Fenton ranks third in county for recycling

► Community cutting down on waste

By William Axford

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Residents of the tri-county area are reducing their carbon footprint by embracing recycling. Residents in the city of Fenton recycle at a rate of 10.9 percent, the third highest in Genesee County according to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission. The city of Linden recycles at a rate of 7.3 percent and Fenton Township recycles at 5.4 percent. On average, municipalities in Genesee County recycle at 6.2 percent.

See RECYCLING on 21A

Kevin Goodman of Clio empties a recycle bin in Fenton Township Wednesday morning. He’ll empty 800 to 1,200 bins in one day for Republic Services. He also handles the city of Fenton, Millington, Vassar and Goodrich. He feels like he helps to keep the planet clean with his work.

2008 recession one of 20 to hit U.S. since 1902

Putting the economy in perspective

By Tim Jagielo

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“We’re small. We’re self contained. We probably could weather every long storm if we had to,” said Don Winglemire, owner of Winglemire Furniture in the Village of Holly.

He has been at the helm of the store through 11 U.S. recessions, including the recession of the early ’90s, ’80s, 1970 and 1954. His business is 153 years old, and has

Summary

► The recession of 2008-09, and subsequent slow growth is the slowest since the Great Depression, but is also among 20 other recessions the tri-county area has lived through.

Shoot-out remains under investigation

► Detectives identify person of interest

By Sharon Stone

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A shooting in Fenton Township involving a 23-year-old resident and two suspects remain under investigation with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department.

On Saturday, April 14, at about 10:30 p.m. Robert Johnson, who lives in the 13000 block of Linden Road, near Lahrig Road, ran to his neighbor’s house to call 911. He had just been shot during a gun fight at his home after two intruders he described as unknown black men entered his house.

See SHOOT-OUT on 14A

Summary

► The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department is continuing its investigation of a shooting in Fenton Township where a 23-year-old resident was shot during a robbery and shoot-out at his home.

One thing I learned through the years — never worry about things you can’t change, worry about what you can change, and then do it.”

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FEATURES

Use natural cosmetics for healthier skin, fewer chemicals

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You’re working hard every day to treat your body well, by eating more natural foods with fewer processed ingredients. Since your skin is the largest organ of your body, doesn’t it make sense to treat it the same way?

Many over-the-counter cosmetics, even the pricier lines, contain harsh chemicals and fillers. For example, talc is one of the main fillers in many face powders and other skin care products. Its association as a possible carcinogen continues to be studied by groups like the American Cancer Society.

If you’re looking for more natural skin care products with fewer chemical ingredients, it’s important that you read the labels. Natural skin care products typically contain one or more botanical extracts, essential oils and plant-based oils such as olive, avocado or almond. Sometimes the amounts of herbal extracts in these products is very small. However, if the majority of ingredients are botanical extracts, your skin the same way.

See SKIN on 22A

EXTRA

‘Feed’ your skin

While enjoying the warm weather, stay safe by taking a few easy precautions

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While spending time outside this summer, not wearing sunscreen for a day can result in an unpleasant sunburn. Not using sunscreen can pose a much bigger problem, and result in an increased risk of skin cancer.

Your first line product that everyone will want to wear is sunscreen, and is by See SUN on 23A

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Summary
If you’re trying to eat healthier using fewer processed foods, it makes sense to “feed” your skin the same way with more natural cosmetic products. Read labels closely and look for products without petroleum-based ingredients and with botanical extracts.

See SKIN on 22A
My response to Mr. (or Mrs.) ChubbyButt

A recent ‘love letter’ I received made me realize I need to clarify something. As my regular readers know, ‘love letter’ is the King’s tongue-in-cheek euphemism for hate paper, of which the King receives mounds of weekly.

This particular reader, who inexplicably signed his (or her) e-mail ‘ChubbyButt,’ accused me of, among other things, being biased toward newspapers because “you make your living from one.”

That really Mr. (or Mrs.) ChubbyButt. While the Times is clearly one of the more successful community newspapers by any measurement, it is laughable to think it could (or would even if it could), pay a journalist who writes weekly (don’t bother sending me e-mail that says I write “weakly” — already heard it) enough money to sustain the standard of living to which I have become accustomed.

So what’s my point? Simply that I realize how critical a role community newspapers play in their respective cities, towns and villages across America. When I praise the Times, it is from the knowledge that each and every resident — even those who don’t read the Times — benefit from it every day of their lives.

One of the best features of community newspapers is that, by large, they are owned and operated by people who live in the communities they serve. Thus, they are much more responsible than other segments of the media. This is because they have a vested interest in helping to make their community a better place to live.

Community newspapers boost the local economy — both through advertising and in news coverage. They showcase community businesses at a time we need to be shopping locally, investing in the community and protecting local jobs. Never has this been more important than in these challenging economic times.

Community newspapers bring us “good news” — news of Scout projects, civic club fundraisers, little-league registration, chamber of commerce happenings, bake sales, car washes, Fall festivals and students who make the Honor Roll or Dean’s List.

They report on weddings and anniversaries, births and deaths, civic events, church functions, family reunions, and dozens of other things that remind people of the things they like so well about their community.

Community newspapers provide a forum for expression. They allow readers to make their voices heard, and they enable ordinary citizens to deliberate on the future of their community. They encourage civic, issue-oriented discourse and they often provide the only stage for it.

Community newspapers serve as “watchdogs” to hold elected leaders accountable. They keep voters informed. They let people see how their tax dollars are being spent. During an economic downturn — when tax dollars are scarce and the demands on them increased — that’s especially important.

Today, amid uncertainty over the quality of our economy and the direction of our nation, their role is more important than ever. And so Mr. (or Mrs.) ChubbyButt, if you want to be discouraged read the daily newspaper or watch the TV news.

If you want to be encouraged, read your community newspaper, the Tri-County Times.

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Seven-member board idea shot down

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Holly Twp. — It failed in 2008, and it failed Wednesday night, but a measure to add two members to the Holly Township Board of Trustees was discussed at the regular Wednesday meeting.

The board voted 2-3, with Supervisor Jessie Lambert, and Trustee Janet Leslie voting in favor of putting the resolution back on the November ballot.

Resolution 2008-21 would ask to add two board members to the five-member board. There are currently two trustees, Janet Leslie and Steve Ruth. Lambert, Clerk Karin Winchester and Treasurer Mark Freeman make up the rest of the board.

The resolution failed by 23 votes in 2008, when it was placed on the ballot due to a statutory obligation when the township population increased.

Leslie saw that slim margin as reason to place it on the ballot. “There is more discussion, more people looking at each issue,” she said. Ruth pointed out that five is the standard number of board members for a township the size of Holly’s.

Lambert felt that the community could be better represented with two extra members, and that the extra per diem cost of around $7,000 to add two members was worth it. “You have two more board members, each keeping apprised of public affairs,” he said.

Lambert also mentioned that more members also provides for more flexibility in executing committees.

“I believe it should be citizen initiated,” said Winchester. She believes that residents should petition for a measure if they want it on the ballot. Freeman echoed this sentiment.

The measure failed at the board vote.

Fenton DDA leadership remains unchanged

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) indicated it was pleased with the work performed by Craig Schmidt and Jim Saulie at a meeting on Tuesday. Both were unanimously voted to reprise their role as chair and vice chair respectively.

Schmidt began serving as DDA chair in 2010 after winning a coin toss with then fellow DDA member, Robert Cole after both members received an equal number of votes.

Schmidt was optimistic about the future of the DDA, and proud of what has been accomplished so far. “We have a good board,” he said. “These guys do a lot of work and research here.”

“We have a lot in the works, and there will be a lot of construction going on downtown soon,” Schmidt said.

The conversion of the old firehall into the Michigan Brewing Co. restaurant, community center renovations, streetscape project, and cornerstone building are all DDA projects currently in the works.

Schmidt, a long time Fenton resident, also runs his own real estate appraisal business in town, Value One, Inc. Schmidt says he remembers living in Fenton in the 1970s when urban renewal leveled downtown buildings, and credits those memories with inspiring him to get involved in the DDA.
Township to pay more than $865,000 in delinquent taxes to Livingston County

By William Axford

The township will have to pay $865,738.92 to Livingston County this year in delinquent taxes. The delinquency stems from administration fees, sewer fees and public safety fees.

The board of trustees agreed to pay the taxes and addressed the need to continue payment in the upcoming years.

Tyrone Township Clerk Keith Kremer said the township will have to pay for the sewer fund and delinquent taxes from the general fund for nearly the next decade.

“The future boards (of trustees) need to pay attention to this or they’ll have nothing,” Kremer said. “Basically, there’s not much choice in this. If we don’t pay for it, the county will take it from our taxes anyway.”

Treasurer Dave Kurtz said the township would have enough to cover the delinquent taxes and the sewer board.

“We do have the cash to do it,” Kurtz said. “We have $950,000, which is enough to pay it off.”

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Summary

The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees anticipates paying off delinquent taxes to the county over the next 8 to 10 years.

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FENTON WOMAN WARNS OF E-MAIL SCAM
A Fenton woman wants to warn the community about a scam. She said she received an e-mail from “the post office” informing her of a delivery error and she would be charged $7 per day for holding her mail. There was an attachment to the e-mail, however, she knew better than to open it. She checked with the real Post Office and was told that they did not use e-mail to contact someone and that the e-mail she received was fraudulent.

DOOR LOCK DAMAGED
At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, Fenton police responded to a business in the 3200 block of Silver Lake Road to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. An employee said when she arrived for work at 6 a.m. she noticed that someone had inserted something into the lock on the door, preventing her from inserting her key. A locksmith was called to replace the lock. There are no suspects at this time.

PIG ROAMS NEIGHBORHOOD
At 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, Fenton police were sent to the area of West Street and Silver Lake Road to investigate a report of a pig walking near the roadway. Responding police located the pig, which weighed about 70 pounds, roaming the neighborhood. A nearby resident assisted police with containing the pig. Police are hoping to locate the pig’s owner.

FLINT MAN CHARGED AFTER DRUG ARREST IN ARGENTINE
Lovodney Fairchild, 23, of Flint was arraigned on Thursday, April 19 on one felony count of possession with intent to deliver cocaine after Argentine Township police arrested him on Monday, April 16. Police Chief Dan Allen said plain clothed officers spotted the sale of suspected crack cocaine from a 2006 Chevy Impala, occupied by two men, one of whom was Fairchild, while it was at a parking lot in the 9000 block of Silver Lake Road. On-duty officers were contacted and a traffic stop was conducted on the car. During the traffic stop, Argentine officers seized an undisclosed amount of crack cocaine, cash and the vehicle. Fairchild’s preliminary exam is scheduled for May 2 in Genesee County District Court.

MONEY
Continued from Front Page
Without any notice, the consignment store’s owners Donna and Tom Hitz locked the doors to their Fenton store March 24, leaving numerous clients wondering what would become of their personal items that they were hoping to sell through the consignment store or money they were promised for items that already sold.

The Resale 360 store in Brighton is also closed.

Aro said he has heard the unsubstantiated allegations from victims that the storeowners used $20,000 owed to them to pay back federal taxes. “I heard that from victims, but I can’t confirm or deny if it’s true,” said Aro. “Victims have told police that.”

The police chief said the owners have told detectives that they are doing everything they can to return items back to the rightful owners. Fearing for their safety, Aro said it is difficult to get in touch with them by phone.

Aro said he personally spoke with the storeowners about a week ago and detectives spoke with them this past week. Police had been wanting to give them an opportunity to do the right thing. “It’s been a couple of weeks now,” said Aro.

Police Chief Rick Aro said each case is being looked at on an individual basis to determine if a crime has been committed. When interviews are complete, Aro said they would be presenting their information to the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office to determine if and what criminal charges would be filed.

While seeking to obtain a comment from the storeowners on Friday, the man who answered the phone at Resale 360 in Fenton said, “no,” and hung up the phone.

LINDEN SCHOOL BOARD SEeks TWO NEW MEMBERS
The Linden Board of Education seeks candidates to be considered for two vacancies, with terms ending Dec. 31. Letters of interest and resume may be submitted to Linden Community Schools, Attn: Superintendent’s Office, 7205 West Silver Lake Rd., Linden, MI 48451. Applications are being accepted until Monday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m. To qualify, applicants must be a citizen of the U.S., a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days, a resident in the Linden school district for at least 30 days preceding appointment, 18 years of age or older and a registered voter. Superintendent Ed Koleda said Rob Rossow stepped down from his position as trustee to focus more on coaching baseball and Pam Snyder stepped down from her position as vice president to focus more attention on her consulting business and family obligations.

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Fee related to attorney consultation on Smith case

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Holly Township — Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman’s support of Timm and Maria Smith in their battle with the township is becoming expensive.

Recently the new champion for the Smiths on an ongoing legal dispute sent a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the township offices. He received the information: hundreds of pages related to the litigation over the 20-acre parcel at 1031 South Holly Rd.

Then he received a $72.85 bill, which he paid, and another $429 bill, which he brought up during public comment. Lambert said the $429 bill is related to consulting with an attorney on the documents Hoffman asked for.

“I did not retain that attorney; I did not call them for advice,” said Hoffman. Lambert said Clerk Karin Winchester spent more than a day gathering the information he requested, and by law, any fees accrued in gathering FOIA information can be passed on to the person who made the request.

Hoffman said he refused to pay the bill, and at the Oakland County level, they wave all fees to support transparency. He said he has spent a significant amount of his own money supporting the Smiths in this legal dispute.

Accusations of corruption

One of the pieces of information obtained through a FOIA request was an e-mail sent by Township code enforcer Roger Wofford after the Smith property had been foreclosed upon.

Welsh in essence mentions to the bank holding title to the land that the township is interested in the property.

The Smiths and Hoffman see this as corroborating their assertion that the township was after their property before they were seized the property by the bank.

Trustee Janet Leslie also found this information dubious.

Lambert said he has not seen, nor read the e-mail.

More heated discussions

Lambert’s gavel fell, and discussion was heated, but everyone’s voices were heard at the regular township board meeting on Wednesday.

The ongoing issue with the disputed property dominated discussion again during public comment, with continued verbal attacks from Timm and Maria Smith, and Hoffman, accusing the Holly Township board of corruption and of bullying in the battle over a 10-acre parcel that was foreclosed upon in 2010.

The case is in the court of appeals and the Smiths were evicted from 10 of the 20 acres they lived on. Lambert urged all involved to let the courts handle the case.

ACLU getting involved

Maria Smith said a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is investigating a possible freedom of speech infringements at a meeting in October, where she said her husband Timm was not allowed to speak, and shadowed by a state police officer.
Think you know your government?

**Take this citizenship quiz and find out how much you don’t know**

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The following is a look at some of the questions on the American citizenship test and the percentage of people who got them right and wrong. Take this 20-question test, which was posted online by The Daily Beast to see how you compare with others who took the quiz online.

**QUESTIONS**

1. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
2. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
3. The Federalists supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
4. Who was president during World War I?
5. Who did the United States fight in World War II?
6. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
7. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
8. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?
9. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
10. We elect a U.S. senator for how many years?
11. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
12. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
13. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
14. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
15. What does the 1st Amendment do for the Constitution?
16. What is the supreme law of the land?
17. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
18. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
19. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
20. What is the economic system in the United States?

To see how you did, check answers on Page 23A.

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**ASK THE MECHANIC**

Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic

Q: I have a 1992 Subaru Legacy. My mom poured water on her battery to clean it and killed the battery. I took her to a new one and put it in which fixed the problem. In less than 4 hours the brand new battery died completely, where even the lights don’t work at all. There is no noise when you turn the key. Any idea what she did by pouring water on it?

A: Jesse, Pouring water on the battery would have caused this problem, unless there was water left on top of the battery and it is a top post battery. Water can conduct electricity, but we clean batteries with a solution of baking soda and water and rinse with water regularly and never see this type of problem. You might want to have your car checked for a draw like something staying on (light, motor etc.). This is most likely the cause. Also have the charging system tested.

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**DDA continues support for Fourth of July celebration**

**Will provide $5,000 for the 2012 Fenton Freedom Festival**

By Ryan Tackabury

Fenton — The Fenton Freedom Festival, scheduled to take place on July 3, and 4, will receive continued sponsorship from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The $5,000 given by the DDA for the annual Fourth of July celebration will be used mostly for both marketing purposes, and fireworks. “It’s one of our best events ever in downtown Fenton. It brings a lot of people,” said DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt.

It is estimated that the event brings approximately 5,000 people in to Fenton’s downtown, and 20,000 to 25,000 people to watch the fireworks.

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Carlos Westbrook, 17, and Haley Shaw, 16, rehearse the song “Cloudburst” with the rest of the ambassadors on Wednesday. The group recently won several awards, with six trophies altogether at Heritage Fest, a national event in Chicago.

Ambassadors win several music awards

FHS group competed in Chicago last weekend, prepare for final performance of year

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The Fenton High School Ambassadors brought home the gold from a competition trip in Chicago last weekend.

The student musicians participated in the Heritage National Music Festival and Competition, which was comprised of choirs and bands from all over the United States and Canada.

After two “extraordinary” performances, Brad Wright, music director, said the Ambassadors were awarded the Gold rating in both vocal jazz and show choir. A gold rating means the performance was “superior,” by scoring at least 90 points out of 100 in several categories.

In addition to the two gold ratings, the group also won an Adjudicator Award in vocal jazz. This award is presented to a choir who has an average score of 95 or higher.

Two of the Ambassadors, Rachael Kahn and Jack Kennings, won Maestro Awards for their outstanding solo performances.

Lastly, the Ambassadors won the Outstanding Choral Award. This trophy is presented to the highest scoring band or choir at the festival. This was the second year in a row that the Ambassadors won this award.

The Ambassadors will be performing their finale performance on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ruby Zima Auditorium inside Fenton High School. Tickets are $5, advance or $7 at the door. For more information, contact Wright at bwright@fenton.k12.mi.us or (810) 591-2973.
Area promotes a hands-on learning approach with nature

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Fenton — The country is currently fighting a battle against childhood obesity — and losing.

World of Wonder Early Learning Programs, located on the Ellen Street Campus, is looking for new ways to combat the growing problem of childhood obesity in the form of their natural playscape.

“A natural playscape is more about exposing children to nature and allowing them to interact with natural things. There are places to run and chances for kids to play outdoors,” said Linda Mora, director of Early Learning Programs.

World of Wonder programs include: Tuition Preschool, Young Fives, Successful Kids = Involved Parents (SKIP), Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE).

Mora is aware of the problems facing children today, and believes the natural playscape is a step in the right direction to fix them. “Since 1990 childhood obesity has doubled among 2 to 5 year olds, and tripled among 6 to 11 year olds,” she said.

“Children spend as much as seven and a half hours per day with electronic media. Young people today spend the least time outdoors of any other previous generation,” Mora said, citing the documentary “Play Again”, which explores the growing disconnection today between kids and nature.

The playscape is based on the Reggio Emilia educational philosophy that comes from the Italian town of the same name, which promotes hands on experience, and relationships with other children.

The natural playscape is themed after Fenton’s natural landscape. A dry riverbed is meant to mimic the Shiawassee River, while a large sandbox represents the large number of beaches that populate the area.

Future installments to the playscape will include an outdoor amphitheater and building up of a hill that will be able to accommodate an imbedded slide.

Funding for the natural playscape has come entirely from grants and donations and it was recently awarded a $1,000 grant from Keep Genesee County Beautiful to purchase natural grasses and plants.

Many local businesses are playing a role in the design of the playscape, as well. Shoemaker Services are doing design and installation. Rice’s Garden Ornaments of Holly is designing alphabet stepping stones.

The Loose (senior citizen center) Angels and Fenton Kiwanis Club have also offered to help with the project.

Mora said that they welcome any assistance from service groups, Scout troops, or individuals who would like to help.

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Cake molds and a watering can are hung from the playground fence with wooden spoons, with which to hit the molds, to experiment with noises.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
AN ABORTION IS between the women, her god (if she believes), her husband (if she has one) and her doctor. The government has no business in this issue period. And by the way, that includes paying for one.

IT’S OFFICIAL: OBAMA became America’s first dictator when he signed two Executive Orders (which were snuck past us) giving him the same powers that dictators have. He can indefinitely detain any citizen and take over every aspect of the U.S. economy (health, food, oil and natural gas just for starters).

KENT BARNES, I can save you millions in wages and benefits. One principal for Holly Elementary/Patterson, one for Rose Pioneer/Davison. And do you really need all those secretaries at the high school and KRC? Nobody’s left at the bottom.

BY FAR THE DUMBEST traffic light in Fenton is at the corner of Torrey and South Long Lake roads. There is no left turn lane and it runs at all hours of the night without flashing. They should move it to Torrey and North roads.

DEAR MR. SPECIAL, to expect a thank you isn’t out of line. It’s just arrogant. Maybe ‘have a nice day’ is their way of thanking you. Did you consider that? If they had said ‘thank you,’ you probably would have complained that they didn’t say ‘have a nice day.’ You are just a complainer.

IT’S FUNNY, A lot of the union people I know buy the cheapest items they can buy. Even if they are made in China, but then they expect us to buy high priced union bill products.

I SAW THAT the Lake Fenton school charges an extra $2.50 for class shirts if the child needs an extra large size. That made me sick. These children struggle with their weight, so you charge them extra? That is wrong. Charge every child a dollar more if you have to make up for the kids that are XL.

IN ALL THE years Obama has been in office, has anyone heard him take any blame for anything? I mean he’s ruined the country, you’d think he’d take responsibility for at least some things. It’s always ‘somebody did this, somebody did that,’ it’s never his fault. What a leader, sick.

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A reunion for these same veterans is set for Sept. 12 – 16, 2012 at Holiday Inn Portland Airport – Portland, Oregon. Please contact Hope for more information on reunion.
Tony Brown announces he will run for county seat

Tony Brown

■ Fenton Township trustee looking to serve at next level

By Sharon Stone sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786

At the urging of his wife, son and daughter, Tony Brown (R-Fenton Township) has decided to run for the county commissioner seat for District 6 of Genesee County.

As of Thursday, he was the only candidate to file their paperwork with the county clerk. If other Republicans run, Brown will have to make it past the August primary to run in the November election.

Brown, 41, has been a trustee for Fenton Township since he was elected in 2004 and 2008. He also works in the health and safety division for an adhesives company near Ann Arbor. The entire Fenton Township board will be up for re-election in November and Brown said he would not be seeking his trustee seat.

There was recent juggling of seats in the local political arena. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) was serving as county commissioner for District 6, however, he resigned from that post in February, when he was elected to serve the remainder of Paul Scott’s (R-Grand Blanc) term as state rep for the 51st District, who was recalled from office last November.

When Graves resigned from the county commission, his seat became vacant. Fred Shaltz (D-Fenton), a former county commissioner, was recently appointed by the commission to serve the remainder of Graves’s term, which expires in November.

When asked why he wanted to serve at the county level instead of at the township level, Brown said, “I think there are bigger battles to fight — at the county level.” For the most part, he believes the township is in decent shape other than for the high sewer bill, which there is not much anyone can do to lower, drug addiction and drug-related crimes, which are picking up.

Brown will focus his efforts on fighting those two issues at the county level, as well as seeing to it that funding to fight crime makes it to the sixth district.

The longtime Fenton Township resident and 1989 graduate of Lake Fenton High School said he knew back in February that he should seek this position. He firmly believes that businesses will not be attracted to this district, or any area, if the crime rate continues to escalate. “People need to feel safe to live and to do business there,” he said.

Brown said his family is standing behind him in this decision and his son Alex and daughter Corinne have let their friends know by posting his candidacy on their Facebook pages. “They’re pretty politically-in-tuned and they’re all for it,” said Brown.

“My wife (Sonya) told me to run and said it was my time.”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
THE MAYOR OF New Jersey? I thought New Jersey had a governor. Who knew?

HOW DOES SOMEONE get to be the mayor of a state? I’d like to be the mayor of Michigan!

IF YOU WONDER where the money you are owed went, it was used to pay their taxes to the IRS. How is this not a crime?

CONSERVATIVES DONATE THREE times more than liberals do to charitable organizations. Conservative politicians support fully funded social programs for America’s needy children, seniors, disabled and veterans. Liberal politicians generally support over-reaching, under-funded special interest social programs.

The University of Michigan released a study today which showed that conservative students have a higher rate of graduation and are more likely to give back to their communities than liberal students.

The study was conducted by conservative sociologists and funded by the libertarian John M. Olin Foundation.

The data was collected over a period of 15 years and included over 100,000 students.

The study found that conservative students were 20% more likely to graduate in 4 years and were 30% more likely to donate money to charity.

The data also showed that conservative students were 50% more likely to volunteer in their communities.

The study data was compiled from the University of Michigan’s data base which includes information on all students who have ever attended the university.

The study found that conservative students were more likely to say that they had a strong work ethic and were more likely to say that they had a strong sense of responsibility.

The study also found that conservative students were more likely to say that they felt that they had a strong sense of moral values.

The study data was not adjusted for other factors that could have influenced the results.

The study is being released just in time for Earth Day and the Mayors of Michigan are expected to use the study to rally the nation to support their educational foundation awarding grants to educational programs that support fully funded social programs.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Johnson is on parole for a 2008 conviction out of Genesee County. When Times reporter Will Axford attempted to obtain a comment about the shooting at Johnson’s home on Thursday, he was told to leave the property.

On Friday, Pickell said the sheriff’s department has identified a person of interest who may have some knowledge and they are attempting to locate this individual.

He said they executed a search warrant at the home and its grounds during daylight hours, looking for additional guns or evidence, however, nothing more was found.

The case remains under investigation. “Give us a week and we’ll have it done,” said Pickell.

If anyone has information about this incident, they are to call Capt. Terrence Green at (810) 257-3407.

Educational foundation awards grants

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL recipient of more than $3,000

By Sharon Stone
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ST. JOHN SCHOOL Educational Foundation presented St. John the Evangelist School in Fenton with four grants totaling more than $3,000 in the month of April. The Foundation exists to provide long-term financial assistance to St. John the Evangelist School, as well as to assist in the support of new and existing educational programs. Individuals who assist in the support of new and existing educational programs.

The Foundation has helped to update the curriculum, computer lab, and playground. The Foundation offers numerous scholarships to students in each year.

The Board of Trustees is extremely appreciative to all of its supporters, past and present. The board indicated that it if were not for their supporters’ generosity and thoughtfulness they would be unable to carry out their mission of long-term financial support for St. John the Evangelist School.

Anyone interested in contributing to the St. John School Educational Foundation may contact Sylvia Randazzo at (810) 629-6551 or by e-mail at foundation@sjjohnsfenton.com.

The four grants include funds for:

• A kiln for the art department
• Equipment for the athletics program
• Software and equipment for technology
• Scholarship awards

SHOOT-OUT

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The intruders stole $2,800, Johnson’s cell phone and some jewelry before fleeing in an unknown vehicle.

Deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to the house to investigate. Sheriff Robert Pickell said Johnson told deputies that he was asleep in his upstairs bedroom when the suspects entered his home.

During an exchange of gunfire, investigators learned that Johnson was shot by a semi-automatic handgun in the buttocks area and the bullet exited through his left thigh. Johnson told deputies that the suspects left the home, at which time he ran to a neighbor’s home to use their phone.

Pickell said evidence at the scene included multiple shell casings, blood splatters and at least two bullets, one of which was found in the bedroom. The bullet found in the bedroom was mushroomed and covered in blood, said the sheriff.

Detectives found additional bullets outside, which appeared to have been shot from inside the home. Shell casings were found from a .380 and 9 mm handgun.

Johnson was treated for his gunshot wound at a hospital and released Saturday night.

The sheriff said early on that investigators had many unresolved questions about the specifics of what happened that night. He is determined to find out what happened and to identify the two suspects.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Johnson is on parole for a
**Blue Devils post strong week vs. Goodrich**

**By David Troppens**

The Lake Fenton varsity boys track and field team has waited a long time to beat the Goodrich Martians in a conference dual. That time finally came on Tuesday.

Beating the Martians for the first time since coach Eric Doyle could remember, the Blue Devils dominated Goodrich 89-48 in dual play on Tuesday. They also defeated Beecher 103-44.

The Blue Devils didn’t earn many overall firsts in the meet, but did win all four relays, all with strong times. The winning teams were Austin Frank, Rob Kesler, Matt Hommer and Max Watters in the 400 relay (44.51); Zac Zee- linski, Rob Kesler, Frank and Watters in the 800 relay (1:33.1); Chase Hanson, Bryce Fronewelt, Homer and Watters in the 1,600 relay (3:31) and Hansie, Sawyer Scott, Alex Holtlander and Neil Allor in the 3,200 relay (8:30).

“We didn’t get too many firsts, but it was just our depth,” Doyle said. “If we got beat in a race, it seemed we took second and third. We won all the relays. That’s 20 points they didn’t get.”

Allor, who also was practicing for the baseball team at the time of the meet, bounced over a couple of times to help the relay to a first and to earn a first in the 400 with a time around 53 seconds. Also earning individual firsts were Scott and Zee- linski in the high jump (5-8).

**HOLLY TRACK SWEEPS**

Bronschos make easy work of Lapeer East, Lapeer West.

**By David Troppens**

Lake Fenton’s Kaitlyn Begley (right) prepares to kick a ball in the Blue Devils 6-0 win against Goodrich on Thursday.

**SATURDAY**

**BASEBALL**

(FSD) Rangers at Tigers, 1 p.m. (FOX)
To be determined, 3:30 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**

(ESPN) Nuggets at Suns, 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Mavericks at Bulls, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Magic at Jazz, 10:30 p.m.

**GOLF**

(CBS) Champions Tour, 1 p.m.
(PGA Tour, 3 p.m. (GOLF)
LPGA Tour, 6:30 p.m.

**HOCKEY**

(NBC) Capitals at Bruins, 3 p.m.
(NBCSP) Senators at Rangers, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

**BASEBALL**

(FSD) Rangers at Tigers, 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Yankees at Red Sox, 8 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**

(ESPN) Knicks at Hawks, 1 p.m. (ABC)
Thunder at Lakers, 3:30 p.m. (FSN or FSD +)

**GOLF**

(CBS) Champions Tour, 1 p.m.
(PGA Tour, 3 p.m.

**HOCKEY**

(NBC) To be determined, noon (NBCSP) To be determined, 3 p.m. (FSN if necessary)
Predators at Red Wings, TBD
Holly track sweeps Lapeer squads in Metro opener

By David Troppens
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Holly — The defending Flint Metro League championship track and field programs looked very much like champions again on Wednesday, when they opened their Metro seasons against Lapeer West and Lapeer East.

The Holly varsity boys defeated East 102.5-34.5 and West 123.5-13.5, while the varsity girls beat West 127-10 and East 103-34. Both teams won by mixing performers in different events.

“We saw some things we liked,” Holly coach Rob Basyldo said. “The biggest thing going into the first meet is the unknowns — who has what and stuff like that. A lot of kids have not had a chance to race yet, and we really needed that. We needed to see what our young kids had.”

Two Holly boys won two individual events. They were Johnny Williams in the 100 (11.06) and the 200 (23.07), and Colin Banes in the shot put (43-5) and the discus (133-11). Other individual boy winners for the Bronchos were Steve Domagalski in the 1,600 (4:24.0), Luke Schewin in the long jump (19-3) and Curtis Cooley in the 800 (2:12.0). Relay winners were Williams, Zach Diehl, Steve Barr and Schewin in the 1,600 (3:39.57); Schewin, Hunter Hooper, Dino Vivianco, and Cooley in the 3,200 (8:45.04); Diehl, Matt Porter, Justin Spencer and Evin Papuga in the 800 (1:36.08); and Papuga, Porter, Spencer and Taylor Fields in the 400 (47.0). Shannon Dewalt was the only Holly girl to win two individual events, winning the discus (99-0) and the shot put (33-4).

Other individual winners were Rachel Domagalski in the pole vault (10-0), Charlotte Ruffini in the 3,200 (10:17.28), Kelly Ray in the 200 (29.27), Melissa Bott in the 800 (2:31.02), Tatum Harmon in the 400 (1:06.03), Shannon Westfall in the 1,600 (6:06.38), Paige McElroy in the 100 (14.0), and Tabitha Wyatt in the 100 hurdles (19.06).

In relay action, Abby Lewandowski, Ruffini, Harmon and Bott won the 3,200 (10:39); Kailee Harris, Ray, Christina King and Wyatt won the 400 (55.02); and Bott, Harmon, Jessica Beeler and McElroy won the 1,600 relay (4:24.0).

“It was a good meet,” Basyldo said. “Did I see everything I like? No. Did I hate everything I absolutely saw? No. The biggest thing is we got to see them perform.”

Holly hosts Linden and Brandon for Metro League dual meet action on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Cowger tosses one-hitter, sparks Tigers to DH sweep vs. Goodrich

By Al Zipsie
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Fenton — The Fenton varsity softball team found two different ways to win games in a doubleheader against Goodrich on Thursday.

Fenton posted a 7-0 shutout in the opener, and then pulled out an exciting 4-2 extra-inning win in the nightcap.

Sisters Sammi and Ellie Cowger earned pitching victories. Sammi Cowger came one hit short of a perfect game in the opener, while Ellie Cowger held the Martians scoreless in the last five innings of the nightcap, earning the win in eight innings.

Ellie Cowger and the defense had to come up big in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings in the nightcap. Goodrich had the game-winning run on third with one out. However, a ground out and a strike out ended that threat.

Extra innings started with the international tiebreaker with a runner on second. In Fenton’s eighth, Sierra Hollis eventually scored on Sarah Halstead’s single, and Halstead eventually scored after an Emma Brant bunt and dropped ball by the catcher. Fenton led 4-2.

Ellie Cowger got Goodrich out in order in the bottom of the eighth, earning the win.

In the first game, Sammi Cowger fanned 10, taking a no-hit bid into the fifth inning when a bunt single ended her perfect-game run. However, from there,
Prep Report

**Linden girls open league duals with sweep**

By David Troppens
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**Linden** — The Linden varsity girls track team not only defeated Kearsley and Swartz Creek on Wednesday, but they did it with some memorable efforts.

Girls posted lifetime bests as Linden defeated Kearsley 98-35 and Swartz Creek 108-20.

The Linden boys weren’t as fortunate, losing tight matches to Kearsley 71-66, and to Swartz Creek 73-64.

Linden girls coach Dave Elmer was pleased.

“Six girls had personal bests, so it was a really good day for us,” Elmer said.

Kristyn Resseguie was the big winner, capturing firsts in four events. She won the 100 hurdles (18.92) and the 300 hurdles (53.91) individually. Meanwhile, she teamed with Brooke Enciso, Miranda Greene and Angelina Garcia to win the 800 relay (1:56.25) and with Enciso, Samantha Greene and Garcia to win the 400 relay (53.90).

Sydney Elmer wasn’t too far behind Resseguie. She won the 1600 (5:53.0) and the 3200 (12:36.68) individually, and teamed with Kailie Corcoran, Aleighsha Engisch and Courtney Davis to win the 3200 relay (11:56.1).

Other individual winners for Linden were Samantha Greene in the 200 (28.53), Miranda Greene in the 400 (1:05.8), Engisch in the 800 (2:47.50) and Brooke Ovington in the high jump (4-8).

The Linden boys were paced by Ted Parcher. Parcher won the 100 (11.19) and the 200 (23.19), while teamed with Austin Buerkel, Kevin Baker and Taylor Anderson to win the 400 relay (44.18), and with Buerkel, Cody Grandy and Anderson to win the 800 relay (1:34.71).

Graham Elliott won tight races in the 1600 (4:41.55) and the 3200 (10:08.31), while Connor O’Connell won the pole vault (12-6). Finally, Baker posted the second-best long jump in school history, winning the event with a leap of 21-9.

“It is unfortunate we start the Metro race with two unexpected losses, but we had great performances all around and lost to two very good teams,” Linden coach Nick Douglass said.

**Powers scores early, often in Chargers’ 4-0 non-league victory vs. Holly Bronchos**

By Al Zipsie
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**Holly** — Talented Flint Powers Catholic goalkeeper sophomore Heather Rolls has yet to allow a goal this season.

Rolls, a Fenton resident, had her fifth shutout this year and 19th for her career as the Chargers blanked Holly 4-0 in a non-league match Wednesday.

The state defending champions, who have a lot of girls from the tri-county area on their team, are 3-0-2 so far this season. Other area athletes include Jesica Adams, Emma Philippoffs, Madeline Carino, Addison Carino, Ally Haran, Julie Dubiel and Amanda Bubnar.

Rolls loves her team, and the defense surrounding her.

“I have great defense and talent around with me,” Rolls said. “With all the early success, it is a lot to live up to. I want to go the entire season without allowing a goal.”

Rolls scored all four goals in the first half. Just 50 seconds into the game, Chelsea Howe scored. Less than five minutes later, Howe found the mark again. Later in the half, Morgan McKerchie scored a pair of goals in a span of 3:40 earning the Chargers a 4-0 lead with 16:53 left in the first half.

Powers dominated field possession, and Rolls was not tested often. After the early onslaught Holly’s defense and keeper Elii Curtis played well, not allowing a goal during the final 57 minutes.

Curtis had four big saves, first stopping a header on a corner kick. She dove for another save. Then with 5:36 left, she

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See HOLLY on 18A
Haaraaoja has strong showing at recent meet

By David Troppens
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Gabrielle Haaraaoja hasn’t taken much time off since the varsity girls swim team’s season ended in fall.

In fact, until this month, she hasn’t taken off any time.

But it is paying off.

Haaraaoja recently qualified and competed at the 2012 Ohio Central Zone Section 3 Spring Speedo Championships, competing in four events.

She posted strong times in the longcourse event, preparing her to have a strong summer season with the Tiger Shark Swimming program.

“My goal was to make it to that meet and qualify and I did that,” Haaraaoja said.

“I once got there, I wanted to be close to my best times for the summer because it was a longcourse meet. I just wanted to get ready for the summer, and to help build up the (Tiger Shark) program.”

Haaraaoja, a sophomore at Fenton High School, had a time of 28.89 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle in the meet held at Miami (Ohio) University, placing 82nd out of 131 competitors.

She also posted a time of 1.02.94 in the 100 freestyle and a time of 1:11.92 in the 100 backstroke.

The times were based on a longcourse pool. The pool is measured in meters (a meter is about 3.3 inches longer than a yard), and the pool lanes are 50 meters long, instead of the usual 25 yards during the high school season. Therefore times are higher during longcourse events.

During the girls swim season, Haaraaoja placed 13th at the state meet in the 50 yard freestyle (24.80) and 23rd in the 100 freestyle (55.06).

HOLLY

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made a nice play on the side of goal. Finally with 1:07 left, she blocked another, preserving a second-half shutout.

“The (Holly) goalie did well also,” Rolls said. “She made some nice saves. (Holly) played more people on defense in the second half and they did a good job of holding us.”

“We are starting with a new formation we have never played here before at Holly,” Holly coach Mike Steibel said. “We started to play well after the midway part of the first half. We played good defense the rest of the game.

“Powers is obviously very good. Our girls may be frustrated with the lack of success as far as no wins go yet, but good games make you better. We have had a tough schedule. Two of our top three girls didn’t even play in this game. The girls are bonding and coming together as a team.”

The Bronchos hope the tough teams they have faced will pay off when they begin Flint Metro League play. That action starts on Monday when they host Lapere East at 6:45 p.m.

Fenton’s Gabrielle Haaraaoja competed in a regional zone meet recently and posted some strong times. She swims with the Tiger Sharks as well.

The longcourse takes more endurance,” Haaraaoja said.

“Tigers are long course is easier because if you take a bad turn in short course, you have to worry about it. In longcourse there aren’t as many turns.”

Haaraaoja is taking April off from the pool, but is returning to it for the summer season.

“I want to make it back to sectional, and my long-term goal is junior nationals,” Haaraaoja said.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

The Eagles earned four first-place finishes at the meet. Cody Grandy, Kevin Baker, Taylor Anderson and Ted Parcher won the 400 relay, while Austin Buerkel, Andy Roberts, Kyle Korman and Parcher won the 9’10” 400 relay.

Buerkel, Anderson and Parcher won the 800 relay. The three-man long jump relay team of Baker, Buerkel and Aaron Kensten also won.

Fenton vs. Clio, Brandon: The Tigers defeated Clio 72-65, but lost to Brandon 75-61. The Tigers had three overall firsts. Max Kyza won the 3,200 (10:12.30), while Matt Gilbert won the 1,600 (4:34.41). Logan Bowby won the high jump (5-2).

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Fenton vs. Clio, Brandon: The Tigers defeated Clio 103-94, but lost to Brandon 93-44. The Tigers won the 3,200 relay with the team of Emily Be- mis, Roselinel Vancura, Katherine Vancu- cura and Jessica Taylor. Kira Rentschler also took an overall first in the discus (105-1). Danielle Hack placed second in the 1,600 (6:05) and the 3,200 (13:19).

Julie Gibert was a tight second in the 300 hurdles (52.40).

LEHIGH Fenton vs. Beecher, Go- odrich: The Blue Devils lost to Beecher 71-58-95, and to Goodrich 71-64 in what was a tight meet.

Eliisa Smith won the long jump (14- 11), while Hope Seyer won the shot put. Laura Carlson won the 1,600 (6:25) and the 3,200 (13:49). Sydney Scott took the top spot in the high jump (4-11).

SOCCER

By Carman-Ainsworth 5, Linden 2:

Linden got goals from Rebecca McDo- nald and Jessie Magalski, in net, Lexi Downes made 19 saves.

Avondale 3, Fenton 0: Three differ- ent players scored for Avondale.

BASEBALL

Holly 12-2, Flint Powers 2-8: The Bronchos won the opener 12-2 in six innings. Blake Ordway tossed six innings of four-hit and no-walk ball, striking out six batters. Offensively, Alec Miller went 3-for-5 with a triple, two runs scored and two RBI. Pat O’Connor had two hits, including a triple, three RBI and a walk. Matt Brack had two hits.

In the second game, the Bronchos lost 8-2. Miller, O’Connor, Austin Vav- ender and Ordway had a hit each, all singles.

Fenton 164, Linden 170: At the Coyote Preserve Golf Club, Fenton’s John Lloyd carded a 38, earning medalist honors, and leading Fenton to the win. Joe Foght and Alex Gerber had 41s each, while Kevin Berry had a 44. Brett Benford and James Jardouan led Linden with 41s, while Kevin Johnes and Tyler Conway had 44s.

Lake Fenton 164, Montrose 206: At Briar Ridge Golf Course, Merrick George, Blake Bonicki and Wes Potts each shot nine-hole 40s to lead the Blue Devils by Montrose. Peyton Knoll carded a 44.

Swiftz Creek 171, Holly 195: At Holiday Meadows, Austin Miner led Holly with a 45, while Phil Samson carded a 48. Kyle Cooper had a 49.
Handbell Choir concert on May 6
A Celebration of Handbells concert is set for 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 6 at the Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 South LeRoy St. Fenton. The concert features several handbell choirs from area churches. Each choir will perform solo pieces culminating with a finale pieces that is performed together. The community is invited to attend the free musical event. Donations of a non-perishable food item will be accepted as the church’s continuing mission to help the community.

Temrowski offers free grief counseling
The Temrowski Family Funeral is offering free grief counseling every second and fourth Thursday of every month from 7-8 p.m. at Lockwood of Fenton, 16300 Silver Parkway, Fenton. For more information, call (810) 629-2533.
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**ECONOMY**

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weathered all the economic downturns in its lifetime.

Recessions are a part of our economic history, and they have shown up on average more than once per decade. How bad the Michigan economy is also depends on your own perspective. A recession is technically a shrinking of the economy. This recent recession may have only lasted around a year, ending spring of 2009, but the affects are still being felt by nearly everyone.

“If the economy never starts growing, it just continues to feel lousy for people who need jobs,” said Christopher Douglas, assistant professor of economics at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Currently, Michigan’s unemployment rate is at 8.8 percent, the national average is 8.3 percent. Douglas said unemployment in 1981 peaked at 17 percent, and mortgage rates went into the double digits. Normally, unemployment peaked at 14 percent the summer of 2009.

Douglas said that Michigan is hit harder by recessions because its reliance on durable goods as a larger part of the economy. Durable goods include vehicles, furniture and appliances. He said these items make up 12 percent on the Michigan economy, but only 6 percent of the national economy.

What Michigan relies on the automotive industry for 6 percent of the economy, but nationally it only represents .5 percent.

Douglas said that the most recent comparable recession happened in 1980. Unemployment was higher, but the economy sprang back with 5 percent growth. The economy is only growing at around 3 percent, with just enough jobs being created to maintain growth in the workforce.

“Every time you lose a small business, you never get one back,” said Wingelmeir. He heard the word “recession” come up in conversation whenever it happened, but his business was always able to keep its doors open. Other businesses weren’t so lucky. “One thing I learned through the years is never worry about things you can’t change, worry about what you can change, and then do it,” he said.

Sharon Flowers has been with the Linden Hotel as owner for 19 years. Unlike Wingelmeir, she has felt every bit of the economy hit her business. “It’s a constant struggle,” she said. “You have to be on top of your game to keep everything you have. You’re definitely tightening your belt.” She needed to put more time into her business, and pay attention to every detail.

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Flowers was in business during the recession of the early 1990s. It was marked with a more care-free attitude, even as she raised young children and was working at the restaurant. She said when times go bad, people cut back on eating out first. Now, she strives for perfection in every recession.

Clerk Marti Donnelly has worked for the city of Linden for more than 20 years, and has seen the ups and downs.

Things in general feel better to her than the 1980s, but that could be because her children are grown, and the city administration has managed to keep Linden stable.

“I think that everyone is still using a guarded approach,” she said. Donnelly is “cautiously optimistic” about the economy. “Hopefully things are turning around,” she said.

Douglas projects three common sense outcomes for the current economy. The most likely scenario is more of what is happening now — businesses “muddle through” and create a modest amount of new jobs allowing the economy to make gains.

Less likely scenarios are “shocks,” a sudden change to economy for good or bad, that either creates rapid growth, or another recession.

Personally, Douglas said this economy “just feels tougher.” It’s not doom and gloom today, nor is it the rapid growth of the mid ‘90s. It is however, the slowest recovery since the great depression.

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Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said recycling in Fenton has been fairly high for the past few years, attributing it to the city’s garbage program. “We have a ‘pay as you throw’ program where residents purchase a tag or sticker for their garbage disposal,” Markland said. “Recycling is a flat fee that residents pay on a quarterly basis. If you recycle, it costs less to get rid of your garbage.”

Currently, city of Fenton residents pay $13.50 every quarter for recycling, which is attached to the water bill. Fenton is the only municipality in Genesee County that features the pay as you throw program.

Residents have the opportunity to participate in other recycling activities beyond waste pickup. Chiropractor Erica Peabody hosts an annual Earth Day clean up where residents remove waste around the city using biodegradable bags and gloves. The event, which takes place this Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., is in its third year and expects to draw around 100 people. “I really believe there’s so much waste thrown out on a daily basis and so much of it can be recycled,” Peabody said. “It’s best to recycle and reuse what you can and limit the waste.”

McDunnough, Inc., located on North Fenway Drive in Fenton, is a company built exclusively on recycling. The company is an industrial plastics recycler where plastics, metals, cardboards and paper is collected from industrial manufacturers and transformed into usable materials.

Kevin Goodman of Clio follows a circuit to empty the recycling bins in Fenton Township. He is able to pick up a variety of materials including cardboard.

Republic Waste Services suggests customers bundle their recycling to prevent scattering in the wind.

SUMMARY

Residents in Fenton recycle at a rate of 10.9 percent, one of the highest rates in Genesee County.

“It’s best to recycle and reuse what you can and limit the waste.”
Erica Peabody
Chiropractor at Café of Life

CUT DOWN ON WASTE

Simple ways to cut down on waste

Doing laundry different – you can reduce your monthly heating bill and save energy by using cold water. Hang drying clothing in warmer weather will reduce your heating bill as well.

Embrace technology – streaming movies and shows on Netflix and the Internet cuts down on using materials for dvds. More businesses are accepting coupons from Smart-phones to cut down on paper usage. Surge protectors use less energy and power down when unused. With the high access of the Internet, many bills can be paid online too, reducing the amount of paper used.

Donate old belongings – instead of throwing out old clothing, books and working electronics, consider donating them to a local business like Goodwill.

Use a water filter and reusable bottle – According to Mother Nature Network, more than 80 percent of plastic water bottles are not recycled. Avoid contributing to the waste by using a reusable water bottle.

Keep the blinds closed on warmer days – Blocking out the sunlight on warmer days will keep your house cooler, cutting down the need for air conditioning.

Sign up for no solicitation registry – By signing up, you can prevent unwanted junk mail for credit cards and ads, reducing paper waste.
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and essential oils, then the skin care product is probably good for your skin.

What’s not in the product is often as important as what is. Look for natural skin care products without petroleum-based ingredients or artificial colors and fragrances. Again, you’ll have to read the label. Although the exact percentage of each ingredient is not given, the industry rule of thumb is that about 90 percent of the skin care product is made from the top 15 percent of the ingredients.

Courtney Gwaltney, owner/aesthetician at The Retreat Salon and Spa in Fenton, is a firm believer in the importance of using natural cosmetics. She fully endorses the Jane Iredale Mineral Cosmetic line, which she carries at The Retreat. “I haven’t found anything about her products that I don’t like,” said Gwaltney. “Her makeup is known as ‘the skin care make-up, which goes along with your skin care regimen. If you’re already using quality cleansers, moisturizers, etc., it makes sense to follow with natural cosmetics on your face.”

Part of the benefit of natural makeup is that it helps improve your skin instead of working against it. “Minerals are healthy and nourishing for the skin,” said Gwaltney. “In the Jane Iredale liquid mineral foundation, the pigment is time-released and moisturizing. It also contains aloe vera, which is very good for the skin.”

By reducing the number of ingredients in the product, natural cosmetics also help reduce the risk of allergic reaction. Because complex manufactured chemicals are not used, there is also less chance of a hidden risk for allergies. Natural products are also more likely to be suitable for sensitive skin.

SPF sun protection is another important quality people need to be looking for in natural cosmetics. “In the world of SPF, more is better than less,” said Gwaltney. “I wear 30 SPF every day, all year ‘round. The Jane Iredale Mineral Cosmetics contains SPF; so you’re walking out the door every day with sun protection.”

While natural cosmetics are more expensive than over-the-counter products because of the quality of ingredients used, the products themselves actually last longer because they’re more concentrated without fillers. “They also provide much better coverage, without the need for re-application throughout the day,” said Gwaltney.

There’s also less opportunity for make-up “mistakes,” which often land unused in your bathroom drawer. “We look at your skin type and find products that are exactly right for you,” said Gwaltney. “With a 30-day money back guarantee after you purchase the products, you get a chance to try them with no risk.”

**SUN**
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far the best way to prevent aging of the skin,” said Connie Poulos, a pharmacetical representative from Pierre Fabre USA, who supplies dermatologi-cal products to many businesses in the area including Fountaiin of Youth in Hartland.

If only spending a small amount of time outside, a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 20 will work fine. If you plan to spend a longer time doing activities such as lawn care or gardening, you will want to use an SPF 49 or higher.

When applying sun-screen, it should be done 20 minutes before you head out into the sun if possible. If you are spending a long time outside, you should reapply sunscreen at least every two hours, no matter the SPF level.

Even on cloudy days that may seem safe, protection is still required, as UV rays can penetrate through the clouds.

For those looking for additional skin protection, they can look for sunscreen with antioxidants, or apply an antioxid-ant serum separately before applying sunscreen. “Antioxidants are your tropi-cally applied vitamins like vitamin C and vitamin E,” Poulos said. “They also help to prevent damage from UV rays.”

Protecting more than just your skin is important. Harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your eyes, leading to cataracts and macular degeneration.

The summer is not the only time when you should look to protect your eyes either.

Winter time is worst. One of the common mis-conceptions is you need protective contacts – at least, not on their own. The contacts will only protect certain areas of the eyeball, and leave many others exposed and vulnerable.

“Get them feeling as it’s unusual to go outside without protection, like going to bed without brushing their teeth.”

Juan Alvarado
Doctor of Optometry, Fenton Vision Center

### ANSWERS to citizenship quiz

1: July 4, 1776. Right: 67 percent. Wrong: 33 percent.

2: The Constitution was written, or the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution. Right: 35 percent. Wrong: 65 percent.


5: Japan, Germany, and Italy. Right: 60 percent. Wrong: 40 percent.


7: Fought for women’s rights or fought for civil rights. Right: 41 percent. Wrong: 59 percent.

8: Fought for civil rights or worked for equality for African Americans. Right: 77 percent. Wrong: 23 percent.


13: “To print money to declare war, make war, and raise and support armies.” Right: 19 percent. Wrong: 81 percent.


15: The Bill of Rights. Right: 57 percent. Wrong: 43 percent.

16: The Constitution. Right: 30 percent. Wrong: 70 percent.


20: Capitalist or market economy. Right: 33 percent. Wrong: 67 percent.

### Summary

Sunscreen and sunglasses are two easy precautions you can take to ward off the long-term harmful effects of the sun.

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While most people probably think that buying a bike from a specialty bike shop is way more expensive than picking one up at a discount store, it’s not true anymore. Cyclefit Multisports in Fenton has recently put its own “unique spin” on their business model, now selling bikes at all three price points — from $20 refurbished used bikes to “discount See BIKES on SG''

We’re the only bike shop in the nation to be filling the gap between the $20 used bike and the $250-$300 new bike.” Ron Stack
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“I never let a close friend down.”

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy? I run track with the school and compete in motocross.

My dream car is: A lifted Ford F-350.

My all-time favorite movie is: “The Hangover” because it’s really funny.

My earliest memory is: At my old house, watching my brother ride a quad, I was really, really young.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? To be able to read people’s minds, just to know what people are thinking.

I always: am competitive.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be? Everybody has to take Friday off.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for? The day after I turned 18, I was in Florida, lots of memories from that day.

What has been the best day in your life so far? The day after I turned 18, I was in Florida, lots of memories from that day.

What are your plans after graduation? Go to Mott Community College for the first year and then transfer to a university.

How are you preparing for college? Just trying to graduate.

Front row seats and backstage passes, who are you seeing? I’ll go to Mott Community College for the first year and then transfer to a university.

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Apple has recently added a built-in dictionary and you can access it in most apps that let you select a word. Simply press and hold on a word — such as in an email, reminder, Books, and so on — and you’ll see a pop-up option for “Define.”

If your smartphone freezes, press and hold the Home button and the Sleep/Wake button at the same time. You’ll be prompted to swipe the “Slide to Power Off” tab. This so-called “hard reset” resuscitates the frozen iPhone. You’ll first need to wait through a full shut down and restart.

Don’t settle with the ring tones provided by Apple and you need not pay your carrier for more of them. As the name suggests, the free Ringtone Maker app lets you take a clip from your favorite songs and make ringtones out of them in seconds.

To add a website to your Home screen, just visit the webpage in Safari and at the top of the screen, tap the Go To icon and select “Add to Home Screen.”

You probably know you can swipe down the iOS device’s screen and you’ll see the Notifications center. Weather will be at the top, but did you know you can swipe to the left or right and you’ll toggle between current conditions and a 6-day forecast? Plus, jump to the Weather app by tapping anywhere on the weather bar inside Notifications screen.

You probably know Siri can be used to set a reminder, like saying “Siri, remind me to call mom at 4pm today.” But did you know you can set location-based reminders on your iPhone 4S? Say “Remind me to call mom when I leave here,” or “Remind me to call mom when I get home,” and you’ll be notified accordingly.

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12. Dry out a wet iPhone: You’re not the first one to drop an iPhone in a toilet or sink. If this happens, don’t turn it on as you can damage the smartphone by short-circuiting it. Lightly towel dry the phone. Don’t use a hairdryer on the phone as it can further push moisture into areas that aren’t wet. Submerge the iPhone in a bowl or Ziploc bag of uncooked white rice overnight. If you have it, try using a desiccant packet you might find with a new pair of shoes or leather purse.

13. Dismiss suggested words: If you’re typing an e-mail or note and the virtual keyboard is suggesting the incorrect spelling of the word — and you don’t want to accept it — you don’t need to tap the tiny “X” at the end of the word in question. Simply tap anywhere on the screen to close the suggestion box.

14. Take photos faster: Even if your iPhone is locked you can double-tap on the Home button and you’ll see a camera icon you can tap to open the camera immediately. Now you can use the volume up button to snap a photo, too. You can also use the volume up on the headphone cord to take a photo (if you want to) and pinch the screen to zoom instead of using the slider bar.

15. Get more done in less time: You can create shortcuts to words and phrases you use a lot, such as Northern California Association for Employment in Education. In Settings, go to General, then Keyboard, and select Add New Shortcut. Now you can type the words or phrases and assign shortcuts to them (such as “NCAEE,” in the above example) and it’ll type out the full word each time.

16. Select URL domains faster: When typing a website address in Safari, you don’t have to type the “.com.” For example, you can type “yahoo” in the URL box to get to yahoo.com. On a related note, you can press and hold down the .com button and you’ll see a list of alternatives to choose, such as .net, .org and .edu.

17. Take an iPhone screen grab: If you want to take a screenshot of a website or application, press down on the Home button and tap the Sleep button. You’ll hear a beep and you’ll see a white screen flash and the screenshot will be saved to your Camera Roll.

18. Prolong your battery: Speaking of the battery, here’s how to squeeze more life out of your iPhone between charges. Turn down the brightness of your screen, turn off wireless radios you don’t use (such as GPS, Wi-Fi or Bluetooth) and reduce the number of apps with info you have “pushed” to your phone.

19. Create a music playlist on the fly: You no longer need a computer to create a playlist. In the Music app, tap Playlists, then select Add Playlist and give it a name (“Marc’s Workout Mix”). Now, tap any song (or video) to add it to the playlist. You can add individual songs, entire albums, or all songs by a particular artist.

20. Don’t waste your day deleting messages individually: You can delete unwanted emails in masse rather than deleting one at a time. In your Inbox, simply click the Edit button and check off the emails you want to delete with your finger and then choose “delete.”
C&C Resale owner Shelly Conrad shows the expansive space of her showroom, providing plenty of room for total household goods, vintage jewelry and more.

C&C Resale... opens at north end of Fenton

Owner has attention for detail

By Sally Rummel
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Shelly Conrad, a former hair/tanning salon owner in Fenton and Linden for more than 21 years, has opened C&C Resale in Fenton.

This new store opened Feb. 18 at 1580 North LeRoy St., near Diamond Sport Gear at the north end of Fenton. Her store joins the large number of other resale/consignment shops located in this same general area of Fenton.

C&C Resale will hold its Grand Opening on Saturday, May 5 with special sale prices and refreshments.

“Resale has been a secret passion of mine for many years,” said Conrad. “I’m pleased to join the resale and consignment community in the tri-county area. My goal is for customers and consigners to be happy with their experience in my store.”

Conrad has already amassed a large collection of quality household goods and vintage jewelry, neatly filling the 3,000 square foot space of her large store. She’ll accept for consignment furniture, large and small appliances, electronics, tools and power equipment, outdoor patio items, home decor, kitchen items, sports equipment, musical instruments, water sport equipment and unique, one-of-a-kind items - all clean and neat and ready to be put out on the sales floor.

Her attention to detail and desire to sell only quality items has already earned her store a reputation for cleanliness and organization.

C&C Resale offers a 50/50 split with consigners, as well as a flexible working agreement between both parties. “We want to work individually with our consigners, making our relationship a win-win situation for both of us,” said Conrad.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the store at (810) 208-0834.

Bikes

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store” bikes and specialty bikes priced for more serious riders.

“We’re the only bike shop in the nation to be filling the gap between the $20 used bike and the $250-$300 new bike,” said owner Ron Stack. “It’s been working for us as the economy has dipped, providing more local bicycling opportunities for area families.”

About two years ago, Stack decided to sell many of the same bikes that his discount store competitors were selling, but assembling them using his own bike mechanics and proper tools. That solves one of the biggest problems Stack usually encounters in dealing with mass-marketed bikes.

“They’re usually assembled by a stock room employee that may know nothing about proper assembly or have the proper tools,” said Stack. “It makes a huge difference in how the bike will perform for the customer. These ‘toy store’ bikes usually end up here for a tune-up anyway. But they can serve a good purpose for families looking for short-term bikes. That’s why we decided to sell them here at Cyclefit.”

Another big difference between a mass-marketed bike and a specialty bike is that ‘bike shop bikes’ will outlive their owner and the next owner, while a ‘toy store bike’ has a lifespan of about 1½ to 2 years.

So now’s the time to “dust off” your bike that has been stored in the garage. Maybe you’re in need of a tune-up for your older bike, or are in the market for a new or like-new refurbished bike. Either way, it’s best to use the expertise of experienced cyclists and mechanics at a bicycle specialty store.

New trends in bicycling

• Pedal-forward bikes are a hot new trend in cycling, providing a comfortable ride in a relaxed, upright seated position. “It makes all the difference in the world,” said Ron Stack, owner of CycleFit Multisports in Fenton.

• A new eco-friendly bike made out of flux fiber is on the showroom floor at Cyclefit. “It looks like bamboo, and has LED lights that run off a generator through the tubing,” said Stack. “The tubes are illuminated. It’s the coolest thing.”

Summary

This is the time of year when it’s fun to get out your bike and take a spin. If your bike has been gathering dust all winter, you may want a tune-up or new or used bike from a bike store like Cyclefit Multisport in Fenton.

Patrick Coe of CycleFit Multisports in Fenton installs a new crank arm on a BMX bike on Thursday.

Summary

C&C Resale has opened its doors at the north end of Fenton, with the goal of providing a positive experience for both shoppers and consigners.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 25. I have a serious illness that requires no treatment. You can believe your doctors and nurses.

I have premature heartbeats almost every day. They are palpitations that make my chest feel as if it’s being squeezed. The cause is an extra beat -- one that comes before the normal heartbeat.

During the delay, the heart compensates by beating a little faster, so it pumps out more blood than usual, and hence it should beat slower to return to normal. The beat after a premature beat is delayed. The cause is an extra beat -- one that comes before the normal heartbeat.

Palpitations mean a thumping or racing heart. They can be felt as a thud in the chest. The cause is an extra beat -- one that comes before the normal heartbeat.

Premature beats are almost always innocent and need no treatment. You can believe your doctors and nurses.

If medicines fail, other causes of heartburn need consideration, things like bile reflux or eosinophilic esophagitis. If these conditions aren’t found, then surgical consideration, things like bile reflux disorder (GERD) -- gastroesophageal reflux disorder -- is heartburn. It’s the upward spurting of stomach acid and digestive juices into the esophagus, the swallowing tube, a place that is not able to cope with these corrosive juices the way the stomach is.

Eliminate or go easy on foods that make GERD worse: citrus fruits; tomatoes; onions; carbonated drinks; spicy, fatty or fried foods; chocolate; pepper-mint; and caffeine. If you’re overweight, weight loss lessens GERD symptoms. Don’t tie down after eating. Don’t smoke. Sleep with your head, chest and stomach on a slope by putting 6-inch blocks under the bedposts at the head of your bed. That position keeps stomach acid in the stomach. Don’t wear anything that constricts your stomach, like tight pants or tight belts. Don’t eat too much too late or go to bed immediately after eating. Elevating the bed will help as well.

Spin the bottle. Add players and name a task, then simply shake your iPhone to spin the bottle.

If you still have heartburn while on these medicines, it’s OK to use an antacid along with them. Some human medicines are also effective for dogs and cats, though the dosages are usually lower due to smaller size of the animal. Here are some medicines that vets recommend most often. It’s always best to give your vet a quick call before giving your pet any type of human medicine.

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Bufferin
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For Cats: DO NOT USE

Neosporin
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For Dogs & Cats: Apply 3-4 times daily as needed

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Use: For vomiting
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— The First Aid Companion For Dogs & Cats by Amy D. Shojai

To your good health

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To apply for this position send resume with cover letter to St. John School Educational Foundation, 514 Lincoln Street, Fenton 48430.
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17 Our Oakie's sister (9 letters)
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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE Answers

Jumbles: GUISE JINGO MEDLEY UNLIKE Answer: There was plenty of this when a quarrel broke out in the pigeon-MUSLINGS

SUNDAY JUMBLE Answers

Jumbles: SCarF JEWEL WIZARD BUCKET Answer: If a hungry shark is in the neighborhood, feed him this - JAWBREAKERS
PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
APRIL 16, 2012
The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday April 16, 2012 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions:

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $334,466.81.
4. Reviewed the 1st quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bob Albin.
5. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding restaurants with outdoor seating and live entertainment.
6. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding the use of outdoor speakers.
7. Referred to the Planning Commission a proposed amendment to the Sign Regulation Ordinance regarding temporary outdoor banners and flags.
8. Approved the lease of parcel 06-01-300-040 to Morey Farms, LLC for a period of one year at a rate of $2,500, and authorized the Township Supervisor to execute the lease agreement on behalf of the Township.
9. Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in:

Rose Township
County of Oakland, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, May 8, 2012

THE POLLS will be open 7 o’clock a.m. until 8 o’clock p.m.

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL
NOT TO EXCEED NINE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($9,600,000).

Shall Fenton Area Public Schools, Genesee, Livingston and Oakland Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum not to exceed Nine Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($9,600,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

- partially remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping school district buildings including acquiring and installing educational technology improvements and related infrastructure; purchasing and equipping school buses, and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2012, under current law, is 1.00 mill ($1.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.81 mills ($1.81 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twelve (12) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.81 mills ($1.81 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation).

If the school district borrows from the State to pay debt service on the bonds, the school district may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

COUNTY TREASURER’S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED
BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933
AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of March 20, 2012, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Township of Rose in said County, is as follows:

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Dated: March 20, 2012

ANDREW E. MEISNER, TREASURER

OAKLAND COUNTY

DEBBIE MILLER, CMC
ROSE TOWNSHIP CLERK
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In compliance with Public Act No. 198 of 1974, as amended, you are hereby notified that the Tyrone Township Board has scheduled a public hearing on an application by TRW Automotive, 9475 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, 48430, for a 12-year Industri- al Facilities Exemption Certificate on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, 48430. The purpose of this hearing is to allow taxing units to be heard regarding said application for abatement for the installation of personal property consisting of new machinery and equipment for the main assembly line related to the Slip Control Boost-program (SBC), Slip Controlling $23,705,552.00 for the facility located at 9475 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 594:

Art. V, Dist. Regulations Section 5.32, educational institution, for-profit as a use permitted by special use permit in the C-1, Local Business zoning district

SUP12-001 Linden Academy of Dance & Music, 208 N. Bridge St. P.O. Box 269 Linden:

Requesting a Special Use Permit for an educational institution, for-profit (kindergarten)-ten at 15176 S. Linden Rd. (formerly KC’s Learning Center) parcel 06-29-100-026.

SUP12-002 M. Scott Spooner, Inc. 3482 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton:

Requesting a Special Use Permit for live entertainment, outdoor seating and the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant/bar at 3482 Silver Lake Rd. (formerly ‘Tee Bone’s’) parcel 06-27-100-020.

YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRIT- ING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER. This notice is published under Act 277 of 1976 as amended (Open Meet- ings Act), MLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities. If you require auxiliary aids or services to understand the meeting, contact the Township Clerk at 810-629-1537, 12060 Mantonwauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinance, meeting schedules and other Town- ship information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
Great traditional floor plan, fireplace in Great room, large kitchen with Island and wood floors on the first floor, 2238 sq. ft. +1200 sq. ft. in finished lower level with family room, shed, 2 car garage. Oversize garage could add up to 900 sq. ft. Freshly Painted. Covered porch, deck for enjoying the beautiful lake. Priced to sell.

$150,000
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5 ACRES
2800 SQ. FT.

LAKEFRONT

2035 Front Street

Fenton Twp.

Huge home for a large family, all rooms very generous in size, hardwood flooring in kitchen and formal dining, 3 bedrooms on 2nd floor and 1 bedroom on the main floor, 2 full baths, 1st floor laundry, 2800 sq. ft. and large 3 car garage all on one acre of land. Lake access site for swimming and enjoying the water. Priced to sell.

$115,000
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HARTLAND TOWNSHIP

9433 Blueberry Hill Court

Spacious 4 bedroom colonial in popular Rolling Hills Sub with Hartland schools district. Great traditional floor plan, fireplace in Great room, large kitchen with island and wood floors on the first floor, 2388 sq. ft. +1000 sq. ft. in finished walkout lower level walkup. Covered porch, deck for enjoying the beautiful lake. Priced to sell.

$189,900
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

HARVEST HILL TOWNSHIP

2072 Lakeview Drive

Spacious 3 bedroom Ranch on 2 acres offers large kitchen, living room, family room with gas Fireplace, 1st floor laundry, sun room, 2 bathrooms, built in sound system, storage shed, 2 car garage and new roof. Plenty of storage and move-in ready.

$142,500
Call Lisa Giaranino 810-845-7281

OCEOLA TOWNSHIP

3473 Argent Drive

Bank Foreclosure. Custom built home on 2.17 wooded acres. Covered porch, kitchen breakfast nook, living room, family room with gas fireplace, central air, 4 bedrooms, master bedroom with bath on main level, 2.5 bath, 3 walk-in closets, 1st floor laundry. 2023 sq. ft. 1 full basement and 2 car garage.

$146,560
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

FENTON TOWNSHIP

462 First Street

Charming older home on corner lot close to downtown Fenton. Freshly painted, very clean, 5 bedroom 2 story home with two of the bedrooms on the 1st floor, central air. 1133 sq. ft. Lots of storage space, enclosed porch, storage shed, detached 2 car garage with electric, floor drain and workshop. Move-in ready but some updates needed.

$70,900
Call Vera Hogan 810-518-3483

DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

7217 Hillcrest Drive

Beautifull Lake Front Property with 135 feet on Lobdell Lake. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 1st floor laundry, fireplace in den/library and master bedroom, 2340 sq. ft. + 896 sq. ft. in finished lower level walkout. 2 car detached workshop.

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