Fenton man sentenced for abusing 4-year-old girl

Pleads no contest to second-degree child abuse

By Sharon Stone

John Raphael Shorez, 35, of Fenton Township was sentenced Tuesday from 20 to 48 months in prison after pleading no contest to second-degree child abuse.

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department arrested Shorez on Nov. 26 after receiving an anonymous tip regarding a possible child abuse situation at a mobile home at the Eastview Mobile Home Park in Fenton Township last November.

Shorez was originally arraigned on a 15-year felony count of first-degree child abuse; however, at his circuit court arraignment on Jan. 23, he pleaded See ABUSE on 13A

DDA expects to spend plenty on improving downtown

Three-year budget includes $42,000 reduction in marketing

By Ryan Tackabury

Fenton — The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) held preliminary budget discussions for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 at a meeting on Tuesday.

“The next two years will be the most aggressive fiscal cycles that the Downtown Development Authority has ever embarked upon,” DDA Director Michael Burns wrote. See BUDGET on 6A

Fenton charges Tyrone $40,474 for January fire services

Township heated over bill for cat rescue and other fire services

By Willliam Axford

Tyrone Twp. — Tyrone Township is footing a hefty bill for fire services. The township paid the Fenton Fire Department $40,747 for fire runs in January. Each run costs $1,337, regardless of what services the department performs. Of the runs, the township was charged for vehicle collisions and animal rescue. See CHARGES on 6A

Summary

Tyrone Township was charged $40,747 for fire runs in January. The board is investigating possible cost-cutting measures to reduce fire call runs.

Village faces possible $200,000 deficit in 2012-13

Reduced revenue and increased costs the culprit

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — If the village had to post its budget based on today’s numbers, the expenditures would surpass revenues by more than $200,000.

This was discussed at an early workshop for the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget Monday night, which will not be official until June. “Truthfully, it’s so early in the See DEFICIT on 22A

Getting things done with your local government

Talking to them about taxes, permits, concerns, complaints and more

By Tim Jagielo

If you live in Fenton Township, what does it cost in permit fees to demolish a structure, or build a swimming pool? In the village of Holly, where are you allowed to practice archery? You can’t get a burn permit on the street from Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn; you have to go through the proper channels. See GOVERNMENT on 23A

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Government meetings are a way to connect with your elected officials. Here, a resident congratulates outgoing Supervisor Alison Kalcec for her service at a Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting in December.
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Can you hear me now?

Most don’t know how cell phones work or the possible health risks

By William Axford
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It talks. It texts. It takes pictures and captures video. For many, cell phones are a lifeline to the world, connecting them to the Internet, friends and family. But ask any cell phone user how their device works and the conversation suddenly goes quiet.

How exactly does a device owned by a majority of Americans work?

According to howstuffworks.com, cell phones transmit conversations in the same manner as walkie-talkies and CB radios. The major difference between the devices is that cell phones are full-duplex devices, or capable of using multiple frequencies at the same time. Using multiple frequencies in one device allows people to talk and hear the other person at the same time.

See CELL PHONES on 13A

Summary

Cell phones rely on towers to transmit radio waves. Although there have been some concerns raised over possible cancer risks, cell phone usage has not been proven to have adverse health effects.

Darlene Derosia of Linden shops at Alpine Marketplace in Linden on Thursday. Because of her fixed income, it is important for her to keep to her shopping list, and use the advertised specials to save money.

Feeding your family for less

Increase in savings doesn’t necessarily mean decrease in quality

By Ryan Tackabury
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Money is tight for many families, and they are looking to make cuts wherever they can. The savvy shopper knows that small bits of savings can add up big over time. With a little bit of patience and by changing some spending habits, it is possible to feed your family delicious, healthy meals and still save money.

Here are money-saving TIPS for shopping

- The most important thing that you can do to save money is to plan your meals ahead of time. Make a list of the meals you want to make for the week, and then compile a list of ingredients needed to make them. When shopping, stick to the list and avoid impulse purchases of unnecessary things that will cut into your budget.
- Once you have your meal plan for the week, pick up everything on your grocery list in one trip. Making multiple

See SAVINGS on 6A

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Not only is riding a snowmobile on a railroad’s right of way illegal, you can’t always see or hear a train coming. So this winter, prevent a senseless tragedy by steering clear of train tracks.

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Why do we vote on Tuesdays?

**Question:** Why do we hold elections on Tuesdays?

The answer is as irrelevant as it is old. We vote on Tuesdays because of a law passed in 1845, when 95 percent of all Americans were farmers.

**Why on Tuesday?** So that rural farmers could enjoy a day of rest, then drive to the polls, and buggies a full day to get to the county seat to vote, and allow a full day to return in time to milk the cows, slop the hogs and catch up on their farm work.

Why did they pick the Tuesday after the first Monday in November? Because by then the harvest has been brought in.

It’s as simple as that.

And it’s as stupid as that, considering it is now 2012, and less than 1 percent of the population is farmers.

It’s also why in the U.S., voter turnout has averaged below 50 percent since the late 1940s, with the sole exception being 2008 when 63 percent of the population voted. But that still means that one out of three voters does not bother going to the polls.

So, let’s look at some options that have been considered over the years:

**Weekend voting:** The nations with the highest voter turnout all on weekends. But this is the U.S., where we prize our weekends.

And a Sunday vote would violate all religious protocols. So that leaves just Saturday, and I believe a Saturday vote would result in an even lower turnout as many would refuse to go to the polls on their ingrained day off.

**Absentee voting:** Why not just mail everyone a ballot, and give them a week to send it back? Too much chance for fraud if you ask me.

**Make election day a national holiday:** Payment for the ‘Election Day’ holiday (from your employer) would depend upon a voting receipt. But I don’t like the fact that already over-taxed businesses would bear the cost of this. Besides, being paid to just seems innately wrong to me. Many unions have negotiated this ‘right’ already.

**Vote when you file your tax return:** On the plus side, it would virtually eliminate all fraud. On the down side, election winners, including the president, would take office in April. That might freak some people out.

**Four-day voting window:** This is definitely my favorite. Elections could run from Friday through Monday, with no results released until Tuesday (to eliminate voter apathy caused by ‘predictive results’ from the media). This is clearly the best option for all concerned.

The election this Tuesday is a textbook example of an election that can be swayed by a single swing group of voters. The candidates for Paul Scott’s seat is a union rep for the teachers union. I love teachers, but I don’t love the deceitful and preda-

tory MEA (oddly, nor do most teachers I know). Quietly, and behind the scenes, the MEA is galvanizing every supporter to go to the polls on Tuesday to take advantage of this golden opportunity to further their personal political agenda. They even have a 40 page instruction book on their web site entitled, “Election Your Employer, It’s As Easy As 1-2-3.” That’s pretty brazen.

All the blustering and rhetoric in the world is meaningless. Voting is the only chance you have to have your voice heard. And, fortunately, the only one who can silence that voice is you.

See you at the polls.

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— Korina Henry

**Hotlines**

**IF WE WERE** living in 1940, I could see the point of The King’s ‘Who the hell, since we are in the 21st century, things change but not always. The King lives in his own little world.

**I SO ENJOYED** all the people that gave their comments on the new tagline. Does anyone agree with me that if we had done this in the first place, everybody would have been happy? Yay, Fenton.

**THANKS FOR LETTING** people think of these taglines, I just love them. Isn’t it interesting that it was all free, especially in comparison to all that the DDA has spent.

**THANK YOU TO Colonel Childs for sharing his collection of favorite axioms, adages and aphorisms. My favorites were: “What you tolerate, you encourage” and “Children need models, not critics.”

**HEY TIMES, LOVE** your newspaper and especially how easy it is to submit a Hot line from your website. I’m in Florida and it’s great to stay in touch with my wonderful hometown. P.S. My tagline is “Be Closer From Afar By Using The Times Online”

**I’M GOING TO** complain about complainers. As most residents know, Fenton has many wonderful attributes and some really cool shops. Why don’t we all take a moment to submit a Hot line about the things we love most about our community. Complaint instead of complain. It takes just a minute.

**LEAVE THE CHICKEN** lady alone. The way things are going, that may be the only food she can lay her hands on.

**YO, ANOTHER SAFETY** recall with a cheap Asian import. I wonder how much car you get for $8,000?

**CORRINE BAKER WILL** be sentenced on the 27th of February. Many people consider her for her actions. It is easy to resist judgment, but until you are in such circumstances, you cannot say what you would do or how you would behave.

**THE GM WORKERS** got a $7,000 bonus. The retirees got zero. The UAW took the right to vote away from the retirees. Between GM and the UAW, the retirees have been thrown under the bus.

**TWO YEARS AGO,** Obama said it would be good if gas was $5 per gallon. He said it would be good because it would force us to quit using fossil fuel and start using electric cars. It looks like he may get his wish.

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL** embrace every minute of it.

**CAN’T PEOPLE UNDERSTAND** that we have to dig ourselves out of this hole? Buying foreign crap only makes the hole deeper. It is getting harder to find the ‘Made in China’ label, but sometimes all you have to do is read the blue oval to recognize the counterfeiter.

**FACEBOOK IS NOT** a place to show off your naked body. I have a child that saw a photo of a nude girl with nothing but a bottle covering her breast, a Facebook friend of her sister’s. I don’t appreciate having to explain to my child why some people think it’s OK to show their bodies naked all over the Internet. Have some self-respect. Do you think any man will want a woman who has already been seen by anyone who cares to look?

**THIS IS ON** FARR faces new obstacle. People know, on one Saturday they close at about one or two, they’re not open on Sunday, they’re not open on Monday. It would be great if they were open a little longer. Some people do work 40 hours per week, and you know, you go down there and they’re always closed. Thank you.

**I THINK THE** vote for your favorite tagline is a great program for your paper, I enjoy it tremendously. Thank you Tri-County Times.

— Nikalas Manning

**What would you like to say to your local government?**

“We need more money for schools; I don’t think teachers get paid enough.”

— Korina Henry

“Help school funding, they always need new books and computers.”

— Gerard Hindy

“Treat your government bills like your household ones, live within your means.”

— Deb Pelz

“I just don’t want them to give me anymore taxes, we already have enough.”

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Annual poker game fast approaching

Everyone’s a winner at Education Foundation Texas Hold ‘em tournament

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — Who likes to play poker? Who wants to have a street named after them? Who would like to help the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation (FAPSEF) raise funds for its teachers and students in the fields of arts, academics and athletics?

If you’ve answered yes to any of the above questions, you’ll want to register to play in the 2012 Colonel Fenton’s Texas Hold ‘em Poker Tournament.

For those unfamiliar with Fenton’s history, in the mid-1800s, Col. William Fenton and Robert LeRoy played poker to name the town and main street. Fenton won the card game.

For the seventh year in a row, the FAPSEF will be hosting the tournament at The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille, honoring the historic event, scheduled for Thursday, March 8.

As in the past, doors open at 5 p.m., check-in is at 6 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. Buy-in is $100, which includes the cost of one player, one spectator and free hors d’oeuvres until 10 p.m. A cash bar will be available.

Following the card game, LeRoy Street will be ceremonially renamed in the winner’s honor for approximately one year. First-round winners will receive $100, second-round winners will receive $150 more ($250 total), plus dinner for two at The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille. The final table winner will receive $750 more ($1,000 total), plus have LeRoy Street named in their honor.

Spectators are encouraged to attend, with a $10 cover charge. Tickets are now on sale. They can be obtained from any foundation board member, at the Fenton schools’ administrative office, or The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille. To learn more about the tournament or FAPSEF, call (810) 591-4700 or visit their website at www.fapsef.org.

Tom Bertschy, a member of the FAPSEF board of directors and vice president of commercial banking at The State Bank said they typically have 100 to 110 players and raise about $7,500. Bertschy can be reached at The State Bank at (810) 714-3955.

Back to the Bricks, other events receive DDA funding

Over $28,000 allocated for various community happenings

By Ryan Tackabury

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Parent Meeting
March 14 @ 6:00 pm

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At this time Linden Community Schools will be considering full-day kindergarten, half-day kindergarten, and young fives.

CHARGES
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“I find it amazing that every vehicle accident and rollover must have been from a resident because we didn’t bill any of them,” said Township Treasurer David Kurtz. “I’d like to investigate why we aren’t billing more people. This is a lot of money to pay.”

The town budget was billed for a cat rescue, a situation none of the board members had ever encountered before. Township Clerk Keith Kremer compared the situation to a skit from Ozzie and Harriet.

The township board viewed a majority of the runs as excessive, even for those they weren’t billed for. Division resident Scott Borys was charged with a fire run in November because his car was smoking as he was driving through Tyrone. The fire department was called but did not assist Borys in any way.

“There was no fire or emergency,” Borys said, who attributed the smoke to his drivetrain. “Why should I have to pay for this $1,300 bill?”

BUDGET
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in a memorandum to the board of directors. He continued, “In addition, this will be the first time ever that the DDA will lose revenue. There are many factors toward that, but all of these variables will require us to manage our budget fluidly.”

Chairman Craig Schmidt said that DDA is moving in the right direction. “I’m really happy to say that, yeah, our fund balance is going to go down. But that’s been one of my goals for the longest time here. Because that means we have progress, we have things happening, we’re creating jobs, we’re creating tax revenue, we’re improving our downtown — everything that is supposed to happen,” he said. “So if we get to a point in 2015 or ‘16 that ‘we’re waiting for fund balance to get back to us, that means our job is done.”

The budget laid out calls for a reduction in marketing expenses, which will see a decrease from $14,000 spent in 2012, to $10,000 in 2014.

The potential elimination of the Personal Property Tax poses another hurdle the budget must deal with, which could result in an estimated $193,000 of lost revenue.

The budget will be discussed further at a special budget meeting on March 6. After the DDA approves a budget, it will be presented to the Fenton City Council.

SAVINGS
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trips to the store only provides more opportunities for impulse buying, not to mention the extra gas it takes to make multiple trips.

• If a particular item is on sale that you use a lot of, maximize your savings by stockpiling up on it, mindful what you are stockpiling on though, and be conscious of expiration dates. If you price so as to throw away your stockpiles of spoiled food, you are wasting money—not saving any.

• The amount of money that coupons can save you depends upon how much time you want to throw in clipping them. Still, even a small amount of time invested can end up netting you a few good deals.

• Eating out can be expensive, though it is still possible to indulge on occasion without breaking your budget. If possible, you can also split large meals between two people. It is also important to be aware of lunch and dinner prices, sometimes an earlier dinner can be a much cheaper meal.

• One of the most expensive parts of a meal can be the beverage. You can be a good replacement source of protein.

• Cutting soda out of your shopping list will not only provide a fresher taste, but a better health and well. Water is a much less expensive alternative.

• Sometimes, you can invest some extra time into meal planning and do things yourself. Starting your own garden can provide you with a great source of fruits and vegetables.
There goes the neighborhood

By William Axford

Fenton Twp.—Is a rock star moving to Fenton Township? Rumors have been circulating that Kid Rock has been interested in a $1.6 million home on Bayshore Drive. Realtor Steven Melchor reacted to the rumors with laughter.

“I wish it was true, that’s a rumor that’s been going around for a long time,” said Melchor, who is overseeing the sale of the home. “I don’t know of Kid Rock being interested in the home and if he was, I’d be calling you to let you know about it.”

Melchor, who works for Tremaine Real Estate, said rumors of famous people buying homes in the tri-county area have popped up from time to time, but usually aren’t that frequent. Bob Seger for example was rumored to buy a house in Fenton Township throughout the years but ultimately never did.

Melchor did say someone was giving the home a third look.

“I’d start a big old rumor if it got more people interested,” Melchor said. “I don’t know of Kid Rock being interested.”

Melchor did say that Kid Rock is rumored to have a girlfriend in Holly and that the rock star may buy a house in the area one day.
Local man envisions eliminating vitamin A deficiency

Wes Stoody, founder of Aframes Eyewear, launches cause-driven business

By Rachael Briand
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The world is full of inspirational and uplifting stories, but every now and then one hits close to home and brings a sense of pride to the community. Fenton native Wes Stoody has brought that feeling here.

Stoody is a Powers Catholic High School graduate who went on to graduate from Eastern Michigan University. It was while he was at EMU that he learned that approximately one million children die each year from vitamin A deficiency (VAD).

VAD is the leading cause of blindness in children throughout the world. This piece of information stuck with Wes, who could not ignore the need for help. He decided to start a cause-driven eyewear company, one that would not only raise money to help with VAD, but one that would be sustainable and respected by the eyewear industry.

Using his Fenton connections, Stoody was introduced to Fenton graduate Jay Parkin and through Brian Petty, owner of Fenton Glass. After meeting and discussing Stoody’s business vision, the two formed a partnership. Together with Stoody’s sister Maggie Stoody they started what is now known as Aframes Eyewear, the socially conscious eyewear brand. They launched the company in January in Chicago.

Aframes Eyewear is partnered with Helen Keller International (HKI), whose mission is to save the sight and lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. Together they help distribute vitamin A supplements to places that need it the most. Founded in 1915 by Helen Keller and George Kessler, HKI is one of the oldest non-government non-profit agencies devoted to preventing blindness and malnutrition. They currently work in 22 countries including 13 in Africa, eight in Asia-Pacific and the United States.

What makes the idea of VAD so distressing to Stoody is that it is completely and easily preventable. For $1, a child can be provided with a year’s supply of vitamin A supplements. In developing countries around the world where VAD is such a huge crisis, a little can go a long way.

Aframes Eyewear is doing their part. The company donates 5 percent of all revenue to HKI, which then uses the money to distribute vitamin A supplements to places in dire need of it. For example, if someone purchases eye wear for $189, he or she has just given nine children the equivalent to one-year supply of supplements. The eyewear collection ranges in price from $129-$189 and all of the styles are named after countries where HKI provides support.

To learn more about Stoody’s company or help with VAD, visit www.aframeseyewear.com.

Vitamin A deficiency facts and stats

• Vitamin A (also called Retinol) is important for proper growth and reproduction development.
• Vitamin A deficiency is the leading cause of blindness in children.
• The human body needs vitamin A to help with this.
• Vitamin A is essential for eye health and the proper function of the immune system.
• An estimated 33 percent or 190 million pre-school age children do not have enough vitamin A in their diet.
• The highest percentages of deficiencies are found in sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asian countries.
• An estimated 250,000-600,000 children become blind every year due to VAD. About half die within a year of becoming blind.
• Vitamin A comes from beef, eggs, yams, milk and leafy green vegetables.
• It costs $1 to provide a child with one year of supplements.

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By Rachael Briand
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In the first Ash Wednesday service at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton, Father Ryan Frakes said that the ashes used during the service come from palms burned on Palm Sunday. "That’s it’s a time for new beginnings, we all need new beginnings in our lives," Fr. David Harvey said.

The ashes used during the service were stored and saved, and then stored in a simple mason jar, and then poured onto small dishes. These ashes are held by the deacons, Fr. Harvey and members of the Worship Commission. After Fr. Harvey finishes his homily, which is his words and commentary following the scripture, the ashes are distributed to the parishioners.

First Fr. Harvey and Deacon Ron Kenney, the worship commission and alter servers receive ashes, followed by the rest of the congregation, much like the Holy Communion. They receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of the cross.

Fr. Harvey said that the forehead is used because that is where Christians are signed at baptism. "We continue doing that through life," he said.

On Wednesday, they begin Lent; where mostly people aged 14-59 will give up a habit, or something in their lives.

Ryan Miller, 10, of St. John Academy is giving up candy, especially Airheads, which is his favorite. His ashes rubbed off by themselves.

Jessica Bright, 9, also of St. John Academy is ditching her soda at dinner with family, and pledges to cut down on sweets. "It’s a time to not be selfish and greedy, and act like Jesus did, and make sacrifices," she said.

Worship Commission member Jeanie Frakes of Linden said she was giving up negative feelings like anger or judging others.

Sharon Sanborn of Fenton said she was going to read the Bible every night, and give up snacks and goodies.

Fr. Harvey said that fasting is also part of Lent, with no meat on Friday, and one meal skipped on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which is April 6, the day Christians believe Jesus Christ died on the cross.

"For some people, Lent is a time to renew their faith and go deeper in their faith," he said.
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Cell phones derive their name from towers that spread radio frequencies in a hexagonal shape. Towers usually cover a 10-mile radius and are built close to each other to offer strong reception. Thus, coverage area for phones is split into ‘cells.’

In a report by Gizmodo.com, a journalist spent the day with cell phone tower workers and discovered their inner workings. Once a tower intercepts a radio signal from a cell phone, a wire or fiberoptic line transfers the call to a wireless access point. The call will be transmitted through either an underground wire or a wireless antenna, depending on which method is more effective. The signal travels between cell phones in order to connect conversations or exchange text messages. All of this happens faster than the blink of an eye.

Essentially, cell phones are sophisticated walkie-talkies that can utilize more than 800 frequencies, depending on how many towers are nearby. Cell phones also use lower power transmitters, which keeps battery life high and allows towers to reuse frequencies.

Smartphones access the Internet through wireless capabilities and Wi-Fi connections, similar to laptops and tablets.

With so many radio waves in use, some health agencies have accused cell phones as a potential cause of brain cancer. But so far, reports have been mixed. The World Health Organization has classified radio-frequencies as “possibly carcinogenic in humans” or capable of producing cancer, based on studies of the immune system and genes. While the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has acknowledged the possibility, the agency believes there is not enough evidence present to claim cell phones cause health risks. Studies on health effects of cell phones are likely to continue. While it has been proven over exposure to radio waves can cause cancer, cell phones emit 3 to 4 watts, a low amount. Comparatively, CB radios emit 4 watts.

A brief history of the cell phone

1971 — The first commercial cellular network was launched in Finland.
1973 — Dr. Martin Cooper of Motorola calls Joel Engel of AT&T while walking in New York.
1978 — The first trial cellular network is launched in Chicago by Bell.
1982 — Nokia introduces their first cell phone.
1993 — Text message is used for the first time.
2002 — Number of mobile subscribers in the world surpasses one billion.
2007 — The iPhone is launched.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE 4-YEAR-OLDS’ lunch was inspected by a state inspector. This did happen in Hoke County, North Carolina. If you feel any government should be inspecting what your kid(s) have for lunch, and tell them what they should eat, we, as a nation, are in big trouble.

SO, YOU DON’T want me to buy a Kia, Toyota, and Honda? I was wondering where you do buy your gas? Remember 9/11?

INSISTING ON PAYING for a traffic light at LeRoy and Shiawassee, why don’t we follow Michigan driving laws and allow the car to the right (or counter-clockwise) have the right of way. It isn’t supposed to be who can dart out the fastest, as it appears to be now!

AND QUOTE: “What are smokers in cars supposed to do with their butts?” Unquote. Well, you could get off yours, pun intended. Buy an ashtray, and use it. We had one with beans, and it worked fine. Driving and smoking can be very unsafe.

THE PERSON WHO thinks I’m delusional over the birth control thing. Churches are tax-exempt, and this rule involves private insurers. Blue Cross/Blue Shield is not run by the Catholic Church. Just because Jewish people can’t eat pork, does that mean four stamps shouldn’t pay for pork? Same thing.

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ABUSE
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no contest to an amended count of second-degree child abuse.

Undersheriff Chris Swanson said early on that the county’s protective services received a tip about the abuse and a deputy was sent to the home to investigate.

The sheriff’s department investigation revealed that Shorez abused a 4-year-old girl because she continued to run around the home after he told her to stop. The little girl accidentally kicked Shorez’ 1-year-old son in the eye while running around, which angered him.

In anger, Shorez poked the little girl in the eye numerous times so that she would know what it felt like to be hit in the eyes. Shorez also forced the little girl to stand in the corner for up to two hours with a hot space heater near her feet. Responding deputies saw burns on the tops of the girl’s feet.

Shorez was reportedly dating the sister of the little girl’s mother, all of whom were in the mobile home during the time of the abuse.

The girl was treated at an area hospital while Shorez was arrested and transported to the Genesee County Jail, where he remained throughout his court hearings. No other arrests were made.

In addition to prison time, Shorez was ordered to undergo psychological and substance abuse counseling and vocational training. He received credit for 86 days spent already in the county jail.

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Peek flu season is here

Little things make the difference in getting sick or not

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If you receive a package and sign your name with the delivery person’s pen, or use a shopping cart without sanitizing the handle first, you’ve just exposed yourself to colonies of germs that may make you sick.

With Michigan’s flu season now in full swing and likely to last until spring, it can be the little things that you do every day that might make the difference between getting sick, or not. “The flu season usually peaks in late February, and we’re now seeing an increase of local flu activity,” said Mark Valacek, of the Genese County Health Department.

You can help keep yourself from getting sick by being proactive in your own personal hygiene and lifestyle habits.

Most importantly, everyone over 6 months of age is advised to get a flu vaccine, even this late in the season. “Make sure you get the vaccine,” said Valacek. “The virus circulates throughout the whole year. But it’s the close quarters we all share in the winter months, plus the indoor humidity that creates an environment for the peak season of flu.”

Know where the germs are

The workplace or classroom is one of the most common places to pick up a bug, because people are indoors together in a confined space, breathing the same air.

They’re also sharing cups, trading pens, shaking hands, etc. That’s why schoolchildren are the most common age group for catching the flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Supermarkets are also ripe for germs because people are constantly touching cart handles, pulling items off the shelf and then putting them back, not to mention handing raw meat and produce.

Fight back with good hygiene

Wash your hands before eating and preparing meals, after using the bathroom, after sneezing and coughing. Use a regular non-antibacterial soap in most cases, because there may be a link between antibacterial chemicals and drug-resistant bacteria. At the supermarket, use sanitizer on shopping cart handles and bag your produce and meat selections in plastic bags—they keep the produce from picking up germs from the cart and the meat from dripping microbes, etc., in your cart.

At work, avoid eating at your desk, where every object is a potential “hot spot” for germs—your phone, keyboard, stapler, etc., and don’t share cups, combs, pens, etc.

In a public restroom, hang your purse from a hook on the stall door, flush a non-automatic toilet with your shoe instead of your hand, wash your hands, and then use a paper towel to dry your hands, one to open the door, then toss the towel into the trashcan.

Keep yourself well with healthy habits

Limit caffeine (no more than three cups of coffee per day), because it depletes the body’s stores of zinc, a mineral that is necessary for healing.

Breathe through your nose, instead of your mouth. Because microbes don’t have the barriers through your mouth that they have through your nose, they go straight to the lungs.

Worry less, because stress produces chronically high cortisol, which leads to a depressed immune system. Eat and exercise healthfully every day. Sleep well, learn to prioritize your time to reduce stress. Maintain a social circle of family and friends to lift your mood and your immunity.

If you feel yourself coming down with the flu or bad cold, take good care of yourself and stay home. People can contract seasonal flu up to four days before symptoms appear. Healthy adults are infectious from the day before symptoms appear until five to seven days after.

If you get the flu, two FDA-approved antiviral medications, oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and zanamivir (Relenza), are available to use against both influenza A and B viruses. “You’ll have to diagnose the flu early in order for these drugs to be effective,” said Valacek.” “You can also use them for prevention, if you know you’ve been exposed to the flu virus and need to stay well.”

Summary

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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 12060 Mantawauka Drive, 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

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
FEBRUARY 20, 2012

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday February 20, 2012 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathies led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $1,424,545.73.
4. Reviewed notification from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources denying the request for a hunting control ordinance on Tupper Lake.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2012-01, authorizing the Township Supervisor and Clerk to approve changes to the Township’s street lighting contract with Consumers Energy for 2012.
6. Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ordnances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fenton township.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2012

2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $901,677.81.
4. Approved the renewal of the township’s street lighting contract with Consumers Energy for 2012.
5. Approved the renewal of the health insurance policy for employees.
6. Approved the renewal of the general liability insurance policy with Trident Insurance.
7. Approved the appointment of Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor.
8. Approved the employee handbook revisions as presented.
9. Approved the Computer Usage Policy revisions as presented.
10. Authorized to hire a Planning /Zoning Administrator.
11. Approved the continuation of the township’s policy to collect school taxes.
12. Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham Clerk Keith L. Kremer

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 Rolls from Assessor

Appointments will be taken for:

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85583 or 248-858-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written appeals should be addressed to:

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

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

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

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

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk’s Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 7 business days prior to the appointment.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CANCELLED
CITY OF LINDEN
PARKS & RECREATION 2012-2016 DRAFT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan 48451 has been cancelled. The public hearing will be rescheduled at a later date. The hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to express opinions regarding all aspects of the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan.

Copies of the draft City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan 2012-2016 are available for public review at the Linden City Hall, located at 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451 as well as on the City’s website at www.lindenmi.us.

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1997 USTC Tailgator 5000 AWD fork lift. Kubota Diesel powered. Great condition. 5,000 lb. capacity. No longer needed. $5,500 or trade for nice truck or pontoon boat. 810-610-8598.

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DEBBIE STABENOW SPONSORED legislation to give tax breaks to bio-based companies that use farmers' crops like corn and soy to make things other than food. That means food prices rise, fuel prices rise and that tax cut will be paid by you and me. Who does that help?

WOULD LOVE TO know the answer, did attorney Tom Pabst seek out Tracey Sahouri in the lawsuit against Argentine Township or vice versa?

BARNES' COMMENTS SAYING the time is right was based on perspective. It is more appropriate to consider a sink- ing fund now than it was in 2009. There is a difference between 'making do with what we have' and 'having facilities (assets) deteriorate. Attend meetings to see the truth.

BEFORE YOU JUDGE the foreign vehicle that someone else bought [which benefits hundreds of the American workers beyond just manufacturing by the way], please get off your high horse and head capital sexy women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts.

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342 Golden Rock
Bank Foreclosure.
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Dining room, natural fireplace in living room, 2 full bathrooms, central air, 1,306 sq. ft., full unfinished basement, huge deck off dining in 1,614, fenced backyard and 2 car garage.
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FENTON TOWNSHIP
230 Slaten Road
Bank Foreclosure.
LOOKING FOR A LARGE FAMILY
4 bedroom home on corner lot with 1.5 bathrooms, all bedrooms on the 2nd floor with Cathedral ceilings, living room and dining are combined. 1st floor laundry. 5 ceiling fans, 1840 sq. ft. and 2 car garage with lots of storage.
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330 Sugarbush
Lavishly appointed 3 bedroom Ranch. All 1 bedroom level with family room, fireplace, 2 full bathrooms and 2 car garage. Nicely decorated and move-in ready.
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4201 Dickey Road
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342 Sweat Brier Ridge
Beautiful 4 bedroom Ranch in a Great neighborhood, dining room, living room with gas fireplace, 2.5 bathrooms, central air, 1,509 sq. ft. + approx. 508 sq. ft. in finished lower level with family room, bonus room and bathroom. Large deck for entertaining in the summer and 2 car garage.
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TYRONE TOWNSHIP
10198 Bennett Lake Road
Bank Foreclosure.
Beautiful 3 bedroom home with wrap-around porch on 1.6 acres. Entryway opens to a large Great Room, 1st floor Master with bath and walk-in closet, 1st floor laundry and half bath, full basement partial finished with Daylight windows and large 2 car garage.
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2467 Golden Shores
A Very Well Designed Townhouse with 1 bedroom and 1.5 bathrooms, 1,128 sq. ft., gas log fireplace in living room, central air, 1,128 sq. ft. in finished walkout with Daylight windows, bedroom, bathroom & family room that leads to Patio, in-ground sprinkler & 2 car garage. Updated: roof & bathroom. Not a virtue in retirement? This is A 2-ply. Seller Will Consider All Reasonable Offers.
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138 Park Avenue
Updates within the past five years: furnace, roof, bathroom, kitchen, windows and siding. Darling 1.5 story home in prime Holly Village location with 1 bedroom down and 3 bedrooms upstairs, basement, detached garage, shed and fenced corner lot.
$89,900
Call Margie Henwood 810-397-1295

FENTON TOWNSHIP
2311 Torrey Road
Sparkling Shore Frontage on Lake Fenton on popular Crane’s Cove. Unique cottage with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, cathedral ceiling in kitchen, heated sun room, 1st floor laundry, 700 sq. ft. + 375 in finished basement and deck, eggshell, as well as the kitchen.
$264,900
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TYPHOON NICE IN 6 DAYS
FENTON TOWNSHIP
9412 Timber Ridge Drive
Bank Foreclosure.
2 car garage. Vacant lot available next door. Deeded to Fenton Township, Lake Fenton Park District.
$685,000
Call Arlene/Deb Wargo 810-569-1444

HOLLY
423 Hospital
Updated 3 bedroom Ranch in Holly close to schools and play area.
New roof, kitchen, floor covering and water heater makes this move-in ready. Detached garage with a nice size backyard for the kids.
$210,000
Call Donna Fridenburgh 810-845-1971

FENTON TOWNSHIP
3109 Lakeshore
Exquisite 2 story home with 92’ on All Sport Fenton Lake. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, central air, fireplace in living room & basement, 1st floor laundry, 9100 sq. ft. + 1611 sq. ft. in finished lower walkout with complete kitchen, bedrooms, family room, basement, bathroom and home theater system, in-law-apartment, deck, sprinkler system and 3 car garage. Vacant lot available next door.
$520,000
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Updated 3 bedroom Ranch in Holly close to schools and play area.
$198,800
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316 Tara Trail
Stunning 3 bedroom Ranch with 1547 sq. ft., open floor plan, granite counter, stainless appliance, hardwood floors, gas log fireplace in the Great Room, central air, 1st floor laundry, patio, storage shed and basement with daylight window.
If you’re ready to move, bring the furniture, this home is move in ready just for you.
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Call Lisa Ciaravino 810-845-7261

FENTON TOWNSHIP
5319 Silver Highlands
What a deal!
3 bedroom Ranch in the Grand Blanc School District, 1 bath, 1st floor laundry, 1199 sq. ft., big deck and fenced yard. Secure setting backing to farmer’s field. A little updating and general maintenance and this one will be ready to go! Cash Only.
$28,500
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP
518 N. LeRoy
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GOVERNMENT
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The local government will have a greater impact on your lives than President Barack Obama, possibly Gov. Rick Snyder, and there are several ways to interact with your local municipality, if you need to pay taxes, or even discuss a topic of concern.

A municipality is defined by dictionary.com as, “a city, town, or other district possessing corporate existence and usually its own local government.”

Everyone lives in a municipality, and each has its own varying level of services and tax structure. One thing a village, city, or township has in common is that the government is elected by the residents of that district. Villages and cities have councils with council members, or councilors, townships have boards of trustees that include the clerk and a treasurer, who are paid administrators.

These elected officials are the ones who can listen to your concerns and take action on your behalf. Recent issues brought before Fenton City Council were a dispute between neighbors about a neighborhood hockey rink, and possibly allowing a resident to raise chickens in their backyards.

Holly Village President Jeff Miller hears about water and sewer concerns most often, whether at the pharmacy or a local restaurant. He appreciates his interactions with residents, but wishes more would show up to meetings. “Come see how government works,” he said.

Public comment time before and after the agenda items give residents a chance to ask questions or clarifications of Miller. Council member Jackie Campbell said she spends more than 20 hours per week talking with residents. “The business owners and citizens have far better ideas than members of council,” she said.

She helps to forward complaints to Village Manager Jerry Walker when needed. “I have an open door policy,” she said. She would also like to see residents more informed on the topics the village council faces. “If people are not there to speak up, council has no way of knowing how people feel,” she said, adding that the taxpayer is their ultimate boss.

Linden City Mayor David Lossing’s home phone number is listed, and takes calls for city business frequently.

Another way to get things done with government, besides going to meetings, is filing petitions. Lossing said a resident who lived around the Linden mill pond circulated a petition asking the city of Linden to pay for weed control, and lead to a sort of special assessment district for the area, for which the city paid in part.

For basic information, the quickest way to interact with your local government is to check its municipal website.

At Rose Township’s website, residents can keep abreast of meetings and events.

DEFICIT
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budget cycle,” said Village Manager Jerry Walker, “We don’t have all the numbers yet.”

To get an accurate number, Walker is waiting on property tax values, and state revenue sharing. He said the 4.55-percent decrease in taxable value on real and personal property contributes significantly to the decline, as well as higher staff medical costs and other diminished revenue streams.

Walker pointed out that the change in taxable real estate values was lower than the 8.71 percent last year, and 14.22 percent in 2010.

The 2011-2012 budget was balanced as submitted last year, and these factors are creating the possible deficit for the next fiscal year. Basically, it boils down to a drop in revenues, and an increase in the cost of doing business, said Walker.

“Every municipality is hurting,” said council member Jackie Campbell.

Walker said the gap, no matter the size, will be closed by April, when the budget is submitted. Then, the council might have some difficult decisions to make.

“Nothing is sacred,” said President Jeff Miller, meaning any possible cuts are on the table. He said layoffs may be necessary, but more funds are also coming in. “We are going to stay solvent, we will not be taken over,” said Miller, referring to the City of Flint, who currently has an emergency financial manager.

There will be another budget workshop Monday at 6 p.m. at council chambers and another in March.

Local municipal websites

| CITY OF FENTON: cityoffenton.org |
| FENTON TOWNSHIP: fentontownship.org |
| CITY OF LINDEN: lindenni.us |
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Fenton High School

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| HOLLY TOWNSHIP: hollytownship.org |
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The UPS Store in Fenton offers free ‘Easy Deposit’

The UPS Store in Fenton is now offering USAA Easy Deposit — a convenient way for USAA members to deposit domestic checks near their home or office.

“Between our convenient neighborhood location and the USAA Easy Deposit technology, we can help make our customers’ lives easier,” said The UPS Store owner Les Beare. USAA systems receive the forwarded check information from The UPS Store and process the deposit. In most cases, the deposit is immediate and can be verified through account alerts, usaa.com, usaa mobile or by calling USAA. The UPS Store is at 17195 Silver Parkway. Call (810) 750-2920 or visit www.theupsstorelocal.com/3351 for details.

Former NYC detective to speak at Young Life dinner on May 1

Bill Paige, a former New York City Police detective, will share his experiences in dealing with crisis and its impact on a community, May 1, at a Young Life dinner at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center off Hill Road. The Young Life dinner featuring Paige begins at 6 p.m. The dinner is free of charge, but reservations must be made. Donations will be accepted. Paige, a former chaplain for the NFL Pro Bowl, is a gifted, passionate speaker with 20 years of police and detective work in and around the New York City metropolitan area. Mary Rossmaessler, of Fenton, is the area director for the Young Life of Genesee County. She believes Paige’s message to the Flint area is especially fitting considering the challenges the community is facing. Paige currently serves as special assistant to the president of Young Life. “We believe Bill Paige will have an impact on the greater Flint community,” Rossmaessler said. “He brings hope and direction as we struggle.”

For more information and to make a reservation call (810) 953-9130.

Holly Township adopts recycling program

At the most recent meeting of the Holly Township board of trustees, a new recycling program was adopted. The township signed on with Boxxster, a company out of Romulus. Currently, eight boxes are set up, with two inside the building on reserve. The Township pays for only the boxes it fills, and is available to residents 24/7. The boxes are located at 4092 Grange Hall Road, at the old North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) building.

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THIS WEEK’S INSERTS
Everything you want to know about...

**Organic FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

► Their beauty lies within

By Sally Rummel
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Have you ever bitten into a big, shiny red apple and been disappointed at its lack of flavor and juiciness? Maybe you’ve picked up a carton of giant bright red strawberries out-of-season at the grocery store, only to still be longing for the succulent sweetness of a Michigan berry picked in June.

If you’re a typical grocery shopper, you might take a passing glance at the organic produce aisle, note the higher prices and the smaller, less perfect-looking fruits and vegetables, and keep right on walking toward the regular produce department. You may not think twice about loading your cart with produce that has been grown with pesticides, artificial fertilizers and colors, some grown and transported from as far away as Chile and Peru.

While you may pay less at the checkout, there’s a price to be paid in lost health benefits and the taste experience of enjoying garden fresh, organically grown produce.

Foods that are produced 100 percent without artificial fertilizers, pesticides, growth hormones, or antibiotics are labeled as USDA certified organic. They can be found in the meat, dairy, produce and boxed food aisles of just about every major grocery store today, and are becoming more popular than ever before.

While organic produce might not be “as pretty” as its regular counterparts, its beauty lies within—brining a healthier, more true taste and texture to your family’s table.

See ORGANIC on 4B

“...The reason organic foods cost more is that the commercial farmers who grow most of our regular food supply today are subsidized by U.S. taxpayer dollars, while organic farmers get nothing.”

Doug Crider
Fenton Township resident

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Read meat labels carefully

**Natural:** no artificial ingredients or added color and is only minimally processed. The label also has to provide more specific information, such as “no added colorings or artificial ingredients; minimally processed.”

**Certified Organic:** the animal was given pesticide and chemical fertilizer-free food and never given hormones or antibiotics, ever. Meat from animals treated with antibiotics for illness cannot be sold as organic, even if the animals recover to full health. Organic meat has to be processed (slaughtered and butchered) in a Certified Organic facility.

**Free range:** animals have access to the outdoors at least part of the day. However, just because the animal has access to the outdoors does not necessarily mean they ever get outside. A free-range chicken could very well spend most of the time stuck inside a crowded pen.

**Hormone free:** all animals have hormones naturally, but cattle are often given synthetic hormones to promote growth. It is against federal regulations to treat pigs and poultry with hormones, so never pay more for that label on a chicken.

**No antibiotics added:** animals have not been treated with antibiotics. In the U.S., animals raised in crowded conditions are often treated with antibiotics to prevent illness and to help promote rapid growth.

**Grass-fed:** the vast majority of beef cattle in the U.S. are fed grain. Grass-fed cattle feed exclusively on grass and forage plants (like hay) for their lifetime once they are weaned. They must have access to pasture during “the growing season” and cannot be fed grain or grain byproducts. The American Grassfed Association (AGA) has a stricter label that means the cattle are not confined or treated with hormones or antibiotics.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture
And the Oscar goes to...

Movie buffs eager for 84th Academy Awards on Sunday
By Sharon Stone
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Movie enthusiasts or those merely interested in what designer outfit their favorite celebrity is wearing will want to tune into ABC Sunday evening for the 84th annual Academy Awards, beginning at 8 p.m., locally.

Comedian Billy Crystal, the 63-year-old actor famous for his roles in ‘When Harry Met Sally’ and ‘City Slickers,’ will host the awards show once again. This will be his ninth time hosting the show.

Insider predictions have George Clooney, who starred in ‘The Descendants’ or Jean Dujardin who starred in ‘The Artist’ winning the Oscar for Best Actor, while others predict Gary Oldman winning for his role in ‘Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.’

To find out everything there is to know about the Academy Awards, visit their website at oscars.go.com. Movie buffs can also be one of the 360,000 fans following the awards on Facebook. Those serious about hearing the latest news can download an Oscar app.

Red Carpet festivities
Hosts Rachel Smith and George Perniacchio will be broadcasting live on the red carpet welcoming this year’s Academy Award nominees to the Hollywood red carpet to critique the red carpet couture.

Expert Roshumba Williams joins Michelle Dujardin on the fashion skyway above the carpet, to track what is red hot, right now.

*Syndicated in select markets. 1:30 p.m., PT /4:30 p.m., ET. *Winner announcement times may be broadcast regionally.

By Sharon Stone
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A knight called Oscar

Since the initial awards banquet on May 16, 1929, in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel’s Blossom Room, 2,809 statuettes have been presented. Each January, additional new golden statuettes are cast, melted, polished and buffed by R.S. Owens & Company, the Chicago-based awards manufacturer retained by the Academy since 1982.

Oscar stands 13½ inches tall and weighs in at a robust 8½ pounds. The film reel features five spokes, signifying the five original branches of the Academy: actors, directors, producers, technicians and writers. Although the statuette remains true to its original design, the size of the base varied until 1945, when the current standard was adopted.

Officially named the Academy Award of Merit, the statuette is better known by its nickname, Oscar. While the origins of the moniker aren’t clear, a popular story has it that upon seeing the trophy for the first time, Academy librarian (and eventual executive director) Margaret Herrick remarked that it resembled her Uncle Oscar. The Academy didn’t adopt the nickname officially until 1939, but it was widely known enough by 1934 that Hollywood columnist Sidney Skolsky used it in a piece referring to Katharine Hepburn’s first Best Actress win.

The stuff that dreams are made of

The statuettes presented at the initial ceremonies were gold-plated solid bronze. Within a few years the bronze was abandoned in favor of britannia metal, a pewter-like alloy which is then plated in copper, nickel silver, and finally, 24-karat gold. Due to a metal shortage during World War II, Oscars® were made of painted plaster for three years. Following the war, the Academy invited recipients to redeem the plaster figures for gold-plated metal ones.

Oscar fun facts

Saying no to the Oscar

So far, only three people have refused the Oscars. George C. Scott chose to work in 1971 for his portrayal of General Patton, said that the politics surrounding the award was “demeaning” and that the Oscar ceremony was “a two-hour meat parade.” Marlon Brando, who won in 1972 for his role in The Godfather, also refused his Oscar based on the poor depiction of Native Americans by Hollywood. The first man to refuse the Oscar, however, was not an actor. In 1935, a writer named Dudley Nichols refused it (for The Informer) because at the time, Writers Guild was on strike against the movie studios.

Oscar Stunt

In 1974, Robert Opel got back-stage by posing as a journalist. When host David Niven walked off stage, the quick wit, remarked “Isn’t it fascinating to think that probably the only laugh that man will ever get in his life is by stripping off and showing his shortcomings?”

Can I get another one please?

The Academy has resued Oscars for extenuating circumstances. Gene Kelly was resued one after his original Oscar was burnt down in a fire. Jack Lemmon got a new one after his old one rusted. In 2000, 55 Oscar statuettes were stolen en route to the Award show. Fifty two were recovered next to a trash bin and one was found years later in a drug bust but two are still missing. Willie Fulgear, the guy who found and turned in the Oscars, was given $50,000 and two tickets to the show. Ironically, burglars broke into his flat afterwards and stole most of his prize money. Several Oscar winners had their statuettes stolen: Whoopi Goldberg, William Hurt, and Orson Welles. Margaret O’Brien got her stolen statue back after it went missing for 20 years.
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FENTON COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Fenton Community & Cultural Center Board of Governors would like to inform the City of Fenton of the approved operating budget for 2012 and the actual year to date Income Statement for 2011 and 2010.

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| Rental Costs | 1,850.00    | 1,480.30    | 1,658.90    |
| Depreciation | 7,500.00    | 6,849.29    | 21,620.57   |
| Supplies | 3,500.00    | 3,133.17    | 4,461.96    |
| Utilities | 24,560.00   | 21,927.92   | 17,178.63   |
| Membership, Fees, Licenses, Insurance, Marketing | 8,125.00 | 9,841.38 | 7,001.16 |
| Building Maintenance | 10,200.00 | 5,888.26 | 10,285.04 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | $89,735.00 | $81,442.69 | $91,741.80 |
| RESERVE BALANCE | $21,015.00 | $29,102.81 | $15,649.10 |

Total reserve balance at 12/31/11 $154,230.42

ORGANIC

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Doug Crider, age 47, of Fenton Township, grew up eating fruits and vegetables from his grandfather’s massive garden and continues to feed his family that way today. Calling himself an organic urban gardener, he believes in the value of organic foods, supporting the growth of foods grown “the old fashioned way” with cow manure and compost tea.

He grows all of his own tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, onions and herbs, canning his bounty to feed his family throughout the year. Even in the winter, a small window-sill garden supplies his table with fresh bell peppers and tender lettuce.

What he doesn’t grow himself, he buys organic at the grocery store. “I buy as much organic as I can,” said Crider. He’s a big believer in buying organic counterparts for products that are grown on the ground — like carrots and strawberries — because the pesticides used tend to settle into the ground. He feels he can scrub tree-grown produce like apples to get much of the pesticide residue off.

He also buys all USDA organic meats, noting that consumers need to read the fine print carefully to understand confusing food labels, especially in the meat department (see sidebar).

Crider understands the economic reality of today’s food industry. “The reason organic foods cost more is that the commercial farmers who grow most of our regular food supply today are subsidized by U.S. taxpayer dollars, while organic farmers get nothing,” said Crider, senior manager of facilities and operations for Schwab’s Food Co.

He also understands the consumer need to save money in his economy, and to buy what is perceived by appearances to be healthy — giant-stemmed fruit and pesticide-laden vegetables. But it’s also important to know the truth behind appearances — and that smaller, even blemished fruit, like a person grows in his or her own garden, is healthier for the body than the produce most often sold in regular produce aisles today.

“The top three foods I believe in eating organic are brown rice, because there are so many pesticides used in growing it; leafy greens like celery and spinach, and strawberries, which are one of the most contaminated foods on the market,” said Crider.

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Crust rolls out its new bakery concept in Fenton

Open seven days a week

By Sally Rummel
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While the community sleeps, Fenton’s downtown bakery, Crust - a baking company, is wide awake and working, creating more than 100 varieties of artisan breads, pastries and baked goods for everyone to wake up to.

In addition to hearty breads, signature pies, delicate pastries, cinnamon rolls, cakes and cookies, the Crust menu also includes a Soup of the Day, Sandwich of the Day, open-faced Toasts, savory and sweet pies and pot pies either whole or by the slice in beef, chicken and fish varieties.

The retail bakery is open seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at 104 W. Caroline, behind The State Bank. Visitors to Crust are able to take their treats home, or enjoy eating them at a stand-up bar inside the bakery. “We’re hoping to have outdoor sidewalk seating in the summer months,” said Mark Hamel, who owns Crust with partner Mike Green and Chad and Marybeth Brennan.

Crust officially opened its doors Feb. 1, after a year-long journey by the owners, whose initial goal was to supply their restaurant, The French Laundry, with its own artisan breads and baked goods. They had previously enjoyed a 14-year relationship using products by Zingerman’s Bakehouse of Ann Arbor.

When The French Laundry owners lost their bid in December 2010 to open a pub/ bakery at the old fire hall site in Fenton, it became a blessing in disguise, according to Hamel. “Just a week later, we were offered a building for sale that met our specifications for a downtown bakery with see-through glass windows into what would become our production house,” said Hamel. He ordered two specialty ovens from Italy, designed the production house space, and sent Mike Green to French Culinary School in New York City to learn the art of breads and pastries, naming him Executive Baker upon his return.

Crust employs 33 local people, who work in shifts almost around the clock, from midnight to 10 p.m. Using more than 3,000 pounds of flour each week, bread bakers churn out a baker’s dozen of varieties each day — ranging from Bowery Rye to Saskatoon Prairie Seed and Tri-County Pepper, in addition to City White, Cinnamon Raisin, Challah, among others.

“We still have breads and baked goods for sale at The French Laundry like we always have,” said Hamel. “We just have a more extensive selection here at Crust.”

Crust is also offering pie-baking classes, and promises bread-baking classes in the near future. They’re also working on wholesaling their products now on a small scale, as they grow into their brand new bakery concept.

For more information, call Crust at (810) 629-8882.

Michigan Coin Gallery moves to larger location

Extra room allows for consignment items

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Michigan Coin Gallery has moved into a new building and expanded its inventory to include a new feature — consignment items. This newly expanded location is at 2415 Owen Rd., Suite A, across the street from Joe & Lewie’s Penalty Box in Fenton.

“We want to offer local people a place to go where they can buy and sell coins, currency, gold jewelry, Collectibles and art at fair prices,” said the store owner.

“We have one of the area’s largest collections of art, mostly original paintings and high-end prints.”

Visitors to Michigan Coin Gallery will find a varied inventory — from coins and currency dating back hundreds of years to historical fishing lures, baseball cards, wood carvings, art and furniture. Because of limited space, the owner asks that interested consignors call him at the store to set up an appointment before dropping off items. “We offer the highest pay-out, guaranteed,” said the owner.

For more information, call Michigan Coin Gallery at (810) 208-7480.

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David Dixon II

- 17-year-old senior
- Holly High School

My family: parents, David and Iona Dixon, and I have four siblings, Emily Crystal, Maria and Kyle.

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy? Programming, web design and Minecraft.

My dream car is: I don’t really care, a regular car is fine.

My all-time favorite movie is: “Easy A”, because it has Emma Stone in it.

My earliest memory is: Going to Mackinac Island when I was in the fifth grade.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? I’d want invisibility, because people wouldn’t notice me when I passed.

I always: double check what I do.

I never: disagree with higher authority.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be? I’d want everyone to be nice to each other.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for? I’d say going to East Tawas because I loved how peaceful it was there.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? I’d go back to the day MLK got shot just to feel how dreadful it was.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say? AWESOME! Because that’s what I am and nobody can tell me different.

What has been the best day in your life so far? Everyday of high school because if I wasn’t here, I’d be at home doing nothing.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Graduating from college will be nice.

How are you preparing for college? Working hard and checking out scholarships.

My parting advice for a better world is: Remember to stay focused.

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KAREN RANGE, SENIOR

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ASHLEY BARTO, SENIOR

“It would be boring not talking to people.”

EDDIE DAVIS, SENIOR

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Sunday, February 26, 2012
When you think God is against you

“All things are against me.”

Those were the words of Jacob, a patriarch of Israel (Genesis 42:36) and considering what he had been through in life, as well as what he now faced in old age, his moving lament was understandable.

Jacob’s son, Joseph, had disappeared years earlier and this grieving father was convinced that he had died, probably having been killed by a wild animal.

Another son, Simeon, was being held hostage in Egypt, where he had gone with his brothers to get food enough to sustain their families through the famine that was devastating their homeland. Enduring the famine was stressful enough but now some Egyptian official was demanding Jacob send his youngest son, Benjamin, along on the next trip for food to secure Simeon’s release.

What else could go wrong?

Perhaps that’s how you feel today. All the things you feared might someday come your way are arriving and you don’t know what to do about it. You can identify with Jacob’s pessimistic conclusion because it sounds like the story of your life, but it’s important to know that this distressed father was wrong. All things weren’t against him. Actually, the opposite was true.

Granted, Jacob had come through some tough times and his future appeared pretty bleak, but there were a number of unknowns working in his favor. Both of his sons were alive and well. Though Joseph had spent some time in prison, he had been released and now held one of the top positions in Egypt.

Jacob would see both of his sons again and Joseph would provide for him during the final years of his life. He would meet grandchildren he didn’t know existed and pronounce blessings on them and their posterity. Things were going to turn out better than Jacob imagined when he concluded all things were against him.

During my teens, I discovered a Bible verse that I saw as a means of staying calm in any crisis, a faith builder for all circumstances: “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

“You’ve chosen a difficult Bible verse to live by,” said my pastor; and I couldn’t imagine what he could be talking about. Why would it be difficult to live by a promise that God is in control and would make everything work out for my good? Years later, after living through times that tested my faith, I would understand the wisdom of my pastor’s words, but I have never found God’s promises to be untrue.

A pastor once visited a farmer and saw a sign on his weathervane that said “GOD IS LOVE!” “Do you mean that God’s love is as changeable as the weather?” asked the pastor. “No,” replied the farmer, “I mean God loves me no matter which way the wind blows.”

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of Michigan, has determined to levy special assessments against lands in the TYRONE TOWNSHIP GREAT OAKS DRIVE SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT (2012) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (the "District") that will be benefited by the establishment of subcontractors for the snow removal and road grading of Great Oaks Drive in Tyrone Township. The District consists of the properties identified on the map below and is more specifically identified by the following property identification numbers:

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   4704-23-100-019  4704-23-100-013
   4704-23-100-028  4704-23-100-012

2. The proposed special assessment roll for the District (the "Roll") has been prepared and is now on file in the office of the Township Clerk and is available at such office for public examination during the hours the Township Office is regularly open to the public for business.

3. The Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on March 6, 2012, at the Tyrone Township Offices, 10406 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to explain and answer questions pertaining to the Roll and to hear objections to the Roll. Any person objecting to the Roll must file his or her objections before the close of the public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

4. The owner or other person having an interest in property that is specially assessed is entitled to file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the Roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing are required by law in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party in interest or his or her agent may (i) appear in person at the hearing to protest the assessment or (ii) file an appearance and protest by letter before the close of the hearing. The Township Board will maintain a record of the persons who appear and protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was so recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

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

Dated: February 7, 2012

Keith L. Kremmer
Tyrone Township Clerk

APPENDIX I
Map of Special Assessment District
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**MONDAY**
*Cardio:* Do 30 minutes—whether it's walking, hiking, biking, or running. Try doing consecutive intervals: 1 minute slowly, 1 minute moderately, 1 minute at a sprint.

**TUESDAY**
*Arms:* Bicep curls, 10 reps. Triceps kick-backs, 10 reps. Shoulder presses, 10 reps. Repeat this circuit two more times.

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**
*Lower body:* Walking lunges, 10 reps on each leg. Wall squat, hold for 30 seconds. Calf raises, 15 on each leg. Jump squat, 10 reps. Repeat circuit twice.

**FRIDAY**
*Cardio:* Thirty-minutes of the cardio of your choice. See Monday for more details.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**
*Rest:* You've earned it.

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**Recipes**

**Broiled Lobster Tails with Garlic Butter Sauce**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 2 fresh lobster tails
- 4 T. (1/2 stick) unsalted melted butter, plus more for clarified butter
- 1/2 t. paprika
- 1/2 t. garlic powder
- 1/2 t. white pepper
- Salt, to taste
- Fresh lemon wedges for garnish, plus lemon juice to taste

**INSTRUCTIONS**
1. Place an oven rack in the medium position and preheat the broiler.
2. Place the prepared lobster tails on a foil-lined baking sheet.
3. In a small bowl, combine the melted butter, paprika, garlic powder, white pepper, and salt.
4. Using a silicone brush, gently brush the lobster tails thoroughly with the butter mixture.
5. Broil the lobster tails until opaque and cooked-through.
6. Sprinkle with fresh lemon juice, if using, and serve immediately with clarified butter.

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**Retiring worker discovers secret plan**

**DEAR AMY:** I work 25 to 30 hours a week as the administrative executive for a small religious nonprofit. I informed the officers that I am retiring in three months. Two weeks ago, I found a business plan for the organization. The president wants to make my position full time, which means that the part-time secretary, will be let go. The retirement announcement should have been made public shortly. I’m wondering if it’s my place to say anything to the secretary so that she can look for another job?

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**Why purebreds should be spayed, neutered**

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— Tom C., Roswell, Ga.

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Foundation awards five grants

Funds supplement educational programs

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation Board of Directors awarded five grants totaling $2,199 in January.

Thomas Hufn, board president, said, “The Board is pleased to be able to continue granting awards, which have totaled over $12,000 in the past four years. With awards averaging $500, teachers and administrators find them very helpful in supplementing their educational programs.”

The Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation began in 2004 as a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities for students in the Lake Fenton District. The Foundation helps fill the gaps by funding projects that would not otherwise be possible within the district budget. “The Foundation is grateful to the businesses and individual supporters whose financial support makes it possible to carry out our mission,” said Hufn.

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LF Daddy Daughter Dance
The Lake Fenton Music Boosters is hosting the annual Daddy Daughter Dance, for Lake Fenton Community Schools from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 at Lake Fenton High School. The Daddy Daughter Dance is for girls, from preschool through 12th grade. The cost is $15 per Daddy-Daughter couple and $7 for each additional daughter. There will be no tickets sent home this year. The girls’ names will be put on a master list and she and her date will check in at the door. Due to a lack of space, only those with their names on the master list will be allowed to enter the dance. Professional photos will be available by Hot Shots Photography and Build a Bear workshop, which is optional and for an additional cost, will be at the dance.

Amber Waves at FYT on March 4
The Flint Youth Theatre invites everyone to meet the award-winning playwright James Still, on Sunday, March 4 at the Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 East Kearsley St., Flint. The event includes a performance of Amber Waves, followed by a talkback session and reception with Still, the director and cast. Still will share his insight into the life experiences and philosophies inspiring his play, Amber Waves. He has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. His work for television includes writer and story editor for Maurice Sendack’s Little Bear the Bill Cosby series, Little Bill. The performance of Amber Waves is at 4:30 p.m., talkback begins at 6 p.m. and the reception follows at 6:30 p.m. The Flint Youth Theatre is a program area of the Flint Institute of Arts.
Fenton Tigers cruise past Avondale, 75-54

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By David Troppens
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Harland — Jake Foguth had never lost a game to Linden’s hockey squad in his entire career at Fenton.

And he didn’t want to start on Thursday.

The Fenton Tigers got two goals from Foguth helping ignite the Tigers’ 9-0 mercy-shortened victory against the Tri-City Chiefs, a co-op program that has players from Linden, Lake Fenton and Durand on it.

“We got the satisfaction of beating Linden, I guess,” Foguth said. “I don’t think we’ve lost to them ever in my four years here. That’s always a good thing.”

On Thursday, the Tigers dominated the afternoon contest at Hartland Sports Arena, particularly the second period. Fenton (11-10-2) led just 2-0 entering the first intermission, but dominated the second period with seven goals on just 11 shots. Meanwhile, the Chiefs didn’t have a single shot on net in the second period.

Jake Blackburn scored the second period’s first goal with 11:51 left. Then, 51 seconds later, Kyle Lixie scored, making it a 4-0 lead.

The rout was on from there. Foguth scored his first goal of the game with 8:49 left in the second period.

See TIGERS on 15B

Fenton girls ski team aiming to cap strong season with state appearance

By David Troppens
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Groveland Twp. — Marina Nimmo remembers the lean years with the Fenton varsity girls ski team.

“My freshman year we were dead last in the region,” Nimmo said.

Things have changed dramatically for the Tigers.

Recently, the Fenton girls did more than win a regional championship. The Tigers dominated the regional, scoring less than half of the points of the second-place team.

Due to their performance, the Tigers are headed to Nubs Nob Ski Resort for the State Skiing Championships on Monday.

“It’s been cool to see the team go this far and even win regionals,” Nimmo said. “It was hard to believe we won by that much. It was really cool.”

“I was really excited for the whole team,” junior skier Lauren Rhoads said. “I have five of the six girls in the top 10 for slalom, that’s incredible.”

“It was insane how happy I was. We accomplished what we were trying to go out and do.”

The Fenton girls ski team heads to Warren today. See SKI on 12B

Holly/Oxford boys ski team takes SEMSL crown

By David Troppens
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The Holly/Oxford boys ski team picked a nice day to have a strong meet.

The co-op squad captured the Southeastern Michigan Ski League team championship, scoring just 73 points at the SEMSL event held at Alpine Valley Tuesday.

In girls’ action, Fenton placed third, while Holly/Oxford took sixth.

The Holly/Oxford squad was particularly strong in the giant slalom and downhill events. See SEMSL on 15B
Tigers continue to play strong ball, defeat Avondale

By Al Zipsie
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Auburn Hills — With a Flint Metro League championship behind them, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team is just trying to stay focused for the upcoming MHSAA Tournament.

Despite a stellar 18-1 record, the Tigers are nowhere to be seen in the Class A polls, as a top-10 member or even an honorable mention selection.

The Tigers hope to prove those polls wrong when districts begin March 5 against Swartz Creek. On Tuesday, the Tigers did what they could to prove the lack of respect wrong, by winning a road game at Avondale 75-54. The tune-up gave Fenton a chance to play a very physical style.

“It was not a typical game for us. The OAA is physical with a lot of contact,” Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. “The kids responded and showed we can play that type of game well.”

Fenton had four players score in double-figures with Ryan Hickoff leading the way with 22 points. Eric Readman had a solid effort with 17 points, while Cory Cox added 14 and Dylan Hickoff 11. Ryan Hickoff also had five blocks, five steals, four assists and four rebounds. Readman had six assists. Damon Thomas chipped in seven points.

“We have a lot of big guys on the wing with Cory (Cox) and the Hickoffs, who are so easy and fun to play with,” said Readman. “I know I can take it to the hoop and if two people are on me, I can kick it out and those guys will knock down the shot.”

The game was tied at 7-all when Ryan Hickoff hit a pair of three balls, one from deep range, helping spark a Tigers’ run. The Tigers went on a 14-2 tear and led 21-11 after the opening quarter. It was a 33-23 lead at halftime. Two minutes into the second half, the Yellow Jackets came within four points at 35-31. Fenton then scored 13 unanswered points, surging to a 48-31 lead.

Avondale didn’t make another run at the lead. Ryan Hickoff had a two-handed slam with 1:11 left in the third quarter. He also scored on a dish from Readman in the final seconds. Fenton led 57-36 entering the final quarter. During the Tigers’ 13-point run, Readman had two strong drives to the hoop, and Hickoff made a pick and took it in for a layup. The Tigers’ defense triggered the running game, as they broke the game wide open.

“We locked it down on defense and it got the running game going to break it open,” said Readman.

“We just stay mentally focused,” Hickoff said. “We can play the physical game, fighting and diving for loose balls. We made a pick and took it in for a layup. The Tigers’ defense triggered the running game, as they broke the game wide open.”

Fenton’s Marina Nimmo is one of the Tigers headed to the state meet on Monday.

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lines the list of participants headed to the state meet. Also headed to the state meet individually are Fenton’s Julian Weilberg (both events) and Seth Thompson in the giant slalom. Holly/Oxford’s Lars Joergens-Koka is also competing in the giant slalom, as is Holly/Oxford’s Rachel Harrington.

The Fenton girls entered this season with high expectations. The Tigers qualified for the state meet a year ago, placing seventh out of nine qualified teams. The girls have come through those expectations pretty well, winning the divisional title and the regional title.

“We didn’t really feel too much pressure,” Rhoads said. “It was more just ourselves wanting to do well and wanting to push it to see what we can accomplish this season.”

The girls said the squad thrived because of its depth.

“We work together really well as a team,” Nimmo said. “We’ve had a lot of discussions about skiing for each other instead of for yourself. I think that’s helped a lot. When you get in there, it’s not about where you place. It’s about helping the team out finishing, not pushing yourself too far.”

“Our focus is on our chemistry, that everyone was together and on the same page,” Rhoads said. “We all had the same goals we wanted to accomplish this year.”

When it comes to the state meet, the northern teams have a big advantage. First off, in many instances there’s more of an opportunity to ski. But, there’s also more of a chance to ski the slopes that the state meets are at, and many of the mountains have steeper slopes. The state meet has slopes that Mt. Holly can’t create.

“Schools like Traverse City Central are very strong and they are an hour away from Nubs,” Rhoads said. “They pick the place they want to train. And training on that pitch every single day definitely gives those kids an advantage, because they know how to ski on it.”

The Tigers’ goals at state are more abstract than specific ones.

“I just want to ski our best,” Nimmo said. “We got nothing to lose at this point, so we are just going to go and see how it ends up.”

“I’m happy with however we place,” Rhoads said. “The accomplishment is more that we got here by such an overwhelming amount.

“I do think we have a chance to be very competitive. I think we have a chance to make it in the top three. If everyone stands up and ski for the team, we really have a chance to be really strong and very competitive.”
Dieck, Nosek are teammates once again

By David Troppens
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Karlie Dieck and Madisen Nosek were teammates last season at Lake Fenton High School.
They are going to have a chance to be teammates again next year. The pair are headed to Lawrence Tech to continue their basketball careers at the collegiate level next season.

Both are excited to start their collegiate ventures.
"It means a lot," Nosek said. "It's always been my dream to play in college since the second grade. That's really cool to me."
"It's always been a dream of mine, but I thought I was going to go to school for academics," Lake Fenton's Dieck said. "I didn't think I'd be going for basketball. But now I'm going to school for both."

Both players are key members on what have been reasonably successful seasons. Linden (9-10) has a chance to enter the postseason with a .500 mark with a win against Brandon, while the Blue Devils (13-7) cleared .500 a long time ago. Now the duo will enter a program that's just beginning next season.
"It's going to be their first year of basketball, so that's very exciting," Dieck said. "They're redoing the facilities. I'm excited."
"I think it's really cool," Nosek said. "It's definitely exciting, knowing we can leave our mark there."

Lawrence Tech women's basketball coach Mary Pinkowski is excited to have both players.

Linden falls in final minutes; Lake Fenton defeated on late jumper

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Lake Fenton's girls basketball team has played as well as its offense has gone on a night-to-night basis.
On Wednesday, the offense struggled, resulting in a 39-27 non-league road loss to Flushing.
The Eagles (9-10) had a chance at the end. With two minutes to go, Linden was down by just six points. However, a turnover resulted in a breakaway layup for Flushing, pretty much icing the win.

No one scored double-digits for the Eagles, with Kelsey Bredt leading the charge with seven points.

“We’re playing pretty good, but it was the same thing on offense as usual,” Linden coach Ben Varner said. “We are getting better and that’s the main thing. They are playing good and playing together.”
Sabrina Kinney added five points, while Jordan Sargent had six rebounds.

Durand 52, Lake Fenton 51

Durand’s Kristen Long hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer, leading the Railroaders to the victory.
Lake Fenton (13-7) was paced by Sidney Scott’s 17 points and nine rebounds, while Mackenzie Gottorn had 13 points and eight rebounds. Faith Weer chipped in eight points.
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slalom, scoring just 29 points. Fenton’s boys qualified for the state meet, placing sixth in the seven-team event.

The Bronchos’ performance came not long after a tough performance at regionals kept the team from qualifying for the state meet.

“I’m really happy for my boys to finish off the season with a big win,” Holly/Oxford coach Phil Nimmo said. “They were frustrated that they didn’t ski as well as they could have at regionals, and missed out on qualifying for states, but they put that behind them and focused on taking SEMSL.”

“They all stepped up with all four of our boys in the top 14 in giant slalom and top 21 in slalom.”

Dalton Sink led the team by winning the GS individual title with a two-run combined time of 35.20 seconds. His time of 17.19 on his first run was the best performance all day long. Following closely behind was Fenton’s Seth Thompson (35.25) in second place.

“It was really exciting to see Dalton Sink with the GA in his last high school race,” Nimmo said. “He worked hard all year and it paid off.”

Other Holly skiers to finish in the top 10 were Lars Joergens-Koka in fourth (35.59) and Alex Schultz in seventh (36.23). Fenton’s Max Weinberg placed ninth (36.30).

In the slalom, Holly/Oxford had just one participant in the top 10, but did finish with three in the top 15. Joergens-Koka led Holly in third place (42.38), while Schultz placed 11th (44.80).

The Fenton boys were paced by Thompson, who took runner-up honors (42.30).

The Fenton girls took third in both events, resulting in their third-place overall finish. In the slalom, the Tigers had two top-10 performers. Kelley McKay took seventh (47.31), while Lauren Rhoads was eighth (48.05).

Holly/Oxford’s top performer was Rachel Harrington in 17th (50.25).

In the giant slalom, McKenzie Valley led the Tigers, taking third place (36.92). Harrington led the Bronchos with a 16th-place finish (38.11).

The final meet of the season is the State Ski Meet to be held Monday at Nub’s Nob.

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They are not super tall or super quick, but they are going to work their butts off.”

Lawrence Tech, who is nicknamed the Blue Devils, is going to play at the NAIA level in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Nosek was looking at Concordia (Chicago) and a few other schools.

“I picked Lawrence Tech because it was the closest to home and I love the coach a lot,” Nosek said.

Dieck was looking at Lawrence Tech or Michigan State. However, Michigan State didn’t give her a basketball option.

“The fact that I can get my degree in four years instead of six sold me,” Dieck said. “And being able to play basketball was another big seller.”

Dieck and Nosek were the school’s first recruits from the tri-county area.

“I’m excited to get them and I hope the coaches stay in touch with Lawrence Tech,” Pinkowski said. “I’d love to get some more players from out this way and keep this connection.”

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**TIGERS**

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period, and Betrus Wyatt followed with a power-play goal with 6.38 left in the period. Fenton led 6-0.

The only question that remained at that point was if the Tigers would earn the eight-goal mercy rule. They would, getting two goals from Lixie and another from Foguth in the final six minutes of the second period.

“They didn’t show up today,” Tri-City Chiefs coach Peter Lynch said. “It was disappointing. Despite our record, we have expectations for the kids, and we actually have been playing pretty well. The effort wasn’t there today. It happens.”

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**BALL**

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played hard and we picked up our defensive pressure in the second quarter.”

“Defense has been our staple,” Olzewski added. “We played great third-quarter defense with ball good ball pressure from Damon and Jack Lukas. We have that athletic potential. When we amp up the defense, it gets the fastbreak going.”

The Tigers finish the regular season at Powers Tuesday.

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**Elite placing**

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