

SPORTS: LINDEN GIRLS BASKETBALL

“What an incredible victory Wednesday. The Linden girls are going to soar to their second district title in three years!” — Linden mom

PHOTO: FENTON'S MITCH SHEGOS

“Great shot Scott - I appreciate your work.” — Tshegos

STORY: NOCFA WANTS MEMBER OUSTED

“It's about time someone did something with Susan Slaughter.” — Rose1

FACEBOOK: GRAVES ELECTED

“Great job Joe.” — Chad “What a shame.” — Maryanne

STORY: LINDEN MILLPOND WEEDS

“Come on people. Maturing, overgrown weeds can also be harmful to the wildlife. There is a such thing as non-toxic herbicides as well. A little bit of money dolled out for this would of made a huge difference in our surroundings.” — Ticknered Off

HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“IT LOOKS LIKE voters in the 51st District have spoken again. I hope the MEA realizes now what a waste of time and money the recall election was. Those monies could have been better spent furthering our children's educations instead of protecting inadequate teachers.”



Spring break Countdown is on for finalizing travel plans 1B



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Mischief at the polls

Township clerk interviewed by Washington Post

By William Axford axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Fenton Twp. — Tri-county residents had a double whammy with Tuesday night's election, casting their votes in the Republican Primary and for the 51st district seat. While the election process overall went smoothly, Fenton Township Clerk Robert Krug did see a share of questionable activity at the polls. Most alarming was a voter entering Lake Fenton High School with an open firearm. Although the voter did have a concealed See MISCHIEF on 11A

Summary

Fenton Township Clerk Robert Krug said outside of two incidents, Tuesday's election went smoothly. Genesee County Commissioner Joseph Graves won the seat for the 51st district.

Community center project met with support

\$1.85 million restoration to include addition, handicap compliance

By Ryan Tackabury news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Fenton — The Fenton Community & Cultural Center renovation project could cost up to \$1.85 million, and might begin as early as this summer. A special joint meeting of the Fenton City Council, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Fenton Community & Cultural Center Board of Governors was held on See HANDICAP on 7A

Summary

Reaction from city leaders at a meeting discussing the restoration of the community center is positive, though the matter will not be voted on until a March city council meeting.

“I think this is a pretty good turnaround and a pretty good plan, and it's very positive.”

Michael Piacentini Fenton City councilman

Home invasion suspect nabbed



Teddie Houck

Stolen property recovered from Horrell Drive home

By Sharon Stone sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Since the end of November, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department has

been investigating a slew of home invasions, some of which occurred in Fenton Township. Investigators believe that Teddie Lee Houck, 38, is responsible. Sheriff Robert Pickell said the sheriff's department has been investigat-

ing as many as 30 home invasion complaints in the townships of Atlas, Clayton, Fenton, Flushing, Grand Blanc and Mundy. Livingston and Shiawassee counties have also reported home invasions. See SUSPECT on 6A

An eyeful of science



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Fenton High School students Damon Thomas, (left) Madeline Preiss and Brennen Clark examine a dissected cow eye during their Anatomy and Physiology class Thursday morning in Lisa Stewart-Visniski's class, aided by Dr. Juan Alvarado of Fenton Vision Center. The computer on the right provided guidance and information on the procedure. “It's not as gross as what we've done earlier,” said Brennen, referring to dissecting pigs.

Leasing vs. buying

Financial option back in demand

By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 On Wednesday, new car sales manager Richard Brinker was swamped with business at Randy Wise Buick-GMC in Fenton. The end of the month push brought the customers in with incentives on leases and buys. “We saw a month end push a little higher than normal,” said Brinker. See OPTION on 8A



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Lisa Klux, 27, and Steven Palazzollo, 29, both of Argentine Township, have lived together for five years. Like many young couples, the two are postponing marriage until they are more financially secure.

Marriage and millennials

Younger adult couples marrying less, living together more

By William Axford axford@tctimes.com The transition from dating to the married life was easy for Neil and Amber Sutton of Holly. Having lived together three years before getting married this past September, the Suttons, both 25, didn't exactly have a honeymoon period. See MARRIAGE on 11A



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The Ziccardi family gathers around the coffee table in their Linden home to show their lymphoma awareness bracelets.

Doctor's aren't supposed to get sick, are they?

► Local physician opens up about own cancer diagnosis

By Sally Rummel
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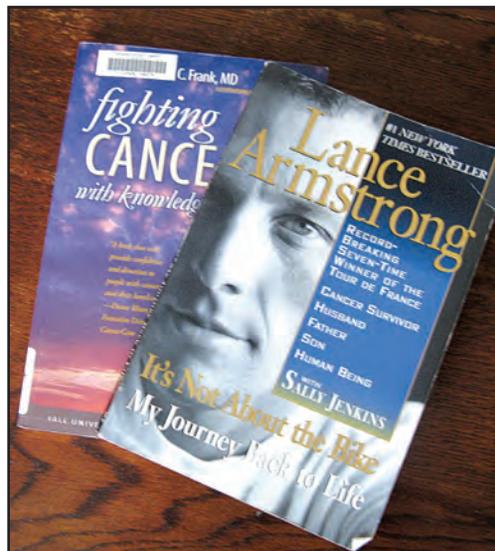
Dr. Michael Ziccardi, a family practice physician at McLaren Medical Group in Fenton, knows all about helping his sick patients get better. He has dedicated his professional life to examining patients, making a diagnosis and setting a course of treatment.

Little did he ever expect, at age 43, to be on the other side of the exam table, as a patient in a battle for his own life.

In early January on a typical Monday, he and son, Tyler, 14, had completed an intense 1-1/2 hour workout in the basement of their Linden home, followed the next day by a soccer league match for men age 18 and older. He played as hard as he always did, proud that the weight loss

Summary

► Dr. Michael Ziccardi, a board certified family practice physician at McLaren Medical Group, is battling Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, while maintaining his medical practice and juggling the busy schedules of his wife, Robyn and their four children.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Inspirational books like these written by other cancer survivors help Ziccardi when he's at home resting after his six to eight cycles of chemo.

and exercise program he undertook in the last five years had shaved off 50 pounds and put him in the best shape of his life.

That was, until the next day, when he woke up detecting a small amount of blood in his urine, "like a droplet of red food coloring," described Ziccardi. That evening, he felt a

See **CANCER** on 23A



How does the Internet work, anyway?

► A closer look at how the World Wide Web finds its way to your computer

By Ryan Tackabury

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Approximately 77 percent of people in the United States have access to the Internet, and its presence is felt everywhere. Even being intricately tied to many people's lives, the Internet often remains an enigma to those who use it regularly.

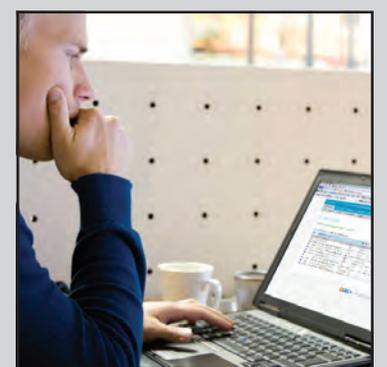
Summary

► Understanding the lingo and the basics of how the Internet works helps users to be more comfortable.

However, the inner workings of the Internet do not have to be complicated or mysterious.

A common misconception people have revolves around what the Internet actually is. There is

See **INTERNET** on 14A



The Internet can be compared to a phone network.

DO YOU HAVE LEG PAIN?

"I didn't know how much pain I was in until after the procedure. My legs feel great!"
 42 year old - working woman from Fenton

"The pain comes on so gradually, I didn't even know it. Now it's gone! Thanks Dr. Shuster!"
 64 year old - retired chef from Grand Blanc

VARICOSE VEINS WORSEN OVER TIME.



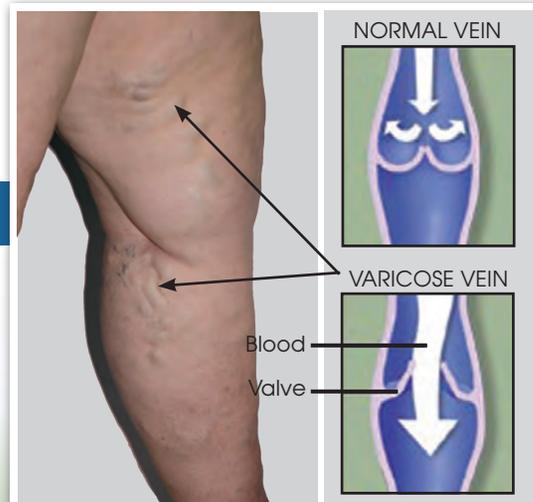
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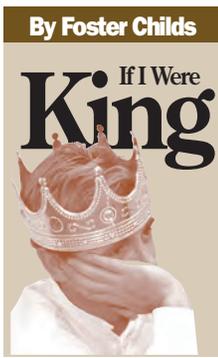
If you want to remember a better time, a time when our lives weren't ruled by the incessant demands of life in the 21st century, you need only experience a snow day.

And not the tentative and emasculated snow day of last week, but rather the snow days of our youth when a raging Mother Nature could easily KO all commerce and non-emergency activities in just a few short hours.

In those heady days, when 4-wheel drive was a rarity and the world moved at a kinder and gentler pace, a snow day magically liberated us from the rote repetitiveness of school and schedules that even then

dominated our everyday life. Frosty windows framed the gap-toothed grins of delighted children as they awakened and rushed to view a yard that was composed not of dull browns and faded greens, but transformed overnight into a glorious and uncontaminated mantle of white.

Absent in those days was the vague guilt that accompanies missing a day of work today. Back then a snow day was a community event, rather than an individual affair. Missed meetings and cancelled appointments were universal in nature, easily rescheduled on the morrow with the mutual camaraderie that always accompanied the survival



of one of Mother Nature's random wild pitches. One felt sadness, rather than admiration, for the rare vehicle passing by, wondering what circumstances could possibly have compelled the driver (almost always alone), to refuse to bow to a greater power and accept the rare gift bestowed upon him or her by the Creator.

Clearing driveways and sidewalks, activities generally viewed as the most mundane of chores, became adventures to be cherished where even the youngest of helpers felt a sense of accomplishment when the family stood silently to view the hopefully unnecessary path to the rest of the world produced by their aggregate efforts. The ensuing reward tasted more like the nectar of the gods than a simple cup of hot Nestles cocoa. Each, from patriarch to toddler, felt the master of their domain at having bested the elements through their group labors.

In the evening, worn board games took the place of television as lights were dimmed, and pink and green bills and Boardwalk real estate were frantically pursued around the kitchen table. And, if only for that day, the world seemed somehow to be balanced, everyone and everything resting in its proper place and time.

Later, sleepy-eyed and satisfied, veiled in the warmth and comfort of family and home, each drifted off to sleep, vaguely wondering why every day wasn't like this day, where harsh words, petty annoyances and sibling rivalries were inexplicably absent, replaced by the contentment of a day well-lived with the most important people in your life.

Snow days, even today, are a gift to be treasured.

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UP UNTIL THE last few decades, if the city council had tried to abolish chickens in the city, they would have been tarred and feathered — probably by those same chickens — and run out of town. What's next, no backyard gardens?

TO THE PERSON who said Jesus was a liberal — I don't think he is a Democrat or a Republican. One of the commandments says 'thou shall not kill.' Abortion is murder. And he is not dead, he still lives.

COUNCIL MEMBER FROM Holly stated that every municipality is hurting. Well, Fenton's not. They can buy scrap metal and rent scrap metal sculptures and signs and everything else. So evidently, Holly cannot manage their money. They need to come over and learn from the Fenton DDA, they'll teach you how to throw your money right out the window.

TO THE ONE who thinks we need to 'get a life,' nobody cares that you're littering. You are a free person, it's your life, and do with it what you will. But don't flick your cigarette out at me while I'm stopped at a light. Could we maybe 'drop' the cigarette instead?

TO THE FRONT page 'where are we supposed to put our butts' writer — it's called a portable ashtray; it goes right

in your cup holder, problem solved. On the other hand, if you're texting and working while you're driving, you have bigger issues than where to put your butts. Go ahead and throw them at me, I'd rather have a butt hit me than have you smash into me while your working and texting while you're driving.

PLEASE STOP PRINTING items like the one in the Sunday paper such as 'the government gave a raise in Social Security and Snyder took it away' — this is not true. Social security is not taxed in Michigan, period. It is on federal income tax, which Snyder has nothing to do with.

WHO ON EARTH would want to buy a road? Better to cut it up into pieces and sell it to each neighbor along the way at a deep discount. At least that way you could get rid of it and make a little money. Nobody is going to buy a road.

YOU WANT TO tell me to get a life? Just because I don't want embers sitting on my hood ready to burn off my paint? Since you don't seem to think that's rude, I'll know where to start putting out my butts when I'm done. I'm sure your car would make a great ashtray.

ITOLD MY wife that the guy in the Rendezvous was probably scratching off lottery tickets, interesting how I was right. Shame on you for acting so immature. That was a busy gas station, you knew people were going through there and you knew people were waiting to get gas.

I DON'T CRITICIZE for buying foreign, I know all you'll get is an argument. I do, however, find myself checking for American-made products. I remember when the country was working, and it seems like overnight we just lost everything. It's sad, very sad.

EVEN THOUGH I am not a pet owner right now, I do love animals. I read the Times all the time, and I just wondered what ever happened to that dog that was named Florida that was lost in the Owen Road area maybe a year or two ago. She had something in the paper all the time about the dog, and now it just stopped. Has she passed away?

CAN'T YOU CONTROL your dog? When you see someone walk by, you just gotta let your dog outside, and it's just not right. You're just a jerk. Something has to be done; you're just a complete jerk when it comes to that dog.

THIS IS THE Christian Democrat. I would like to say to my opponent, you are very wrong on what my beliefs are, very, very wrong. My big belief is still 'judge not lest you be judged.'

I AGREE WITH The King 100 percent on his column last week. I'd like to add something — what gives the politicians the right to call us on our cell phones that we have to pay for?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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What are your thoughts on unwed couples living together?

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"If it's a long-term committed relationship, I don't have a problem with it."

— Caitlin McCarthy
Fenton



"I would say I'm not a proponent of it, but that would make me a hypocrite."

— Ian Luther
Holly



"Studies show that some people can do it successfully, I guess it's a sign of the times."

— Mark Funk
Fenton Township



"I actually think its OK because it teaches people how to coexist with each other."

— Kristin Storey
Hartland



"I think it's good for a trial run but it can still be challenging."

— Ben Storey
Hartland



"I say no, because it's against God."

— Richard Lacey
Holly

Romney wins Michigan GOP Primary

►Race for White House continues

By Sharon Stone

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Republican Mitt Romney picked up the support of Michigan in his quest to become the next Republican candidate for president of the United States. The election is this November.

Romney, who was born and raised in Michigan, received more votes than the long list of other Republican candidates.

Of the 1,213,834 citizens in Michigan who voted in Tuesday's GOP Presidential Primary, 409,120 voted for Mitt Romney, giving him the lead over Rick Santorum, who received 377,144 votes. Voter numbers were in Romney's favor. But delegates may be split.

Voter turnout varied across the state. In the tri-county area, Livingston County had a 23-percent voter turnout, while 19.9 percent of the registered voters in Oakland County voted. Genesee County reported a voter turnout of just 13.7 percent.

Santorum came out on top in Genesee County, while Romney came out on top in Livingston and Oakland counties. While Romney took Arizona and Michigan on Tuesday, Santorum took Colorado and Minnesota.

President Barack Obama is vying for a second term as president in an uncontested Democratic race.

Washington State will be holding its caucus on Saturday, March 3 and Super Tuesday, is set for Tuesday, March 6. Super Tuesday has primaries in 10 states, including Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia. Other states will hold their

primaries through June.

Through the primaries, Republican presidential candidates are seeking to accumulate enough delegates to be nominated as the next GOP candidate to run against President Obama.

A candidate needs 1,144 delegates to be officially nominated by the Republican Party. As of Wednesday, Romney had 163 delegates, Santorum had 83, Newt Gingrich had 32 and Ron Paul had 19. For up to date coverage of the 2012 Presidential Election and the 2012 Delegate Tracker, go to www.2012presidentialelectionnews.com.

Tri-county area voter turnout

Livingston County.....	23 percent
Oakland County	19.9 percent
Genesee County	13.7 percent

Michigan Presidential Primary

REPUBLICAN PARTY

	Genesee	Oakland	Livingston
Mitt Romney.....	12,581	74,030	12,105
Rick Santorum	12,833	42,465	9,531
Ron Paul.....	4,096	16,498	3,116
Newt Gingrich	2,325	9,632	2,135
Michele Bachmann	72	222	35
Rick Perry	62	242	40
Buddy Roemer	53	281	44
Herman Cain	44	159	21
Jon Huntsman.....	43	345	39
Fred Karger.....	21	230	22
Gary Johnson.....	13	113	2
Uncommitted	626	2,928	576
Write-in	26	n/a	14

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Barack Obama	8,847	28,908	2,241
Uncommitted	1,090	2,670	374
Write-in	40	n/a	18

Linden closer to selecting city manager

►City has more than 40 applicants for position

By William Axford

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Linden — City officials have a pool of 45 applicants to select from for the next city manager. The deadline for submitting applications was this past Wednesday. City Clerk Marti Donnelly said candidates would not be revealed until interviews are scheduled.

"Each member of the search committee will pick their top five and then schedule

interviews," Donnelly said. "The plan is to start interviews in mid to late March."

The interviews will be conducted by the city council during a special public meeting.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter is acting as interim city manager until the city hires a new individual for the position. Applications were first accepted in January when former City Manager Chris Wren resigned for a position in the private sector.

Donnelly was impressed with the applicants so far. "Some of them look pretty good," she said at Monday's council meeting.

"Some of them look pretty good."

Marti Donnelly
Linden City clerk

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HAS received sinking fund ballot language

Board will discuss and vote on ballot at next meeting

By **Tim Jagielo**

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They don't know for how long, or how much, but Holly Area Schools (HAS) will be considering a ballot question at the next board meeting for a sinking fund to cover costs of major repairs the district will be needing.

Superintendent for Administrative Services Steve Lenar received ballot wording for a sinking fund from the HAS attorney, which he passed on to the school board at the regular meeting on Monday.

It did not contain the number of mills for a sinking fund, or the duration, but the idea of one mill over 10 years has been kicked around. "We were indicating it would be one mill for 10 years," said school board vice president Sue Julian. State law allows up to 5 mills and 20 years. "We were pretty much all in agreement we weren't going to go for a smaller amount," she said.

If the board decides to ask for 1 mill, it would cost the average household \$52 per year, and bring in \$7.5 million for the

district over the next 10 years. It is not enough to cover all repairs, but enough to handle large emergencies, or immediate priorities.

The next step is for the board to approve the language, and officially decide on how many mills, over how many years. They can also tweak the wording.

"We were indicating it would be 1 mill for 10 years."

Sue Julian
Vice President, HAS
Board of Education

Although the attorney put language concerning purchasing new building or constructing new buildings in the sinking fund, Lenar said this is a part that the board will likely remove, as the fund is for major

repairs to existing buildings only.

HAS would then need to send the ballot question to the Oakland County Clerk by the end of May to have it placed on the August ballot.

More specifics were discussed at the HAS finance committee meeting on Wednesday, but Lenar said he couldn't discuss it before the rest of the board learned about it.

What is a sinking fund?

A sinking fund is a millage that must be approved by the voters, and can only be used for structural improvements, like replacing a boiler or bleachers. It cannot be used to pay salaries.

SUSPECT

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Deputies had been on the lookout for a common suspect vehicle, a white 1998 Z71 Chevrolet pickup truck with a Harley Davidson license on the front.

On Friday, Feb. 3, a sheriff's deputy conducted a traffic stop on Torrey Road in Fenton Township to a truck matching the description of the suspect vehicle and spoke with the female driver. The deputy learned that the woman was driving with a suspended license. While conducting a search of her truck, deputies recovered property from her purse and truck, which matched what was reported stolen from a Shiawassee County home invasion.

The woman was arrested and transported to the Genesee County Jail for questioning.

During their investigation, the sheriff's department learned that the woman and her boyfriend, Houck, were staying at home in the 1300 block of South Horrell Dr. in Fenton Township. The woman told investigators that Houck drove the suspect vehicle and a witness to one of the home

invasions identified Houck as the suspect.

Believing that there might be stolen property at their home on Horrell Drive, the sheriff's department obtained and executed a search warrant of the home. Deputies identified property, reported stolen from home invasions in Grand Blanc and Fenton townships.

Some of the items recovered from the Fenton Township home included firearms, cash, collectible coins, power hand tools, snow blowers, TVs, stereos, computers, jewelry, lawn tractors and video equipment. The sheriff's department also recovered tools and hunting accessories from a storage unit in Clayton Township.

Pickell said the value of items stolen from just one Fenton Township home was estimated to be \$7,000.

The sheriff said Houck was arraigned with one count of home invasion, a 15-year felony, with no bond. A bond of \$50,000 was ordered for a second count of breaking and entering. Pickell said Houck was also jailed on a third incident of "operating a vehicle while intoxicated," a felony.

Summary

▶ Teddie Lee Houck, a 38-year-old man residing at a home on South Horrell Dr. in Fenton Township, has been charged with home invasion. The Genesee County Sheriff's Department continues to investigate dozens of home invasion complaints.

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News briefs

SEVERE WEATHER SIRENS BEGIN MONTHLY TESTING THIS SATURDAY

The City of Fenton and Genesee County will start the annual severe weather siren testing beginning this Saturday March 3, at 1 p.m. Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff wants to prepare all Fenton residents that these tests will be starting. The siren will sound for one minute. The weather siren testing is conducted on the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. March through October. All residents should also be reminded that the severe weather sirens emit a single steady blast and that there is no all clear tone.

FREE CAR SEAT CHECKS AT VIC CANEVER

Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton is teaming up with Safe Kids USA to host a free Car Seat Check from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 in the auto service drive at the dealership on Owen Road. The free service will check to see if car seats have been installed and are being used correctly. Vic Canever Chevrolet will also be giving away free car washes to all car seat check participants that day. For more information about this event, contact Penny Perez from Safe Kids at (810) 814-0237 or visit the Safe Kids USA website at www.safekids.org.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and Commission on Services to the Aging are seeking nominations for the "Senior Citizen of the Year" awards. Winners will be announced and honored at the fifth annual Older Michiganians Day event on Wednesday, June 20 at the State Capitol in Lansing. Two older Michigan citizens will be named: one for volunteer contributions made in the area of community leadership, and the other for service provided to others. Those 60 or older on or before May 7, 2012, are eligible for nomination, and all nominations must be submitted by an organization. Nominees may be employed at the time of nomination, however applicants will be judged on their service or leadership in unpaid, volunteer positions. Nominations must be postmarked by Monday, May 7, and mailed to the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, ATTN: 2012 Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program, P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI 48909-8176. Nomination forms are available at www.michigan.gov/miseniors or may be requested by calling (517) 373-8230.

BLUE HERON THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS 'RETURN ENGAGEMENTS'

Holly's Blue Heron Theatre Company is set to present a romantic comedy 'Return Engagements' by Bernard Slade on March 22, 24, 29, 30, 31 at 7:30 p.m. and March 24, 25 and April 1 at 2 p.m. Performances are held at the Richter Campus Auditorium located at 920 E. Baird St. in Holly. Slade is known for his plays 'Same Time Next Year' and 'Romantic Comedy.' Return Engagements is set in Stratford, Ontario, home of the Shakespeare Festival. Returning to the stage is Hali Kivari, who starred in their first production. The production also includes Brian Catton, Jonathan Smith, Savanna Damouh, Amy Herman, Mel Case, Jon' Tise B. and Brian Herbert. Directing the production is Joe Mishler. For reservations, call (810) 931-7108. Tickets are \$10 adults, and \$8 students and seniors. Special group rates are available. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Parking is located at the front of the building.

HANDICAP

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Wednesday to discuss plans for upcoming additions and renovations to the community center.

The majority of the project would be funded by the DDA through bonds. The board of governors will have up to \$363,000 to contribute from past fundraising. Approximately \$90,000 of that money is unconfirmed though, and is composed of years-old pledges that the board does not expect to all come through. The board of governors believes additional money can still be raised.

The meeting began with a presentation by Piet Lindhout of Lindhout Associates detailing their design for the community center. The plan consists of an addition being built on the south end of the building, as well as a series of renovations to what currently exists. Making the building reliably handicap accessible, safe, and code compliant were all priorities of the design.

Lindhout said that caution was taken with the addition to respect the work of world-renowned architects Eliel Saarinen and his son Eero Saarinen whom originally designed the building in 1938.

Patric Parker, vice president and secretary of the Board of Governors, said that the community center would not have problems remaining financially sustainable with the additions. He believes that the renovations would see some operating costs decrease, such as replacing the community center's old furnace with a new, more cost-efficient one. The community center could also see an increase in revenue from renters. "We think that with an upgrade like this, we are better positioned to market ourselves toward the business community," Parker said.

"We want this to be the premier entity, the premier location for all events that happen in the city," Parker added.

DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt asked for the community to get behind this and support the project, saying that the community center project creates synergy with other downtown projects.

"This is the perfect opportunity for the city, the DDA, the community center board, to get together as a partner, and get this done, and make our community better because of it," Schmidt said. "We are going to get everything that we need from this building, for this \$1.8 million."

Councilman Les Bland spoke favorably of the project. "I am really encouraged, I have been in this city for 34 years. I remember when the community center was very active," he said. "I personally think it's a great project. I think it's something that's needed to be done for a lot of years, and I think the city should bite the bullet and do it."

Similar thoughts about the community center were echoed by Councilwoman Cheryl King. "I have always said that I believe this is a beautiful thing that we have. If we do not maintain it and move forward, shame on us, because it is vital," she said.

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said that it was important to be focused also on organizing programs for the community center. "Make sure that if and when this all happens, we are ready to go with actual cultural events that will occur in the community center, and I think that will be a really important selling point to get donors," she said.

Councilman Michael Piacentini complimented the work that was done. "As a person who had, I will just admit it, negative impressions of the community center because of its use over the last several years, I think this is a pretty good turn around and a pretty good plan, and its very positive," he said.

The issue will return to the Fenton City Council for a vote in March.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

PLEASE PEEPS, IF your vehicle needs a muffler, will you please get it one. Very rude and inconsiderate to people who work second and third shifts. Put yourselves in our shoes.

■■■■
"\$9,937,300 BUDGETED FOR 138 Linden teachers." That's \$72,009.42 each, more vacation than you can shake a stick at, insurance, retirement package, etc...let me guess "it's for the children." I can't afford Tigers' games, I work year round to pay for all your stuff.

■■■■
THE PEOPLE COMPLAINING that there was a snow day for the schools must have been bummed they didn't get their free babysitting service that day.

■■■■
AS FOR THE students having the recent snow day. I do believe they have full schedules, and have to learn much more each year. I think it is more strenuous at school today, and it is good for them to get a little rest. Enjoy!

■■■■
TO "FEB 14 at Hyatt," if a mom looks like she's 18 in her tight jeans and tee, that's awesome, especially after having kids. It sounds to me that her son and her have a good strong relationship, I know because I have that with my children! She got your attention, I'm impressed.

■■■■
ENERGY DEPARTMENT SECRETARY Chu was asked if the overall goal was to get our price of gasoline down. He replied that they're not focusing on that — and that higher gas prices mean more of a push for alternative energy sources. Does pushing alternative energy help you buy affordable gasoline?

Police&Fire report

PARENT SUSPECTED OF STEALING CREDIT CARD

On Feb. 2, Linden police received a larceny complaint from a staff member of Linden Elementary School. Police Chief Scott Sutter said the staff member reported that their credit card, which was on their desk, had been stolen. The employee became aware of the Jan. 30 theft when their credit card company called them on Jan. 31 alerting them to suspicious charges at four locations in the area. Police investigated and obtained surveillance video from businesses of a possible suspect. Employees identified the suspect as a 37-year-old parent at the school. On Feb. 27, Linden police made contact with the suspect, who confessed to the theft and using the credit card. Police are seeking arrest warrants from the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office.

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OPTION

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He was busy with buys, but also leases. Leases were all but gone a few years back. Brinker said at that time, few companies offered leases. Now, the pendulum has swung back in favor of a lease for most buyers. "We're leasing a ton of them," said Matt Stevens, of Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton.

Brinker said that in February, 60 percent of the sales were from a lease.

Although the value of a lease can change every few years, there isn't necessarily a better season to lease throughout the year, said Stevens. He said there are occasionally small incentives that will bring potential buyers into the showroom. Those incentives ended on leap day.

Jim Hall, owner of Hall Chrysler Jeep Dodge said that some vehicles are given better lease support from the manufacturer. Right now, the Jeep Cherokee and Chrysler 200 are a couple vehicles being given better leasing support. He's not sure how the company decides which to support, but it leads to a better deal for customers, and a lower price.

If the vehicle doesn't have leasing support, it will cost more, and maybe push the customer to buying instead. "It's generally a value proposition," he said. "They should look at both."

"Some people want to buy, they want to keep their cars forever and pay it off," said Stevens. He said that most people end up bringing their purchase back in a

Summary

▶Leasing a vehicle is an option that was all but gone a few years ago. Now, leasing makes up more than half of sales at local dealerships.

"Most of the time, we find leases are pretty advantageous."

Matt Stevens
Vic Canever Chevrolet

few years because they're ready for a new car. Paying a car off is very rare, he said.

Brinker said it is his staff's job to let the customer understand the ins and outs of leasing versus buying. For him, it's the same as selling the options and technology available with the vehicle. "We present both, and the customer makes the decision," he said. Short leases are also popular, and a good idea for people who can expect to need a different kind of vehicle in a couple years.

"Most of the time, we find leases are pretty advantageous," said Stevens. In his opinion, a driver will save money by leasing a vehicle instead of buying. Stevens said on a lease, the driver can save on tires and brakes for which the dealership is responsible. "The real benefit of leasing

versus buying, you're 100-percent under warranty," he said.

Stevens guesses that a lease can save customers \$100 a month with a lower payment. He said that on a short, two-year lease, the driver will get a car with more options. He said it could save a driver thousands out of pocket, "and be driving something newer."

Drivers who plan to use their vehicle for contracting work, or extremely high miles might want to buy their vehicles, but Stevens said high miles can even be worked into a lease.

When leasing a vehicle, the approval process is the same. The monthly payment for the vehicle is calculated differently. The lease company will decide payments based on its "residual value," meaning what it will be worth when the vehicle is returned. The residual value is compared with its sale price, and the customer makes payments based on the difference. "You're really only paying for what you use," said Stevens.

Another benefit of leasing is that the leasing company takes all the risk for the value of the car. Hall said that much like some people's homes, they can have negative equity on the car they've bought, and they are trying to trade back in.

In a lease, the customer is only responsible for their lease payments. Though they won't have any equity in their vehicle, they won't have any negative equity either. "It's a smart use of money," he said.

GM pushing leases is a way to keep manufacturing up. This could stave off the dry spell dealerships are going through with lease turn ins.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS IS IN regards to the books that kids can't take out of class, and that there's not enough of them. It's economics in the high school. The books are on Blackboard — they cannot bring them home from the school. You have to copy the book off Blackboard, and they will not let the books go out of the school for kids to do their homework.

■■■■
DOES ANYONE KNOW where I can donate some clean stuffed animals that have been just sitting on my shelf? Maybe some local children's charity, church, etc.

■■■■
OBAMA'S ADMINISTRATION APPROVED \$750,000 for a third recreational area with a new soccer field for the inmates at Gitmo. While Americans are watching food and gas prices soar and with the national debt over \$16 trillion, the American-hating terrorists are playing games on our dollars. I feel betrayed, don't you?

■■■■
SERIOUSLY? PEOPLE ARE complaining about school closings? As a parent in Linden schools I am thankful they called it. We had a winter storm warning. What if we had gotten the snow predicted and put all those kids in danger trying to get them back home?

■■■■
DEAR DOWNWIND OF recycling container, walk over to your neighbor and let them know your concerns. Maybe they will put a lid on it and are unaware of the blowing items. Why can't we talk to our neighbors anymore?

■■■■
MY DAUGHTER PRACTICES at (local business). I have called three times. Why the dark parking lot? Kids are in and out of that place all the time, you can't see. Someone is going to be hit. Is it legal to operate a business with no outside lights?

■■■■
IS ANYONE ELSE bothered that schools are used for voting during elections? Potentially, hundreds of strangers are going in and out of our schools while school is in session. I do not like that my kids are there with people I do not know.

■■■■
I LOST MY hubcap on Torrey Road around Fratz Consignment and Ambiance Salon, freeway side, on Thursday Feb. 23, before it snowed. I went back and it was gone already. If you picked it up can I please get it back? It is shiny silver plastic with a Chevy symbol in the middle. Write me at ilostmyhubcap@yahoo.com.

■■■■
"DON'T MESS WITH the teachers." How much of our time and our money did the MEA waste, just to lose another election? The only thing that would have made this sweeter would have been if Scott could have run again. The voters have spoken, again.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY CONSERVATIVES, HOW can you say you're pro-life and against abortion, yet support the death penalty? I thought you said all life was sacred.

■■■■ **LIBRARY FOLKS, KEEP** the faith. With Fenton's "Keeping up with the Jones" mentality, it won't be long. A nearby community is building a new library.

■■■■ **ROSE TOWNSHIP LAND** owners, you need to call and go to the March BOV and get your SEV lowered to your taxable value. Then, your taxable can't go up until the SEV starts going back up. About 82 percent of owners haven't seen their taxes go up in the last three years.

■■■■ **IN THE LAST** four to five years, in Rose Township, we all should have even taxable and SEV. Ask the board for their tax history and how they get the reduction of 33,280, 46,850 and 72,540 in the last three years and you can't even get yours down. The next year's will be on the rise (SEV).

■■■■ **WOULD SOMEONE LIKE** to enlighten me as to why marijuana is illegal, but alcohol is not? Alcohol makes people violent, impairs judgment beyond the point at which they can still make responsible decisions, causes hundreds of thousand of accidents and deaths, and is medically dangerous. Alcohol is dangerous, very dangerous, and marijuana is just a 'lazy maker.'

■■■■ **I DO NOT** understand, for the life of me, why they shut the gravel pit road off without signs warning people that they were going to do so. A lot of people use that for a short cut to take their kids to school.

A win-win situation

►Special needs student picks up skills, helps fire department

By **Tim Jagielo**

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Because of one enthusiastic Fenton High School student, the Fenton Fire Department's (FFD) floors are a little cleaner, and their radios are always definitely in working order.

Cade Scott, 20, is a special needs student at Fenton High School. He technically could have graduated last year, but opted to stay at the high school and continue with his transition program with the fire department. "He wanted to be able to come back here and get more work experience," said Scott's caseworker Bonnie Showers.

Summary

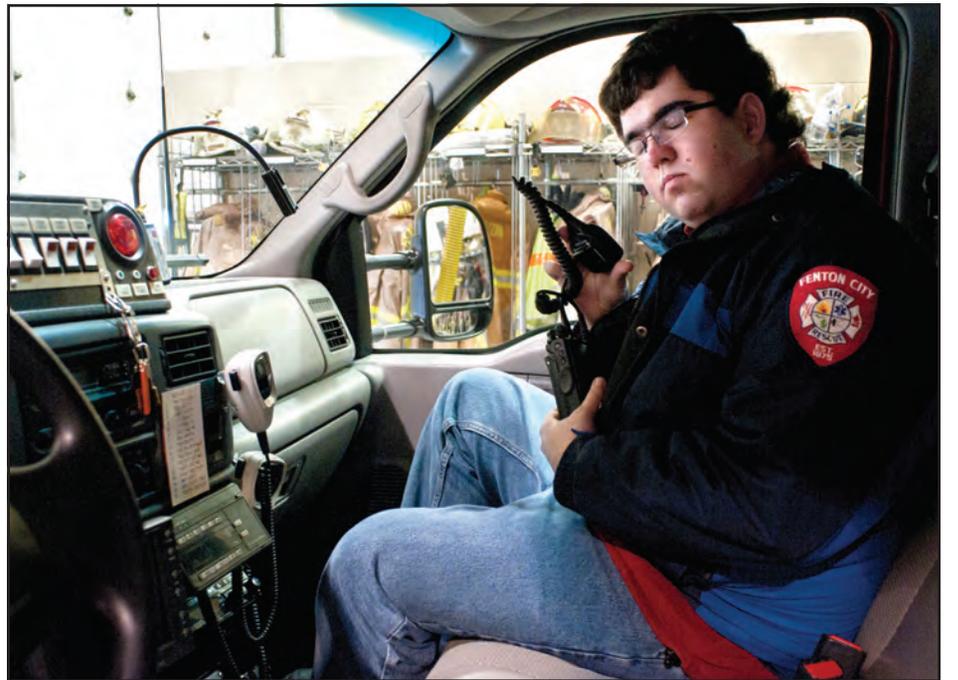
►A special program allows a Fenton High School special needs student to gain some work experience and help out his favorite public servants, the fire department.

Everyday for the past three years, Scott has come with Showers to the FFD, to sweep the floors and check the radios in all of the trucks.

He has a circuit and a system he follows that takes him around an hour.

"He's a ham," said Showers, as Scott grabbed the push broom and dashed down the aisle, sweeping at breakneck speed.

But he takes his responsibilities seriously, asking Showers to check the trucks after him to ensure he did a good job. "He



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Cade Scott, 20, of Fenton High School is a special needs student, who technically would have graduated last year. Instead, he is in a transition program where he volunteers at the Fenton Fire Department for an hour every afternoon. He sweeps the floors, and also checks the radios in all the trucks to make sure they're working. "It's good for him," said his caseworker Bonnie Showers.



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feels like he is part of something," said Showers.

Scott would like more responsibilities, often mentioning job skills he can gain. Basically, he just wants to help out around the station. He has always been enamored with the fire department, since he saw trucks as a small child. "It's an interest," he said. "Always, since I was a kid."

Scott is proud of the work he does, and wears a jacket with a Fenton Fire

"We like having him around. Works good for both of us, for all of us."

Robert Cairnduff
Fenton fire chief

Department patch.

When the radios squeal, and an incident in another municipality occurs, he takes great interest in what happens.

"He helps us out, keeps the place clean," said Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff. "We like having him around. Works good for both of us, for all of us."

Scott also does work at the high school, doing some minor custodial, stocking and kitchen work.

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weapons permit, it is unlawful to carry firearms on school property.

"He made sure people saw it when he came in," Krug said. "(Election workers) were shocked. Ironically, I had left to get supper for the workers. I guess he had walked past me when I walked out. Some of the ladies got nervous but nothing happened."

"The Republican Party must have picked it up; I've never spoken to anyone from the Washington Post before."

Robert Krug
Fenton Township clerk

Krug noted that only a sworn police officer has the authority to carry a firearm on school property. Krug also had to escort three women away from the polls for trying to influence voters. One of the women said, "If you're a good Democrat, vote for the weakest Republican candidate." Krug informed the women that they could not influence other voters within the voting polls.

After making a phone call, the three women exited and spoke to voters in the parking lot.

Krug's interaction earned him a brief interview with the Washington Post. "The Republican Party must have picked it up; I've never spoken to anyone for the Washington Post before," Krug said.

Graves replaces Scott

►51st District remains under Republican control

Genesee County Commissioner Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) won the seat for the 51st district with 10,290 votes (53.1 percent). Redford Union teacher Steven Losey (D-Linden) received 8,173 votes (42.2 percent) and Cary Neuville-Justice (G-Linden) received 803 votes (4.1 percent). Only 13.7 percent (46,502 out of 338,776) of registered voters in Genesee cast their on election day.

"I'm pleased for the opportunity to make a difference," Graves said. "I'm going to help the governor with public safety. Crime holds back our economy. We're working on ways to get more businesses to come here."

The current term for the 51st district ends this year. Voters will select a candidate for the 51st district in November's election. Both Graves, 58, and Losey, 45, have expressed interest in running this November.

"The political game is very interesting, there's a lot of good and a lot of bad," said Losey, who serves as trustee for the Linden Board of Education. "I'm grateful for the folks that gave me the opportunity to run. I'm very hopeful for Graves."

Graves replaces former Rep. Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc), who was recalled from office in the November 2011 election. The Michigan Education Association (MEA) led the recall efforts against Scott for his actions on education reform in Michigan. Scott congratulated Graves on his victory.

In Linden, Clerk Marti Donnelly said they had a 31-percent voter turnout, about 18 percent more than Genesee County overall. In the 51st District race, 481 Linden residents voted for Graves, while 346 voted for Losey and 68 voted for Neuville-Justice.

Fenton Township also posted a higher voter turnout than the county. Operations Manager Thomas Broecker said 3,124 ballots were cast of the 12,570 registered voters, resulting in a 24.85-percent voter turnout. In the 51st District race, 1,772 Fenton Township residents voted for Graves, while 1,125 voted for Losey and 149 voted for Neuville-Justice.

The City of Fenton had a 17 percent voter turnout with 1,611 residents casting a ballot out of 9,217 registered voters. With 1,567 residents voting in the 51st District race, Graves received 877 votes, while Losey received 595 and Neuville-Justice received 94.

Social News

ENGAGEMENT



MICALLEF-FLYNN

The engagement of Amanda Micallef to Kevin Flynn has been announced by her parents, Anthony and Judith Micallef of Holly. His parents are Daniel and Diane Flynn, also of Holly. The bride-elect is attending Grand Valley State University, graduating in May of 2013. Her fiancé is in the U.S. Navy with a rating of Petty Officer 3rd class. A wedding ceremony is planned after Amanda's graduation in 2013.

MARRIAGE

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"We were getting 'the lecture' from our religious family members. One person referred to our situation as 'just playing house,'" Amber said. "The night before the wedding was actually the hardest part because it was the first time we had been apart from each other ever since we started dating."

A few generations ago, cohabitation before marriage was frowned upon and even taboo. Today, unmarried couples living in the same household has become a common way of life. Recent studies conducted by the Pew Research Center found that only 51 percent of adults 18 and older in America are married. Today's declining marriage rates might be a cause of alarm amongst some older generations, who were expected to marry in their early 20s. Half a century ago, 72 percent of all American adults were married.

The Suttons are an anomaly amongst their generation, belonging to the 20 percent of adults ages 18 to 29 who are married. Just 50 years ago, 59 percent of adults under 30 were married.

Reasons for declining marriage rates aren't clear. Experts have theorized family divorces, economic hardships and lack of religion as possible factors for fewer marriages. One contributing factor to fewer marriages may stem from young people waiting longer than ever to get married. In 2010, the median age for a man's first marriage was 28 years old, compared to 26 years old in 1990. For women, the median age for a first marriage was 26, compared to 24 in 1990.

"More people are waiting a little longer before they get married. I think a lot of people want to get their careers established first," said Dale Swihart, a pastor who presides over marriages at First Presbyterian

Church of Fenton. "In some ways I think it's good because it allows for more maturity." Swihart was quick to add that getting married at an older age isn't always an indication that a marriage will be more successful.

Lisa Klix, 27, of Argentine Township has lived with her boyfriend Steven Palazzollo, 29, for the past five years. The topic of marriage has come up between the two but it's not at the forefront of the couple's concerns. Klix expects marriage to happen at 'the right time,' most likely after the two are more financially stable. Klix said living with her boyfriend has given her a more realistic picture of what marriage would entail and

"You shouldn't get married for anyone else. It's a promise to me and my wife, not to society or anyone else."

Neil Sutton
Holly resident

doesn't let pressure from family members dictate her decisions. "You need to know somebody pretty well before you jump into marriage," Klix said. "I would tell young people to live with someone before getting married. It's definitely different from dating and living apart."

Despite the reality of fewer couples walking down the aisle, the report found that young people believed marriage to be an important institution with 61 percent of unmarried adults wanting to get married one day. That number became less optimistic after a divorce, with 26 percent of divorced adults ever wanting a second marriage. For a generation of adults raised by predominately-divorced parents, marrying the right partner the first time is worth the extra wait.

"I would say my generation views marriage as a serious commitment," Amber said. "We grew up hearing 'two-thirds of marriages end in divorce, why get married?' But why would you marry someone if aren't going to spend the rest of your life with them?"

Klix echoed the same views and said, "I come from a divorced family but my great-grandparents were married for 65 years. I want my marriage to be like theirs instead of my parents."



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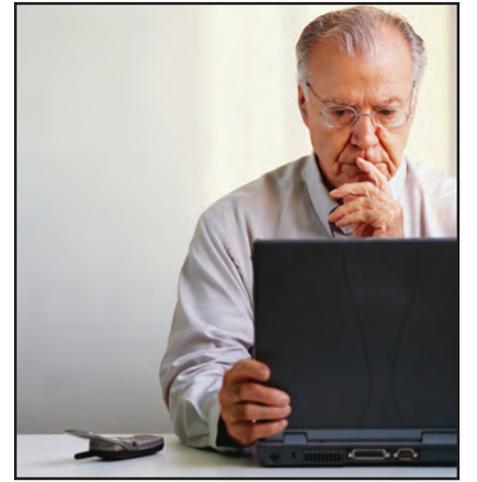
INTERNET

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no central Internet headquarters where all of the information is stored. The Internet is a network composed of computers connected across the world — making it truly worldwide.

In some ways, the Internet can be thought of like a phone network. Every website you want to visit has its very own "phone number," known as an "IP Address." Thankfully, we do not have to remember long strings of numbers to get to our favorite websites. Something called the Domain Name System allows IP Addresses to be translated into words, which are much easier for us to remember. While the address "74.125.224.250" is meaningless to you, it is probably more familiar to you as www.google.com.

All around the globe, computers connected to the Internet host information in the form of websites. These computers are known as "servers." Accessing and



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viewing these websites is made possible by something called the Hypertext Transfer Protocol, which you may recognize at the beginning of web addresses as "http." This process allows your computer to communicate with servers and display the web pages you want to view.

The information that makes up a web page has a few different ways it can get to you. Telephone and cable lines are the most common. These lines do not connect directly into your computer; instead they connect to a modem, which in turn connects to a computer by a network cable. The modem acts as a translator, receiving information from the outside web to deliver to your computer through the network cable, and vice versa.

While Internet users were tethered to their modems for many years, there are now alternatives available. Wireless modems and routers, which converts data received from cables into radio signals, are one such option. These radio signals can be picked up by computers with a wireless card, allowing them full access to the Internet without being physically connected to their modem through a networking cable. Many devices such as phones and MP3 players are now made to interface with these wireless signals as well.

While the Internet has been constantly evolving for many years, growing larger and getting faster, the core basics of how it functions have remained the same. What it will look like in the future though, is anyone's guess.

INTERNET LINGO

- While technology can be complicated, it can be easier to understand once you know the terminology.
- Browser:** A computer program that allows users to view web pages. A commonplace example is Internet Explorer.
- Server:** A computer that hosts data, such as websites, for other computers to access.
- Router:** A piece of hardware that allows computers to connect together, forming a network.
- Firewall:** Types of computer software that protects a computer from unauthorized outsiders trying to gain access.
- Wifi:** A short range, wireless computer network that allows access to the Internet.
- URL:** An acronym that stands for "uniform resource locator," more simply known as a web address.



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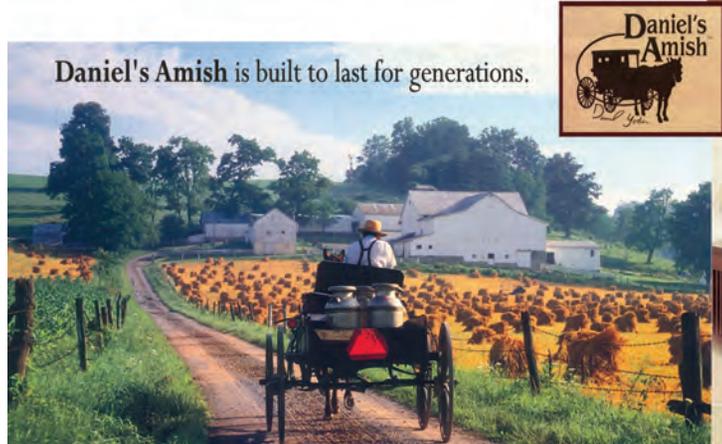


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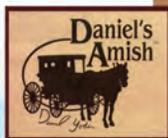
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REVISION TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) OVERLAY DISTRICT ADD (5) I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO SEC. 56-643.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed amendment. The amendment, if adopted by the Groveland Township Board, would revise the Groveland Township Codified Ordinances as follows:

The amendment would revise Planned Development (PD) overlay district; add (5) any principal permitted use in I-1 Light Industrial District to Sec. 54-643.

Proposed language for the amendment is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting your written comments are welcome prior to the night of the meeting, or you can telephone (248) 634-4152.

NOTICE
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
MARCH 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

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

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

Appeal Hearings:

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

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

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

Thursday, March 15, 2012-----1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2012.

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

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

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

Robert W. Cole, Jr, Supervisor
 Argentine Township



APOSTOLIC

THE CARPENTER'S HOUSE CHURCH

2740 Grange Hall Rd. • Fenton
Corner of Fish Lake Rd.
248-328-9844

Pastor James Disbrow 248-634-2195
Sunday Morning Service..... 11:00 am
Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 pm
Wednesday Youth Service..... 6:30 pm

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

CHURCH ON THE STREET

15113 Seymour Rd. • Linden
810-309-1215

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Meets on Sunday Morning..... 10:30 am

THE FREEDOM CENTER

2473 W. Shiawassee • Fenton
810-629-5261

Pastor Jim Wiegand
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 11:30 am
Wednesday Youth Group..... 7:00 pm
Small groups meet throughout the week.
For more information call 629-5261

BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOLLY

15030 N. Holly Rd. • Holly
248-634-8772

Pastor Ed Pedley
Traditional Worship Service..... 9:00 am
Sunday School..... 10:15 am
Contemporary Worship Service..... 11:30 am
Wednesday Adult Bible Study..... 6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Bible Study..... 6:30 pm
Fuel For Teens - Friday's 7:00 pm

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN

4518 Silver Lk. Rd. • Linden
810-735-9339

Kenneth C. McMaster, Senior Pastor
Jack C. McMaster, Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Marc Graham, Counseling Pastor
Jason Coldwell, Youth Pastor
Sunday School (adults and children)..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Christian Education Courses..... 9:45 am
Children's Church..... 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Wednesday Kids Club & Youth Group..... 6:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 pm
Nursery (0-2 and 2-4 yrs.) available at all service times.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWARTZ CREEK

5372 Seymour Rd. • Swartz Creek
810-635-7016

Jim E. Nelson, Sr. Pastor
Shawn Cook, Associate and Youth Pastor
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night..... 7:00 pm
Adult Bible Study, Youth Group (6-12 Grades),
Kids Club (K-5 Grad), Mission Friends (3-5 years)

CATHOLIC

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

600 N. Adelaide • Fenton
810-629-2251

Father David W. Harvey, Pastor
Father Kurian Kollpallil, Associate Pastor
Saturday Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass..... 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm
Confessions Sat..... 3:30-4:30 pm
Call for daily Mass times

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

309 E. Maple St. • Holly
248-634-4841

Fr. David Blazek, Pastor
Saturday Mass..... 4:00 pm,
Sunday Mass..... 8 am, 10 am, & 12 noon
Weekday Mass Mon.-Thur..... 9:00 am
Reconciliation after Sat. 4 pm Mass or by appt.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

204 E. Rockwell • Fenton
810-629-3211

Church Service..... 11:00 am
Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Wednesday Evening..... 7:30 pm

EPISCOPAL

ST. JUDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

106 E. Elizabeth St. • Fenton
810-629-5681

Holy Communion..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Christian Education for all Ages..... 9:15 am

LUTHERAN

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

7355 W. Silver Lake Road
(Behind Linden High School)
Linden, MI 48451
810-735-4807

Vacancy Pastor Lew Witto
Sunday Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Adult Bible Study..... 9:30 am
Sunday School..... 9:30 am

TRANSFIGURATION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

14176 Fenton Rd. • Fenton
810-629-7332

www.FentonTLC.org
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
JAM Children's Ministries 10:30 am
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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LC-MS

806 Main Street • Fenton
810-629-7861

Fax 810-629-9877
www.trinitylcmfenton.com
Reverend Dean G. Dumbrille
Worship Services
Wednesday in the Word..... 7:00 pm
Saturday Traditional Worship 6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship..... 8:30 am
Sunday Education Hour 9:45 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship 11:00 am
Saturday 5:30 pm, Bible Study

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES WELS LUTHERAN CHURCH

14160 Fenton Rd., Fenton
Pastor David Kipfmiller 810-373-2131

Sunday School..... 9:15 am
Adult Bible Study 9:15 am
Sunday Worship Service..... 10:30 am

METHODIST

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15010 N. Holly Rd. • Holly
248-634-9711

www.hollycalvary.org
Rev. Faith Timmons
Sunday Worship 8:30am, 11:00 am
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Prayer Service..... 7 pm

FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

119 S. LeRoy St. • Fenton
810-629-2132

Rev. Bill Donahue
Rev. Jeremy Peters, Associate Pastor
Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
Casual Worship 6:00 pm
Church at Study..... 9:30 am
Nursery Provided at all services.

HERITAGE HILLS CHURCH

5530 Runyan Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-632-3417

www.HeritageHillsChurch.com
Pastor Rob Mohr
Sunday Classes..... 9:00 am
Sunday Fellowship..... 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

METHODIST (CONTINUED)

LAKE FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2581 N. Long Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-5161

Pastor Pamela Kail
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am
Sunday School..... 9:15 am

LINDEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH

13274 S. Linden Rd. • Linden
810-735-4564

Pastor William Moull
Assoc. Pastor Mike Anderson
Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Teen Programs..... 5:00 pm
www.lindenfmc.org

LINDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

201 Bridge St. • Linden
810-735-5858

Pastor Margo Kivisto
Worship & Jr. Service 10:30 am
Coffee Hour 11:30 am
Nursery Available

NAZARENE

ARGENTINE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

16248 S. Seymour Rd.
Linden, MI 48451
810-735-7118

Pastor Ray Raycroft
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 am
(Junior Church and Nursery Provided)
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Children & Teens..... 7:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

FENTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

11075 Runyan Lake Rd.
Fenton, MI 48430
810-750-6544

Sunday Worship Services 11:00 am
Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am
Adult Bible Study & Classes Wed. 6:30 pm
Children's & Teen Programs Wed. 6:30 pm
Nursery provided for all services.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

THE ROCK

11400 S. Linden Rd.
Fenton
810-629-2444

www.hisrock.net
Pastor Jim Combs & Wes Morris Welcome You
Sunday AM Services.... 8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11 am
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Sunday PM Service 6 pm
Awana (2 yr. - 5th grade)..... 6 pm
Wednesday Mid Week Service
Kidz Rock (2 yr-5th grade)..... 7 pm
Adult Bible Study..... 7 pm
Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study 7 pm
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ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH

2439 South Long Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-750-1401

www.st-marymagdalene.org
Services:
Saturday Evening,
Great Vespers 5:00 pm
Sunday Morning,
Divine Liturgy..... 10:00 am
Community Bible Study Thursday @ 10:30 am
at Luigi's Restaurant on Leroy St.

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

503 S. LeRoy St. • Fenton
810-629-7801

www.ffpc.org
Pastor Dale Swihart Jr.
Larry McMellen, Parish Associate
Worship..... 9:00 & 11:00 am

HOLLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

207 E. Maple • Holly
248-634-9494 • www.hollypc.org

Reverend Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates
Sunday Worship Schedule
Youth/Adult Sunday School 9:00am
Coffee Hour 10am
Worship..... 10:30am

LINDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

119 W. Broad St. • Linden
810-735-5755

Pastor Seth Normington
Sunday Worship 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Youth Groups for Children, Middle School, and
Senior High School, Call for times

TYRONE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9141 Hartland Rd. • Fenton
810-750-0350

Pastor Linda Living-Hawley
Sunday Worship Schedule
Celebratory Worship..... 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School..... 10:45 am
Fellowship..... 11:30 am

TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-1261

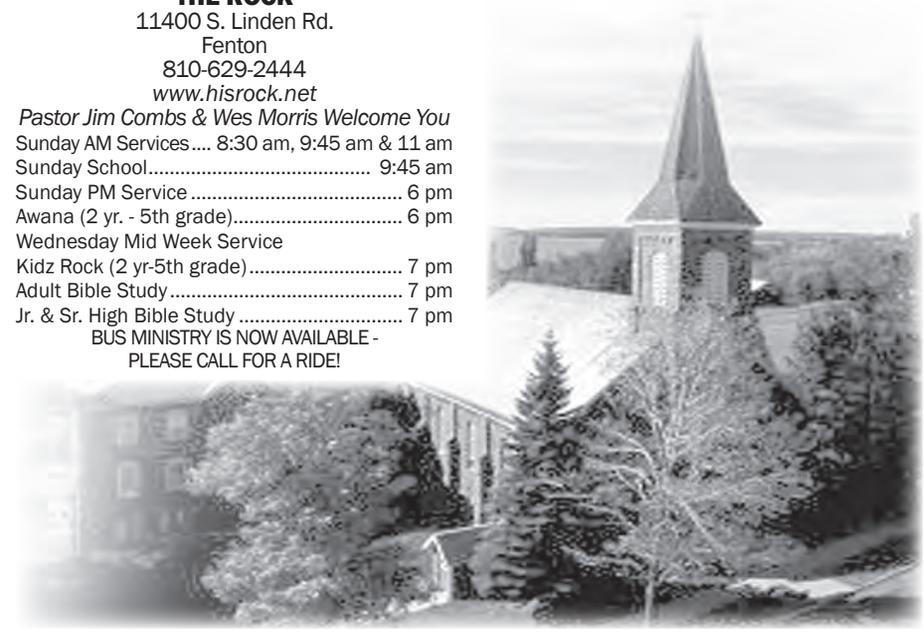
Tyronepca.org
Pastor, James Mascow
Sunday Worship (includes Children's Church) .. 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Youth Group & Family Night..... Wed. Evenings

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

FENTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

408 Fifth St. • Fenton
810-629-9493

Pastor Chris Ames
Church Worship 10:00 am
Sabbath School 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Wednesday
(Linden Seventh Day Adventist 7007 W. Silver Lake Rd)



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Misc. For Sale 26

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Misc. Wanted 27

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PUBLIC AUCTION due to unpaid rent at Fenton Storage, 1159 N. Leroy St., 810-714-3707 on March 13, 2012, 9:30a.m. or later: Shane Vanmeter, G703-L; Albert Serridge, G735-L; Peggy Conder, G720-L; Tim Rhoades, 607, 618; Amanda Rafe, 650. All units contain miscellaneous items.

Notice is hereby given that Simply Self Storage will, per judicial lien act, sell at public auction on **3-13-12** Between Noon-4:00pm for the following units.

Simply Self Storage located at 15124 S. Linden Rd. Linden, MI 48451

We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Terms are cash only at close of auction.

I-44 **David Malinowski** = 10 Bags, 2 Suitcases, Weight Bench.

C-10 **Brian Smith** = Dresser, Sofa, Tool Chest

Cash only

BY TRIBUNE MEDIA

Sunday Sudoku

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

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

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

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

SAFARI | TASK | ALUM | BIND
 ALEXIS | URGE | SAGA | ALIA
 IFFNECESSITY | ISTHE | SIFT
 DAG | ERIK | LEE | STRATA
 BRED | GATES | STEADY
 MEA | ORION | SURE
 MOTHER | OF | INVENTION | PAS
 OOH | SUNSET | GATS | DOSH
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 TANG | FIT | PORT | LOLLITA
 FRANK | WHYDOES | OMIT
 BORING | ALAN | OAR | AIMS
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KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 25 mins.

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 ENEMY | NATURE
 METEOROLOGIST
 USE | ROBES | ASI
 BAAS | AGES
 PSALM | BIDEN
 NEWT | VEND
 ORE | SKIES | TEA
 WEATHER | REPORT
 STELLA | CHARM
 SNELL | TADS
 SPY | STY

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: OZONE LLAMA PUNDIT QUEASY
 Answer: Loves skin diving—A MOSQUITO

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: SUITE HASTY MARKUP STIGMA
 Answer: What a hula dance is—A SHAKE IN THE GRASS

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KING FEATURES SuperCrossword

ACROSS

1 Pay hike?
 7 Chore
 11 Styptic pencil stuff
 15 Predicament
 19 Model Kim
 20 Press
 21 It's a long story
 22 "Inter —"
 23 Start of a remark
 26 Fluff the flour
 27 Mr. Hammar-skjold
 28 Composer Satie
 29 Majors or Marvin
 30 Layers
 32 Had kittens?
 33 Postern and portcullis
 36 Main squeeze
 37 "— culpa"
 39 Heavenly hunter
 40 "I bet!"
 41 Part 2 of remark
 46 Faux —
 49 Fireworks reaction
 50 "— Boulevard" ('50 film)
 51 They may be rolled

52 Billings or Motel
 53 Neighbor of Miss.
 54 "— Blade" ('96 film)
 55 Leans
 57 It's taken by nurses
 58 Sharp taste
 60 Skater Midori
 61 Wine choice
 62 Nabokov novel
 63 Kukla's colleague
 65 Part 3 of remark
 68 Fail to mention
 69 Tedious
 71 Sues or Shepard
 72 Boathouse item
 74 Objectives
 77 Take on
 78 Pack of partridges
 80 Like many gyms
 82 Cornfield cry
 83 Calcium oxide
 84 Non-stereo
 85 Peaceful
 86 Chemist
 87 Singer Joey
 88 Part 4 of remark

92 Heady quaffs
 93 Respond to an alarm?
 94 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
 95 Fop's neckwear
 98 Marsh bird
 99 Facts, for short
 102 Georgia athletes
 103 Brit. fliers
 104 Way to go?
 105 Clean-air org.
 108 Serenade accompaniment
 109 End of remark
 115 Fragrance
 116 Peace of mind
 117 "My word!"
 118 Swimmer Gertrude
 119 "Circus Boy" prop
 120 Prophet
 121 Lorre role
 122 Triangular sail

DOWN

1 Spoke out
 2 —
 3 — shui
 4 Medieval weapon
 5 Kitchen gadget
 6 Grenoble's river
 7 Walrus weapon
 8 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
 9 NCO
 10 It may be major
 11 Fatheads
 12 — bloomer
 13 "Yuck!"
 14 Mehta and Muti
 15 Iraqi city
 16 Homeric work
 17 Cool
 18 Base stuff?
 24 Bream of baseball
 25 Actress Graff
 31 "— Angel" ('60 smash)
 32 "Pshaw!"
 33 "Peer Gynt" composer
 34 Non-standard contraction
 35 "Mazel —!"
 36 Fills the bill
 37 Dough
 38 Wharton work
 39 "Smilla's Sense —" ('97 film)
 40 Actuary's fig.
 41 Ditch under a drawbridge
 42 Road curve
 43 Decree
 44 Step — (hurry)
 45 Nick of "The Deep"
 46 Party animal?
 47 Guy Fri.
 48 Queens stadium
 52 Raul of "The Addams Family"
 55 At present
 56 Rock's — Butterfly
 57 Petite pooch
 59 Bellyache
 61 Journalist Ernie
 62 Mime Yarnell
 64 Picnic crasher?
 66 Devastation
 67 Fashionable event
 69 Like Mus-sorgsky's mountain
 70 Garfield's pal
 73 Actor Guinness
 75 Tie the knot
 76 Fluctuate
 78 Telescope view
 79 Responsibility
 80 Wired
 81 — Plaines, IL
 84 Exemplar of slowness
 85 Cut cuticles
 88 Cut coupons
 89 "84 Charing Cross Road" author
 90 Psychic Geller
 91 — Paulo, Brazil
 95 Uncouth
 96 Boca —, FL
 97 Ward off
 98 Morley of "60 Minutes"
 99 Charged atom
 100 Puzo product
 101 Singer Payne
 102 Ink stain
 103 Trick
 104 Carthaginian queen
 105 Raison d'—
 106 Soccer superstar
 107 Mideastern gulf
 110 — kwon do
 111 Jewel
 112 Inflatable item?
 113 Use a shuttle
 114 Lepidopter-ist's need

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

**NOTICE – FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
CITY OF LINDEN**

Anyone wishing to salvage flowers, wreaths, etc. from Fairview Cemetery should do so by Sunday, March 18, 2012. After that date, they will be removed and disposed of by the sexton of the cemetery.

Scott Fairbanks
Sexton of Fairview Cemetery

**Tyrone Township
Livingston County, Michigan**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the "Township") in accordance with the laws of the State 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:

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4704-23-100-022 | 4704-23-100-021 |
| 4704-23-100-026 | 4704-23-100-015 |
| 4704-23-100-017 | 4704-23-100-014 |
| 4704-23-100-018 | 4704-23-100-020 |
| 4704-23-100-025 | 4704-23-100-010 |
| 4704-23-100-027 | 4704-23-100-011 |
| 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, 10408 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.

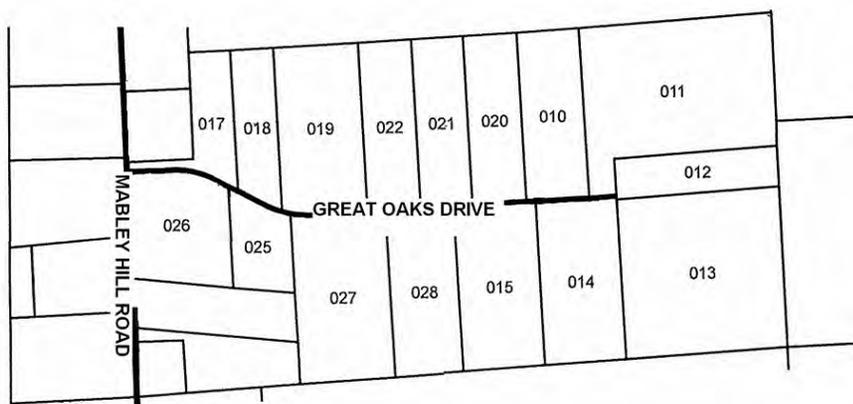
(4) The owner or other person having an interest in property that is specially assessed is entitled to file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the Roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing are required by law in order to appeal the special 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. Kremer
Tyrone Township Clerk

APPENDIX I
Map of Special Assessment District



Legal Notices 82

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
GROVELAND TOWNSHIP**

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS
MARCH 12, 2012**

Township, Building & Fire Department Proposed Budget(s)

The Groveland Township Board will hold a public hearing at the regular Township Board of Trustees meeting on the proposed budget(s) at the Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 on March 12, 2012 at 7:00p.m. A copy of the budget(s) is available for public inspection at the township office or by contacting the clerk.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied
To support the proposed budget(s) will be a
Subject of this public hearing (MCL 141.412)
1.00 Mill Township Operations
3.94 Mills Fire Department Operations**

The Groveland Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aid and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon six (6) days notice to the Clerk's office by writing or calling to the address and phone number listed in this notice.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA42 of 1995, MCL 211.24e (2) (3) by complying with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (MCL 141.436), MCL and Americans with Disabilities (ADA).

Pamela Mazich, Clerk
4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442
248-634-4152
clerk@grovelandtownship.net

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Todd Millspaugh, a Married Man, and Jennifer Millspaugh aka J. Millspaugh, his wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lehman Brothers bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2005 and recorded January 20, 2006 in Liber 5020 Page 303 Livingston County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Aurora Bank, FSB, by assignment dated December 9, 2011 and subsequently recorded in Livingston County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred One Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$118,301.69) including interest 7.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Livingston County at 10:00AM on March 14, 2012 Said premises are situated in Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 152, Brighton Country Club Annex, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Pages 26 and 27, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as 5410 Saunders St, Brighton MI 48116 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 2/12/2012 Aurora Bank, FSB, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-56645 Ad #20661 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 03/04/2012

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twinge of pain in his back unlike anything he had ever felt before, and thought that maybe he had a kidney stone. An ultrasound technician at his office did a full workup and found he had an enlarged spleen — a possible sign of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph nodes and blood.

The next day, Ziccardi consulted with a hematologist/oncologist at McLaren Cancer Institute, who ordered a whirlwind week of tests, including a PET scan, bone marrow biopsy and tumor biopsy. He determined that Ziccardi had a 9-cm. tumor on the right side, staged it at 2b and is hopeful that chemotherapy will do its job in getting rid of the tumor. Then, his doctor installed a port into Ziccardi's chest and started him on a cycle of chemo that will take him into May or June, depending on scan results in the next couple of months.

Fortunately, Ziccardi was diagnosed with B Cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, accounting for 85 percent of those diagnosed with the disease. The remaining 15 percent are diagnosed with the less common T Cell.

"I was diagnosed on Jan. 6, and started chemo exactly one week later, on Jan. 13," said Ziccardi. Not only was Jan. 13 a "Friday the 13th," but it was also exactly three years ago to the day that his father had passed away.

In spite of his own flood of emotions, the hardest part for Ziccardi and his wife, Robyn, was sharing the news

"The outpouring of prayers and thoughts from my patients and the community has really opened my eyes. I've certainly become more compassionate as a doctor and have changed my outlook on life for the better."

Dr. Michael Ziccardi

with their four children at their home. "We had to be upfront with our older kids, because we had to ask for their help in getting the younger kids up and ready for school," said Ziccardi. "We were on the way to the hospital having tests at 6:30 a.m."

The Ziccardi's family includes Mike, 15, Tyler, 14, Marissa, 10 and Alex, 6. "We didn't tell our youngest kids until we knew exactly what was going on," added Ziccardi. "It was the hardest thing I've ever done."

That's the last bit of pity that Ziccardi has allowed himself. "I'm not a 'woe is me' or 'why me?' kind of person," he said. "I refuse to give up the things that are important to me."

His positive attitude has set a tone of optimism and good spirits among his family. "We haven't kept anything from the kids," said Robyn. "We've kept up our busy schedule as a 'soccer family' and Mike has only missed seeing one soccer game. The McLaren 'family' has truly become our family. They've helped us with meals and have been flexible with Mike's working schedule. He took off the whole first month and is now seeing patients again on a part-time basis."

The first thing 6-year-old Alex did was to help his dad shave his hair, then all the kids took a turn. Coincidentally, just a week before her dad was diagnosed, 10-year-old Marissa had shorn off 10

inches of her own hair to donate to Locks of Love.

All the family sports lime green Lymphoma Awareness bracelets, sharing them with friends and fellow soccer teammates.

"The outpouring of prayers and thoughts from my patients and the community has really opened my eyes," said Ziccardi. "I've certainly become more compassionate as a doctor and have changed my outlook on life for the better.

"What I really hope to do is become more personal with my patients, instead of getting caught up in the economics of a medical practice. This has changed my life."



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Countdown is on for finalizing travel plans

Summary

The success of any vacation is in the advanced planning and details. You still have nearly a month to finalize your travel plans before Spring Break 2012.

By Sally Rummel

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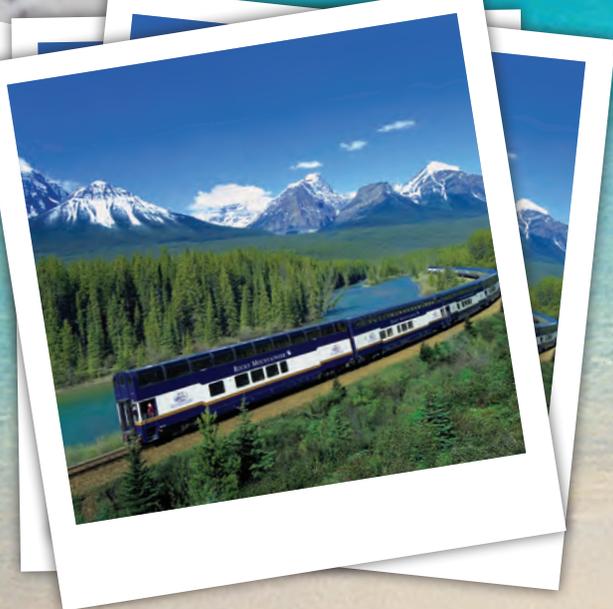
If you or your family have plans for spring break, chances are you're already counting down the days until you board that plane or get behind the wheel for your driving vacation.

With spring break officially four weeks away, you still have enough time to either make some plans — or make sure the plans you have made include some of the most important last-minute details.

"If you're leaving the country, make sure you have all of your updated documents, including passports," said John Schmitt, of Superior Travel, with an office in Fenton. "Make sure your documentation matches the name on your birth certificate, so if you have remarried, divorced, changed your name, etc., you'll want to be sure that you update your passport. Otherwise, you could be denied entrance into another country or back home. Ten years ago, you could've 'slid by,' but not so anymore."

To update your passport, you still have time to get your documents in order. According to Schmitt, there's about a two-week turnaround time if you're willing to pay an extra charge.

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There's still time to plan ahead for excursions you might be taking, if you've planned a cruise or tour vacation. A popular excursion, such as swimming with the dolphins, does fill up quickly, said Schmitt. "You'll want to take care of planning your excursions before you go, so you won't be disappointed and find out that the event you were most looking forward to is already filled up. We can help you do that."

Now's the time to book a hotel near the airport for the night before your flight, if you'll be flying out of Detroit or Lansing. For about \$100 for that overnight stay, many hotels will provide free airport parking for the week you're on vacation, plus free shuttle service to and from the parking lot to the terminal. There will also be a lot less last-minute stress if there's bad weather or some other unforeseen situation.

For domestic flights, travelers should arrive at the airport two hours in advance, according to Schmitt, even at a smaller regional airport like Bishop International Airport in Flint. International travelers should plan to arrive three hours ahead of flight time, two if flying out of Bishop, said Schmitt.

Regardless if you're traveling by plane to Chicago or across the ocean to Hawaii, you need to know what your baggage fees will be before you start packing. Some carriers, notably Southwest and JetBlue, still offer the first checked bag for free. Others charge for any checked luggage and more for subsequent bags. You can check specific airline websites for their baggage fee scale, call your travel agent or check "watchdog" sites like budgettravel.com, airfarewatch.com, etc.

The rule of thumb is: Many budget carriers will give you a break on airfares but charge higher baggage fees. If this is the case, you need to recognize the importance of one-bag carry-on travel.

"Travel lightly," advises Schmitt. "Lay out what you think you'll need, then cut it in half. You always pack twice as much as you need. This is true whether you're

How to save money on Spring Break

- **Use those travel rewards** for discounted air travel and free hotel nights. Check out WebFlyer's Mileage Converter for converting airline miles to hotel stays. The transfer process can take several weeks.
- **Consider train travel.** Most kids love trains, and sleeper car accommodations include all meals and access to a private lounge on most trips. Some airline rewards programs can be transferred directly to Amtrak's Guest Rewards, so it may be worth checking.
- **Visit a national park** for stunning natural beauty, lots of kids' activities and accommodations ranging from campgrounds to cabins to historic lodges. If you're worried about spring break crowds, seek out some of the least-visited national parks, some of which are good alternatives to their better-known cousins.
- **Buddy up.** One of the most economical ways to vacation we've found is to rent a big house with one or more other families. A kitchen also helps save money, and there's always someone to look after the kids.

Source: MSN.com

traveling by plane or by car."

If you'll be driving to your spring break destination, Schmitt advises that you make the trip part of your vacation fun. "Plan your trip in advance, stopping at places along the way so you can see things you want to see," said Schmitt. "You'll be stopping for breaks anyway, so make each stop a 'point of interest' rather than a marathon drive just to get there. You'll look forward to each stop that way."

While these details might seem small in the course of your entire trip planning, a successful vacation is all in the details. "These are the things that can 'make or break' a trip," said Schmitt. "Be safe, and don't forget the sunscreen."

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Synopsis of the Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting February 27, 2012

Call to order @ 7:07 p.m.
 Supervisor Cole led the pledge of Allegiance.
 Roll Call: Cole, present, Hallman, present, Ciesielski, present and Graves, present. Absent: Schmidt. Treasurer Schmidt arrived @7:15 p.m.
 Motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2012 and the minutes of the Election Commission January 31, 2012, and the minutes of the Executive Session January 30, 2012, as printed. Motion passed.
 Motion to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.
 Motion to approve payment of the invoices and expenditures as printed in the board packet. Motion passed.
 Reports: Police Department: Chief Allen gave an oral report. A written report was submitted.
 Fire Department: Chief Reid submitted an annual report. Reid also gave an oral report.
 Building Department: 6 permits were issued in the amount \$2,280.00.
 Planning Commission- Trustee Ciesielski gave an oral report.
 Motion to grant a permanent occupancy permit to Janelle's. Motion passed.
 Attorney- David Lattie gave an oral report.
 Old Business: Motion to accept the bid to purchase the Markley Rd. property from Dirk & Stephanie Thompson in the amount of \$37,100.00. If the bidder declines, the bid will be accepted from the next highest bidder. Motion passed.
 New Business: None.
 Adjournment @ 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
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What's in your Jewelry

What you should know and learn before you buy or sell your jewelry.

FIND THE VALUE OF A GRAM OF GOLD

If the spot price of gold is \$900 per troy ounce and there are about 31.10 grams in a troy ounce, then the math is as follows:

\$900 x 1 ounce / 31.10 grams = \$28.94/gram

Tip: A gram of gold weighs approximately the same as a dollar bill, and at today's price is valued at \$100.

Tip: 28gms of gold / 1oz. when in actual fact they are using a different method of weight. Most people know that 28.35 grams is 1 ounce, but that is the avoirdupois ounce, the common method to weigh groceries etc. When you are weighing precious metals or stones, jewelers use another method called Troy in which 31.103 grams is 1 Troy Ounce. So remember:

28.35 GRAMS = 1 OUNCE (when weighing groceries)

31.103 GRAMS = 1 OUNCE (when weighing gold)

GOLD and SILVER

what's the value



GOLD

There are several carats available for gold. The carat is the gold content of the metal. The carat measures the proportion of pure gold mixed with other metal alloy to make up the final metal. **9kt yellow gold** wedding ring 9kt gold contains 37.5percent pure gold. **14kt gold** contains 58.5percent pure gold. **18kt gold** contains 75percent pure gold. 9kt, 14kt and 18kt gold are each relatively hard and durable metals and are suitable for use in all types of fine jewelry. Gold is also suitable to be used in jewelry that is worn on an every day basis. Gold is available in several different colors. The most popular is yellow gold, followed by white gold and rose gold.

Yellow gold is made by mixing pure gold with alloy metals such as copper and zinc. **Rose gold** is made using a mix of pure gold with alloys including copper. The copper provides the rose-reddish color. **White gold** is an alloy of gold and some white metals such as silver and palladium. When white gold rings are new they can be coated with another white metal called Rhodium. Rhodium is a metal very similar to platinum and rhodium shares many of the properties of platinum including its white color. 18kt generally holds up to everyday wear better than 9kt and tends to look better than 9kt as it ages over the years. This is one of the reasons why 18kt is normally preferred for ladies engagement rings rather than 9kt.



TITANIUM

Titanium is a natural element which has a silver-greyish-white color. Titanium is the hardest natural metal in the world. It is very strong, three times the strength of steel and much stronger than gold, silver and platinum and yet is very light weight. Pure titanium is also 100 percent hypo-allergenic which means that it is safe for anyone to wear as it will not react to your skin.



PLATINUM

Platinum is a white metal, but unlike gold it is used in jewelry in almost its pure form (approximately 95 percent pure). Platinum is extremely long wearing and is very white, so it does not need to be rhodium plated like white gold does. Platinum is very dense and heavy metal, so a platinum ring will feel heavier than an 18kt gold ring. A platinum ring will be approximately twice the price of an 18kt white gold ring.



SILVER

Sterling silver is a white-grey colored metal which is less expensive than gold, platinum and titanium. Silver is a softer metal than gold, titanium and platinum and does not have hardness that the other metals do. It is best used for jewelry that will not be worn every day for an extended period. Silver is also more prone to oxidation, sometimes causing the silver to turn black.



STAINLESS STEEL

Stainless steel is a metal not traditionally used in fine jewelry, though its popularity in dress jewelry is increasing. Stainless steel is a relatively hard and durable metal. It is particularly popular in men's bracelets, necklaces and men's dress rings.



diamonds

The quality of a diamond is measured by its cut, colour and clarity. The carat weight measures the size of the diamond.

A diamond in its natural, uncut state is described as a "rough diamond." Its natural appearance so resembles a glass pebble that most people would pass it by without a second glance. It is the skill of the diamond cutter that unlocks the brilliance for which diamonds are renowned.

It is important to distinguish between cut and shape. Some of the more popular shapes of dia-

monds include Round Brilliant, Oval, Marquise, Pear, Heart and Emerald.

Clarity is also categorized using international grading scales. The categories of clarity are based upon the number, size and position of the inclusions within the diamond. Grading ranges from flawless, and internally flawless, through very small and small inclusions, to imperfect. The clarity

gradings are described as follows: Flawless, Internally Flawless, Very, Very Slightly Included, Very Slightly Included, Slightly Included, Imperfect 1,2 and 3.

A **carat** is the unit of measure used to determine the weight of a diamond. The term "carat" is derived from the original method of using carob tree seeds to weigh diamonds. One seed from this tree was equivalent to one carat.



Square



Oval



Brilliant



Pear



Marquise



Emerald

www.goldvaluecalculator.com Find the value of your jewelry. This is a simple online tool that will allow the user to plug in the attributes of their diamonds, gold and silver then get an estimate of how much their stones will be worth, based on the daily diamond price.

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Easter baskets for children in need

►Volunteers, businesses sought for community project

Efforts are underway to help families in need in the Fenton community by providing Easter baskets for children age birth through eighth grade.

This project involves the combined efforts of local area churches, school counselors, businesses, and volunteers. Organizers are asking the community for assistance to ensure that each child may have their own Easter Basket to enjoy.

Easter baskets will be assembled on Thursday, April 5 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center next to the Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 South LeRoy St. Baskets will be available for pick up from 1-5 p.m. on Thursday, April 5. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the basket assembly.

If you need or know of a family in need of assistance in the Fenton area,

please call LOVE, INC at (810) 235-4990, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to request an Easter basket for a child or children.

There are two ways individuals or businesses can contribute to this project.

Monetary donations are accepted — checks payable to FUMC, with “Easter Basket” written in the memo and may be dropped off or mailed to FUMC. All monetary donations will help purchase needed items for the baskets.

People can also donate or collect items needed for baskets which include individually wrapped candy, chocolate bunnies, small books, small stuffed animals, small toys, i.e. bubbles, chalk, jump ropes, cars, balls, etc., plastic eggs, ribbon and cellophane.

For additional information contact coordinator Teri Sydenstricker at terisyd@charter.net or call Fenton United Methodist Church at (810) 629-8994.



Summary

►Organizers are seeking volunteers and businesses to help make Easter baskets for all Fenton area children in need a reality.

Holly ‘on the grow’

►Main Street businesses hold ribbon-cutting events

By Sally Rummel

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Holly — Main Street Holly has been put on the map as one of 12 Oakland County historic downtowns to be revitalized with the help of a unique

Summary

►The Holly Downtown Development Authority, Holly Village and Oakland County officials held ribbon-cutting events to recognize grand openings and re-grand openings of several downtown businesses.

economic development program. Leading the initiative, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson joined the Main Street Holly Downtown Development Authority and the Village of Holly Council on Thursday for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome four new businesses and two grand re-openings in Holly.

“This is how most small businesses get their start, on Main Streets just like Holly,” said Hope Ponsart, executive director of the Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

“We believe in helping new businesses grow, and the synergy generated by the collaboration of local government and new business will be the beginning of Michigan’s comeback economic success story. If Holly is any type of barometer, Michigan’s business future looks very bright.”

The new businesses being welcomed include:

• **Radiant Sol** – 4048 Grange Hall Rd., Suite D: Holly’s newest, state-of-the-art tanning center, plus Sol Couture offering the latest styles in clothing, jewelry, purses, décor and more. Owner is Melissa Pelletier. For more information, visit: www.radiantsoltanning.com.

• **A Simpler Time Antiques** – 301 South Saginaw St.: One of Holly’s most unique stores, offering antiques in a “modern” setting. There’s something for everyone with a Coca Cola Museum, made in Michigan products, locally made products, honey, syrups,

jellies, Petoskey stones, man-cave must-haves and customized, high-tech computer mice. Owner is John Shoemaker.

• **Hydro-Grow Room** – 15231 North Holly Rd.: This HGR Garden Supply recently relocated to a much larger facility. Emphasizing a “go green” focus, even its store shelving is 90 percent recycled material, along with organic material for build-out. They offer a very creative grow system that safely produces full organic fruits and flowers through an eco system provided by live fish. Owner is Clint Rasch.

• **Hills Gold and Silver Exchange** – 15190 North Holly Rd.: This small, family-owned business offers jewelry repair and appraisals, a gemologist on staff, and the best prices for gold and silver. Owners are Bob and Ed Grant. For more information, visit www.hillsgroupinc.com.

• **Starstruck Dance Center** - 15211 North Holly Rd.: This family-oriented dance center offers ballet, tap, jazz, modern, hip-hop, pom-pom, acro-gymnastics, lyrical/contemporary, and pointe from beginner to the advanced dancer. There’s also a competitive team for those interested in taking their dance to the next level. A landmark studio in Holly for 15 years, they recently made this move

“This is how most small businesses get their start, on Main Streets just like Holly.”

Hope Ponsart
Executive director of the Holly DDA

to a larger, more modern facility.

• **Smokers Outlet, Inc.** – 15190 North Holly Rd.: Smokers Outlet is one of the largest tobacco retailers in Michigan, in business since 1994. They specialize in fine cigars, tobacco pipes, cigarettes, roll your own tobacco, lighters and accessories. The stores are equipped with the largest well-humidified walk-in humidors with a vast selection of premium cigars.

The Holly DDA is responsible for the overall economic enhancement and development of the district, according to Ponsart. An \$800,000 streetscape was completed several years ago to enhance and revitalize the downtown area.

As a “Main Street Oakland County” community, Holly joins Rochester, Royal Oak, Walled Lake, Lake Orion, Ferndale, Pontiac, Farmington, Ortonville, Oxford, Highland and Keego Harbor.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF YOU WERE out on the back roads last Friday morning, you'd know why they called off school. And one snow day this year out of six is making a quota? Seems like no one remembers having snow days when they were in school.

I HATE TO say it, but 2009 was not a leap year. It was 2008.

IT IS TRUE that the \$7+ billion bridge in California is being built by China and that California took no federal dollars. Where are the unions in this? How can China (the government) open companies in this country except for the Feds allowing it? Also happening in Arkansas and New York.

OH, COME ON! You didn't stop going to church because of hypocrites. You stopped because you are too lazy to go and do not have strong beliefs. It is easy to look for reasons and excuses on why we don't do something especially if we can blame someone else.

PRICELESS AND SAD all in one. Comparing a teacher's salary to Prince Fielder's? Someone fell asleep during economics class. Simple supply and demand. Performance? Teachers hate that one. Prince must perform. I suppose you are just as mad that a heart surgeon earns more than a teacher too.

TO THE PERSON that lets their dog run on Knobhill Drive in Argentine Township, please follow the law and keep your dog in your yard. He/she aggravates all the dogs in the area and growls at people. Next time I see him/her out, I'm calling the pound.

I REALLY HOPE all the businesses and individuals of Fenton will participate in the International Pay It Forward Day this year on April 26. It could be a changing day in our town and everyone deserves a little good cheer sometimes.

HEY OBAMA, HOW about a gas stimulus for the people who still have to work to support the people who still don't!

I'M THE ONLY one in our neighborhood who recycles. Are the other just too lazy, or not educated? Do they know that plastic and so fourth stay in our landfills for millions of years? Come on start thinking about your grandkids and great-grandkids. Get smart.

business profiles

Real Living Tremaine Real Estate hosts class

►Short sales and foreclosures are focus of March 8 class

By Sally Rummel
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Myth: Short sales take a very long time and you have to go through a lot of hoops to get through the process.

Fact: Banks and Realtors have streamlined the process so that it's easier now for both buyers and sellers. Real Living Tremaine Real Estate in Fenton has created a short sale website so that the application process can actually begin online.

Educating local consumers with the most current information about buying and selling in today's market is the goal behind a class set for Thursday, March 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Sponsored by Real Living Tremaine Real Estate, the class will be held at their offices at 1032 North LeRoy St. Information will include short sales, loan modification, foreclosures and traditional home sales.

Steven "Melch" Melchor and Patty Pieron, both Realtors at Real Living Tremaine, are joining forces to provide this educational forum. "We want people to know how the market is changing and that there are many options now available," said Melchor, a 30-year Realtor.

The duo has hired Autumn Anderson



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Realtors Patty Pieron (left), and Steven "Melch" Melchor are holding a real estate class next week with administrative assistant Autumn Anderson.

as an administrative assistant to keep on top of the newest listings, and assist with marketing and administrative efforts.

For more information or to RSVP, contact mihomeassistant@gmail.com or call Melchor at (810) 513-1561 or Pieron at (810) 577-4275. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Calendar of events

Holly Aglow meeting March 14

A Community Lighthouse holds meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Holly Village Chambers, 315 South Broad St. Holly. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 14, with fellowship and breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10 a.m. Featured speaker is Graham Cooke, who has written 16 books and co-authored two more. He is well known for his training programs on the prophetic, spiritual warfare and intimacy with God, leadership and spirituality.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012** Organizational Meeting 10:00 am
- MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012** 9:00 am -12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012** 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

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

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

- Tuesday, March 6, 2012 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Monday, March 12, 2012 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 14, 2012 1:00 PM to 4:30PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

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

For those wishing to protest in person, please schedule an appointment by calling:
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248-975-9611

If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call GROVELAND TOWNSHIP OFFICE during regular business hours at (248)634-4152.

ROBERT DEPALMA, SUPERVISOR
Groveland Township

teentalk

Compiled by Eric Trowt, Intern

Austin Sarkozi

- 18-year-old senior
- Lake Fenton High School
- My family is: Parents, Ron and Pam Sarkozi, and I have a sister, Sheila.

“Live life by the day.”

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy?

Track and school spirit.

My dream car is:

A black Pontiac G8.

My all-time favorite movie is:

'White Chicks' because of all the characters, and punch lines.

My earliest memory is:

Playing with Katie Handley when I was 2 or 3.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

Super strength because I think it would be pretty awesome to lift things up.

I always:

Try to put a smile on my face.

I never:

Want to see people down.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be?

Everyone would have to show at least one random act of kindness.

Is there an event in your life you would like a 'do-over' for?

I'd redo high school so I can step up my study habits.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be?

The sinking of the Titanic, just to experience the feeling of it all.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say?

Smile! Because I think everyone



should smile.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Graduation, to feel like I finally succeeded.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? Mac Miller, because he's newer and I like his music.

What has been the best day in your life so far? The day my nephew was born, because I'm

not the youngest anymore.

What are your plans after graduation? Going to Mott Community College and getting into a tech program.

How are you preparing for college? I've taken a class at Mott just to see how it feels and I did pretty well.

My parting advice for a better world is: Always try your hardest.

LAKE FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

student body

At what age do you think you'll get married?

"At 27, because I feel like it gives me some time to have fun and find the right person."
ELLESA SMITH, SENIOR



"At 22, because I think that's a reasonable age, not young, not too old."
NIKOLE STANTON, SOPHOMORE



"When I'm done with college and have a career, probably between 25-28."
HANZEH SAMARAH, SENIOR



"I'm not getting married; I'm an aspiring cat lady."
MANDI WALTERS, SENIOR



"At 25, because my career should be stable by then."
SIERRA BRUDER, SENIOR



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Around the world in four hours

►Fifth annual IB World Fair on March 10

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — The Fenton Area Public School Education Foundation (FAPSEF) is hosting its fifth annual International Baccalaureate (IB) World Fair from 12 to

“Our thanks to the local businesses that support the World Fair and enable us to put this event on each year.”

Missy Taylor
IB World Fair co-chair

where funding is not available.

Families and community members of all ages are invited to step into other worlds by touring the numerous countries that will be set up throughout the school. This year's countries include Iceland, Egypt, India, Mexico, Canada, Norway, Lebanon, Chile and the U.S.

In addition to experiencing a taste of each country's culture, visitors will have also opportunities to taste their unique cuisine.

Canadian Steak, Fish & Sandwich Co., is donating a Canadian favorite, fries and gravy. They will be serving crepes in Iceland and tasting red lentil or “massor” dal with basmati rice in India.

Beirut Restaurant, in Linden, will be providing traditional Lebanese taste as well. Sagebrush Cantina is providing homemade chips and salsa in the room set up for Mexico.

Not only will guests be able to samples foods from around the world, the IB World Fair has entertainment. Kevin Collins' Kuungana African Drum and Dance Co. is back and will be entertaining at 1 and 3 p.m.

Ten Thousand Villages Festival Store will be on hand for those who want to experience international shopping. Ten Thousand Villages is known as an exceptional source of unique handmade gifts, jewelry, home décor, art and sculpture, textiles, etc. from diverse cultures of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. These shops improve the livelihood of tens of thousands of disadvantaged artisans in 38 countries.

To help raise funds, Basket Raffles, donated by Fenton elementary PTOs, local families and businesses will be available. Organizers want to thank their sponsors and let everyone know of their generosity and support for the IB World Fair.

“Our thanks to the local businesses that support the World Fair and enable us to put this event on each year. We live in a wonderful community,” said Missy Taylor, co-chair.

“We are so very thankful to all of the volunteers who work on this event, said Jen Koester, co-chair. “We have support from every one of our Fenton schools, parents, grandparents, teachers, administrators, and students.

“The success of this event is dependent



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Entertainment at the World Fair is provided by Kevin Collins' Percussion and dance company.

on all the hands that touch it. We are grateful to you all.”

Co-chair Jenn Horton agreed with Koester and added, “We have been so thrilled with the success of the IB World Fair.

“It has been rewarding to see families enjoy the Fair year after year, while generating funds for the Fenton Area Public Schools. Many people have told me that their children look forward to the event every year.”

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAMS 105 and 105c OFFERED IN LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12

The Linden Community School District is accepting applications for the 2012-13 school year under Sections 105 and 105c of the State Aid Act.

- Section 105 – Students who reside within the Genesee Intermediate School District's boundaries.
- Section 105c – Students who reside in counties contiguous to Genesee County.

Primary applications will be available March 5, 2012 through May 25, 2012 at the Administration Building.

- » Transportation will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- » There is no tuition charge for students accepted for enrollment under these programs.
- » To apply, complete the application and return to Evie Jensen, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Linden Community Schools, between March 5, 2012 and May 25, 2012, no later than 4:00 p.m.
- » Applications may be obtained in person or by mail by calling:
Evie Jensen
Linden Community Schools
7205 W. Silver Lake Road
Linden, Michigan 48451
(810) 591-0983
- » Notification of acceptance by choice district will be made by June 29, 2012.
- » Applications may be accepted until September 7, 2012.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Explore the World of International Investments

You're probably accustomed to measuring the progress of your investments, and the overall condition of the investment world, by checking on indexes such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500. And since these types of benchmarks focus almost exclusively on American companies, you might get the idea that the best investments are located right here in the United States. But that impression would be false — because there are, literally, a world of investment opportunities beyond the U.S. borders.

In fact, as of the end of 2010, U.S. stock markets constituted less than a third of the total global stock market value, according to the World Bank. And you can probably just look around at the products you use in your daily life to identify many successful foreign companies.

Why invest a portion of your portfolio internationally? Here are a couple of reasons to consider:

- Growth potential — The United States is a mature, highly developed economy. That doesn't mean, of course, that we have no “upside” here. However, you can also find considerable growth potential in emerging markets — countries such as China, India, Brazil and Mexico that are characterized by younger, less mature economies.
- Diversification — The world's financial markets are somewhat dependent on one another, but that doesn't mean they constantly move in unison. In any given year, the U.S. markets may be down, but international markets might be doing better. Consequently, if during that year, you had invested only in U.S. companies, your portfolio may have taken a hit. It's important to diversify your portfolio by investing in many different vehicles, but you can also boost your diversification through geography. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

While international investing can be beneficial, it does not come without risks. For one thing, when you invest overseas, you may encounter political instability, which could threaten the financial markets of a country or region. Conversely, financial problems, such as the European debt crisis, can result in loss of confidence in individual governments. Also, you might experience currency risk, which means that changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could harm the value of your investments. And in any given year, any market, foreign or domestic, may be down.

Ultimately, you should probably limit your exposure to international investments to no more than 20% to 25% of your overall portfolio, with the exact amount, if any, depending on your situation — your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial situation and other factors. You may also want add an international flavor to your portfolio by investing in quality U.S. companies that do a considerable amount of business abroad. In any case, given the more complex nature of international investing, you'll want to consult with a financial professional before writing a check.

Still, consider the international investment world. With a little exploring, you may discover some good possibilities out there.

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Ethel M. Jecmen - age 87, died February 24, 2012. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



John M. Richardson,
John M. Richardson - age 67, pending. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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Katherine Mildred Fitzmaurice,
Katherine Mildred Fitzmaurice - age 88, of Grand Blanc, died Thursday, March 1, 2012 at Crestmont Health Care. Private family services will be held. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Murdock Chalmers,
Murdock Chalmers - age 68, died February 24, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Smith,
Robert Smith - age 79, died March 1, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Eloisa Garcia,
Eloisa Garcia - age 92, died March 2, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Alexander Frederick,
Alexander Frederick - age 91, died February 25, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carlene Donahue,
Carlene Donahue - age 87, died March 1, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Catherine Kostka,
Catherine Kostka - age 86, died February 28, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Judith Gail (Holley) McGrew,
Judith Gail (Holley) McGrew - age 61, of Fenton, died February 28, 2012. Funeral Services were held 5 PM Friday, March 2, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Ronald McDonald House. To view the complete obituary or post an online tribute go to the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Sefcik,
Mary Sefcik - age 93, died February 25, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Liebold,
Patricia Liebold - age 66, died February 27, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thomas Leonard Sr.,
Thomas Leonard Sr., - age 82, died March 1, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Allen "Joe" Taylor,
Allen "Joe" Taylor - age 79, died February 28, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ann Beebe,
Ann Beebe - age 77, died March 1, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John Smarney,
John Smarney - age 78, died February 26, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dick Ross,
Dick Ross - age 77, died February 25, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Debora Kay Curby-Vaughn
1954-2012
Debora Kay Curby-Vaughn - age 57, of Fenton, died Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 1 PM Saturday, March 3, 2012 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, with Fr. David Harvey celebrating. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Friday from 5-9 PM and also will be held at church Saturday from 12 PM until time of Mass. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, the Gabriel Project or the Transplant Center at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Debora was born May 14, 1954 in Detroit, the daughter of Glenn M. and Shirley (Weinkauf-Kendziorski) Curby. She was a 1972 graduate of Warren Mott High School. She married Karl Vaughn September 18, 1981 in Southfield. She had been employed by Home Depot in Fenton and Coldwell Bankers in Fenton. Debora was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and was a master gardener. Surviving are: husband, Karl; son, Devon Vaughn of Houston, TX; daughter, Danielle Vaughn of Fenton; her parents, Glenn and Shirley Curby of Knoxville, TN; brother, Glenn and wife Juliane Curby of Austin, TX; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ples and Inga Vaughn of South Lyon; brother-in-law, Anthony and wife Denise Vaughn of Kentucky; 2 nieces, Jenna Curby and Heather Vaughn; 2 nephews, Glenn Curby and Anthony Vaughn. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Madaline Bill,
Madaline Bill - age 71, died February 26, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Doris Houghton,
Doris Houghton - age 78, died March 1, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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ANSWER: Different government agencies have different recommendations for medicine disposal. Congress is trying to resolve those differences. First, check with your drugstore to see if it has a program to dispose of medicines; many do. Also check with your town, county or state to see if it has "take-back" programs. Many do. If you can't find a facility that accepts old medicines, mix them with coffee grounds, sawdust, kitty litter or similar materials (making them less appealing for children or pets to eat), seal them in a plastic bag and put them in your trash. A few drugs ought to be flushed down the toilet or the sink. These drugs are mostly powerful painkillers, like morphine, fentanyl, oxycodone and Demerol. They pose a danger to children, pets and even adults if accidentally ingested. This advice comes from the Food and Drug Administration. You can find the complete list at www.fda.gov.

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Food Smart



Cheese and spinach stuffed shells

INGREDIENTS

- » 30 jumbo pasta shells, cooked according to instructions on box
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- » 1 cup ricotta cheese
- » 1 cup cottage cheese
- » 1 cup chopped frozen spinach, thawed
- » salt and pepper to taste
- » 1 cup part skim mozzarella cheese, shredded
- » 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- » basil for garnish

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Don't feed this to Fido... We all know chocolate is unsafe for our pets, but check out this list of other pet damaging foods.



grapes, raisins

WHY: Damage the kidneys.

POISONING TO: Dogs, cats.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF POISONING: Increased thirst, increased urination, lethargy, vomiting.



garlic, onions

WHY: Damage red blood cells, causing anemia.

POISONING TO: Cats, dogs.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF POISONING: Vomiting, red-colored urine, weakness, anemia.



alcoholic drinks

WHY: Depress the nervous system.

POISONING TO: All species.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF POISONING: Vomiting, disorientation, diarrhea, lethargy, difficulty breathing, tremors, coma, seizures.



avocados

WHY: Contain persin, which damages heart muscles.

POISONING TO: Most species—especially birds.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF POISONING: Vomiting, diarrhea (in dogs), lethargy, difficulty breathing (in birds).

Tweens, teens and then the 'in-betweens'

DEAR AMY: Do you know of any support groups for parents whose children have returned to the nest? My wife and I could really use the emotional support and resources that a group might provide. Do you know where we could find such a group?
 — Tearing Our Hair Out

Amy Dickinson



Ask Amy

DEAR TEARING: You and your wife should convey some basic non-negotiables. The primary one should be that your offspring behave decently while they are sponging off you. They also must be working and/or actively looking for work. You should also negotiate a reasonable deadline for them to move out. If you can't make it to my house, check out familiesanonymous.org for support and perspective.

DEAR AMY: My husband received a promotion and works as the right hand to a woman a few years younger than he. I don't feel there is anything sexual happening, but he has become withdrawn. If I ask how his day goes, he is noncommittal. I can't seem to have a normal conversation with him anymore, and he seems to snap at me for no reason. Am I just paranoid? Do I just leave it be?
 — Worried

DEAR WORRIED: Do not leave this alone. Confront this issue with your husband calmly and directly. It might not be your style to show up at your husband's office to take him out for lunch, but I think you should consider a very low-key drop by to see him, meet his colleague and bring this issue into the light. A counselor will help you sort this out; if your husband won't go with you, go by yourself.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

PEOPLE WILL GET buzzed in one way or another regardless of what you put in front of them, so why not put something less dangerous than alcohol in front of them? Let's take away their alcohol, and give them marijuana - the safer choice. Alcohol is dangerous, marijuana is not, but alcohol makes them more money.

I'D LOVE TO give a shout out about the beautiful white swan that guards the Silver Spray Sports building every night and sits at the door in the morning, greeting you guys when you come to open up. What a beautiful animal. Any person in their right mind wouldn't dare to attempt to walk into that place uninvited.

STREET TALK ANSWERS from last week's issue had 3 young people responding they want to see more money from government for the schools. My question to them would be, 'where do you think the money for schools comes from'? It comes from hard working taxpayers who already contribute a significant portion of their earnings to fund our local schools. This money does NOT come from government. The government is only the distributor of the monies. We the people are the suppliers of those funds. Get it, there's no magic money tree.

HAVE YOU SEEN this bumper sticker? 'Please, don't tell Obama what comes after a trillion!' It would be funny if it was not so true. The sad fact is that a quadrillion comes after a trillion and it takes a thousand trillion to make that quadrillion. I think Obama believes that our American tax dollars are his personal slush fund for campaign paybacks, crony contributions and jet-setting vacations.

How to choose a financial planner

► Ten questions to ask

By **Sally Rummel**;
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Whether you're buying a home, planning for retirement, working to finance your children's education, or trying to get your "financial house" in order, consulting a financial planner can be a helpful step in securing your financial future.

Don't just select the first financial planner you hear about. Experts from the Certified Financial Planners Board suggest that you interview and evaluate several financial planners

to find the one that is right for you. You will want to select a competent, qualified professional with whom you feel comfortable, one whose business style suits your financial planning needs.

Here are 10 questions to ask when choosing a financial planner:

Q. What experience do you have?

A. Find out how long the planner has been in practice and the number and types of companies with which he or she has been associated. Choose a financial planner who has experience counseling individuals on their financial needs.

Q. What are your qualifications?

A. The term "financial planner" is used by many financial professionals. Ask the planner what qualifies him or her to offer financial planning advice and whether he or she is recognized as a Cer-

tified Financial Planning™ professional or CFP® practitioner, a Certified Public Accountant-Personal Financial Specialist (CPA-PFS), or a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC).

Look for a planner who has proven experience in topics such as insurance, tax planning, investments, estate planning and retirement planning. If the planner holds a financial planning designation or certification, check on his background with CFP Board or other relevant professional organizations.

Q. What services do you offer?

A. This depends on a number of factors including credentials, licenses and areas of expertise. Generally, financial planners cannot sell insurance or securities products such as mutual funds or stocks without the proper licenses, or give investment advice unless registered with state or federal authorities. Some planners offer financial planning advice on a range of topics but do not sell financial products. Others may provide advice only in specific areas such as estate planning or on tax matters.

Q. What is your approach to financial planning?

A. Ask about the type of clients and financial situations he or she typically likes to work with. Some planners prefer to develop one plan by bringing together all of your financial goals. Others provide advice on specific areas, as needed.

Make sure the planner's viewpoint on investing is not too cautious or overly aggressive for you. Some planners require you to have a certain net worth before offering services. Find out if the planner will carry out the financial recommendations developed for you or refer you to others who will do so.

Q. Will you be the only person working with me?

A. The financial planner may work alone or have others in the office to assist. You may want to meet everyone who will be working with you. If the planner works with professionals outside his own practice (attorneys, insurance agents or tax specialists) to develop or carry out financial planning recommendations, get a list of their names to check on their backgrounds.

Q. How will I pay for your services?

A. As part of your financial planning agreement, the financial planner should clearly tell you in writing how he or she will be paid for services provided.

Planners can be paid in several ways:

- **A salary paid** by the company for which the planner works. The planner's employer receives payment from you or others, either in fees or commissions, in order to pay the planner's salary.

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- **A combination** of fees and commissions. Fees are charged for the amount of work done to develop financial planning recommendations and commissions are received from any products sold. In addition, some planners may offset some portion of the fees you pay if they receive commissions for carrying out their recommendations.



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Q. How much do you typically charge?

A. While the amount you pay will depend on your particular needs, the financial planner should be able to provide you with an estimate of possible costs based on the work to be performed — including hourly rates, flat fees or the commission percentage he or she would receive on products you may purchase.

Q. Could anyone besides me benefit from your recommendations?

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For example, financial planners who sell insurance policies, securities or mutual funds have a business relationship with the companies that provide these financial products. The planner may also have relationships or partnerships that should be disclosed to you, such as business she receives for referring you to an insurance agent, accountant or attorney for implementation of planning suggestions.

Q. Have you ever been publicly disciplined for any unlawful or unethical actions in your professional career?

A. Several government and professional regulatory organizations, such as FINRA (formerly NASD), your state insurance and securities departments, and CFP Board keep records on the disciplinary history of financial planners and advisers. Ask what organizations the planner is regulated by and contact these groups to conduct a background check. All financial planners who have registered as investment advisers with the Securities and Exchange Commission or state securities agencies, or who are associated with a company that is registered as an investment adviser, must be able to provide you with a disclosure form called Form ADV Part II or the state equivalent of that form.

Q. Can I have it in writing?

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A Chamberlain's 100th point came on an assist from Joe Ruklick with 46 seconds left in the contest. The Philadelphia Warriors beat the Knicks, 169-147.



Linden girls win thriller vs. Stockbridge

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CHASING A STATE TITLE

Tri-County wrestlers opened tournament action on Thursday.

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(FSD)
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(ESPN)
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GOLF (GOLF)
PGA: Honda Classic, 1 p.m.
(NBC)
PGA: Honda Classic, 3 p.m.

HOCKEY (FSD)
Avalanche at Red Wings, 7 p.m.

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Kentucky at Florida, Noon
(ESPN)
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(ABC)
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(ABC)
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(CBS)
Ohio State at Michigan State, 4 p.m.
(ESPN2)
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(ESPN)
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(ESPN)
Nuggets at Spurs, 9:30 p.m.

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Lake Fenton's Hannah Rummel (left) scored five points in the Blue Devils' loss to South Lyon East on Wednesday.

LF girls drop tough verdict vs. East, 52-50

By David Troppens
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Linden — The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team played a thriller.

And the Blue Devils had their chances.

But when it was all said and done, Lake Fenton left its Class B district semifinal contest against South Lyon East with too many turnovers (21) and too many missed shots, resulting in a tough 52-50 overtime loss on Wednesday at Linden High School.

Twice, South Lyon East made free throws when it absolutely needed to. First, it was to extend the game in overtime. East's Gabi

See LF on 14B

Holly wrestlers still No. 1

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity wrestling team is in a great position to begin and end the winter season on the Tri-County's Winter Top Five poll in the top spot.

The squad did nothing in recent weeks to hurt their chances to take the top spot by qualifying at the Team State Wrestling Meet for the second straight season.

The team also won a Metro League title and had five wrestlers qualify for the individual state meet, going on this weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Right now, it's going to take a serious postseason run by someone to catch them. Here's how the rest of the Top 5 shapes up as we come close to the end of the winter season.

No. 2 Fenton boys basketball

— The Tigers capped the regular season with a 19-1 record and a fourth straight Flint Metro League championship. The squad will be hard pressed to win a district crown with state-ranked Clarkston in the way, but this is the best Fenton squad since coach Tim Olszewski took over at the helm. Don't write the Tigers off by any stretch.

No. 3 Fenton boys swimming and diving — The Tigers had an outstanding season, and capped the



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Holly wrestler Shawn Scott (left) won his first match at the individual state wrestling meet on Thursday. His squad remains in the top spot in our Tri-County Winter Top 5 Team poll.

Metro portion of it with a dominating Metro League meet, earning the league crown outright.

No. 4 Fenton girls ski — A tough day at the state meet has dropped the ski team out of top team contention. The regional title keeps them on the list though.

No. 5 Holly boys basketball

— The other teams still in the hunt for this spot right now are the Lake Fenton wrestling team and the Holly girls basketball team. Really, either one could've been No. 5 this week. Next week will tell us a lot about what happens at No. 5.

Fenton boys hoops wins No. 19, defeats Powers

By David Troppens

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Nineteen-win seasons don't come every day.

But that's exactly what the Fenton varsity boys basketball team accomplished this year.

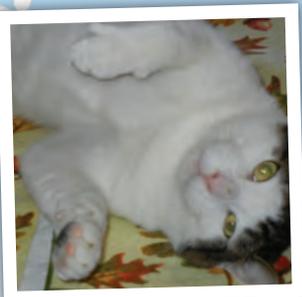
The Tigers will enter Class A

district action at Swartz Creek with a 19-1 record after defeating Flint Powers 64-42 on Tuesday night. While it doesn't qualify for the most wins in a season, it does qualify as the most wins during a regular season in school history.

"Nineteen wins is a pretty good season," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "They have had a great year. Going 19-1 is something to be proud of and they should feel good about it."

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Fenton pushes Clarkston, drops 41-27 verdict

By David Troppens
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Clarkston — The Fenton varsity girls basketball team knew beating Clarkston would be a tough task in Class A district action Wednesday at Holly High School.

But for all but about four minutes, the Tigers gave the Wolves all they could handle before Fenton finally suffered a 41-27 loss.

With about five minutes left in the game, Clarkston hit three straight three-pointers making what was a close game into a reasonable lead. After that, the Tigers (10-11) were forced to foul and Clarkston made its free throws to ice the win.

“With five minutes left in the game, they hit those three threes. They were bang, bang, bang,” Fenton coach Brad Dewitt said. “They were from girls who didn’t hit them all game, and then they made their free throws.”

Clarkston (21-2) looked prepared to earn a blowout early, scoring the game’s first 11 points. However, the Tigers fought back, scoring the first period’s last seven points, cutting the lead

See FENTON on 13B

Linden wins in OT in semis

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Linden — When Jordan Sargent left Linden High School’s gym after her team’s Class B district semifinal contest against Stockbridge, she jumped to tap a sign that said “Believe in yourself” when she walked out.

It seems these days the Linden Eagles really take that sign to heart.

The Linden girls varsity basketball team won a 51-46 overtime victory against Stockbridge on Wednesday earning a spot in Friday’s district title game against South Lyon East at Linden High School. With a win, the Eagles would win their second Class B district title in three years. The results of that game can be found elsewhere in this publication.

Summary

► Linden made 3-of-5 shots in overtime, earning the 51-46 regional semi win vs. Stockbridge.

“It’s really big for us to go from the semifinals to the finals,” Sargent said. “That’s a really nice step for us. The second half was our part of the game. We controlled it even when we were down.”

The Eagles (11-10) were outscored 11-4 in the second quarter and trailed 18-14 at the half. However, the Eagles’ offense had what had to be one of its most productive halves in the third, fourth and overtime periods, hitting on a sizzling 16-for-30 shots from the field. And the Eagles needed all of that execution because Stockbridge fought just as hard. However, in the OT it was the Eagles that took control. Linden’s Madisen Nosek started the OT with a layin off a dish from a teammate, and about a minute later, assisted a layin by Kesley Brecht. Sargent then hit a layup with 1:00 left, followed by two converted

free throws by Nosek with 47.9 seconds left. The Eagles led 50-45 at that juncture and held on to earn the victory. The Eagles held Stockbridge to just 1-for-7 shooting in the extra session.

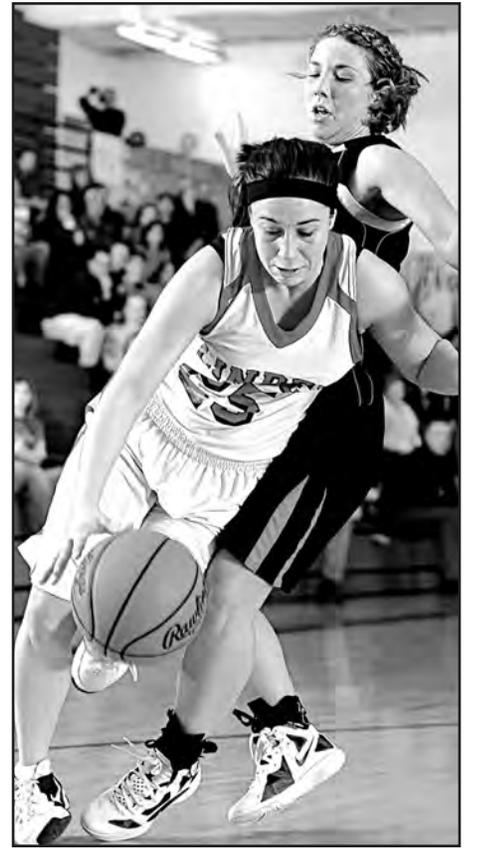
The Eagles’ defense was strong throughout the night. What probably kept Stockbridge in the game earlier was second-chance points and the Eagles’ poor free-throw shooting. Stockbridge had 10 points off of offensive boards and was 9-of-17 shooting from the charity stripe through regulation. That wasn’t a sizzling percentage from the line, but it was markedly better than Linden’s 2-for-10 shooting from the line in regulation.

However, the Eagles were able to keep Stockbridge’s size edge in check, enabling Linden to win the game. Stockbridge shot just 30 percent from the field and turned the ball over 23 times.

“We have been preparing for this game the whole season, to get to this point,” Nosek said. “Everyone was ready. We were all ready. We know when the ball goes into the post, we need at least two players on that post player.”

Stockbridge took a four-point lead on a putback hoop by Kesley Crockett with 5:06 left in regulation. However, the Eagles didn’t fold. On their next possession, Maija Satkowiak got a putback hoop, cutting the lead to 2. Then, Sabrina Kinney dished an assist to Sargent for a layup and a foul, tying the contest at 35-all with 3:35 left. The Eagles pushed on, making it a 7-0 run. Megan Harp scored on a baseline drive, and then Nosek hit a free throwing, giving Linden a 38-35 lead with 2:40 left.

However, Stockbridge (13-8) then fought back, getting a three-pointer from Audra Goodlock, tying the game at 38-all. With 41.3 seconds left in regulation, Stockbridge’s Tara Hall hit two free throws, tying it at 42-all.



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Linden’s Megan Harp drives to the basket in the Eagles’ 51-46 overtime victory against Stockbridge.

Both teams missed chances down the stretch to win it before overtime.

Nosek led all scorers with 16 points and also had six rebounds. Sargent finished with 12 points and seven rebounds, while Kinney netted nine points.

“We all came together tonight,” Nosek said. “We were all ready. We were all ready before the game started. We talked about it and what we had to do, and got it done.”

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- Virginia

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Last but not least, I would check the air pressure and balance of the tire.
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Actually, the last four years have been pretty incredible. The Tigers enter district action with an overall record of 71-12 during the last four seasons, an .855 winning percentage.

And the Tigers were pretty solid against Flint Powers on Tuesday night. The Tigers won every quarter and held Powers to just 23 points through the first three quarters. Entering the fourth period, Fenton led 41-23.

Cory Cox had a huge game. Cox hit on all seven of his three-point shots and led all scorers with 27 points. Dylan Hickoff added 11 points, while Damon Thomas had 10 points. Ryan Hickoff netted nine points.

“It was nice. The boys played well,” Olaszewski said. “We just needed to tighten some things up going into district play, and overall, I thought they played well.”

“Cory was 7-for-7 from the three-point line. In the second half, we executed our offense better. We played solid defense the entire night. We are still climbing that ladder. We still haven’t peaked or played our best game yet. I’m hoping that will show up in the next week.”

The Tigers will need their best games to show up in districts if they are going to win their first district crown since 1990. The Tigers open Class A district play at Swartz Creek High School against Swartz Creek (14-6). The winner of Monday’s game will be favored against Brandon in the semifinals on Wednesday at 8 p.m. The winner of that game plays in the district title contest on Friday at 7 p.m. against either Clarkston, Grand Blanc or Holly. All three have winning records, but sixth-ranked Clarkston is clearly the favorites to advance.

Fenton hockey advances to regional title game, 3-1

By Al Zipsie

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Lapeer — Fenton junior Joe Foguth showed why he was named as the First-Team All-Metro League goalie, Wednesday.

Foguth made many stellar saves in goal to lead the Tigers to a 3-1 win against Goodrich pre-regional action at the Polar Palace.

Fenton (12-11-2) plays Flint Powers for the Region 20 title Saturday at noon at Perani Arena. Powers blanked Fenton 4-0 on Jan. 4.

“If we play our game, we can beat them (Powers) this time,” said Jake Foguth, who scored the first goal for Fenton. “I hate to credit him (cousin Joe Foguth), but he kept us in the game with big saves all night long.”

“I was seeing the puck well. I guess I was in the zone tonight,” said Joe Foguth. “I lost the shutout, but all that mattered at that point was to get the win.”

“Without Joe in the net, we would not even had been in the game. He showed why he was named all league first team this week,” said Fenton coach Jeff Mynatt. “It was not pretty, but we earned the ‘W’ at the end.”

The Tigers scored a goal in each period with seniors Jake Foguth, Tyler Delong and Kyle Lixie doing the honors.

With 5:05 left in the opening period, Foguth scored with a slap shot.

“It tipped off a defender and into the goal,” said Foguth.

Five minutes into the second period, the Martians’ goalie Andrew Larsen went to cover up a shot from Tyler Delong. The pressure made Larsen push the puck into his own net. Fenton led 2-0 entering the



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Fenton goalie Joe Foguth made many key saves in the Tigers’ 3-1 victory against Goodrich Wednesday.

third period. The shutout was erased when Goodrich got a goal with 5:43 left from Rocky Hatton, cutting the lead to 2-1.

With the game on the line, Foguth made two separate glove saves with 51 and 47 seconds left in the contest, holding off Goodrich. Lixie scored an empty-net goal with 13 seconds left, securing the win.

“We anticipated they would pull the goalie. Kyle got on his horse and found the open net to seal the game,” said Mynatt. “We didn’t want to go to overtime because you never know in playoff hockey. There were some weird bounces, and the hockey gods finally leaned our way tonight.”

“Goodrich would have had some momentum if we went to overtime, but we finished it off and are playing Saturday,” said Jake Foguth.

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to 11-7. From there, it became a fight.

“My kids played one of their hardest, most determined games in quite some time,” Dewitt said. “We got down 11-0 and then we actually had the lead in the second quarter. It was a great game. My kids couldn’t have done any more. They stuck to the game plan. They know they escaped and got a little lucky.”

The middle two quarters were a defensive battle, as Fenton outscored Clarkston 10-8 in those two periods. That set up a 19-17 lead for the Wolves entering the final period.

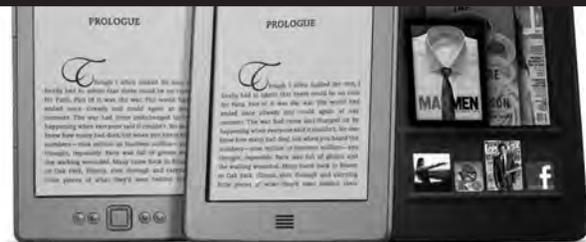
Sarah Collier capped her Fenton career with a team-high nine points and seven rebounds. Julie Gilbert had six points and six rebounds. No other Tigers had more than four in the defensive-minded contest.

Clarkston was paced by Christian Jokisch’s 13 points.

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HOCKEY

► **Lansing Catholic 8, Tri-City 3:** Jared Peterson, Chase Jenkins and Tyler Benedict had a goal each for the Tri-City Chiefs. Tri-City trailed just 3-2 entering the third period, but were outscored 5-1 during the final 15 minutes. Thomas Messenger made 26 saves in net for the Chiefs.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Burton Bendle 59, Lake Fenton 56:** Bendle’s Trevor Hurd hit two free throws with 20 seconds left, and the Blue Devils (2-18) were unable to score after that, resulting in the loss.

Darian Welch led Lake Fenton with 22 points, while Zac Zielinski had 12 points. Jeff Burke chipped in nine points. Hurd had 25 points for Bendle, while David Younger-Dean had 23 points.

► **Brandon 47, Linden 43:** Linden (9-10) was paced by Travis Hull’s 14 points, while Shaye Brown added 10 points. Kevin Baker had eight points.

The game was close throughout.

► **Holly 68, Flushing 38:** Austin Hopkin had 17 points and Issac Casillas netted 15 points, leading the Bronchos to the win. Jared Plawski also had 12 points.

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Six wrestlers still in state title hunt

► Fenton resident Bade halfway to second straight championship

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Linden — Fenton resident and Detroit Catholic Central wrestler Ken Bade knows what it feels like to win an individual state wrestling championship.

After all, the junior captured a 125-pound Division 1 MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Championship a year ago.

And now, he's looking for a second title, this time at 130 pounds, this year. And he's off to a good start. During Thursday's opening round of the state tourney at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Bade was one of six tri-county wrestlers to win his opening round match. He did so by defeating Portage Central's Austin Gulick by technical fall 18-3. He also completed half of his task during Friday's quarterfinal session, pinning Romeo's Evan Richardson in 1:29.

"I was looking for a pin, trying for a convincing win," Bade said about his first match of the tourney. "I wanted to leave no doubt with anyone else here. I'm going to try to do that every match, leave no question (about who is the favorite in the tournament)."

Bade has earned the right to make such comments. He entered the tourney with just one loss this season, and is the favorite to earn his second straight title when a 130 title is crowned on Saturday.

"I'm confident, but not cocky,

which is good," Bade said. "If you are cocky, I think you are going to fail. So I need to keep my feet on the ground, be aware of my competition and know I can wrestle to the best of my ability."

Holly's Shawn Scott (215) came within a victory of winning a state championship a year ago, and is now halfway to a title. On Thursday, he pinned Allegan's Devyn Hinds in 1:49. He got his quarterfinal victory early on Friday by defeating Lapeer East's Joe Perry 12-0. Scott has made a serious bump in weight, up from 171 last year. It has changed how he's wrestling.

"I'm more aggressive," Scott said. "I'm not letting up and keeping forward pressure. I don't let anybody try to score on me or shoot on me."

"(In my opening round match) I wanted to get more confidence and be more dominating so I can feel confident going into (other matches)."

Holly's Anthony Gonzales (130) also knows what it feels like to win a state title, winning one two years ago during his freshman season. He is halfway to one his junior year. He won his opening match on Thursday against Parma Western's Michael Cagney by pinfall in 1:36. On Friday, he won his quarterfinal match against Holland's Nikolas Leal 14-10.

"I'm glad I got a pin," Gonzales

said about his first match. "I wanted to save my energy so that I'm not wore out for tonight and tomorrow."

"I feel pretty good. Hopefully I can get another state title under my belt, but I'm still taking it one match at a time."

Holly's Mason Cleaver (125) won his first opening round match at state on Thursday, defeating Fruitport's Tommy Martinez by an 11-3 major decision.

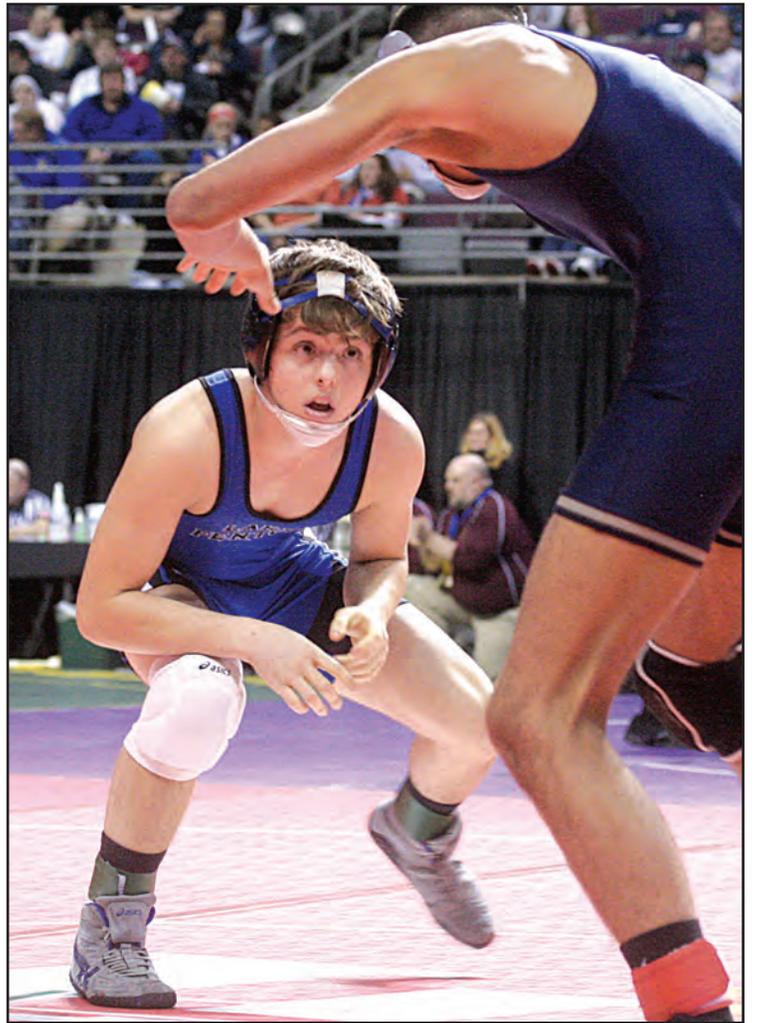
"I haven't won my first match the last two years, so it's good to win the first match," Cleaver said. "I didn't think I wrestled as good as I could. I'm a little sick and I wanted to get off the mat."

"But overall I feel really good. I cut the weight healthy. I'm a little sick, but sickness isn't going to slow me down."

Cleaver defeated Greenville's Alec Ward 8-2 in the quarterfinal round on Friday.

Lake Fenton's Todd Melick (119) had an easy go of it in the opening round on Thursday. In fact, he didn't even have to wrestle as he won by forfeit.

Another area wrestler graces Detroit Catholic Central's squad. That is Fenton resident Drew Garcia (171). A state runner-up his freshman year at 152, he defeated Battle Creek Central's Steven Caldwell 21-10 on Thursday, and then defeated Rochester's Cody DeVoe 8-2 in the quarterfinals.



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Lake Fenton's James Demember (left) watches his first-round opponent at the state meet on Thursday.

Through Friday's early rounds, Holly's Andrew Scott (145), Fenton's Chase Roney (130) and Lake Fenton's James Demember (125) were the only tri-county wrestlers eliminated.

Others who still had a chance to place but couldn't win a state title were: Holly's Tyler Gibson (119), Fenton's Preston Wetzel (152) and Linden's Jeff Fisher (189) in Division 2 action.

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Bird hit two free throws with 15.7 seconds left in regulation, tying the contest at 43-all.

Then, in the OT, Sydney Jones converted two free throws with 3.1 seconds left, earning the Cougars the 52-50 victory. Lake Fenton's Sophia Sahouri had a desperation three-point shot at the buzzer to earn the Blue Devils the lead, but she missed the shot.

"I feel we should've slowed the ball down more," Lake Fenton senior Faith Weier said. "We were trying to play the fast-paced game, and we should've pulled the ball down more. Overall, I thought we played our hearts out."

"Ultimately, we didn't care of the ball well enough," Lake Fenton coach Matt Gildner said. "We had a lot of turnovers and took a lot of off-balanced shots. It's something that has been our Achilles heel all year long."

Lake Fenton was in prime position to earn the victory and earn a spot in Friday's final halfway through the fourth quarter. Weier made two free throws, putting the squad up 42-37 with 3:38 left. However, Lake Fenton missed its last four shots of regulation and also made just one of three free throws down the stretch. Meanwhile, East was cutting into the lead. A layup by Rachel Jankowiak cut the gap to 43-41 with 33.3 seconds left. Lake Fenton missed a layup on its next possession, setting up East's final possession of the game. Bird was fouled and made both free throws, tying it up at 43-all. Lake Fenton had the ball one more time, but almost lost it and got a tough shot off at the buzzer.

In the overtime, East's Willow Cohn hit a three-pointer just 12 seconds into it, and East never trailed. The Blue Devils (13-8) did tie it back up at 48-all on a steal and breaking layup by Weier with 1:49 left. They also tied it up at 50-all on two converted free throws by Jordan Newman with 12.3 seconds left. However, East's Jones drove the bucket and was fouled, resulting in the game-winning free throws.

Lake Fenton capped the year with a second-place finish in the GAC Red.

"The season meant a lot to me," Weier said. "Our team came together, and seeing each other strive and the stellar games we had brought us closer. I'm really happy with the season we had. Being second in the league is a big deal. We never beat Durand and we beat Durand. We beat Montrose twice. I love my team."

Newman led Lake Fenton with 11 points and five assists, while Weier had 10 points. Mackenzie Gottron had eight points.



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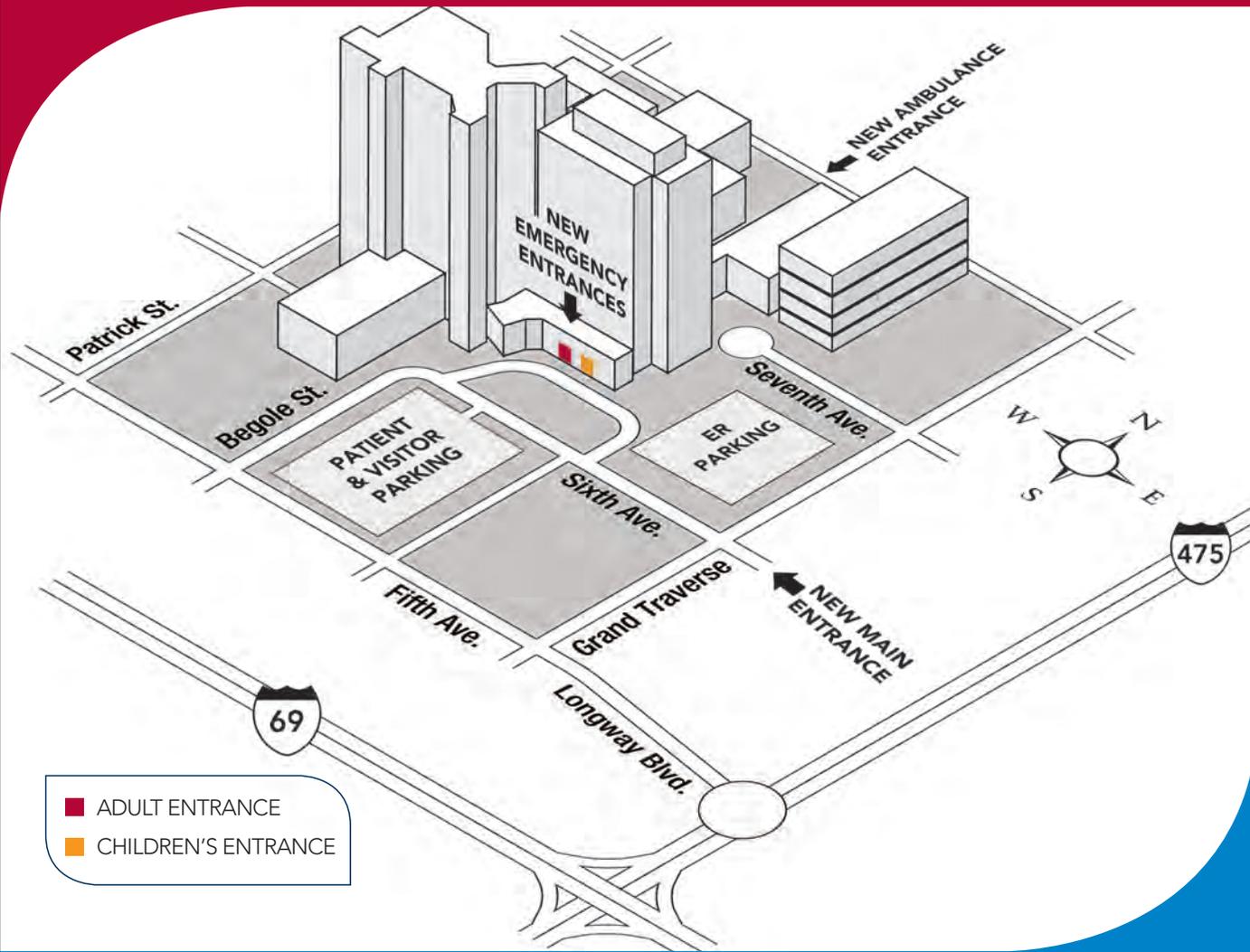
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