 — Explore Fenton

#59 — Fenton – A Tree Is Known By Its Fruits

#60 — Build A Better Life!

#61 — Fenton – Your Future Homeland

#62 — Fenton – One Of Nature’s Masterpieces

#63 — Fenton – The Sow’s Lane

#64 — Livin’ The Dream!

#65 — Fenton, Where The Past Is Present

#66 — Fenton, A Closer To

#67 — Fenton, Closer To What You Need

#68 — Welcome To Our Town

#69 — Fenton Calling

#70 — Fenton – Connect, With Friends, Family, Long Distance Or Neighbors

#71 — Fenton – Where You Want To Be.

#72 — Fenton – The Land Of Milk And Money

#73 — Come On Home

#74 — Fenton, Where LifeLong Residents Get Caught On And Wealthy Out-Of-Townies Buy Real Estate For A Dollar

#75 — Fenton – The Kate Middleton Of Michigan

#76 — Fenton, For Family, For Friends, For Life

#77 — Sea More In Fenton Or ‘ Nest Your Heart In Fenton

#78 — Fenton – Believe In A Better Place

#79 — Twenty Lakes In Twenty Minutes

#80 — Fenton – 12 Casinos Within 50 Miles

#81 — Home At Last

#82 — Live, Love, Learn.

#83 — Fenton – Fabulous, Friendly And Waiting For You

#84 — What Do You Celebrate Daily

#85 — Fenton – Home Of Yesterday, Today And Tomorrow

#86 — Fenton – The Closest Thing To Home

#87 — Come Visit The Town That Tore Itself Down

#88 — Fenton – Gotta Love It! Gotta love it, hey.

#89 — Fenton – MICHAEL MOORE DOES NOT LIVE HERE

#90 — ‘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.

#91 — 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.

#92 — Fenton – Living the Dream.

#93 — Fenton – Live It, Love It.

#94 — Fenton, Naturally!

#95 — Is my tagline suggestion: this captures the natural and unique beauty of the area (lakes, parks, etc.) plus it is a perfect complement to the outdoor beauty of Fenton.

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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 FOUNDERED WERE ADAM AND EVE.

• Just try to top this one: THE ONLYTHING 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 teenagers: 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 – NOTAGLINE 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 HOMETOWN.

• 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? I vote for NO TAGLINE at all and to change the sign!

• 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 Dibblesville 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. Wi-Fi hotspots, techies, gen Xrs. 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 CRAMPED 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!

• 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. I thought of this when I was calling my teenager: COME VISIT THE TOWN THAT TORE ITSELF DOWN.’

Shepard-Ward
The engagement of Tess Lindsay Shepard of Fenton to Jon Christopher Ward of Fenton has been announced by her parents, Michael and Sheliah 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 fiance 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.

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 get 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 top four 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 Ron Paul 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.
1 n 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.
“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 Theinisel, 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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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 get 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 top four 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 Ron Paul 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.

1 n 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.

“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 Theinisel, 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.

LINDEN KIWANIS
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Sat. March 10

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$20/person
Cash prizes $150, $75, $25
Hot Hors d’oeuvres
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF LINDEN PLANNING COMMISSION
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

The City of Linden’s Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, 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 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, 1-888-393-0800 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 appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

HOMESTEAD’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.

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

TIMES CLASSIFIEDS
FENTON - WHISPERWOOD Open House. 897 Whisperwood Trail, Sunday, February 26th, 12-4 p.m. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo available March 1st. Vaulted ceilings, low maintenance flooring/hardwood/laminate, new stainless steel appliances, bay window, wood burning fireplace, full basement including storage, attached garage. Outside maintenance, appliances included. Lease $875 or buy option. 248-651-1672.


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Manufactured Homes

FENTON - LOON lake waterfront and 2 wooded lots. $12,000 and up. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8684, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.


HOLLY - ONE MONTH FREE! 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. We acceptpets. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

Vacant Land For Sale

FENTON - LAWN 1 acre. 603 Parkview. $899. 810-629-8684, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

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SWEET VARIATIONS Part Time Chocolatier position available immediately. Attention to detail essential. Must be available 10am-6pm, 3 days a week. Apply IN PERSON at 101 W. Shilawassee Fenton.
NOTICE OF MEETING
2012 BOARD OF REVIEW
CITY OF LINDEN

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

Precinct #2
Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church
(Fenton School District voters residing north of White Lake Road)
10235 White Lake Road, Fenton

Precinct #3
Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church
(Fenton School District voters residing south of White Lake Road)
10235 White Lake Road, Fenton

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

The City of Fenton Board of Review will meet at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroyle 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, May 3, 2012**
  - 1:00pm-4:00pm
- **Tuesday, May 8, 2012**
  - 9:00am-12:00pm
  - 1:00pm-4:00pm & 6:00pm-9:00pm
- **Wednesday, May 9, 2012**
  - 9:00am-12:00pm
  - 1:00pm-4:00pm & 6:00pm-9:00pm
- **Thursday, May 10, 2012**
  - 9:00am-12:00pm
  - 1:00pm-5:00pm

Meetings of 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. Leroyle Street, Fenton, MI 48430.

Property owners who reside out of the area may appear in writing to the Board of Review. Written appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, May 22, 2012.
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

ATTENDING 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: Democratic Candidates: Barack Obama

Herman Cain Rick Perry

Newt Gingrich Buddy Roemer

Jon Huntsman Mitt Romney

Gary Johnson Rick Santorum

Fred Karger Michele Bachmann

Ron Paul

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 same manner.

Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting the State of Michigan, Michigan Bureau of Elections, 222 South Celtic Drive, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, Michigan 48909 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

Chief Clerk’s Office listed below before 2:00 P.M. Saturday, February 25, 2012

HOLLY VILLAGE/TOWNSHIP

POLLCING LOCATIONS:

PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4

HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL

6161 E. HOLLY RD.

Lincoln High School

Holly, Michigan 48442

248-634-9331 Ext. 301

Karin S. Winchester

Holly Township Clerk

102 Civic Drive

Holly, Michigan 48442

248-634-8590

Debbie Miller

Rose Township Clerk

10910 MILFORD ROAD

Holly, Michigan 48442

248-634-8701

ROSE TOWNSHIP

POLLCING LOCATIONS:

PCT. #1 ROSE TOWNSHIP OFFICES

9080 MASON ROAD

AGS, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307

248-658-3100

Tina Schultz

PCT. #2 ROSE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

7110 MILFORD ROAD

Holly, Michigan 48442

248-634-8701

PCT. #3 ROSE PIONEER SCHOOL

7110 MILFORD ROAD

Holly, Michigan 48442

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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 - 9:00 pm

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.

Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

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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 Bayld 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

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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, 4895 Granger 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: OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION
248-975-9611

If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call GROVELAND TOWNSHIP OFFICE during regular business hours at (248)634-4182.

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that could be in-law apt and
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with spacious floor plan, 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths,
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Well maintained Condo
that backs up to the Nature Conservatory, with hardwood floor
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1st floor laundry, fireplace in living room, central air,
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Need more space? Finishing lower level walkout
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HOLLY TOWNSHIP
2118 Grange Hall Road
Beautiful property!
Interesting farm house in need of work
but good potential!
Lots of room, 2422 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas log fireplace, covered porch,
4 season room, with 2 bays.
Possibly mother-in-law quarters with separate entrance.
Fenced, could be horse farm.
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Great opportunity!
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13235 St. Andrews Way
3 bedroom ground floor Condo
with 2 full baths, central air,
1st floor laundry, 1229 sq ft.
in-ground sprinkler and garage.
Upgraded flooring and interior paint
Newer windows. Very nicely maintained
with a beautiful view from
private screened porch.
Open floor plan - move in ready.
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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP
8044 Whitney Road
Spacious 5 bedroom home
is ready to move right in.
Family room, dining room, 2 full bathrooms,
1st floor laundry and 1725 sq ft.
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well pump, paint and carpet.
Enjoy peaceful setting
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$143,000
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CLARKSTON
6041 Northeast Court
Beautifully landscaped front yard
with mature trees & pond
Great neighborhood
THREE BEDROOMS
LOTS OF SPACE
$79,000
Call Deb Wong Kitty Wong 810-569-1444
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.”

“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 was a 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, March 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. or Saturday, March 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I KNOW THAT the water department gets a bad rap here, but I wanted to thank them for the wonderful service I received this week. The man turned on our water in a new house and was kind and helpful. These workers don’t make rules and could use a smile.

IF YOU HAVE a religious problem with birth control, don’t use birth control. That simple. It’s not interfering with your right to freedom of religion by having no insurance co-pay on it. That is a right-wing lie. Keep your big government away from my personal matters.

WHEN I READ the Bible, I feel a happiness that I cannot get anywhere else. It’s not just from reading, it’s the spirituality that comes along with it. Test the theory. Nothing but great things will come from reading the Word.

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.

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Vickie Evans, Certified Massage Therapist and Reiki practitioner, massage therapy, reflexology and reiki.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society’s signature event to raise awareness and funds to fight cancer. This year’s annual fundraiser will be held on June 15 & 16. For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact local Amy Latz at (810)733-3702 or Amy.Lutz@cancer.org.

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 about this local Relay For Life event at this link www.relayforlife.org.

A world with LESS CANCER is a world with more BIRTHDAYS!

“28 Years of Relay”

2012 Relay for Life of Fenton Kick Off Celebration

Tuesday, February 21 • 6:00pm
VG’s Corporate Office, 209 S. Alloy Dr., Fenton
Dinner & welcome activities at 6:00pm. Program begins at 7:00pm.

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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.

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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.
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 2 p.m.

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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Behind the scenes

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SAM DIVITA, Director
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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
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Gas prices

what to expect and why?

Gasoline consumption in the US

In the US we consume about 400 million gallons of gasoline a day, corresponding to about 20 million barrels of oil a day. Roughly half of all the oil we use is used as gasoline. On average, a barrel of oil gets refined into about 20 gallons of gasoline, 10 gallons of diesel fuel, 4 gallons of jet fuel, 2 gallons of fuel oil, 2 gallons of liquefied petroleum gas, and 7 gallons of other products such as plastics and motor oils. About half the oil used in the US comes from the western hemisphere, including the US, Canada, and Venezuela. 20 percent comes from the Persian Gulf, 15 percent from Africa, and 15 percent from other places including the North Sea. World-wide, oil consumption is about 28 billion barrels of oil per year.

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 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.

3 myths about gas mileage

1. If your owner’s manual says “premium fuel recommended,” you’ll ruin your car by filling it up with regular.

Reality: Unless you’re driving in the Indy 500, using regular gas in a car that says premium fuel is merely “recommended” is perfectly fine. And doing so will save you about a quarter a gallon.

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

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:

372,833.5 x 1000 x 42 x .009 = $140,931,063

That means that in February 2007, gas companies collected an extra $141 million USD because of their unique pricing practices. Assuming February is a gas-consuming month for the year, that’s a $1.7 billion USD in additional revenue!
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? If 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 semfinals.
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.
What are your plans after graduation? I’m going to Concordia in Chicago.
What has been the best day in your life so far? Signing to play college soccer because it’s my chance.
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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.

Layton Mandle

- Senior

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

Ellie Cowger

- Sophomore

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

Matt Gilbert

- Senior

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

Gerad Wegener

- Senior

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

Chase Roney

- Senior

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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 pull together a production. The eight showtimes 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 Caskie 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, they sign an agreement that spells out the responsibilities they’ll have for practicing and attending rehearsals.

**Commissions**

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 kicks 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 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.”

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

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL (810) 735-5050 to schedule

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.

Homestead affidavit Information is required by P .A. 237 of 1994 if you purchased your homestead after May 1, 2011. To claim the homestead exemption, if you have not already done so, you must file an affidavit before May 1, 2012.

Robert W. Cole, Jr, Supervisor
Argentine Township

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Wags & Whiskers in the Woods
Saturday, February 25, 2012
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My freezer door pops open every time I shut my refrigerator door. Any suggestions?

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Anniversary marks 20 years of patient care

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

By Sally Rummel

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 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.”

For more information about clinic locations and hours, visit Advanced Physical Therapy Center’s website, www.advancedphysicaltherapy.com.

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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 Jacques 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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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 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.

Our customers really like the artistic, contemporary & traditional styles of vessel sinks available today.

Jim Metevier
Vic Bond Sales

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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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 ideas 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 the 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 are 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 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 16¾ 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.”

Today’s bathroom designs include artistic tile and stain work, rain like shower heads and energy-efficient fixtures. Air tubes 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. 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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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 flooring options 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, owner of Li’l House of Carpet in Fenton. “It is much easier to install and maintain than traditional hardwood products or tile.”

Carpet 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 durability 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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By Sally Rummel

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.

Escorted planks, wider widths, and the introduction of exotic woods.

• 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 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 comes true, ceramic tile floors 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.

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Laminate is continuing to provide the look of traditional hardwood products or tile.
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 corner cozy.

“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, bucket, 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.

“If it’s your choice whether to add flower food,” said McAlister. “I never do at my house.”

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- 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.
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 HomeGains.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
   - 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
   - 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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Eagles hold off Blue Devils, 53-47

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 outright 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.
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.  

1. “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.  

2. “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.  

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

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

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


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 valuated property taxes that would otherwise be assessed to the Housing Development under Michigan law.  

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.  

C. The City shall establish an annual service charge in lieu of taxes to provide for the payment of an annual service charge in lieu of such taxes, as previously described in this Ordinance. The annual service charge shall be paid on or before April 1 of each year for the previous calendar year.  

D. The City shall establish an annual service charge in accordance with Act 346 for the purpose of providing public services for the Housing Development.  

E. 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.  

F. 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 two (2) years 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.  

G. The City of Linden County of Genesee, Michigan, does hereby, in pursuance of the authority vested in it by law, for the purpose of establishing or changing the annual service charge to be paid in lieu of taxes by the Housing Development identified as “Venture Willow Haven LDHA LP” on certain property located on 815 S. Willow Avenue, within the City of Linden, all persons, associations, and bodies, resident or non-resident, are hereby relieved from the payment of all property taxes and to like extent the annual service charge in lieu of such taxes, as previously described in this Ordinance. The annual service charge shall be paid on or before April 1 of each year for the previous calendar year.  

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

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Linden, Genesee County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the Ordinance hereinabove described and enacted by the City Council of the City of Linden, 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  

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Martha A. Donnelly, City Clerk
Holly wrestling headed to Battle Creek, again

By David Troppens
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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 seems 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 amazing. 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 Laperrine 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 Kha-nor 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 Darren Johnson.

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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 Du-rand 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 Kal- lan Harbin (103) won by decision. Corco-ran (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 will 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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Holly’s Blake Cuthbert (left) works on getting a pinfall win during the Bronchos’ Division 2 regional title match on Wednesday.

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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 Clarkson’s total of 122 points.

“I wasn’t expecting to see 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 finish 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, “Holy, moly!”” 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 Hallward 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 Kogrens-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, Zaine 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 (2:22.83), 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 Landen 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).
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 – A host of Tulare 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 their varsity careers with the Tigers, they are proving why that hype exists.

With one league game still remaining, the Fenton Tigers captured an outright Flint Metro League title on Tuesday, defeating the Holly Broncos 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’s 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 high school career. My teammates, I have great teammates. Our team is rolling and it’s a great outcome for us all.”

Fenton coach Tim Olzowski 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 Olzowski 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 want to win for 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 a half shot at earning a co-title, stuck with the Tigers for about a quarter. The teams were tied 11-11 after the first 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 opened 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 scored 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 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.”

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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 us going.

“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 5:53, 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.
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 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.

from R-4 Multiple Family Residential to PUD.

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.

THE CITY OF LINDEN
By
David E. Lossing, Mayor
By
Martha A. Donnelly, City Clerk
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@chicagotribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, 1730 S. State Street, Chicago, IL 60604.) Amy Dickinson’s momma, “The Mighty Queens of Online: A Mother, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them” (Hyperion), is available in both

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**INGREDIENTS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Mix all marinade ingredients in a zip-top plastic bag and add the pork tenderloin(s) making sure to coat all sides.

2. Seal bag and let marinade, refrigerated, until ready to grill.

3. When ready to grill, pre-heat the grill to a medium high heat. Place tenderloin(s) on hot grill. Sear 2 minutes, then turn 1/4 (quarter) turn. Repeat every 2 minutes until all sides are browned.

4. Once all sides are seared, turn heat to low, close grill lid or cover with foil and cook until meat thermometer reads 145°F in the thickest part of the tenderloin (about 10-15 minutes depending on your grill).

5. Let tenderloin rest for about 15 minutes before slicing.

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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 vaccinated to protect her and the neighboring cat population.

Second, kittens are at higher risk to contract FeLV, so she needs to be spayed and receive her required vaccinations. She’ll need to be kept up to date.

When she reaches six months to a year in age. Both should receive twice yearly checkups and their immunizations kept up to date.

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### 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

**ROSE TOWNSHIP**

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**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

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

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

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**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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