The Fenton High School marching band begins its practice at around 6:30 a.m., under the football field lights. Being tired or cold is not an excuse for not being able to play the material, as they march together.

High school bands combine athleticism with musical knowledge

By William Axford

Fenton — While most students are just waking up and getting ready for a new day of lessons, a mass of roughly 150 teenagers have assembled on the football field at Fenton High School.

It’s still dawn; there are swirls of pink clouds amidst a slowly brightening sky and the chilly wind has hints of autumn in its wisps. Each student is armed with an instrument, shaking off his or her drowsiness. It’s 6:30 a.m. and the Fenton High School marching band is practicing for its next performance with the school football team.

“Move your body to the tempo. Don’t let the tempo control your body,” Director Andrew Perkins booms through a megaphone. Perkins is perched atop a ladder where he can see each of the band members.

Residents have mixed reactions to weed control

Concerns of chemicals, costs voiced at meetings

By William Axford

Fenton Twp. — Weed treatment in the lakes of Fenton Township has brought mixed reactions amongst residents. At Monday’s board of trustees meeting, Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control was given approval to treat Lake Ponemah and three other lakes.

Residents on the lakes agreed that the weeds needed to be addressed. However, there was some debate as to whether

See WEED CONTROL on 10

Possible panther sighting

Summary

The Flint Police Operations posted a possible sighting of a panther in Fenton Township Tuesday on its Facebook page. Authorities said they did not receive such a call.

Well repairs could cost city $41,000 to $81,000

Summary

City attorney: Linden needs at least one alternative water supply

By William Axford

Linden — Having two water sources in Linden may prove costly. Linden City Manager Mark Tallman informed council at the Sept. 10 meeting that repairing the city’s fifth well might cost at least $41,851, See WELL on 13
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Applefest

 familia- een event unites community, raises funds for church and school

By Sally Rummel
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This year’s 40th Annual Applefest at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton brought perfect weekend weather, large crowds and a profound sense of community, according to General Chairpersons Dave and Sara McDermott.

“It was fabulous,” said Sara. “It was a great weekend. The weather was exactly what we would have ordered for Applefest weekend.”

Attendance counts were estimated at anywhere between 20,000 and 50,000, although it’s impossible to know the exact count because no entrance tickets to the festival were taken. “We just know there were big crowds this year,” said Sara. Grand prizewinner for the Applefest Car Raffle was Michele Morgan, of Fenton, who chose to take home the Bennington pontoon donated by White’s Landing, in lieu of a three-year lease of cars donated by area dealerships. First place winner Nancy Mallia, of Linden, has decided to take the $2,000 cash option, rather than a two-year car lease of a Chevy Cruze or Ford Fiesta.

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COMIC BOOKS

‘modern mythology’

Despite lower sales, comic books continue to inspire ‘pop culture’

By Ryan Tackabury
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For many people Wednesday may just be the middle of the week, but for others, Wednesdays are the day that new comic books are released. Hundreds of thousands of comics are sold across the country every week, covering a variety of subjects and age groups. Today, a comic book is most likely to cost about $4 an issue. According to Diamond Comic Distributors Inc., the comic book industry brings in roughly $660-690 million annually. Those who purchase comics may do so as collector items — or to enjoy the story, though not many do both. Bob Huffman of BC Comix in Fenton is a comic book fan who wanted to share his interests with others. “I loved comics as a kid. I read comics probably from the time I was 10 up until my adult life. When I got the opportunity to own a business, I thought I would love to just give the opportunity to some young kids that don’t have much outlet for something fun to do or read, the same opportunity I had as a kid,” he said.

Comic books have a niche audience, as fewer comics are sold today than 20 years ago, according to Diamond Comic Distributors. However, there is no denying their subject material has mass appeal as they are adapted into films and television shows. “The movies are quite a bit bigger

See COMIC on 8

COMIC ON 8
**Time for school choice in Chicago**

There are few matters of public interest greater than educating the next generation. Chicago public school teachers who went on strike Monday have struck against the public interest, placing self-interest in difficult economic times ahead of children.

At a time of high unemployment, the teachers and the Chicago Teachers Union want a pay increase and better medical coverage, as well as provisions that include a five-year park policy for laid-off teachers and one that makes it more difficult to dismiss underperforming teachers.

But there is a way around the current impasse that doesn’t involve giving in to the union. It’s school choice. Competition would allow parents to send their children to schools that make them the priority.

The public school system has been unable to consistently produce nearly enough well-rounded graduates capable of supporting themselves or contributing to the nation. Yet public school students, especially the poor and minorities, remain locked in failed schools so that Democratic politicians can seemingly reap the political benefits — and contributions — from teachers unions.

According to World Magazine, 10 states and the District of Columbia now offer a variety of school voucher options. In his 2010 fiscal year budget, President Obama attempted to end the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, which grants vouchers to low-income students so they can attend private schools, but after an outcry from parents and stingy editorialists in Washington’s newspapers, he let the program proceed, at least until children already in the program had a chance to graduate.

‘The president doesn’t believe that vouchers are a long-term answer to our educational problems and the challenges that face our public school system...’ White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs offered in 2009. Senator Joe Lieberman and Speaker John Boehner disagreed, fought for school choice and succeeded in reaching an agreement with the president to fully implement the D.C. voucher program.

This is a political advantage for Republicans as many African-American and Hispanic families are supportive of school choice. Mitt Romney and Republicans running for Congress should take note of the Chicago teacher strike and claim school choice as their own.

**CONSTRUCTION PROOF**

That the city of Fenton and the DDA don’t really care if you go out of business or not. Someone else is already waiting to use your business idea / space and get a fresh start. But make sure you pay your taxes on time!

**POOR PRESIDENT OBAMA.** If he gets re-elected, look at the mess he’s going to inherit. I wonder who he’s going to blame then?

**WONDERING IF THE Tri-County can put a few negative articles in about Romney and his rag instead of bash- ing our president with the same old BS negativity.**

**I AM A member of the Church of Christ, we are self-supporting by dona- tions from our own members, we do not ask the public for money. What went on in Bush Park was sin. The drinking, the gambling, the revelry, these things are strictly condemned by the Bible.**

**OH HOW I love all these hateful people making life miserable, let’s kill them with kindness.**

**WHEN I WENT to the Applesteet, they always announce that you cannot drink on school and church grounds. But they allow drinking on school and church grounds.**

**I HOPE WITH the changes to Holly Police Department that they resume to taking complaints about handicapped parking violations. I was told they would only come out if it comes from the prop- erty manager. Some people really need these spaces and if the police don’t enforce it, what are we go- ing to do?**

**IF I WAS the village of Holly, I would be ashamed of how the Lakeside Cem- etery looks. It is terrible!**

**I GOT GAS at Thompson Road for $4.02. I get over to Swartz Creek and it’s $3.86.**

**I WISH SOMEONE would check out how much the city manager, the mayor and the council members are spending going to the October municipal league meeting in Mackinac Island. The Grand Hotel costs about $200 a night per person plus mileage. It’s a big hefty amount for taxpayers.**

**I JUST HEARD there’s a cell phone that has live movies. Now I know every tech- slave is going to want that thing. You think texting while driving is danger- ous, wait until they’re watching movies. Now you know why I drive a tank.**

**I WORK AT a convenience store and I have people that walk out of my store with the Tri-County because they think they’re free. Just letting everyone know, they aren’t free, they cost $1.**

**ISN’T THERE SOMEBODY who watches over LeRoy that works for the city? These businesses are suffering, and they pay taxes for the city, but they have no one watching out for them. I cannot believe it.**

**WHATEVER HAPPENED to the one car length per 10 miles per hour speed fol- lowing distance? The people who always squeeze into any available space are really annoying and unsafe. I expect more multi-car pile-ups on our highways are people just following too darn close!**

See HOT LINE throughout Times

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**Chicken sandwiches, pro football and human rights**

We are gathered here today to discuss two recent controversies about same-sex marriage. One comes from the world of pigskin, the other from the world of chicken fat.

You are sure familiar with the lat- ter. It unfolded a few weeks ago over comments by Dan Cathy, president of Chick-fil-A. In interviews with the Biblical Recorder newspaper and radio host Ken Coleman, he confirmed his op- position to same-sex marriage. ‘Guilty as charged,’ he told the paper.

Cathy’s comments echoed off one of those only-in-America firearms. Gay rights groups denounced the fast-food chain. Conservatives responded with a Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day, which reportedly drove the company to record sales. Gay rights activists held a ‘kiss- ing’ that was less successful. The mayors of San Francisco, Chicago and Boston criticized Dan Cathy’s views. The Jim Henson Co. withdrew its toys and mer- chandise from promotional deals with the restaurant chain.

That’s a lot of hate over one man’s opinion. And you have to wonder why Dan Cathy’s views were news. Chick-fil-A’s conservative Christian orientation has been known, and even closed on Sundays. So Cathy’s comments, objectionable as they are to supporters of marriage equality, did not really tell us anything new.

Which brings us to pigskin. It seems one Emmett C. Burns Jr., a Maryland state lawmaker, recently wrote Steve Bisciotti, owner of the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens, insisting that he ‘inhibit’ one of his play- ers, Brendon Ayanbadejo, who has been working in support of gay marriage. The Ravens refused, and Burns’ letter brought him a ton of condemnation.

Think about that: the NFL is a temple of testosterone, a shrine to manly men doing manly things and as such, you would ex- pect it to be ground zero of heebe jeebies over all things gay.

Apparently, it is not. This is not to say the battle is won. It is not.

But the trajectory of this particular revo- lution seems clear. So the headline here is not the old news that Dan Cathy opposes this human right, but the pleasant surprise that Brendon Ayanbadejo does not.

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- **To be able to wiggle my nose and have a clean house. I hate house cleaning!”** — Lynn Friesen-Davis, Holly
- **To read other people’s thoughts, I would know what everyone was thinking.”** — Karen Fernelius, Fenton
- **To fly, because we pay so much to ride in an airplane, but I could just take off myself.”** — Dennis Gorum, Fenton
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NEEDLES FOUND IN SPIDER'S CAR
At 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 17, a Linden police officer conducting radar on Ripley Road clocked a 1995 Chrysler car traveling 41 in a 25 mph zone. The officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, a 49-year-old Linden man. The driver was found to have an outstanding warrant from Linden police. During an inventory search of the car, the officer found numerous needles consistent with heroin use and powder, which turned out to be cat litter. The driver was cited for speeding and taken to court on the arrest warrant. His vehicle was impounded.

WOMAN SCAMMED ON CONCERT TICKETS
On Friday, Sept. 14, a 32-year-old Linden woman reported to Linden police that she was scammed out of $370. The woman said she purchased tickets on Craigslist for a concert at DTE on Sept. 13 and when she went to the ticket booth to retrieve the tickets, she learned that they were not there. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter urges residents to be on the lookout for potential fraud and to purchase tickets online from reputable ticket agents.

COURT DATES FOR LINDEN RESIDENTS
At 1:40 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, a Fenton police officer initiated a traffic stop of a Chrysler car at Owen Road and Industrial Way after suspecting that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The officer made contact with the driver, a 21-year-old Linden woman and her passenger, a 27-year-old Linden man. Detecting the odor of intoxicants, the woman consented to a breath test. She tested at .174 and subsequently arrested for OWI. Upon hearing that news, the passenger began arguing with police. He was transported to the police station as well and his breath test came back at .153. While standing in front of the police station, the man became unruly with police. He was arrested for disorderly intoxication and lodged. They both have Oct. 15 court dates.

POT FOUND AT TRAFFIC STOP
At 1:53 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, Fenton police stopped a 2000 Chrysler car for failing to use a turn indicator twice. While making contact with the driver, a 31-year-old Tyrone Township man, the officer detected the odor of marijuana. The officer confiscated marijuana and drug paraphernalia during an inventory search. The man was issued a court appearance ticket for possession of marijuana.

FENTON TOWNSHIP MAN STEALS SIX-PACK
At 1:26 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 17, Fenton police were dispatched to a grocery store on Silver Parkway to investigate a larceny of a six-pack of beer. Lt. Jason Slater said loss prevention told police that a man, later identified as a 23-year-old Fenton Township resident, concealed six bottles of beer in his pants and exited the store without paying. Police located the man near Owen Road. The man admitted to taking the beer and to a prior larceny. Slater said this was the third time in recent days that police have had contact with this man. He was lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending the issuance of arrest warrants.

SHERIFF INVESTIGATES ASSAULT
Det. Sgt. Bill Lanning said the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department is investigating a felonious aggravate assault, which was reported by a 26-year-old Fenton man on Monday, Sept. 17. The man said he was at a restaurant/bar on North Fenton Road in Fenton Township with friends Saturday night into early Sunday morning. The victim said, as he was heading inside from the patio, a man grabbed him. He pushed back at the unknown man and a scuffle ensued. The bouncer ordered the people outside, at which time, the victim reported that someone sucker-punched him. He sought medical attention the next day for facial fractures.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHY IS OBAMA and his minions the only people on earth that are still calling the pre-planned terrorist attack on our Con- sulate and Embassy, a demonstration? The Obama Administration apologized for a film that ‘hurt Muslims’ feelings.’ Muslims believe apologies show weak- ness. Obama’s foreign policies are getting American patriots killed.

THE LEROT TRAFFIC is so discourag- ing. It’s too bad no one from the city will step up and get the job done. I was told because it is a grant from the state, the city has no control over the project. I find that hard to believe!

OLD WHITE BLAZER that tried to hit me while running Monday along White Lake Road — don’t you have a mother or a conscience? You will go to prison if you actually hit someone. I prayed for you.

ON 9/11/12, OBAMA announced he didn’t have time to meet with Netanyahu about Iran’s nuclear program but allowed a campaign interview with a radio show to air even though both candidates agreed to pay respect with no campaigning. Romney kept his word. Obama embarrassed America.

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE between those who expect the government to sup- port them in every way and those who rob from other people or businesses? They both expect to benefit from others without paying respect with no campaigning. They both would have a much higher respect for themselves if they earned it.

SO THE CONSTRUCTION company can only pave one mile every five months (assuming it’s done). If they were chosen to repave I-75 from Monroe to the bridge, the company can step up and get the job done. I was told that the event coordinator doesn’t actually have any of them.

WILD OAT ANIMAL Rescue has a chance to win $10,000 from Chase Com- munity Giving. Please go to Facebook and vote for Wild Oat Animal Rescue through the link on their page. Thanks.

‘SOCIALIST,’ ‘COMMUNIST,’ ‘HE’S running the country,’ etc. Sound familiar? Everything the wingnuts are saying about Obama is just as full of it then as they are now. We’ll see how they act when running Monday along White Lake Road — don’t you have a mother or a conscience? You will go to prison if you actually hit someone. I prayed for you.

A BIG THANK YOU to St. John’s, Father Harvey and the hundreds of volunteers. It is a project of massive proportions that, as always, is a family-friendly event. To those complaining, try managing an event of that magnitude. In the end, it is always a benefit to both the church and the community.

WHAT A JOKE the Mini Mr. and Mini Miss Days contest was. Almost three months after the fact and the prizes still haven’t been given out. After several promises and phone calls now we are told that the event coordinator doesn’t actually have any of them.

Harvest Gathering seeks
nonperishable food items

Secretary of State Ruth
Johnson announced last
week that residents can
donate nonperishable food
items at local Secretary of
State branch offices, con-
tinuing a long-standing tradi-
tion of giving to families
in need.

“Every day, more than 50,000 people pass through the doors of a Secretary of State office,” said Department of State Chief of Staff Michael Senyko, who is a former Fenton city manager. “This gives us an incredible opportunity to make a difference.”
The 2012 goal is 300,000 pounds of food and $1 million. In 2011, Michigan
Harvest Gathering collected
more than 140,000 pounds of food and $531,000.
The Harvest Gathering
campaign runs through Oct.
15. However, donated items
can be dropped off at any
Secretary of State branch of-
ifice through Nov. 30. People
donating items should check
the packages to ensure the
food donated isn’t past its expiration
date.

For more information, visit the Secre-
try of State website at www.michigan.gov/sos. Customers also may call the
Department of State Information Center
at 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424).

Learn more about the November 6th Bond Proposal

Fenton Area Public Schools
School Bond Proposal Information

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SUPERINTENDENT, TIMOTHY JALKANEN
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the facts about the
Fenton Area Public Schools
November 6th bond proposal.

When: 
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
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Monday, October 15, 2012
10:00 – 11:00 A.M.
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Fenton Area Public Schools
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Fact Sheet

Bond Goals – Improve quality of learning
Increase safety and security
Keep dollars in the classroom

Bond Amount: $8.4 Million
Length of Bond: 10 Years

Bond Projects Include -
Technology:
(technology purchases will be staggered over a 10 year period)
Buses:
(The purchase of 16 buses will be staggered over a 10 year period)

Safety and Security Upgrades: $300,000

How much will this cost? A home with a-
Market Value: $80,000
Annual Cost: $40
Monthly Cost: $3.33
Daily Cost: $0.11

Market Value: $120,000
Annual Cost: $60
Monthly Cost: $5.00
Daily Cost: $0.16

Market Value: $160,000
Annual Cost: $80
Monthly Cost: $6.66
Daily Cost: $0.22

What has changed from the last bond proposal?
1. Removed all traffic and parking projects for a reduction of $1.2 million.
2. The length of this bond is shortened by two years saving $376,000.

\[ \text{Daily Cost} = \frac{\text{Annual Cost}}{365} \]
\[ \text{Monthly Cost} = \frac{\text{Annual Cost}}{12} \]
Wednesday, September 19, 2012

**COMIC**

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**VALUABLE COMICS**

Old comics in some cases are rare and can be worth a lot of money. Comics that first introduced a well-known character tend to be worth the most money. The price of the issues can vary greatly depending on the condition they are in — the below prices are the estimated value of near mint copies.

Action Comics #1 - $3,470,000

Considered to be the most valuable comic ever printed, the first issue of Action Comics was printed in June 1938 and introduced a character known all over the world today — Superman.

Detective Comics #27 – $3,310,000

Sometimes a comic book is valuable not because it is the first issue, but because of the content inside. Issue 27 of Detective Comics saw the debut of Batman.

Superman #1 $630,000

Just a year after his first appearance in Action Comics, the man of steel was given his own comic book to star in, simply titled Superman. While not as valuable as Action Comics, it is still one of the most valuable comics you can own today.

Marvel Comics #1 - $580,000

Before it had the name that is widely known today, the company Marvel Comics was better known as Timely Publications. Their first released comic in October of 1939, bare the name the company would later take up.

Amazing Fantasy #15 - $429,000

The release of Amazing Fantasy #15 in 1962 happened much later than the other comic books in the list, but is still considered to be very valuable. The issue shows the first appearance of Spiderman, who proved to be a popular character for the company.

Source: www.nostomania.com

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Just a year after his first appearance in Action Comics, the man of steel was given his own comic book to star in, simply titled Superman. While not as valuable as Action Comics, it is still one of the most valuable comics you can own today.

Marvel Comics #1 - $580,000

Before it had the name that is widely known today, the company Marvel Comics was better known as Timely Publications. Their first released comic in October of 1939, bare the name the company would later take up.

Amazing Fantasy #15 - $429,000

The release of Amazing Fantasy #15 in 1962 happened much later than the other comic books in the list, but is still considered to be very valuable. The issue shows the first appearance of Spiderman, who proved to be a popular character for the company.

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chemicals should be used to treat the weeds.

“I would ask that I not be assessed to pollute my lake,” said Kathleen Lage. Lage told the Fenton Township Board at the Sept. 4 meeting that the lakes should be treated without chemicals.

Sharon Schafer, president of the Crane Lake Association said that a majority of the residents on the lake were in favor of the weed treatment. “We are desperate. Chemicals seem to be the only way to go,” said Schafer.

In order to establish a special assessment district, 51 percent of the people with the most land mass must be in favor of the assessment. For example, someone that has a yard twice as large as his or her neighbor has a vote that is twice as powerful. By establishing districts by landmass, Lage argued that a few homeowners with bigger properties could make decisions for the whole lake.

“It’s not representative of people living on the lake,” Lage said. “One property on Lahring Road can wipe out three riparian on Horrell Road.”

Ponemah, Dollar and Crane Lake and Lake Christi were all approved for chemical weed treatment. Following is breakdown of assessments.

• Dollar Lake residents will pay $125.45 a year for 2012 and $117.27 a year between 2013 and 2016.
• Lake Ponemah residents will pay $200.48 for 2012 and $198.32 a year between 2013 and 2016.
• Lake Christi residents will pay $165.64 for 2012 and $155.40 a year between 2013 and 2016.
• Crane Lake residents will pay $171.56 for 2012 and $153 a year between 2013 and 2016.

One suggested alternative to chemicals was harvesting. Lake Ponemah resident David Hawcroft voiced opposition to the option.

“Many, many weeds are spread by fragmentation,” Hawcroft said, adding that most surrounding lakes enter into Lake Ponemah. Weeds harvested in the city of Fenton float downstream to Fenton Township, Hawcroft said. “We are also the happy recipients of all the trash that comes from Fenton (city).”

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APPLEFEST
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“It was exciting, to say the least,” said Mallia. “This couldn’t have come at a better time.”

The winner of Roger Sharp Sr.’s donated antique MG Roadster was David Wolford, of Fenton.

A total of 1,838 apple pies were sold, even with the slightly higher price tag of $10 per pie — because of the scarcity of apples this fall. Of course, the apple pies auctioned off after the Apple Pie Judging Contest brought in quite a few more dollars than that.

The first-place pie, baked by Pam Howd brought in $2,000 from bidder Michael LaJoice. The second-place pie baked by Sophie Nowak was purchased by Roger Sharp Sr. for $2,200. The third-place pie, baked by Rachel Learman was bought by Cal Rapson for $500.

New this year was a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, rounding out a full weekend of festival food fun. Festivalgoers had the opportunity to enjoy a Fish Fry on Friday night, Chicken Dinners on Saturday night and a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday. Ice cream for festival visitors was donated by Uncle Ray’s Dairyland.

Applefest holds several exciting road races every year during this event, from the kids Core-ter (1/4) mile, to the 10K run. For information about race results, visit stjohnapplefest.org.

Sara noted that a lot of people came out to enjoy Applefest with their families, dressed in Detroit Tigers T-shirts. “This was a request Amy O’Rourke put out on Facebook,” said Sara. Amy is the widow of slain police officer Patrick O’Rourke, whose funeral was held Friday of Applefest weekend at St. John’s. “She said that’s what Patrick would have wanted.”
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band’s movements and what needs to be improved.

Students hoist their instruments and begin to march, some stomping to the left, others to the right while practicing the notes to ‘My Sharona’ by The Knack. Throughout practice, Perkins calls out “left, right!” marching orders while students keep rhythm by counting “one, three, five, seven!” The students move in a synchronized fashion, creating fantastic spectacle when viewed as a whole.

Practice ends at 7:25 a.m. with the band huddling together and sharing social news with each other. The sun has chased away dawn and students scatter to the high school for instructions and learning.

Perkins said students always start out practice a little sleepy but end up falling into a routine as they begin practice.

“They’re still sleepy enough to not be talkative but awake enough to get some rehearsal done,” Perkins said. “They come out here and march around and work up a sweat. I mean, it’s pretty cold out here but none of them are complaining because they’re exercising.”

From football games to town parades, high school marching bands are present at numerous public events. For most members, becoming part of the marching band starts in sixth grade when middle school students join concert band. Students are assigned an instrument based on interest, ability and positions the band needs to fill. Students spend their middle school years mastering the fundamentals of their instruments.

When they enter high school, students get a one-week crash course on the basics of marching band with an annual camp trip. From then on, the marching band practices Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 7:25 a.m.

And while learning an instrument takes years of dedication and passion, it takes students from all cliques to compose the marching band.

“Some people think marching band people are band geeks. We count for almost a third of the school,” said Caitlin Wiley, junior drum major. Swimmers, theater kids, football players and cross-country runners are some of the diverse students involved with marching band.

Sophomore Ivan Boedecker said that the early practice time is something that band students eventually adjust to.

“I joined band because I thought it’d be cool to play music with my friends,” Boedecker said after the practice.
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**Second Holly ‘Community Play Day’ successful**

*By Tim Jagielo*  
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Holly — Holly is a playful community, and it has the sign and the crowds to back it up.

Event organizer Katy Hughes said that 500 people attended the second annual Community Play Day on Saturday in Crapo Park in Holly. The day of activities celebrated Holly being designated a Playful City by the KA-BOOM! Organization.

Even as the sun began to set on the busy Saturday, kids and adults were still there, using the park. They took part in the activities, which included foursquare, duck-duck-goose, noodle toss and sidewalk chalk.

“This is great, the kids had a great time,” said Katy Smades of Holly. “They had a blast.”

Hughes, a trustee for the Holly Outdoor Recreation Coalition said, “It was fabulous. It went even better than last year.” She said it was free, relaxed and fun. “People had a great time. We have so many things to offer, with all our local parks,” she said.

Around 30 organizations took part, including some downtown businesses.

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**PSALM 14:1** says: The fool says in his heart, ‘there is no God.’ Now who’s the fool? Enough said. Check before you write something and try to make a false point next time. Try believing and it may help you. God bless!

**ONLY A BLEEDING heart liberal would try to take a line in the Bible out of context.** Psalm 14:1 says, The fool says in his heart, ‘there is no God.’ Nice try.

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Rookie champs for men in Applefest races

By David Troppens
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Fenton — When it comes to road racing, Fenton has two names that stick out above the rest.

Those names are Sue Larsen and Lisa Veneziano.

And during Saturday’s St. John Applefest 5K and 10K Run, Fenton’s royalty proudly displayed why they are the among the running elite.

Larsen and Veneziano each won the women’s class of their races at Applefest. Larsen darn near was the overall winner in the 5K. She posted a time of 17:06, just 10 seconds behind male and overall champion Sean Rosalez of Davison. Mean-

while, Veneziano, a day short of her 48th birthday, won the female division with a time of 39:06, the only woman in the event to come close to breaking the 40-minute barrier. She was 11th overall. Flint’s Kreg Hatfield was first overall in 33:14.

And another name that has made herself known from Fenton also was the first overall finisher in the 5K walk. That was Fenton’s Susan Morz Fassett (30:20).

Both running women were pleased with their results.

“They got away from me about the two-mile (mark),” said Larsen about the male leaders. “It was Eric

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Larsen, Veneziano shine at Applefest road races

Fenton residents’ winning traditions

By David Troppens
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Fenton — The Fenton varsity boys soccer team has been trying to figure out ways to get their offense going in recent games.

It took them a minute to find it on Monday.

The Tigers got a goal in the first minute and looked dangerous on offense all night long, leading to a 3-2 victory over the Holly Bronchos.

Fenton (1-0-1, 4-3-1) used three forwards instead of two and scored three first-half goals, taking a 3-0 lead into the break. It looked like the Tigers would cruise to the win, but Holly fought back with two goals by Jordan Parks in the final 12 minutes of the contest. The Tigers held on from there, earning their first Metro League victory of the season.

“Our offense played 10 levels above the level we’ve been playing,” said Jacob Kinsman, who had the third Fenton goal with 7:26 left in the half. “We played like we did against Detroit Country Day and we beat them 2-0. The offense was great tonight.”

Our combinations were great.

Fenton scored in the first minute on a cross from Evan Hudson to Aron Ferguson for a goal. The Tigers added another with 26:35 left when Kinsman assisted Andrew Mowery’s goal on a shot from the top of the goal box. Later, a throw-in helped set up Kinsman’s game-winning goal off a Ferguson assist.

Holly (1-1-1, 2-4-1) cut the lead to 3-1 with 11:46 left on a Jordan Parks header.

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Fenton Tigers edge Bronchos, 3-2

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Rosalez, Hatfield capture their first Applefest overall male running titles

By David Troppens
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— A pair of first-time winners captured the top spots in for the men in the 2012 St. John Applefest Run on Saturday.

davison’s sean rosalez was competing in only his second 5K race ever, but he still won. He captured first overall with a time of 16:56, while Novi’s Seryozha Gerkov placed second just four seconds behind (17:40). The 10K victory was Applefest veteran Kreg Hatfield, who won in 35:14. He was 10 seconds ahead of Clarkston’s Leo Foley, who posted a time of 33:24.

Rosalez, who usually runs shorter distances, was pleased with his outing.

“My first race ever in a 5K was 18:03 about a month ago,” Rosalez said. “I just ran a 16-high so that was a great improvement.

“The (race for first) was close all the way to the last 800, and I gave it everything I got at the end.”

Rosalez competed in track at Eastern Michigan University, but is now a runner on Team Michigan Elite, a program located in Ann Arbor.

His biggest highlight this summer came at the Crum’s Michigan Mile event, where he beat Olympian and Grand Blanc’s Geena Gull by five seconds, with a time of 5:17 in that race.

The third-place male was also the male masters winner, Fenton’s Eric Larsen. He posted a time of 17:27, 21 seconds behind his wife Sue Larsen.

“It’s just fun,” Larsen said about running at Applefest. “This is great for us because it’s a mile-and-a-half from our home. So we come down here, can’t miss that. And we’re supporting the festival and all the local stuff here. Plus, it’s always fun when you run local because people know you and they cheer for you along the way.”

The rest of the men’s top-five finishers were Bancroft’s Donald Achev (17:30) in fourth and Williamsburg’s Kenneth Flannery in fifth (17:51). Minus Rosalez, age prevailed in the event. Eight of the top 10 male performers were at least 40 years old.

In the 10K, Hatfield has finished second at Applefest before, but had never won the event until Saturday. But he had to work for it.

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Fenton’s Kryza takes top spot at Holly Invitational

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There were just over 600 varsity male runners competing at Saturday’s Holly Invitational.

And out of all the runners, Fenton’s Max Kryza posted the best time of all.

Kryza won the Division 2 race with a time of 16:07, beating St. Clair’s Trevor Ho- loway for the top spot in that race. However, the only runner that came close in any of the five boys varsity races was Pinckney’s D1 competitor Tyler Sanders, who won his race in 16:09.

While Kryza was the top performing individual out of tri-county runners, the Holly girls had the best team placing. The Bronchos took second in the D2 competition. In the same race, Fenton’s girls placed eighth, while Linden was 11th.

Bronchos finishing in the top 40 of the race were: Shannon Westfall in 12th (20:57); Maggie Schneider in 16th (21:17); Abby Brown in 25th (21:48); Alex Mtv- chuk in 27th (21:57); and Charlotte Ruffini in 28th (22:00).

Emily Bremis led the Tigers placing in 34th (22:18).

Linden was led by Kailee Corcoran with a 39th-place finish (22:35), while Karrah Varner was in 40th (22:36).

In Division 2 boys action, the Linden Eagles placed fifth, David Doyle took 14th (17:14), followed by Jeremiah Gossett in 27th (17:43); Ryan Torok in 28th (17:43) and Dustin Sack in 40th (18:07).

Holly’s squad placed sixth with two in the top-40. They were Nate Frasier in 13th (17:12) and Dilon Lemond in 17th (17:23).

Fenton’s Jacob Lee placed 25th (17:43).

Linden at Spartan Invitational

The Linden boys took 28th in the elite division. Meanwhile, the Linden girls took fourth in the bronze division.

Linden volleyball earns Byron crown

By David Troppens
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Linden’s varsity volleyball squad looked like a team that may need a rebuilding season.

The program a good chunk of players that made a second-place finish in the Flint Metro League possible a year ago, and it seemed it might take some time for the squad to mature again.

But apparently those thoughts weren’t entirely true.

The Eagles have had a fine start to the season and have now won their first tournament of the season — the Byron Invitational.

The Eagles defeated Morris and Flint Academy, followed by a three-game loss to Byron. However, the Eagles still made it to the semifinals defeating Swartz Creek 25-20, 25-17 in the semifinals, and then beating Ypsilanti in the championship match 25-17, 25-14.

“Having the preseason and even our first league matches we have played very up and down,” Linden coach Cori Mason said. “We

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**MALE**

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it with Foley just 10 seconds behind.

“We ran together the whole way. (I distanced myself) when we turned off LeRoy there,” Hatfield said. “I just wanted to run fast, run competitive and fast.”

Fenton’s Kirk Walrath, one of the area’s household names, was third overall, taking the Male Masters championship with a time of 34:10.

“I like this race because I am from Fenton,” Walrath said. “I like the course. It’s a fast course. I like the support. It usually gets a pretty good running crowd. I like it.”

Fenton’s Jesse Anderson placed fourth (34:31), while another Fenton resident, Jayson Doggett, placed fifth (35:36).

Fenton’s Anthony Mora was the male overall winner for the 5K walk, posting a second-place overall time of 30:24. Meanwhile, Caro’s Harry Gabalis was the Male Masters winner (31:20).

**ST. JOHN APPLEFEST**

1 Mile run results

Harrison Vincil, 9, was the male victor, while Mallory Lehmann, 9, was the women’s winner. Vincil posted a time of 6:10, four seconds faster than 11-year-old Joshua Meyers’ time of 6:14. Lehmann was in third (6:51), while Jackson Gangwer, 10, (7:00) and Ben Kehoe, 11, (7:03) placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

The rest of the top 10 were: Ben Grob in sixth (7:06), Emma Draper in seventh (7:07), Patrick Kehoe in eighth (7:09), Caitlin Draper in ninth (7:09) and Molly James in 10th (7:09). Kathryn Walterhouse also had a time of 7:09, placing 11th.

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Larsen, Sue’s (husband) and me and then he slowed down. I knew he was going to go out hard. The other two guys, I really didn’t know who they were, but they got me right around two miles. I tried to stay with a little bit, but they were just a few seconds (stronger).

“I was hurting a little bit at the end. I knew I was close to getting under 17 (minutes) and that’s what I was hoping for, but I’m thrilled being a few seconds off,” Veneziano said.

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would get a run of four or five points and then turn around and give up that same run. I really liked that we played consistent volleyball in the playoffs in stead of playing great only for a few points at a time. I hope this win is a confidence booster for our team.”

The Eagles are 16-4-8 overall.

For the day, Kelsey Brecht led the offense with 27 kills, while Rachel Maxheimer followed with 26 kills. Taylor Ovington had 22 kills, while Niki Sargent had 17 kills. Rebecca McDon-ald chipped in 15 kills. Callie Murphy was the main setter, earning 63 assists. Meanwhile, Ashley Klavitter also shared time at setter and had 23 assists.

**Fenton at Rockford Invitation**

The Tigers (23-10-3) went 2-4, defeating Plymouth Salem 2-0 and Novi 2-1. They lost to Rockford, Seaford, Grand Blanc and Detroit Mercy.

Maizie Martin led the Tigers with 28 kills and four blocks, while Bobbie Eastman had 24 kills and 11 blocks. Ashley Bearden chipped in 20 kills, seven aces, 65 assists and 38 digs. Payton Maxhei-mer had 51 digs. Megan Cockin had 60 digs and eight aces.

Defensively, Megan Klavitter led the team with 37 digs, Brecht also had 33 digs and three blocks, while Maxheimer had 24 digs. Ashley Klavitter chipped in 23 digs, while Sargent had two blocks. At the service line, Murphy had 20 aces, while Klavitter had 10 aces.

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Fenton’s Lisa Veneziano was the women’s champion during the Applefest 10K Run on Saturday. She took 11th overall with a time of 39:06.
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials

Gerald F. Hunter
1937-2012
Gerald F. Hunter - age 75, of Holly, died Saturday, September 15, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Military honors will be under the auspices of Hutlet-Brawnder Post #5987 VFW and Amel Schwartz Post #149 American Legion. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was from 2-9 PM Tuesday, Sept. Hunter was born on Good Friday, March 26, 1937, the son of George and Leon (Denick) Hunter. He retired from G.M. Truck Quality & Product Center in Flint with 36 years of service, of which 30 years were as a Production Line Supervisor. He loved all kinds of competition and sports. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Mary Lou Horton, and brother George. He married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Swifthood on September 7, 1957. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his children, Ryan and wife Julie Hunter of Arizona, Donna Warren of Fenton, Jase and wife Shae Warren of Northville, MI; two great-grandsons Ryan and wife Julie Warren of Fenton, Jase and wife Shae Warren of Northville, MI; two great-grandchildren Caleb and Ashton Warren. She was preceded in death by her husband, and two brothers; Leonard and Warren. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Lucille M. Saunders
1922-2012
Lucille M. Saunders - age 90, of Fenton, died September 16, 2012. Funeral services will be 12 Noon Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Visitation will be 10 AM until the time of service Wednesday. Lucille was born June 3, 1922 in Lincoln Park, MI, the daughter of Otto and Flora (Nienman) O’Droose. She was a graduate of Lincoln Park High School. She was married to John Saunders on August 16, 1947; he preceded her in death November 24, 1986. She had resided in Fenton for the past 7 years, coming from Allen Park. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fenton. Surviving are: two daughters, Debra (Hubbard) Raymond and husband Don Staats of Arizona, Donna Warren of Fenton, Jase and wife Shae Warren of Northville, MI; two great-grandsons Ryan and wife Julie Warren of Fenton, Jase and wife Shae Warren of Northville, MI; two great-grandchildren Caleb and Ashton Warren. She was preceded in death by her husband, and two brothers; Leonard and Warren. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.
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