Windy city

Tri-county area blasted with high winds, rain from Hurricane Sandy

By Sally Rummel

Trees are bending to the beat of a very strong wind, but this is only the tail-end of the effects of Hurricane Sandy being felt this week in the tri-county area.

“We’re on the western fringe of the storm,” said A B C-TV Channel 12 Meteorologist J.R. Kirtik. Temperatures peaked in the mid-40s for Monday where they will remain for the rest of the week, with lows in the mid to upper 30s.

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Holly-Ween and witches tea

The annual Witches Luncheon at the Holly Hotel comes to an end, just as the Holly-Ween parade in downtown Holly is about to begin.

Downtown becomes destination for families celebrating Halloween

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — The ghouls, goblins, ghosts and witches descended on Holly Saturday afternoon.

As Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker set up orange cones downtown for Holly-Ween, the Holly Hotel was filled with witches. Not real Wiccans, but women and a few men gathering for the annual Witches Luncheon at The Holly Hotel. Saturday was one of two luncheons, the final being today.

Most guests wore witch hats, some very complex and handmade, like Betty Ramsay of Farmington Hills. “I enjoy being there so much,” she said. Her entire upstairs table sported hats she made.

The first of two special tea lunches sold out with 143 guests. Food was Halloween-themed with entrees such as

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Love from a four-legged friend

Professional therapy dogs make connection with grieving people

By William Axford

Everyone needs help from time to time but not necessarily from another person. During a period of bereavement or depression, therapy dogs are often employed to improve well being.

“Sometimes it’s easier for people to communicate with dogs. Dogs are nonjudgmental,” said Debbie Orsburn, who has been working with therapy dogs for the past decade. “I really enjoy being with my dogs and sharing them with other people and seeing the joy they get.”

From attending schools after the death of a teacher or student to visiting dying patients in hospices, Debbie Orsburn’s therapy dogs diffuse emotional situations and provide comfort to people of all ages.

See THERAPY on 9

Neighbor spots flames, alerts family to chimney fire

By Sharon Stone

Rose Twp. — A family of five was alerted to a chimney fire at their home by a neighbor and exited their home safely Monday evening.

Tom Kinney, a resident on Davisburg Road, spotted the chimney on fire at his neighbor’s home on West Braemer Drive just after 8 p.m. He rushed over to check on them and pondered on their door. To their surprise, Kinney pointed out that their chimney was on fire.
Township residents to vote on mosquito control

Pest control company reports no findings of West Nile Virus in area

By William Axford

— More than 4,700 people have been affected by West Nile Virus this year. However, Fenton Township has not experienced a single case, remaining safe through the summer.

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees has been very satisfied with the services of Advanced Pest Management (APM), the company contracted to provide mosquito control to the entire township. APM spent the township’s budget as well, leaving a $47,724.53 surplus in the mosquito fund.

“The township has been spraying for at least 20 years. (APM) did a great job,” said Trustee Vince Lorraine.

The mosquito control assessment for the township will be voted upon in the General Election next week. Due to the surplus, Operations Manager Thomas Brooccer said residents might have to pay less for the same mosquito control in the upcoming years.

Of the 611,6 acres owned by APM, Lake Fenton High School, the Creative Wood building and AYSO Park on Linden Road had some of the highest concentrations of mosquitoes. According to Charles Mullins, general manager of APM, mosquito line calls and special requests were down from last year. APM caught 27 Culex mosquitos, the general carrier of the West Nile Virus, and sent them to Michigan State University for testing. All of them came back negative.

“After the warm wet spring, all indicators pointed to 2012 becoming a very busy season, but Mother Nature had very different plans,” Mullins said to the township in a letter. “Record-setting temperatures scorched the grounds and though there were periods of heavy rain over the summer, the water dried up quickly.”

The mosquitol population peaked in mid-June and died off by early September. Currently, residents pay $30 a year for mosquito control. If approved, mosquito control from APM will continue for the next four years.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 80 percent of people infected with the virus emit no or few symptoms. Those who feel symptoms report developing headaches, joint pain, fevers and swollen lymph glands.
From under the sea
to inside your home

What you need to know about buying your first aquarium

By Ryan Tackabury

They may not fetch your newspaper or slippers for you, but fish, which come in different shapes and sizes, can still be interesting and entertaining pets. Just because your fish are merely swimming around in a tank of water though does not mean they do not need your attention. A lot of thought must be placed into keeping fish, both before you buy them and afterward.

The first decision you will have to make is if you want to have a freshwater or a saltwater aquarium. “The difference between the fish itself is not all that extravagant really,” said Steven Greer of Pet Supplies Plus in Fenton. “It is the tank setup that you need.”

You can expect to pay less than $100 to set up a freshwater aquarium. Going the saltwater route is the more costly option, and you can expect to pay at least double for a saltwater aquarium and saltwater fish, compared to freshwater systems.

An important question to ask yourself is how many fish do you want to have, and how big do you want them to be? This will determine how big of an aquarium tank that you will need. Greer said it is recommended that for every inch of fish, you have at least two gallons of water.

For a lot of tropical community fish — different species of fish that live together peacefully — you can get away with one inch of fish for every one gallon of water. However, for your first fish, choose two species that can thrive together.

A saltwater aquarium will cost around twice as much as a regular freshwater aquarium. For every inch of fish, about a gallon of water is needed.

Rollhaven

Still going strong
50 years later

By Tim Jagielo

Rollhaven Skate and Fun Center in Fenton will host a Saturday skate party for kids on Sept. 17. The younger crowd took to the rink on Saturday at Rollhaven Skate and Fun Center. The rink is open during the day and night for kids to skate on.

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Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

Think again! Varicose veins are a sign of vein (venous) disease.

Symptoms may include pain, swelling, restlessness, burning, itching, fatigue of the legs as well as skin damage. Learn more about vein disease at www.flintveins.com
A vote for Election Day

I suspect most voters watching last Monday night’s debate found it pretty boring. President Obama wanted to force Mitt Romney into saying something stupid. Romney didn’t take the bait. So pretty much nothing changed the dynamics of the race.

But what if something did? The point is, what if something was said or done that caused large numbers of voters to change their minds? Well, for perhaps millions of voters, it might be worth thanking to early voting. This year, it’s expected that something like 40 percent of ballots will be cast before Election Day.

Now, odds are that most of the people who voted already wouldn’t have changed their minds; no matter what happened. Any more information you can throw at them is only going to reinforce their decision.

Early voting, on the other hand, encourages campaigns to preach to the choir.

I think mandatory voting, like Australia has, is an abomination and I don’t lose any sleep over the influence partisans have on U.S. elections. But early voting still strikes me as a terrible idea.

Election Day used to be one of the few things we did do together as a nation. It was a hugely important civic ritual. But the cult of campaign has led us to downgrade Election Day and replace it with ‘Last Chance to Vote Day.’

Has the convenience yielded a ‘better’ electorate? It doesn’t seem like it. Has early voting led to increased turnout? No.

There are lots of reasons to have a single, solitary Election Day. Among the best reasons: Deadlines focus the minds of voters and campaigns alike, and in-person, single-day voting cuts down on the potential for voter fraud.

But it seems to me the most important reason is that democracy’s legitimacy rests in no small part on the idea that the people are making a collective decision once all the campaigning is done. Having all of the voters working with the same information and letting the candidates make their case to the whole country in the same timeframe seems essential to that idea.

THE REAL TENNIS story is that the tennis coach stood up to our athletic director about how she changed the girls scoring so they could win. So now the boys suffer so she can show she’s boss. Is this the only way they can win?

SO DISAPPOINTED in the lack of support for our Linden Eagles football team. I know it’s cold and the weather is not the best, but these kids need our support. I will be there with my boys to see you beat DeWitt. Ford Field bound. Go Eagles!!

PLEASE VOTE YES on Proposal 2. Without more union members, the middle class is gone.

WHAT IS IT with burning leaves? Can’t you much instead of polluting the air? People with respiratory issues cannot breathe in all that thick smoke! Whoever you are, you’re either very selfish or you’re a firebug. Either way, you’re very dangerous. I’ll keep the fire department on speed dial.

IF YOU LIVE near Lakeshore Drive and woke up Sunday morning to find out you didn’t have any eggs left for breakfast; we found them. Your kids left the brown and white eggs all over our door, siding, chairs cushions and our neighbors’ vehicles. Please talk to them.

ALL PROPOSALS eventually lead to money out of your pocket.

BE CAREFUL what you vote for. There may be an end to overtime. This benefits the rich man.

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What is your most memorable trick-or-treat experience?

“it was raining when my daughter and I went trick-or-treating, and we were almost from. She still had fun though.” — Linda Josephson Fenton

“I was a tap dancer for Halloween, like I was in real life. I used a drum major-like costume I wore for a dance recital.” — Lois Lube Holly

“We decorated our front yard as a graveyard, complete with coffin and one of my kids as the body inside it.” — Donna Strominger Fenton

“I was ‘Diaper Man’. I wore a diaper and held a bottle. He was a super-hero from a comic. I was about 30.” — Bill Reese Lake Fenton

“My husband dressed up as Winnie the Pooh. One of my kids was Tigger and the other was a pot of honey.” — Jennifer Sage Fenton

“I remember being able to go anywhere and be safe. Luckily, I live in a fairly safe subdivision and everyone trick-or-treats here.” — Chuck Dubie Argentine

Compiled by Olivia Dimmer, intern
Volunteer group raises $4,000 from book sales

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — Everyone needs a friend or two, and the Fenton library seems to have several.

The volunteer group “Friends of the Fenton Library” recently raised about $4,000 for the library through selling used books. “We are here to support the Fenton library. That is our mission statement,” said Beverly McKenna, president of the volunteer organization.

The group has collected money not just through book sales, but from collecting VG’s receipts and membership dues, which is $5. “The money goes back into the library,” McKenna said. The money has been used to purchase newspaper subscriptions that library patrons have requested. Other purchases include a new computer for the children’s center that is “fully loaded with things for kids, and supposed to be the newest and greatest,” McKenna said.

“They help supplement a lot of things that aren’t covered with our regular funding. They help provide some supplies and things that librarians need,” said Trenton Smiley, Genesee District Library community relations officer. “A number of great groups out there are doing a lot of great things for us.”

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Daily activities can burn calories

- Cleaning out rain gutters can burn 372 calories per hour

Some people think they have to spend hours at the gym sweating on the treadmill or elliptical in order to burn calories and lose weight. As it turns out, the things people do every day could be burning more calories than they realized.

Some discipline around your diet and certain healthy habits can make the difference for those attempting to lose weight.

Getting eight hours of sleep can burn more than 300 calories for the average person.

Here are common everyday activities and how many calories can be burned depending on weight, according to Discovery Health and Harvard Medical School. These figures are based on a person weighing around 150 pounds and a duration of one hour of activity.

- Supermarket shopping: Pushing a wagon around the supermarket for an hour can burn 240 calories or more. Up the ante by bagging groceries yourself and packing and unpacking them from the car.
- Raking leaves: If you spent time manually raking leaves, you were doing something good for your body. In addition to working several muscle groups, you may have burned 300 calories.
- Dusting: Dusting alone can burn as much as 160 calories.
- Cooking: Making a simple meal can add up to 200 calories lost. Just don’t sabotage those lost calories by cooking up a fattening dinner.
- Moving: Carrying boxes can burn 460 calories an hour. Packing, moving and unpacking yourself may be the diet plan you’ve been seeking.
- Painting: Spending an hour painting can burn 350 calories. After several hours applying a primer and then topcoat, you may find you painted yourself thinner.
- Community service: Picking up trash from a park or seaside can shed some serious calories — 450 an hour.
- Playing with kids: Engaging in some fun family time can burn around 400 calories. Plus, it’s a great way for parents and children to bond.

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Summary
- If you’re trying to lose weight, keep in mind that everyday chores and fun activities can help burn unwanted calories.

The Load Out, Part II
Last week I wrote about what a privilege it is to be a part of the 67th District Court and its talented and dedicated staff who always have service to the public as their number one goal. I used some lines from the Jackson Browne song ‘The Load Out’ as an example of how I felt.

This week I’d like to share with you some of the things that our Court does to ensure that this goal is met. The 67th District Court has seven locations with courts in the cities of Burton, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, Grand Blanc, Mount Morris and a Central Court facility in Flint.

The Court handles a number of different types of criminal and civil cases ranging from the initial stages of felony matters to civil infraction parking tickets.

We have an informative Court website that describes the activities of our Court and has some unique features.

For example, there are times when a person receives a civil infraction traffic ticket or has been ordered to pay fines and costs in a misdemeanor case.

If you go to our website at www.co.genesee.mi.us/districtcourt and click on ‘Internet payments’ you will be directed to a page that provides instructions on how you can pay a number of your financial obligations to the Court online if you have a debit or credit card.

Simply follow the prompts and you can save yourself an in-person trip to the Court for eligibility cases. The Court charges a $4 service fee.

The website also has a records check feature, which allows you to look up cases by either case number or name. Again, there is a separate web page for this service and it is available seven days a week. Additionally there is an attorney’s scheduling page.

There are so many more things I could say, but space does not allow. Suffice it to say our Court does its best to serve the public and it is my belief that this will always be our mission.

POLICE FIND POT DURING TRAFFIC STOP
On Thursday, Oct. 25, Fenton police initiated a traffic stop to a Dodge Neon for having expired plates. The driver, a 35-year-old Fenton man was arrested after the officer found 3 grams of marijuana inside the car. The man, who police learned was on probation, was lodged at the police station. Police will be presenting their case to the prosecutor’s office and the man’s probation officer was advised.

DELIVERY PERSON ROBBED
At 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24, Fenton police were sent to the 2900 block of Owen Road in response to a complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said a 27-year-old Gaines man, who works as a delivery person for a local sandwich shop was robbed during a delivery.

The man said he had been making a delivery to a male caller who said he was behind a business on Owen road. When the Gaines man pulled up he saw a vehicle behind the business talking on his cell phone. The Gaines man asked if he ordered the sandwich and the unknown man, who held a red cloth over his mouth and nose said he had called in the order. Instead of paying for his order, the unknown man yanked off the 14K bracelet worn by the Gaines man and fled the area on foot. A witness told police that they saw the suspect enter a white Honda and flee the area. Police hope to identify the suspect using the store’s surveillance camera footage. The victim said the suspect had dirty reddish hair and reddish facial hair.

LAINGSBURG MAN STEALS SHOPPER’S PURSE
At 6:08 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, Fenton police responded to a department store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a stolen purse complaint. A 29-year-old Holly woman had shopped in the store and loaded her shopping bags in her car. When she pushed her cart to the cart corral, a man quickly emerged from a green S-10 pickup truck, ran to her car and grabbed her purse, which was on the front seat. Witnesses yelled to the woman about the theft. These same witnesses provided the license plate number of the truck that fled the area to police. Fenton police police contacted the Shiawassee County Sheriff’s Department as the registered owner of the truck is from Laingsburg. The owner said his 21-year-old son borrowed the truck. Deputies were unable to locate the suspect, however, Michigan State Police troopers located him later that day and turned him over to Fenton police. He was arraigned on previous warrants for shoplifting in Fenton and police continue to investigate this newest incident.

ITEMS TAKEN FROM JEEP
On Friday, Oct. 26, Fenton police responded to a home in the 500 block of Fourth Street to investigate a larceny from auto complaint. The 46-year-old Fenton man said he parked his Jeep Laredo in his driveway the night before. When he returned to his unlocked Jeep in the morning, he noticed several items missing. Police have no suspects.

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A calico goldfish eats light, but is one of the dirtiest fish to buy. These and others are available at the local Pet Supplies Plus.

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certain types of fish, such as goldfish and angelfish, are known for being much dirtier than a typical fish, and would require more water.

The beginner may want to start with a smaller fish tank believing it may be easier to manage; however, the opposite is actually true.

“Most people when they start up try to get the 10-gallon, which is actually more difficult to take care of. The larger the tank the more water there is, the easier it is to keep everything in balance, and a lot of people don’t know that,” Greer said.

Maintaining your aquarium and the water’s pH value is where most of your work will come after you have set up your tank. Different fish are likely to prefer water of different pH values, though 6.4 to 7.8 pH is a good spot for most types of fish. Once the value of the water is tested, it can be raised or lowered in several ways. Adding rocks, shells, or increasing the oxygen concentration in the water can increase the pH value while adding wood or carbon dioxide can lower it.

In addition to the tank itself, other supplies are needed. Filters, filter pads, and pumps are all expenses that will be placed up front. The investment does not have to be too intimidating though. “It’s costly to get the tank set up, but it is relatively easy to maintain,” Greer said.

Summary

There is more to keeping fish than just putting them in a tank of water. The first decision to make is whether you want freshwater or saltwater fish.

The builders and operators thought the ship to be unsinkable.

There were three basic groups aboard — those in charge, those along for the ride and the workers.

Those in charge operated the ship through the ice field ‘full throttle.’ Even after bouncing off the berg the captain plowed on, wide open and would not admit to the passengers, and maybe himself, that there was a problem, until one hour before sinking.

Those along for the ride divided themselves in two groups — those believing in the captain, assured there was no problem and danced the last hours of their life away in the ballroom and those whose gut instinct told them something was not right and went to the lifeboats.

The workers were locked down below and had no choice or chance.

The president and many in charge of our country are operating like the captain. Now the iceberg is a $1 trillion debt.

Our Founding Fathers said we are setting up a Republic, if you can keep it! They knew it would take their vision to keep it alive. Sadly, many people do not value something handed to them.

Those in the lifeboats with me have small consolation they are still alive because to keep the dream afloat will take all the energy they can muster and it will be a rough ride.

Ask yourself, Which group am I in? Am I going to try to save the dream this election or am I going to deny the obvious and let the ship sink? If so, you will be with the two-thirds who went down.

If you are unfamiliar with the story, Google ‘The Titanic’.
Debbie Quinn of Shelby Township banters with server Stella Schlaff of Clarkston who is dressed as a gypsy. “I see sunshine in everyone’s future,” she said.

The annual Witches Luncheon at the Holly Hotel sold out, with 143 guests attending. Employees and guests alike wore costumes.

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as Cedar Stubb Beef Tenderloin and of course, tea.

“It’s a fun time of the year,” said restaurant co-owner Chrissy Kutlenios, wearing her own witch outfit. Servers wore costumes too, like a gypsy, gangster or clown.

The staff bustled between the kitchen, tables and the bar with a light-hearted, fun atmosphere. “I love it, it’s great,” said Sandy Thornton, of Clawson, as she was handed a box of tea to choose from.

“We’re witches at heart.” She chose the Ghost Chili Cremo.

Around 3 p.m., the guests started filtering out, spelling witches onto Battle Alley, to mix with the costumed kids getting ready for the fourth annual Holly-Ween parade.

Holly Township supervisor Jesse Lambert helped with traffic and crowd control, with more than 400 people waiting to march downtown, many wearing costumes. His convincing Ghostbusters uniform gave the others a run for their money.

The parade and trick-or-treating event drew about 1,000 people, said Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Hope Ponsart. “It generates a lot of foot traffic, a lot of community goodwill,” she said.

The event was a success, said Ponsart with most downtown businesses participating. She gave most of the credit to organizer Nicole Kilpatrick of Morgan’s Boutique. McDonald’s of Holly donated juice and cups and Holly Foods donated cookies.

Trick-or-treaters went from business to business collecting candy. The candy and decorations for the event were all donated.

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Holly Township Supervisor Jesse Lambert directed the parade of around 400 as they walk to gather candy at downtown businesses.
Therapy

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Orsburn uses her golden retrievers to diffuse emotional and painful situations. The Fenton Township resident also trains dogs and people on how to be a therapy dog through Therapy Dog International.

Lynette Wood, who has been trained by Orsburn and works as a bereavement coordinator at Heartland Hospice, said dogs can provide support in ways humans cannot.

“We have found that is many times kids will bond with dogs more so than the person,” said Wood, of Flint. “It calms them down, gives them a sense of well-being.”

Wood coordinates re-treats for the bereaved, which can include anyone from children to grown adults. Each person is given a therapy dog for the duration of the camp. Wood said people will often latch onto the dogs during counseling, unaware of their attachment to an animal.

When visiting a hospice of veterans’ hospital, Wood has seen a spark rekindle in some patient’s eyes, especially if they are no longer capable of taking care of a pet of their own.

“It helps them emotionally. A lot of times it will strike up conversation,” Wood said of patients. Even when dealing with patients who have deteriorating memories, Wood has found people are still aware of dogs and generally react joyfully. “They still know you’re there.”

Any breed of dog can be a therapy dog, provided the dog is calm and sociable with strangers. Therapy dogs are usually on a volunteer basis with the owner. Orsburn and Wood said that while having a therapy dog brings them immense joy, the work can be taxing, especially when dealing with bereavement.

“Know on a personal level what you want to do,” Wood said. Volunteer for programs where children read to dogs or visiting a nursing home are some alternative options for owners who are not comfortable with hospices. Orsburn said dogs train exclusively with a leash and collar and are disqualified from being a therapy dog if they are too hyperactive or aggressive.

“The dog has to be pretty laid back and must have a good temperament,” Orsburn said. Orsburn noted therapy dogs differ from service dogs in that they exist for many people and lend emotional support. Service dogs exist for one person.

For those interested in training therapy dogs, visit the Therapy Dogs International website at tdi-dog.org.
Hometown Pride
Building Our Future Together

Shop around town at these fine area businesses
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As she looked out over the crowd she said, “This is what the business is about — the family.” Many of the guests were young teens, or children accompanied by their parents. A mother and son skated around the rink seemingly enjoying themselves and several young children muscled their way around the rink, supported by a tubular training apparatus.

The center was a mix of children laughing, machines beeping and speakers blasting the most popular music.

According to Roller Skating Association International (RSAI), 73 percent of indoor skaters are between the ages of 5 and 15, the cross section reflected at Rollhaven that afternoon.

The industry has seen its ups and downs through the decades. Disco brought adults back to the rink in the ’70s and roller blades also caused an upick in business in the ’90s, said McCreedy.

More than 10 million still skate on traditional skates, while 29 million on inline skates. On Saturday, traditional skates and roller blades were on the floor in equal measure.

McCreedy said the roller rink business mirrors the bowling alley business. Around 47,000 birthday parties are hosted at roller rinks every month, according to the RSAI, and rinks individually will host between 20 and 40 each month.

To her as manager, it’s not just about the skates and the fast food, it’s also about giving teens a safe place to be on Friday night. In the middle of the conversation, she had to head to the women’s restroom to clean up a mess.

Sometimes the messes she cleans up don’t require a mop and some disinfectant. Sometimes they require a listening ear and calm words. With a strong teen and pre teen following, McCreedy will occasionally be in the women’s restroom talking to a heartbroken teen, taking on an almost conciliatory role. “We sit, we have a talk,” she said.

For McCreedy, the roller rink is a family tradition. “I grew up here,” she said. “Now my daughter is growing up here.” Many of the employees, like skate rental area worker Tyler Boyd, 17, of Grand Blanc, are of high school age. When they head off to college, the staff can change.

McCreedy pointed out that just having a place for kids to skate is not enough anymore. Rollhaven is crammed with activities, such as the multi-level bounce house, arcade games and laser tag. She said they tend to lose the kids once they get a driver’s license.

According to a Matrix Group survey, 94 percent of survey respondents go to the roller rink “because it’s fun.”

Making sure their business is fun, is one of the challenges of running a rink.

Her staff dressed in costume on Saturday and led fun activities for the kids. McCreedy wore a “pink ladies” 1950s style outfit from the movie “Grease.”
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The family walked out of the house and watched as their home’s chimney became fully engulfed in flames. North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) responded to the fire, which had spread into the home’s roof.

NOCFA Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz said his department responded to 10639 West Braemar Drive in Rose Township at 8:20 p.m. Upon arrival at 8:26 p.m., crews found that the fire had extended into the attic of a 4,000-square-foot two-story residential home.

Fire had burned through the roof where the chimney penetrates. Heavy smoke and flames were coming out of the roof and the high winds were pushing the fire quickly through the attic area. All occupants were out of the house.

Fire crews made their way inside the home and breached the ceiling in the upstairs bedroom to access the attic area to battle the flames. A second fire crew accessed the roof outside to get to the fire.

The fire was brought under control and extinguished at 8:40 p.m. Fire departments from Springfield Township, Groveland Township, Holly Village, and Fenton City responded to the scene but were all cancelled en route due to the fire being brought under control quickly.

The home sustained heavy damage to the roof in the area immediately around the chimney. The fire did not extend into the living area of the home, however, there was water damage to about one-third of the interior of home.

The fire appears to be accidental, however, the cause is still under investigation. All fire units cleared the scene at 11 p.m.

Safety tips for fireplace use from the Chimney Safety Institute of America

A chimney — and the flue that lines it — adds architectural interest to a home, but its real function is to carry dangerous flue gases from the fireplace, wood stove or furnace safely out of the home. Unlike those other exhaust points in your home, such as windows and doors, fireplace and wood stove chimneys need a special kind of care.

Indications of a chimney fire have been described as creating loud crackling and popping noise, a lot of dense smoke, and an intense, hot smell. Chimney fires can burn explosively — noisy and dramatic enough to be detected by neighbors or people passing by. Flames or dense smoke may shoot from the top of the chimney.

Homeowners report being startled by the sound of a freight train or a low flying airplane. Slow-burning chimney fires don’t get enough air or have fuel to be dramatic or visible. But, the temperatures they reach are very high and can cause as much damage to the chimney structure — and nearby combustible parts of the house — as their more spectacular cousins. With proper chimney system care, chimney fires are entirely preventable.

Clean chimneys don’t catch fire. Make sure a CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep inspects the solid fuel venting system annually, and cleans and repairs it when needed. The sweep may have other maintenance recommendations depending on how you use your fireplace or stove. CSIA recommends that you call on CSIA Certified Chimney Sweeps, since they are regularly tested on their understanding of the complexities of chimney and venting system.

School News

ST. JOHN TEACHER NAMED AS NSTA FELLOW

Jean King, a St. John middle school science teacher, has been selected as one of the New Science Teachers Association fellows for the 2012/2013 academic school year. NSTA is committed to promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching by enhancing teacher confidence and context of knowledge. Fellows are provided accommodations, airfare, food, and registration fees to attend the NSTA national conference.

King, who is a second year teacher at St. John, said, “As a new educator, I am always looking for ways to improve my teaching and build on my content knowledge. I am very excited about all of the things I will get to learn and incorporate into my daily teaching. I truly believe the ways in which this will benefit me as an educator and our science.”

Jean King

ST. JOHN STUDENTS GET FIT AND CRIM!

Students and parents at St. John School began their Crim Fit program for the 2012/13 school year with a Michigan and Michigan State walk/run breakfast on Thursday, Oct. 18. Breakfast was provided by the school. Participants started the morning walking the school halls collecting laps for mileage. Students who participate in the yearlong program experience the benefits of regular exercise, a sense of community with fellow students, and the opportunity to raise money for their school’s healthy eating/fitness programs. Miles equal dollars earned through the Crim Foundation. St. John teacher sponsors, Andrea Kehoe and Rhonda Connor have a goal to walk or run enough miles to fund a school garden with the ability to incorporate the produce into their lunch program. More than 100 students participated.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NO ONE WITH an ounce of sense should believe that lower taxes for the rich and businesses will create jobs. It hasn’t for 10 years, why start now? Businesses won’t hire another worker unless there are more orders to fill. Demand creates jobs. Not tax cuts.

VOTE ‘NO’ On all proposals. Remember, everyone is getting a tax increase beginning the first of the year. Hold on to your money, hard times haven’t even started yet.

SO GLAD THE Times told us about that ‘Lose It’ app for our phones. My husband and I were shocked with how many calories we were consuming. No wonder we kept gaining weight. Keeping track of every thing, we eat and our exercise has resulted in both of us losing weight.

WHAT MOST REPUBLICANS refuse to see is that President Obama inherited nearly all of the issues we are dealing with still today. It’s only fair to give him another term to fix all the problems created by Bush and Cheney.

I WOULD LIKE to thank Rep. Joe Graves and Steve Losey for appearing at the public forum for the 51st State Districts in Holly on Oct. 29. Both men answered all questions and were open to the public. Thank you for bringing decorum to a sometimes-rotten process.

QUESTION — WHY DID Obama have a photo op / interview in the White House ‘situation room’ for Storm Sandy, but he was not anywhere near the ‘situation room’ for Benghazi? Answer — because there are no electoral votes there. Why were they not more to protect themselves and them.

ROMNEY IS BEYOND RICH, he is wealthy to the tune of millions. He got his money mostly from taking our union jobs and shipping them somewhere else. Why would you vote for him?

WILL SOMEONE please confirm the fact that we are not really going to spend our tax dollars in ‘green’ energy? Haven’t heard anything lately, so I am hopeful this went away.

REMEMBER THIS, THE media is committed to pro-motion, and the flue that lines the ‘situation room’ for Benghazi? Another — because there are no electoral votes there. Why were they not more to protect themselves and them.

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Magalski scores twice in Eagles’ 5-0 win vs. Durand

By David Troppens
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The Linden girls cross country team has won Metro League championships before.

The Eagles have gone to the state meet as a team before.

But on Saturday, the Linden Eagles did something they’ve never done before — they won a regional title.

The Eagles recorded six of their runners in the top 10. They were Courtney Davis second, followed by fellow Metro League champs before.

Linden girls capture first-ever regional crown

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Linden’s Sydney Elmer (right) and McKayla Guy run during a recent meet. They placed second and third at the regional meet on Saturday, helping the Eagles win a regional title.

A championship sweep for Linden’s CC programs

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Linden’s Dave Doyle placed 15th at regionals on Saturday, helping lead the Eagles to their sixth straight regional crown.

Boys stake out sixth straight regional title

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The Linden varsity boys cross country team captured its sixth regional title in a row Saturday at its own D2 regional around the middle school campus.

Some might call that a great tradition. Linden coach Clint Lawhorne has a different way of looking at it. He sees how hard work has made that tradition.

“Tradition is great, but it is of no use without commitment from the kids,” Lawhorne said. “Tradition doesn’t wake you up early during the summer so you can run before it gets too hot outside. It’s great that we have done that, but it is a tribute to each team because each one of those regional titles has been earned under a set of unique circumstances.”

The Eagles will be making their seventh straight trip to Michigan International Speedway to compete in the D2 State Cross Country Championships after winning that sixth straight regional title. The Eagles had their entire top seven finish within the top 20, earning just 35 points. Owosso (68 points) was second, followed by fellow Metro squad Clio (76).

Linden seniors Roger Phillips and Graham Elliott finished 1-2 with times of 16:22.21 and 16:29.44, respectively, leading the Eagles. Zach LeBlanc followed in seventh (17.03.10), while Ryan Toek placed 10th (17:08.58). Dave Doyle capped the five scorers by placing in the top three.
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a weather-controlled environment, I’d rather have to play in it on Friday, but we’ll worry in 30-degree weather with the wind howling, that’s not good for anyone. … We might have to play in it on Friday, but we’ll worry about that on Friday. If we can practice in a weather-controlled environment, I’d rather do that.”

Walled Lake Western (8-2) should make for an interesting home district championship contest. Once again, the Tigers find themselves facing a team with a little bit of pedigree, but with more than just an offensive threat. That honor goes to Joe Jones, who rushed for 16 touchdowns and caught two other TD passes this year. Jones is rated the 15th-best player in the state of Michigan according to Rivals.com. Another runner to watch out for is Malik Green, who, like Bambard, has run for touchdowns. The Warriors are also lost to Lowell, but in a much tighter 42-35 verdict. That said, if one wants to look at recent playoff history a little beyond last year, one could argue the Tigers have the experience edge. Before last year, Western hasn’t advanced beyond the first round of the playoffs since 2005. Of course, the Tigers have accomplished that task each of the last two years, winning district titles.

This season, Fenton (9-1) enters the district championship game with a nine-game winning streak, playing its best football of the season now. And, of course, the Tigers opened this year’s playoffs with a victory against traditional state power Farmington Hills Harrison last week.

“I think it is tremendous,” Setzke said about the importance of playoff experience. “One of the reasons we were able to win Friday night against a team like Farmington Hills Harrison is because of the experience we’ve earned over the last three years. Playoff football is different and teams in the playoffs year in and year out perform different.

“The kids have played a lot of playoff football and it helps. A number of seniors have played in seven playoff games themselves.”

Walled Lake Western’s offense is reasonably similar to Fenton’s in that they run it out of a spread look. Quarterback Kyle Bambard is asked to throw as well as run with the ball, but he’s probably not the team’s top offensive threat. That honor goes to Joe Jones, who rushed for 16 touchdowns and caught two other TD passes this year. Jones is rated the 15th-best player in the state of Michigan according to Rivals.com. Another runner to watch out for is Malik Green, who, like Bambard, has run for five TDs.

“No. 1 (Jones) is a recruit going to Illinois. He’s more of a key figure than the quarterback is,” Setzke said. “We have to account for him each and every play. They make it a little tougher, and we don’t fear them. We have been playing to have a chance to win, coached and we have to play as well as we can.”

When the fifth-ranked Eagles host Friday’s Division 3 District Championship game, they’ll be looking for their second consecutive district title and fourth playoff win in years against the 10th-ranked Panthers at Claude Cranston Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

The Eagles should find themselves in a pretty competitive contest. DeWitt (8-2) edged the only squad to defeat Linden this year in the opening round of the playoffs, beating Lapeer West 34-28, and their only two losses this season came against 9-1 squads. DeWitt knows what the playoffs are all about, making them every year since 2006. That 2003 team was the first of three straight to earn state runner-up finishes as well.
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15th (17:24.55). Finally, Kyle Susalla was 19th (17:38.36) and Adrian Taylor was 20th (17:38.70).

The third-ranked Eagles now prepare for Saturday’s state meet. Linden has a tradition of doing well at MIS as well. They have finished in the top 10 five of the last six years, including earning a state championship in 2008. Last year the team placed ninth. This year the Eagles looked poised to beat that finish, and could even be potential darkhorse contenders for a state championship.

“From the start of the season our goal was to finish in the top five at the state finals, and we are in position to make that goal a reality,” Lawhorne said. “The race at MIS can be a little crazy because there are 250 bodies all trying to get in good position early.”

FENTON, HOLLY AT D1 REGIONAL AT HURON MEADOWS METROPARK

Fenton’s Max Krzyza placed fifth at the regional, earning a spot in Saturday’s D1 State Cross Country Championships at Michigan International Speedway.

Krzyza, this year’s Metro League champion, posted a time of 15:52.27, easily earning an individual qualification to the state meet. A runner must finish in the top 15 places to qualify for the state meet if their team doesn’t qualify. The Tigers placed 11th overall in the 14-team field.

The Holly Bronchos placed fifth, two positions out of qualifying for the state meet as a team. The Bronchos had two runners finish within the top 30 positions. Freshman Dillon Lomond placed 18th (16:32.87) about 20 seconds behind the last individual qualifying position. Vincent Cantu placed 28th (16:47.08).

LAKE FENTON AT D3 REGIONAL AT WILLOW METROPARK

The Blue Devils had two runners qualify for the state meet at their regional.

Caleb Fletcher placed sixth in the 5K race (17:37.13) easily qualifying for the state meet. The top 15 individuals and the three best teams qualify for the state meet held at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday.

Winston Ray also qualified, placing 14th (18:14.13). Freshman Jake Fletcher came within six seconds of qualifying, taking 16th (18:24.74).

The Blue Devils placed fifth as a team, missing qualifying by just 14 team points. Stockbridge cruised, winning the meet with 33 points, but the next four teams were within 17 points of each other.

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The Panthers’ starting quarterback has spent most of the season out with injuries, but has been back in the last two games. Jacob Johnson threw for 215 yards and three TDs, completing 18-of-20 passes in a week nine victory against Fruitport.

In the overtime victory against West, he threw for 154 yards and ran for 44 more. If Johnson gets hurt again, Jacob Heath has proven to be more than adequate at QB for most of the season. The top two receivers are Andrew Clements and Ryan Anderson. They are similar to Linden in that the Panthers run a spread offense. When they do run the ball upon occasion, John Lippert will usually get the bulk.

The Eagles’ offense has been strong. Shaye Brown is completing about 70 percent of his passes and is throwing those passes to many different receivers. Seven Eagles have caught at least 18 passes this season.

However, maybe more impressive than the Eagles’ offense this year has been its defense. DeWitt must find a way to score points against a team that has allowed just 75 points in 10 games. No one has scored more than 15 points against Linden all season long. Ben Armstrong has been a beast on the defensive line all season long, average around two sacks a game this season.

The Eagles would love to make it two district championships in as many years on Friday.

“We have a lot of kids returning that played last year,” Hopkins said.

“They talk about it. They would like to go further than anyone has gone, but they know if they don’t take care of this game, it’s all over.”

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are a very talented team. They are not going to do anything we haven’t seen previously, but they are a good football team and have quite a bit of experience.”

Defensively is actually where Jones thrives the most. He plays at safety and leads the team in tackles and interceptions. He’s also recorded some sacks this season as well.

“They are pretty solid,” Setzke said.

“They play a little different style than we see week in and week out. … Their defense runs through (Jones) at the free safety spot. We have to keep an eye on him.”

Linden’s defense defends a pass attempt during the Eagles’ playoff victory against Lansing Waverly Friday night. The Eagles’ defense has been strong all season long, Linden has allowed just 75 points in 10 games this season.

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Joyce P. Barcey 1927-2012

Joyce P. Barcey, the Legendary Detroit Tigers fan, has passed away. She was one of the most ardent fans of the Tigers in the history of the franchise. Her dedication to the team was unwavering, and she was known for her unwavering loyalty and support, even during tough times.

Joyce was born in Lansing, Michigan, on July 12, 1927, and was raised in the area. She attended Fenton High School, and later attended Ferris State University. She married Harold Dean Barcey in 1948, and they had three children: David, Robert, and Harold.

Joyce was an active member of the Detroit Tigers Fan Club, and she attended games at Comerica Park for over 50 years. She was known for her love of the team, and her ability to make others feel welcome at the stadium. She was a fixture at the stadium, sitting in the same seat for over 30 years. Her favorite position was that of a die-hard fan, always cheering for the team and never missing a game.

Joyce was the beloved matriarch of the Barcey family, and she was known for her kind and loving nature. She was always there for her family and friends, and her legacy will live on through her children and grandchildren.

Joyce was predeceased by her husband Harold Dean Barcey in 1983. She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte with her husband Christopher Barcey in 1983; her brother, Homer Miller (Sam) Amado of Michigan; and her grandchildren, David Barcey of Salem, Michigan; and Robert Dean Barcey in 1983. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012, at The Cambridge Country Club, 2001 Cambridge Road, Fenton, MI 48430. The service will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by a luncheon at noon.

For more information, please contact the family at 517-281-6357. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joyce P. Barcey Scholarship Fund, c/o Fenton Area Community Foundation, 100 S. Saginaw Street, Fenton, MI 48430.
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