**Mischief at the polls**

**Township clerk interviewed by Washington Post**

By William Axford

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 said she saw 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 weapon permit, 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

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

**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 the March city council meeting.

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

Michael Placentini
Fenton City councilman

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**Home invasion suspect nabbed**

By Sharon Stone

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 Toddie Lee Houck, 38, is responsible.

Sheriff Robert Pickell said the sheriff’s department has been investigating 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

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**An eyeful of science**

Fenton High School students Damon Thomas, (left) Madeline Preiss and Brennen Clark examine a dissected cow eyeball during their Anatomy and Physiology class Thursday morning in Lisa Stewart-Vnisiski’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.

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**Leasing vs. buying**

Financial option back in demand

By Tim Jagielo

On Wednesday, new car sales manager Richard Brinker was swamped with business at Randy Wise Buck-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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** Marriage and millennials**

Younger adult couples marrying less, living together more

By William Axford

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

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 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...
You call that a snow day?

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 early days, when 4-wheel drive was a rarity and the world moved at a knower and gentler pace, a snow day magically liberated us from the repetitive grind 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 brown 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, pieces of scrap metal anorexic like the nectar of the gods than a simple cup of hot Nestles coco. 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, sleep-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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Some information reprinted from the Internet.

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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. That’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 ing. Well, Fenton’s not. They can buy scrap metal and rent scrap metal.

**I TOOK MY** wife that the guy in the Rendezvous was probably scratching off lotto tickets, instead of selling 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 hoodie 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.

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**What are your thoughts on unwed couples living together?**

*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*

*“Show people that 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 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 93, 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.

Michigan Republican Primary

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Linden closer to selecting city manager

By William Axford

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 Wen 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.

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HAS received sinking fund ballot language

Board will discuss and vote on ballot at next meeting

By Tim Jagiello
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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 in the district. The district over the next 10 years. It is not enough to cover all repairs, but enough to handle large emergencies, or immed-

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Although the attorney put language concerning purchasing new building or constructing new buildings into the sinking fund, Lenar said this is a part that the board will likely leave, as the fund is for major repairs to existing buildings only.

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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 testing beginning this Saturday March 3, at 1 p.m. Fenton Fire Chief Robert Camduff wants to prepare all Fenton residents that it is going to be starting. The siren will sound for one minute. The weather siren testing is conducted on the first Saturday of each month March through October. All residents should also be reminded that the severe weather sirens will not audible to the deaf and that there is no all clear tone.

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可以直接写成: 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. 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, PO. Box 30076, Lansing, MI 48909-8176. Nomination forms are available at www.michigan.gov/seniorgovernments 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 March 22, 24, 29, 31 at 7:30 p.m. and March 24, 25 and April 1 at 2 p.m. Performances are held at the Rickett-Campus Auditorium at 1202 E. Baird St. in Holly. Slade is known for his plays: ‘Same Time Next Year’ and ‘Romantic Comedy.’”

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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 efforts and an approximately $90,000 of that amount is unconfirmed, 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 to 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 comply with 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.

Patrik 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.

Councilman Parker Lockwood told Schmidt 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 go in the community center and 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 muy happy 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”, “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 good prices got the market trending 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?

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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 an arrest warrant from the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office.

HANDICAP CONTINUED

THREE people, including a man, Mel Case, Jon Tise B. and Brian Smith, Savanna Damouh, Amy Her-
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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 decided 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 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 of dollars, “and be driving something new.”
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 used,” 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 save off the dry spell dealerships are going through with lease turn ins.
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A win-win situation

> Special needs student picks up skills, helps fire department

By Tim Jagielo

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.

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 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 Department patch. When the radios squelch, 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.

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.

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.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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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 tax-able 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 even taxable and SEV. Ask the board.

WOULD SOMEONE LIKE to enlighten me, why they shut the gravel pit road under without signs warning people that they were going to do so. A lot of people use that for a short cut to take them kids to school.
GRAVES REPLACES SCOTT

51st District remains under Republican control

Genesee County Commissioner Joseph Losey (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 election day.

“I am 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 Marli Donnelly said they had a 31-percent voter turnout, about 18 percent more than Geneee 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.

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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 best 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 aged 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. “(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.”

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

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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 May of 2012. 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.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

ROSS PEROT, WHERE are you? Please put your cape on and come save us from this terrible mess.

I WAS GLAD to see that Graves won the election. My vote for Mr. Graves was a vote against the MEA, and I am happy to see that they lost.

I JUST VOTED, and I noticed that they were marking down whether we were Democrat or Republican next to our name. I was just wondering, is that legal?

THE MEA, UAW, and FEIU cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars for a lost cause. Trying to exert their power with taxpayers thousands of dollars for a lost cause. How dumb.

I GOT A postcard in the mail from the Secretary of State. They were notifying me that they were aware that I had not voted in the Paul Scott recall election, and I got the impression that they were trying to correct me. Tell me, how and why should Paul Scott’s campaign director know whether I voted, or for whom I voted?

PEOPLE BUY FOREIGN cars, period. No matter where you go, you will find that most cars are made somewhere other than the U.S. — and if not, I guarantee the parts are. The point is to buy local, so that the companies selling cars around here are profiting. The commission goes into the pockets of those who live here, which they spend here, which goes to someone else who will hopefully spend it here as well.

RESPONSE TO THE recycling neighbor comment, do you really expect an elderly handicap neighbor to go pick up after younger people that are healthy? I don’t know how your parents raised you but mine taught me to pick up after myself.

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 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.
Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided they are received by the Board of Review no later than March 15, 2012.

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**REVISION TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) OVERLAY DISTRICT**

**ADD (S) 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, 4689 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.

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**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
- **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.

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

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

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- 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 2-3 y.) available at all service times.

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5372 Seymour Rd. • Swartz Creek
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Shawn Cook, Associate and Youth Pastor
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- Morning Worship .......... 11:00 am
- Evening Worship .......... 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Night Service .......... 7:00 pm
- Adult Bible Study, Youth Group (8-12 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 Kuriakos Kalappil, Associate Pastor
- Sunday School .......... 9:15 am
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- Nursery Available .......... 9:00-12:30

**ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH**
309 E. Maple St. • Holly
248-634-8481
Fr. David Blazek, Pastor
- Saturday Mass .......... 4:00 pm
- Sunday Mass .......... 8:00 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm
- Confessions on Saturdays .......... 3:00-4:30 pm
- Call for daily Mass times

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204 E. Rockwell • Fenton
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Sunday Morning
- Divine Liturgy .......... 10:00 am
Community Bible Study ......... Thursday, 10:30 am
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810-629-7801
Pastor Dale Swihart Jr.
Larry McMellen, Parish Associate
- Worship .............. 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**HOLLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
207 E. Maple • Holly
248-634-9849 • www.hollypcoc.org
Reverend Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates
- Sunday Worship Schedule
- Youth/Adult Sunday School .......... 9:00 am
- Coffee Hour .......... 10:00 am
- Worship .......... 10:30 am

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- 119 W. Broad St. • Linden
810-735-7555
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
810-750-0330
Pastor Linda Living Hawley
- Sunday Worship Schedule
- Celebratory Worship .......... 10:00 am
- Children’s Sunday School .......... 10:45 am
- Fellowship .......... 11:30 am

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10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton
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www.tyronelpco.org
Pastor, James Moscow
- Sunday Worship (includes Children’s Church) .......... 10:15 am
- Sunday School .......... 9:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship .......... 6:00 pm
- Youth Group & Family Night .......... 7:00 pm
- Wed. Evenings

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**FENTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**
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Pastor Chris Ames
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TYRON TOWNSHIP GREAT OAKS DRIVE SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT (2012) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyron Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, has determined to levy special assessments in the lands in the TYRON TOWNSHIP GREAT OAKS DRIVE SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT (2012) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (the “District”) that will be beneficial to the establishment of subcontractors for the snow removal and road grading is specially assessed is entitled to additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

7:00 p.m., local time, on March 6, 2012, at the Tyrone Township Of “Roll”) has been prepared and is now on file and record in the OF 1818

The Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on March 6, 2012, at the Tyron 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 Commission for public examination during the hours the Township Office is open for the public to business.

(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 for the public to business.

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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).

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3.94 Mills Fire Department Operations

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This notice is posted in compliance with PA 44 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
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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, 4895 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 on March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the budget(s) is available for public inspection at the township office or by contacting the clerk.

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Holly Academy will receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 p.m. on March 20, 2012, for the following bid package: “Asbestos Abatement at Holly Academy Boy’s Dormitory.” Bidding documents may be obtained after March 13, 2012, from Nova Environmental, Inc., 5340 Plymouth Rd., Suite 210, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, Tel. 734-930-0995, and at the pre-bid examination. A mandatory pre-bid examination of the buildings will be held at 2:00 p.m. on March 13, 2012, at Holly Academy, 820 Academy Road, Holly, Michigan 48442. Meet at the front entrance for security in the field of a Bid Bond by a T-2 bonding company licensed to do business in the State of Michigan. The City of Holly’s Classification of Building is “Certified.” Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount shall be submitted with the bid proposal. Performance and Labor and Material Bonds will be provided upon award.

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**Call Arlene Chumley 810-265-6500**
CANCER

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twinge of pain in his back unlike any-
thing 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 whirl-
wind 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 Zic-
cardi’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 diag-
osed 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
two years ago to the day that his father
had passed away.

In spite of his own flood of emo-
tions, the hardest part for Ziccardi and
his wife, Robyn, was sharing the news
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 hav-
ing tests at 6:30 a.m.,”

The Ziccardi 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, shar-
ing 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
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Spring Break 2012

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
news@cttimes.com; 810-629-8282

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.

See SPRING BREAK on 2B
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SPRING BREAK
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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. Call 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 free. Others charge by the checked bag 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 baggagetravel.com, airfarewatch.com, etc.

The rule of thumb is: Many budget carriers will give you a break on airfares but cut you off for 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 traveling by plane or by car.”

If you’ll be driving to your spring break destination, Schmitt advises you to 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 make or break a trip,” said Schmitt. “Be safe, and don’t forget the sunscreen.”

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

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 Elec-
tent. Absent: Schmidt. Treasurer Schmidt arrived @7:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Cole, present, Hallman, present, Ciesielski, present and Graves, present

Supervisor Cole led the pledge of Allegiance.

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: Denise M. Graves, Clerk
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 37.5 percent pure gold. 14kt gold contains 58.3 percent pure gold. 18kt gold contains 75 percent 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 alloy 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.

Silver

Sterling silver is a white-gray 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 the 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.

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 diamonds 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. Gradations range from flawless, and internally flawless, through very small and small inclusions, to imperfect. The clarity gradations are described as follows: Flawless, Internally Flawless, Very, 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.

Available 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.

www.goldvaluecalculator.com

FIND THE VALUE OF A GRAM OF GOLD

If the spot price of gold is $900 per troy ounce and there are about 31.103 grams in a troy ounce, then the math is as follows:

$900 x 1 ounce
/31.103 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.

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TITANIUM

Titanium is a natural element which has a silver-grayish-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.

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.

The quality of a diamond is measured by its cut, colour and clarity.

The carat weight measures the size of the diamond.

A diamond may be evaluated in four categories:

1. Cut - how a diamond reflects light
2. Colour - how a diamond absorbs light
3. Clarity - how a diamond’s purity is free of inclusions
4. Carat - the size of a diamond

A diamond must be evaluated in these four categories to determine its value.

The carat weight of a diamond is not an indication of its size.

For example, a 0.75 carat diamond may be larger than a 0.50 carat diamond because its proportion of cut may be greater.

www.freeway-sports.com

Find the value of your jewelry

The quality of a diamond is measured by its cut, colour and clarity.

The carat weight measures the size of the diamond.
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 LefRoy 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.

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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 economic development program. Leading the initiative, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson joined the Main Street Holly 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-Care 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 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.
Real Living Tremaine Real Estate hosts class

By Sally Rummel

Short sales and foreclosures are focus of March 8 class

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 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.

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

Steve “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 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 mhomesassistant@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.

Notice to the taxpayers and property owners of Groveland Township 2012

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

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

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

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

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

For those wishing to protest in person, please schedule an appointment by calling:

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If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call

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ROBERT DEPALMA, SUPERVISOR
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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.
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 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at Toney Eastern Elementary School.

This FAPSEF event benefits all of the schools within Fenton Area Public Schools. It has raised more than $15,000, providing grants to teachers to supplement their curriculum 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. These will be serving crepes in Iceland and tasting red lentil or “massor” dal with basmati rice in India.

Bento 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’ Kungana 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 PTAs, 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,” said Jen Koester, 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 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.

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 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 investments, 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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Katherine Mildred Fitzmaurice, Katherine Mildred Fitzmaurice - age 87, 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 www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Debra Kay Curby-vaughn 1954-2012

Debra Kay Curby-Vaughn - age 57, of Fenton, died Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Funeral Services 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-baugh; 2 nieces, Jenna Curby and Heather Vaughn of Kentucky; 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, Pies and Inga Vaughn of South Lyon; brother-in-law, Anthony and wife Debra Vaughn of Kentucky; 2 nieces, Jenna Curby and Heather Vaughn, 2 nephews, Glenn Curby and Anthony Vaughn. Online tributes may be posted on the www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Dear Dr. Donohue: I want to get rid of a lot of expired medicines. I have heard that flushing them down the toilet or putting them in the garbage will make them end up in our drinking water. What is the proper solution? — M.S.

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 put into the garbage can if you can’t find a place to dispose of them. 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.

Dearest Dr. Donohue: I want to get rid of a lot of expired medicines. I have heard that flushing them down the toilet or putting them in the garbage will make them end up in our drinking water. What is the proper solution? — M.S.

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**How to choose a financial planner**

**Ten questions to ask**

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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.

**Summary**

You will want to ask many questions before deciding on the services of a financial planner.

**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.

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

**What services do you offer?**

A. This depends on a number of factors including credentials, licenses and company policies. General 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 tax matters.

**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.

**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 private (lawyers, insurance agents, or tax specialists) to develop or carry out financial planning recommendations, list a get a list of their names to check on their backgrounds.

**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 two 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.  
- **Fees based on an hourly rate, a flat rate, or on a percentage of your assets and/or income.**

Commissions paid by a third party from the products sold to you to carry out the financial planning recommendations. Commissions are usually a percentage of the amount you invest in a product.

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.

**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.

**Could anyone besides me benefit from your recommendations?**

A. Some business relationships or partnerships that a planner has could affect professional judgment while working with you, preventing the planner from acting in your best interest. Ask the planner to provide you with a description of her conflicts of interest in writing. For example, financial planners who sell insurance policies, securities or mutual funds may 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.

**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.

**Can I have it in writing?**

A. Ask the planner to provide you with a written agreement that details the services that will be provided. Keep this document in your files for future reference.
Holly wrestlers still No. 1

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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 year.

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 Clarkson 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 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.

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.

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

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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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Linden girls win thriller vs. Stockbridge

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LakeFenton’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

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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

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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 this day the Linden Eagles really take that sign to heart.

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

“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 second half and overtime periods, hitting on a sizzling 16-16-for-30 shots from the field. And the Eagles needed all of that execution because Stockbridge fought just as hard as the Eagles in the OT where the Eagles took control. Linden’s Madison Nosek started the OT with a lay in off a dish from a teammate, and about a minute later, assisted a teammate for a layup 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-fo-7 shooting in the extra session.

The Eagles’ defense was strong throughout the night. Probably what 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 regulating the game with 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, Madison Satkoski 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 35-35 left. The Eagles pushed on, making it a 7-0 run. Megan Harper 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 Goodcock, tying the game at 38-all. With 41.3 seconds left, Sargent, Stockbridge’s Tara Hall hit two free throws, tying it at 42-all.

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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 has 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 Doman Thomas had 10 points. Ryan Hickoff netted nine points.

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

“Our 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 coveted by 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

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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 Michael Cagney by technical fall 18-3. He also completed half of his task during Friday’s quarterfinal session, pinning Romeo’s Devin 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 170 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 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 170 last year. It has changed how he’s wrestling.

“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.

“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 43-43. 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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