Warren Buffett snatching up newspapers

Warren Buffett, one of the greatest investors of the last century, has been buying up community newspapers across the nation. Buffett views newspapers as a cornerstone of their community.

Investor spending more than $300 million buying community publications

By William Axford

A big time investor is buying up small time newspapers. Warren Buffett currently owns 88 newspapers and is on the lookout to buy more. But Buffett, who is widely considered the most successful investor of our time, isn’t looking to compete with big time news organizations like The New York Times or The Wall Street Journal. Buffett has been loading up on smaller, community newspapers, similar to the Tri-County Times.

At a time when the news industry is shrinking its staff and competing with the nearly unlimited resources of the Internet, acquiring smaller newspapers seems to be against conventional wisdom. But the investing tycoon sees community newspapers as a growing investment, not as a losing business model.

Proposal 1 would have passed, all others defeated

By William Axford

President Barack Obama was re-elected to a second term, defeating Republican nominee Mitt Romney, however, this result was opposite of how the tri-county area voted. Obama received 303 electoral votes and won in northern and eastern states such as Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Maine and New York. Romney received 206 electoral votes and won in

From farm to fashion

Phil Maybee of Pebble Brook Farm Alpacas in Brandon Township raises the alpacas Judy Petrovich uses to make her fabrics. Here, a playful cria (young alpaca) nibbles on Maybee’s sleeve. Alpacas will sell for more than $10,000 at auction for their fiber, once full grown.

Area family raises alpacas for fiber to create one-of-a-kind fabrics for clothing, decor

By Sally Rummel

Everyone is talking about getting back to the basics. People are searching for closer connections to the land—not only in the foods that we eat, but also in the clothes that we wear. Judy Petrovich of Groveland Township not only sews her own line of clothing, she also raises the fiber that creates the fabrics—

had it been up to local voters, Romney would be our president

HAD IT BEEN UP TO LOCAL VOTERS, ROMNEY WOULD BE OUR PRESIDENT

By William Axford

Voters reject Fenton schools’ bond request

‘No’ votes outnumber ‘yes’ votes by 1,333, district back to drawing board

By Sharon Stone

By a count of 7,779 to 6,446, voters in the Fenton Area Schools district defeated a proposed 8.4 million, 10-year bond, which would have covered the costs of technology upgrades and a fleet of new buses.

Only time will tell on some Fenton projects

DDA improvements are moving along while others at standstill

By Ryan Tackabury

The city of Fenton has many projects in the works, some of which have gone smoothly while others have had speed bumps, or even stalled.

In what is perhaps the biggest project in the city of Fenton, the Downtown Development Author—

HOT LINE of the week

“I LIVE IN the southeast corner of Fenton, in the city. On election night, for the first time in my life, I heard coyotes howling behind my home. Coincidentally, I have noticed a number of ‘missing cat’ posters in this end of town. Watch your pets folks, especially at night.

Summary

Groveland Township resident Judy Petrovich takes fiber from alpacas raised on her farm and creates her own fabrics to use for clothing she makes herself.
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2 Broken blisters...

Dip a cotton swab in mouthwash and apply to broken blisters when you don’t have hydrogen peroxide on hand. The mild antiseptic prevents infection and promotes faster healing.

This photo was posed, but still captures a real moment between Marilyn and Patricia Ward. The gifts clearly show where they were and the flash in the dim room makes sure the image is exposed.

Tips for taking the best holiday photos

- Pose groups, catch action, consider lighting

By Tim Jagielo

When photographer Jen Knivila took this photo of her children, she did so with a background that informs the viewer of where they were and used strong, but diffused sunlight.
Welcome to the New America

Well, in case you missed it, we are now officially living in the New America. An America much like Superman’s Bizarro World where everything is backwards from what it historically was. Where good is evil and evil is good.

In the New America, government is taking the place of God, especially with young people. The new Lord’s Prayer begins with ‘Our father who art in Washington…’

The reasons why Obama’s photo is in the schools is that he caters to all unions, including the corrupt teachers union, spending our tax money to buy their votes. Just look at GM. My 5,500 shares of GM stock became worthless, while the government and the UAW now have millions of shares. No one ever talks about that.

Regarding the Teacher, everyone is talking about that has the Obama posters up in her classroom. She did this four years ago too, when my child was in her class. She cried the day he was elected, told the kids she couldn’t teach because it was a great day. Really?

Schools, please educate your personnel on the proper way to take down and replace an American flag. Hint: The old flag does not get crumpled up, tossed onto the ground and then a major portion of the new flag rest on the ground while it is being clipped on.

Remember Pearl Harbor — Keep America alert!

For the Many Hotline responders, does ‘check the facts’ mean that you are right?

Excellent job to the Fenton volleyball team and coach Linda Rusaw. Cheese is a legend in the game of volleyball and her leadership shines especially bright this year! Congratulations for building such an amazing program.

I never imagined that I would witness the death of America in my lifetime. The election yesterday was a choice between liberty (the American Dream) and tyranny (government welfare state); tyranny was chosen. We the people have failed America. May God have mercy on us.

I am saddened and disheartened that 12,000+ people voted ‘no’ on Proposal 2. You people have no idea what you have really done. But understand that you were lied to and misled. You should have researched the issue and the history of constitutional change before voting.

Shame on you Fenton schools for allowing political posters and opinions into our classroom. A teacher should not be allowed to express her political party and negativity for the other party to our children. I will remember this action when voting for an increase in school taxes.

Holly, Rose and Groveland: your police service is coming from the Flint MSP Post and fire dispatch from Oakland County. I work for an area department and we deal with this daily. Get the Village of Holly and contract their police services/dispatch and EMS/fire dispatch.

After reading the hot line from the 18-year-old that’s voting for Obama because ‘He’ll help pay for his college’, I was reminded of where this country is headed. I’m so sad for the USA.

Congratulations Adrienne Marsh, 1996 Linden graduate. She was the banquet manager for the successful re-election campaign of Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri. Lots of hard work and long nights paid off.

Thanks to the re-election of Obama, I can now make my predictions for 2016. At least $20 trillion in debt, unemployment of at least 10 percent, at least two successful terrorist attacks on our soil, credit downgrades. We will no longer be a super power. Congratulations America, you asked for it.

The People have spoken. Fools that we are, we wanted a godless tyrant to rule us. God allowed it. Remember, God’s church grows more during persecution than during prosperity. Look at China today. See America tomorrow.

Bill Engval Says you can’t fix stupid: So you say Republicans have done everything in their power to cripple economic recovery. Wait until your tax rate goes to 70 percent and see how much your beloved Obama has done to ruin the country. Give me, give me will take us down.

See Hot Line throughout Times

Who is the veteran in your life?

“My father was in World War II in the Coast Guard. I admire every veteran.” — Lindsay Regan

“My grandfather was in the Air Force in World War II.” — Jamie Macellaio

“I had a cousin who was in Vietnam, he served three times as a rescue helicopter pilot.” — Dianne Hanauta

“I was a medic in the Korean War.” — Ed Zabotny

“I was a World War II serviceman.” — Cyril Dyer

“My father-in-law was in the Korean War and my brother-in-law, Carl, was in Vietnam.” — Melody Sage
First-time voters flock to polls

Teenagers making their voice heard through voting

By Olivia Dimmer, intern
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One day after her 18th birthday, Megan Piacentini of Fenton cast the first ballot of her life. She came into class at Fenton High School later that morning proudly displaying her “I voted” sticker.

Piacentini, along with 17 million other newly eligible voters, according to a CIRCLE analysis of 2012 census data, had their first chance at deciding the U.S President on Tuesday. That chance, she said, is something she cherishes.

“Ever since I found out that you can register to vote when you’re 17, if you will be 18 by Election Day, I just couldn’t wait,” Piacentini said. “When I got my license I told the lady I wanted to register, but she looked at me funny because of my late birthday.”

Youth voters from ages 18 to 29 made up 19 percent of all voters on Election Day — an increase of one percentage point from 2008, according to the early National Exit Poll conducted by Edison Research. Obama took 60 percent of the youth vote, versus Mitt Romney’s 36 percent.

“I voted for Obama because Romney is not what America needs right now,” David Wehrly of Fenton said. “I don’t base my ideas off of what my parents tell me or what a political party says. My decisions are based off my own ideas, and anyone who sees age as a legitimate limitation to that is America’s limitation.”

Feeling the weight and seriousness of the decision, Sarah Jump of Fenton felt it necessary to research and educate herself about the candidates and ballot proposals.

“Elections force young voters to become more responsible. We have to study up and pay attention to the news,” Jump said. “Since most people will vote eventually, it is probably best to start this process young.”

Taking advantage of absentee ballots like many other voters, Andrew Brown of Fenton mailed his in on the Thursday before Election Day. In 2008, only 60.2 percent of voters cast ballots in person at the polls, the rest using absentee ballots or early voting according to the U.S Election Assistance Commission. That percentage of in-person voting was expected to fall for the 2012 election.

“I really enjoy history, so I thought it was great that I would get to be a part of it,” Brown said. “It was really confusing for me to get my ballot because I had to get a state identification card before I could vote.”

Much like older voters, young first-timers were equally confused by Michigan’s state ballot proposals, even after thorough research.

“I have been researching a lot about the ballots because I didn’t like listening to just what my parents had to say about them and I wanted to make my own decision based on what was actually true about the proposals, even if I didn’t really understand them,” Piacentini said. “I don’t listen to what other people say. Voting is important.”

First-time voter, Fenton High School student — David Wehrly

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**New village council ready to work**

- Public safety funding, filling vacant seats, a priority

**By Tim Jagielo**
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Jason Hughes was a little surprised to defeat two long-term community figures for village president on Tuesday.

“I was excited, going against two people who have been as active in the community and long as they have, and that name recognition, you never know,” said Hughes.

Both outgoing presidents Jeff Miller and former president Pete Clemens who ran against Hughes were respectful and offered their help. “It was a real positive outcome. I think we’re ready to get to work here.”

At 35, he may be the youngest council president in more than 20 years.

The biggest issues coming up for council, according to Hughes, is to tackle funding for public safety. The assessment for public safety did not pass on Tuesday, so funding the departments where cuts had to be made to meet the 2012-13 budget, is his first priority.

Hughes will also leave a void on various committees, as well as a vacant seat for the remainder of his term, ending December 2014.

Council will appoint someone to fill the seat, after notifying the public of the opening. The council could consider the person with the next closest votes in the race, who would be John Lauve.

Ryan Bladzik was selected along with Debra Musgrave and Robert Allsop. Bladzik is looking forward to stirring economic development and a business-friendly atmosphere in Holly and also focusing on the village’s master plan.

The changeover will happen at the regular Nov. 20 meeting, where Miller, Pauline Kenner and Don Wingelmire will step down. Wingelmire will be ending 26 years of service to the council and Kenner will end 16 years of Holly Village Council service. “I love Holly, I’ll always stay involved,” she said. “I did enjoy being on the council and I wish the new council the best of luck.”

**Summary**

- On Nov. 20, the Holly Village Council will have a new president in Jason Hughes and new council members with Debra Musgrave, Robert Allsop and Ryan Bladzik.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

- Please read the following with a twang: Your bleeding heart will make us weep. We’ve tried and tried, but we’re in too deep. The jobs won’t come and you know why? Cause you elected the wrong guy. Signed the depressed poet.

- I have never received an unemployment check, food stamps or welfare, but next year I have to sell my iPhone and stop the newspaper because of tax increases and healthcare costs. Can someone tell me how I can apply for one of those Obama phones with $200M for emergencies?

- A year ago, when Obama changed the laws making it easier to receive food stamps and welfare, it went from 33 million to 47 million families, which is about 25 million more votes with our money. He only won by 1 percent. Executive orders became the final stone to doom our country.

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> Fenton police seek to identify, apprehend suspect

**By Sharon Stone; sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6766**

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a breaking and entering, which occurred very early Thursday morning at the B & C Pharmacy, at 223 Silver Lake Road. Lt. Jason Slater said police are hoping that someone will recognize this robbery suspect, who fled the back door. He then exited through the back door.

Slater said it appears that the suspect was wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, baggy cargo pants and gloves. He also had something covering the lower portion of his face. Detectives hope that someone with information will lead them to the suspect.

This pharmacy has been robbed multiple times in the past, including a couple of times in the field, 27, is serving time in state prison for armed robberies. Tyler Earl Fischer-Green...
FENTON BOND
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These results include voters in Genesee, Oakland and Livingston counties that live within the school district. In Genesee County, the no votes won 5,579 to 4,675. In Livingston County, the no votes won 1,672 to 1,385 and in Oakland County, the no votes won 528 to 386.

Had the bond proposal been approved the estimated millage which would have been levied in 2013, under current law, was 1 mill ($1 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation). A resident with a home worth $50,000 would have paid roughly $25 a year.

Following the outcome on Tuesday, Superintendent Timothy Jalkalnen said, “We are disappointed in the outcome of the bond proposal. We will review the results and gather feedback to help us understand why this proposal was not supported by the community.

“I am very thankful for all the parents and community members who did support the bond proposal. Also, I am grate-full to the many community members, parents and staff who volunteered their time and effort to help with this bond proposal on behalf of the 3,500 students in our schools.”

Missy Taylor, a parent of a first- and fifth-grade student at Tomek Eastern Elementary School was saddened to hear the news that the bond did not pass. She said she saw a lot of sad faces at the school Wednesday morning.

“I’m just disappointed that our community can’t see the benefits of giving up a cup of coffee each month to give our schools and our children the tools that they need to be successful,” she said.

“Computers are badly outdated and safety and security at all buildings is a big concern.”

Taylor admits she cannot speak for the district, but as far as she understands, officials will have to go back to the drawing board. “The need for these things is still here, so the money will need to be found in other areas or raised,” she said.

“Either way, it’s going to fall back on the families in our community.”

Summary
Registered voters in the Fenton school district rejected an $8.4 million bond proposal, which would have upgraded the district’s technology, security and buses.

Also, I am grateful to those who volunteered their time and effort to help with this bond proposal. We will review the results and gather feedback to help us understand why this proposal was not supported by the community.

TURKEYS
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Roasting a turkey is possibly both the easiest and most common way to prepare the bird for Thanksgiving. Chris Hawk of Alpine Marketplace in Linden uses an electric roasting pan for his turkeys. Keep your eyes on the temperature to avoid burning it. If you do not over or undercook the turkey.

Carl Wagner, meat manager at VG’s Grocery on Silver Parkway, said that thawing your turkey, cleaning it properly, and cooking it all the way are the three most important steps in preparing your meal.

“Your meat thermometer is your number one tool for making sure your turkey is fully cooked.”

“You want your turkey to be at least 165 degrees on the inside of it,” Hawk said.

Basting the turkey should be done every 45 minutes, which helps the turkey cook evenly throughout. “Even though it says it is a self-basting turkey, I baste my turkey as the day goes by anyways,” Hawk said.

If you want to try something different that won’t take too much extra work, try brining your turkey. Brining is the process of submerging your turkey in a mixture of water and salt, which will make for a tastier and juicer turkey.

TheKitchn.com suggests using a solution that uses 1 tablespoon of salt for every 1 cup of water. Completely submerge your turkey, then cover the container and refrigerate overnight. Cooks who want to be creative can also experiment by adding their own spices into the mix.

As an alternative to brining a turkey, you can marinate it — either with a home made marinade, or store bought if you do not want to invest too much extra work.

If you want to try a unique way to prepare your turkey, you could try taking your turkey preparation outdoors to a grill. It may not be the most traditional, though people argue that grilling a turkey makes for the juiciest Thanksgiving meal.

Jennie-O Turkey Store recommends grilling a turkey until the internal temperature is 170 degrees in the breast, or 180 degrees in the thigh. You can expect the turkey to take about 15 minutes to grill per pound.

During the holidays, many people allow themselves to give in to the temptation to overindulge. Like all of the different methods listed here, proponents of deep frying will argue that it produces the most flavorful turkey you could ask for.

“I’ve been told that is not as unhealthy as you think,” Hawk said. “Turkeys can be deep fried in corn oil, which is low in saturated fat. Even if deep frying isn’t the healthiest, it may be worth trying once just for the experience.

Turkey Tips
• You will need to thaw your turkey before you cook it, and it can take a long time to do so.

The rule of thumb is to let your turkey thaw in your refrigerator for 24 hours for every five pounds the turkey weighs.

• Once your meat is finished, remember to refrigerate leftover turkey. The USDA recommends not leaving turkey go unrefrigerated for more than two hours.

• Clean up afterward. “Wash everything that has been in contact with raw turkey,” Wagner said. “You want to wash everything the raw turkey touched, your hands, pans the turkey was sitting on, just to make sure everything is clean and sanitized.”

• When using a meat thermometer, place it in the thickest part of the turkey to get the most accurate reading.

Military milestones
Christopher Gomez, of Fenton and graduate of Lake Fenton High School graduated from our school boot camp Recruiting Command Great Lakes, Illinois on June 16. On June 17, he entered Hospital Corpsman “A” school in San Antonio, Texas and graduated Oct. 12. He is currently in Jacksonville, North Carolina, Camp Johnson for Field Medical Training Battalion (FMTB) and expects to graduate on Dec. 21. Gomez will be stationed with his twin brother, Rob, a marine with the 1st Marines, Second Battalion Golf Co. at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Ca. Gomez is the son of Michael Gomez, Stacey Gomez and Deborah Novosad.

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Vic Canever awards $500 prize in deer-crash contest

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Rich and Maureen Ulrich of Linden won $500 in a contest from Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. A deer caused $5,000 worth of damage to their Pontiac G6 and it was restored by the Vic Canever body shop.

NEWSPAPERS Continued from Front Page

“I believe newspapers that intensively cover their communities will have a good future,” Buffett said in an article in The Omaha-World Herald, which he purchased for $200 million earlier this year. Buffett has spent another $142 million buying other smaller daily and weekly newspapers. “In towns and cities where there is a strong sense of community, there is no more important institution than the local paper,” Buffett added in a press release.

According to a 2010 University of Missouri, Columbia study, more than 70 percent of people surveyed said they read their local newspaper at least once a week. In an area where any report or image is just a click away, community newspapers fulfill a niche, scooping stories within a community that bigger conglomerates often overlook and ignore. In some cases, community papers are continuing to be a stable business while bigger papers are cutting down print days.

“The community newspaper business is healthier than metro newspaper because it hasn’t been invaded by Internet competition,” said AI Cross of the University of Kentucky, in a 2011 report released by Stanford University. “They have no effective competition for local news. Rural papers own the franchise locally of the most credible information.”

Bigger newspapers are struggling to connect with readers, often implementing ‘new’ ideas such as ‘hyper-local’ and ‘citizen journalism’ — ideas that already inhabit community newspapers. At the Times, readers are encouraged to submit letters and respond in the Hot Topics and editors very often in their newspapers.

35 percent read editorials or letters to the editor very often in their newspapers.

73 percent of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.

62 percent of readers read local news very often in their community newspapers.

39 percent of those surveyed read local education (school) news very often in their newspapers.

30 percent read local sports news very often in their newspapers.

An insight on community newspapers, according to the National Newspaper Association

• 73 percent of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.

• Those readers, on average, share their paper with 3.34 persons.

• They spend about 37.5 minutes reading their local newspapers.

• 78 percent read most or all of their community newspapers.

• 41 percent keep their community newspapers six or more days (shelf life).

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BUFFETT seems to be catching on to what the Times has known all along: readers care about their communities and they care about their community newspapers.

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Results of area races, proposals

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR
Bob Cole .................................. 2,220 (95.9 percent)
96 write-in votes
Denise Graves .......................... 2,284 (96.1 percent)
92 write-in votes
TREASURER
Norm Schmidt .......................... 2,282 (96.6 percent)
79 write-in votes
TRUSTEES (top two win)
Teresa Ciesielecki ....................... 1,825 (36.9 percent)
Tom Hallman .......................... 1,685 (34.3 percent)
Bill VanKuren ......................... 1,408 (28.5 percent)
39 write-in votes

LINDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Top two win

Michelle Shayna ......................... 3,211 (29.6 percent)
Scott Maker .......................... 2,994 (27.6 percent)
Robert Boggs .......................... 2,509 (23.2 percent)
Jeffrey Peake .......................... 2,009 (18.5 percent)

106 write-in votes

Partial term

Ellen Maier .......................... 5,460 (98.6 percent)
78 write-in votes

BYRON AREA SCHOOLS

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Total votes

Yes .......................... 2,250
No .......................... 2,120

Shiawassee County voters

Yes .......................... 1,638
No .......................... 1,437

Genesee County voters

Yes .......................... 486
No .......................... 480

Livingston County voters

Yes .......................... 166
No .......................... 203

HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Top two win

Paul Gambka ......................... 2,386 (97.5 percent)
60 write-in votes

ROSE TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR
Paul Gambka ......................... 2,386 (97.5 percent)
60 write-in votes

CLERK
Debbie Miller .......................... 2,448 (98.4 percent)
40 write-in votes

TRUSTEE
Dianne Scheib-Snider .................. 1,906 (36.6 percent)
Thomas Kemp ......................... 1,891 (36.0 percent)
Thomas Willwerth .................. 1,398 (26.8 percent)

CONSTABLE
Emile Bair .......................... 2,248 (97.4 percent)
60 write-in votes

FENTON TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR
Bonnie Mathis ......................... 6,404 (97 percent)
197 write-in votes

CLERK
Robert Krug .......................... 6,236 (97.3 percent)
174 write-in votes

TREASURER
John Tucker .......................... 6,157 (97.2 percent)
179 write-in votes

TRUSTEES (top four win)
Mark Goupil ......................... 5,609 (25.3 percent)
Rob Kesler .......................... 5,486 (24.8 percent)
Shaun Shumaker .................. 5,388 (24.3 percent)
Vince Lorraine .................. 5,270 (23.8 percent)
389 write-in votes

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Yes .......................... 6,693 (72.2 percent)
No .......................... 1,973 (22.8 percent)

FENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Top vote wins

Drew Shapiro ......................... 3,437 (46.5 percent)
Sandra Mathews-Barnes .......... 3,095 (41.9 percent)
Dior Rushton .................. 804 (10.9 percent)

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Orlin Knuth ......................... 4,007 (97.6 percent)
99 write-in votes

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Fenton to hold Public Needs Hearing on Monday

The City of Fenton will hold a Community Development Public Needs Hearing on Monday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m., at Fenton City Hall, 301 South Lefroy St. The purpose of the hearing is to offer an opportunity for citizens to express their ideas on community needs and project proposals concerning the use of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2013 program year. The City of Fenton expects to receive approximately $80,700 of CDBG funds. The funds are provided by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission Community Development Program from an annual entitlement grant received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are intended primarily for projects in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Holly schools to hold Community Forum

The Holly Area Schools Board of Education invites the community to a Community Forum on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Board of Education boardroom, of Karl Richter Campus, 920 Baird St., in Holly. The Holly Board of Education recently selected the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to conduct their search for the district’s new superintendent. Rich Ramsey, consultant for MASB, will conduct the meeting. Residents of the district, all staff and administration, community members, civic leaders, clergy, and the many stakeholders who make up our wonderful community are encouraged to participate in the process by attending the Community Forum. The input of all stakeholders will assist the school board, as they move forward, with the process of selecting the next superintendent, to lead the Holly Area Schools.

Senior Safety Program provides household safety devices for Fenton Township residents

Fenton Township has announced the renewal of a Senior Safety Program to provide household safety devices to senior citizens. Fenton Township residents age 62 or older are eligible to obtain a smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector and fire extinguisher from the Township at no cost, (limit of one of each device per household). Please note that residents who obtained these items during the initial launch of the program in 2010 or 2011 are not eligible to receive them again. The devices are available at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This program is being financed through a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded to Genesee County and Fenton Township under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Questions may be directed to the Fenton Township office at (810) 629-1537 e-mail questions to info@fentontownship.org.

ALPACAS

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from the alpacas that reside on her and husband Bob’s rural property in Groveland Township.

Known as the Fabulous Fiber Alpaca Farm, Judy and Bob Petrovich tend to the needs of their own small alpaca herd of five, while also utilizing the fibers from nearby local breeders Phil and Judy Mayheoe of Pebble Brook Farm Alpacas, who have been in the business since 1998.

“Now we’re both known as ‘The two Julys,’” said Petrovich, with a smile. Together, they are opening Michigan Alpaca Market & More at 1305 N. Ononville Rd., with a variety of Made-in-Michigan artists and farmers.

Even though people often confuse alpacas with llamas, alpacas are actually half the size of their camel-fami-

ly counterparts. What they’re known most for is their unique fiber with significant insulating properties — warm, yet lightweight, soft and silky to the touch.

“They have to be shorn once a year, in the spring,” said Petrovich. Their fiber contains no lanolin, is perfect for people with wool allergies, is flame resistant and meets the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission’s standards.

“People have been making socks and scarves with alpaca fibers for years, but I’ve been able to take it to a new level, thanks to connections I’ve made in the fiber industry,” said Petrovich. She is pioneering a product referred to as FeltLOOMed Fabric, using a newly patented loom that has revolutionized the fabric-making process for non-commercial uses. She blends the best of the alpaca fiber with other fibers like wool, bamboo, silks, cottons, etc., to create her own unique fabric.

A seamstress since she was 7 years old, Petrovich admits that she never really understood how fabrics were made and where they came from, until she became involved with alpacas and their fiber.

“I’ve sewn everything from clothing to upholstery, even car seats,” said Petrovich, a former technical writer at Chrysler Corp. “I bought the very best of fabrics, but it was totally naïve as to how they were made. Every fabric is either woven from threads or is a non-woven fabric tangled piece called felt.

“It’s like ‘painting’ with material,” explained Petrovich. “You can visually make it happen with this felt loom.”

Petrovich creates most of her garments in the basement of her home, where she designs, creates and finishes what she calls ‘wearable art’ — coats, jackets, vests, handbags, etc. — and home décor like rugs, pillows, throws and wall hangings.

“My dream is to create unique garments and have them sell in galleries,” said Petrovich. “I also love teaching other people how to do this. It’s blossoming into such fun.”

For the alpacas, Petrovich insists that they are pretty easy to care for and are useful in other ways. “Even our alpacas’ waste is used as compost for our neighbor’s greenhouse,” she said.
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shadows.” Make sure the light is on your subject’s face — not at their backs.
However, there aren’t always windows or well lit rooms available. In that case, the flash is needed. If it’s dim in the room, the camera will likely take photos that are smeared because of a slow shutter speed, without a flash.
With flash, feel free to experiment with settings, like the nighttime portrait setting, which is shown with a moon and stars behind a figure, in your camera menu.
Also remember, flash is the only way you’re going to catch little kids running, or playing in a dim setting. Be ready with your finger on the shutter button when you think action is going to happen. This gives the camera a moment to focus, so when something does happen, you’ll grab that moment.
Invariable, posing family photos is the task of anyone taking the photos. It’s important to start with a good background — try arranging the group in front of the tree, or maybe the dinner table. The goal is to show where you and your family were, when you look at these photos years later.
While posing the family members, Kniivila said you can’t have the subjects spaced out in a snap-shot can scatter the focal point.” she said. “If photographing both adults and children together consider having the adults get on the children’s level."

Kniivila has some ideas on getting kids to smile naturally for photos. “Sometimes it helps to start out with a ‘make the craziest face you know how to,’” she said. Take that crazy photo — and one a beat after when they are smiling naturally.

Holiday photo basics

• Make sure the camera is ready.
• Move photos from the card, and format the card.
• Make sure the batteries are fresh.
• Be ready with that shutter button.
• Anticipate action before it happens.
• Arrange groups close together.
• Try to use window light, or shoot in a well lit room. If that isn’t possible, use flash.

Also remember, your camera needs to be ready to take photos before the event. If you haven’t cleaned out your memory card, do that before the family gathering. Use the USB cord to move them onto a dated file on your computer and once you’re sure the photos are stored safely, format the card to delete the images and free up space.
Also use fresh batteries. The camera flash takes a lot of battery power and it takes longer to get those photos if the batteries are weak.

WHAT THEY WANT
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Osborn said she, as well as Fenton City Council and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) members want to gather as much input from residents and business owners about what they want for Fenton’s future. Rather than city officials presenting proposals of their own, Osborn said, “City council and the city has ideas but we really want ideas to come from the community.”

Markland said, “We would like to create a vision for the future.” He added that they would like to obtain input as to how to improve the downtown business district and neighborhoods. “What vision do they see for their neighborhood? We want to know what they want.”

The buck stops here.

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Fenton volleyball headed to state quarterfinals

Tigers pack home gym, capture first Class A regional championship in school history

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Payton Maxheimer was warned.

The sets were going to come her way at the end of the fourth game during the Tigers regional championship match against Flushing.

And as they came, the senior out-side hitter pounded them to the floor. Maxheimer recorded five of the Ti-gers’ last seven kills in the match, including the last three, helping lead Fenton to its first-ever Class A regional championship in front of a large crowd at Fenton High School Thursday night. The Tigers won the match, 25-22, 25-21, 18-25, 25-23.

“Ash (setter Ashley Bearden) was like, ‘I’m going to keep setting you,’ and I was fired up,” said Maxhei-mer, who recorded a team-high 17 kills. “She tells me if someone is on fire, she will keep on going back to them.”

The Tigers were tied at 21-all when Maxheimer responded with two straight kills, making it a 23-21 lead. Flushing responded by tying the match back at 23-all, but after a Fenton time out, the Tigers passed Flushing’s service well, resulting in a kill by Maxheimer. Fenton led 24-23. Then fellow senior Kenneth Piwowarczyk served match point on an ace that hit the net and tricked down on Flushing’s side, sending the Tigers in a celebration with what was a large student body fan base at the match.

“Initially no (I didn’t think the ser-vice was good), but when I saw it I was happy it went over,” Piwowar-czyk said.

The Tigers now head to Davison on Tuesday for a Class A state quarterfinal match against Northville at 7 p.m. The winner of that match will be in the Class A state semifinals Friday at Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena.

Initially, the game was supposed to be at Linden High School, but a pow-er outage forced the match to Fenton. The team didn’t mind one bit.

“Being a home game really helped,” said Fenton junior Bobbie Eastman. “That student section, that was a lot. I really loved it.

“It’s so exciting, I can’t even believe we made it this far. I’m so ex-cited.”

“It was so awesome that everyone came to watch us,” senior Maize Martin said. “It feels like we were at a basketball game or a football game. It felt so great that everybody came with it.”

Despite an early 8-3 deficit in the first game, the Tigers rallied off vic-tories in the first two sets, earning a convincing 2-0 lead. The Tigers struggled in the third game, cutting their lead in half. It set up the com-

See QUARTERFINALS on 17A

Fenton finals history

The Fenton varsity volleyball team is two wins away from mak-ing it to the state championship game for the fourth time in school history. They’ve played in three state title matches, all in Class B action. Here is a quick look at their finals history.

1983 Lost to Richmond 15-11, 13-15, 15-8
1990 Lost to Cornstock 15-6, 15-7
1992 Lost to Pinconning 15-5, 15-10

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**Tigers cruise by Davison in Class B regional semifinal match**

By Greg Tunnicliff
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Linden — If defense and death wins championships, then Fenton’s volleyball team could be headed to its first Class A regional championship.

The Tigers used a strong combination of both en route to posting a 25-20, 28-26, 23-25, 25-16 victory over Davison in a regional semifinal match Tuesday at Linden.

“You can’t really pick on one person,” Fenton coach Linda Rusaw said of her team. “The kids play hard, strong, and everyone knows their role. We’re pretty strong all the way around.”

Entering Tuesday’s contest, Fenton was not unaccustomed to winning regional matches, having captured a whopping eight Class B regional crowns. However, since moving up to the Class A level, Fenton has struggled.

Before Tuesday, Fenton had reached just one Class A tournament, losing in the semifinals each time.

The Tigers had dropped their last four regional matches overall, dating back to a three-game triumph over Yale in a Class B regional semifinal on March 11, 2000. The Tigers have not won a regional championship since they captured a Class B crown in 1992.

“We don’t know how to explain it,” Fenton senior Payton Maxheimer said. “It’s crazy. We have the fire to keep going.”

After Fenton took the opening game, it appeared Davison was going to square the match at 1-1 with a 24-21 lead in the second game. The Tigers than came back and won three straight points to tie the score at 24-24.

The game was tied on two more occasions, 25-25 and 26-26, before Fenton won two straight points to take a 2-0 lead.

“We just go one point at a time,” Fenton senior Megan Cockin said. “We all believe in each other as much as we believe in ourselves. Even if (opponent) is bigger than us, we know we can fight just as hard.”

Davison was able to extend the match when it used a late surge in the third game. With the score tied 20-20, the Cardinals won five of the next eight points to win the game and cut the shortage to 2-1.

Fenton made sure there wasn’t an drama in the fourth game by putting it away early. With the score tied 7-7, the Tigers went on an 11-2 scoring run to take an 18-9 lead.

Davison never got closer than seven points to Fenton the rest of the way.

Michaela Ryan had 10 kills, two blocks and four digs, Nicole Dolfie had 22 digs, Megan Jones had six kills and 15 digs and Laruen Davis had five kills, five digs, three aces and 11 assists for Davison (33-14-4).

“They made too many unforced errors,” Davison coach Tiffany Burghdorf said. “You can’t make them. You have to finish it out.”

Bearden had 13 kills, Bobbie Eastman had 11 kills, Maxheimer had seven kills and 11 digs, Carly Granger had seven kills, Jaime Hansen had six aces, Cockin had 26 digs and Maizie Martin had four blocks for Fenton.

“ar is an awesome victory for us,” Rusaw said. “The kids never quit. They made play after play. I thought we played fabulous.”

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petitive fourth game which saw two lead changes and seven ties.

Fenton (46-17-3) trailed early 5-2, but caught up quickly and were tied at 8, 9, 10 and 11. The Tigers led just 15-14 when Bearden provided a kill and Maxheimer provided an ace. A Flushing hitting error put the Tigers up 18-14. However, Flushing fought back.

A service reception error by Fenton allowed the Raiders to tie the game at 21-all, setting up Maxheimer’s late kills and Priwarczuk’s final ace for match point.

In the first game, Maxheimer had five of the Tigers’ 15 kills, sparking the win. Tied at 20-all, the Tigers took the lead for good with an Eastman kill and a Martin block kill. Game point came on a Maxheimer kill.

In the second game, the Tigers took a 9-3 lead on a Maxheimer kill and never trailed. Flushing cut the gap to just 19-18, but consecutive kills by Cassidy Raurke and Bearden established a 21-18 lead, and Flushing was never back any closer than two points. Eastman pounded down the game point with a kill.

Fenton had nine kills and seven hitting errors in the third game, enabling Flushing to earn the win.

Fenton took the lead at 12-11 in the fourth game, and never trailed after that point, although there were two more ties.

Maxheimer had a team-high 18 digs to go with her kills. Eastman had 14 kills, while Martin had eight. Bearden chipped in six kills. Megan Cockin had 15 digs.

“These kids deserve this,” Fenton coach Linda Rusaw said. “They are the hardest working kids on the best kids. I couldn’t ask for anything more. I will get in their face and they look at me and say ‘I got it.’ They are tough and I’m tough on them. We would not be there where we are without the character of these kids.”

Fenton’s Payton Maxheimer (right) had seven kills in the Tigers’ 25-20, 28-26, 23-25, 25-16 regional semifinal victory against Davison on Tuesday.

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LF’s run ends in regional semis vs. Haslett

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Corunna — It wasn’t the way the team hoped to play in the Class B regional semifinal game.

The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team would’ve liked to see the season end in a bit more positive fashion Tuesday at Corunna regional against Haslett. The Blue Devils struggled with its defense and passing, resulting in 39 Haslett kills and a 25-12, 25-10, 25-9 Lake Fenton loss in the semifinals.

Lake Fenton coach Angie DeMorone took the positive approach to the loss.

“We were here,” DeMorone said. “We were here and hundreds of other teams were not. We’re all right with that. And if we had to get beat, better by them than anyone else in the state.”

The Blue Devils did make some history this season. For the second straight season, Lake Fenton advanced to the state regional tournament. They did so this year with some pretty nice performances in districts. The Blue Devils averaged regular-season losses to Goodrich and Durand in districts. They also made an unexpected comeback against Corunna in the semifinals, winning the match in five games. At one time in the fourth game, the Blue Devils trailed 24-16, only to get a strong run from Sidney Scott and earn Lake Fenton a fifth game in the match. They won it, earning a spot in the district finals.

“Last week we really worked hard,” Scott said. “We stepped up in the Goodrich game and we lost to them before. And then we stepped up against Corunna too.

I was super nervous (on the service line 24-17 against Corunna). All I was thinking is that I had to get it over. Each point gained more pressure because each point got us closer to 25. Then I made that last serve, I knew that’s all we had to do and we caught up all the way.”

On Tuesday, however, there were no miraculous service runs to save the match against Haslett. Early on, it wasn’t obvious that the Blue Devils were going to struggle all night long.

The Blue Devils got the first match’s first kill by Autumn Beardsley and were in a tight battle. A block kill by Trudie Bruce tied the first game at 9-9. However, Haslett’s Maria Krommer had back-to-back kills and the Blue Devils would never even tie the game again. The last time the Blue Devils were within two was at 14-12 after a Haslett violation. However, a kill by Haslett’s Sarah Trosko raised the lead to three and sparked a run of 11 straight Vikings points. During the run the Blue Devils had three service reception errors, a hitting error and another service reception result in an overpass kill for Haslett.

Game point came when it looked like the Blue Devils scored on a hitting effort, but Lake Fenton was called for a net violation, earning Haslett the 25-12 first-game victory.

In the final two games, the Blue Devils never held a lead. In the second game, a kill by Scott tied the match at 1-all, but Lake Fenton had a service error and a hitting error after that, earning Haslett the lead for good.

Serving was a huge problem in the second game, as the Blue Devils had four errors in just 10 service attempts. But serving wasn’t the only problem as the Blue Devils also had four service reception errors and three hitting errors. Another five Lake Fenton passes became overpass kills for the Vikings. That’s what happened on game point when Allison Rich provided the final kill, earning Haslett a 25-10 victory.

In the third game, the Blue Devils trailed 12-2 early and never got back into the match.

“Our defense wasn’t the best today, but we went out there and played hard,” Scott said. “I think our nerves just got to us today.”

“We didn’t get much of anything going,” DeMorone said. “They were attacking the ball and we were not answering. That’s the way it goes sometimes.

“But (making it to the regional semifinals for a second straight year) is great for the program. This is where we want to be. I think a lot of people didn’t think we’d be here this year. But these girls have worked extremely hard, wanted to put something together and did just that. They played some tough teams getting here. They played some tough teams during the season to work on getting here.”

Scott led the Blue Devils with four kills, while Bruce had three kills. Both had a block kill as well. Lake Fenton had just nine kills in the 25-12, 25-10, 25-9 loss at Corunna High School. Scott led the Blue Devils with four kills.

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Linden seniors leave their mark on CC program

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When the Linden varsity boys cross country team’s seniors were freshmen, they had a heavy load on their shoulders. When they were in eighth grade, the Eagles had won a state championship, and done so in convincing fashion.

But instead of looking at the expectations as a burden, the senior class—which includes Roger Phillips, Graham Elliott, Zach LeMieux, Adrian Taylor and Kyle Susalla—had other thoughts. They wanted some hardware of their own. And now the team has it after second place at the Division 2 Lower Peninsula Boys Cross Country Championships at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday.

When they were freshmen, those were going to be some nearly impossible objectives to achieve. After all, while the Eagles went to the state meet, only Adrian Taylor ran among the top seven that year. But, it was a start. And now three seasons later, the squad has its own trophy.

“My freshman year I was running out there and I was terrified,” Taylor said. “Everyone looked 10 feet taller to me. But I told my mom I wanted to get on the podium before my senior year. It all came true this year, which is very good.”

For Phillips, who placed sixth at the state meet individually, the process toward becoming an elite runner on a strong team took time. He admits he ran freshman year more for fun than training, but his thought process gradually changed from there.

“My sophomore year I started running with the fastest people on the team to catch up with them (I needed to be),” Phillips said. “Last year I was training even harder so we could end up finish in the top five.”

Still, going into this season, the Eagles were kind of an unknown quantity. Sure, the team had won five straight Metro and regional titles, and were favored to do both again this season. However, despite finishing ninth at the state a year they remained off the D2 radar. That was until the team placed third at the Portage Invitational. However, no one was still thinking a chance at a state championship when they came to MIS. Yet, the squad came within 22 points of just that.

“This is a great group of kids and they got as much out of themselves as they possibly could have,” Linden coach Clint Lawhorne said. “We were kind of the underdogs all year long. People were not giving us a lot of credit, and we used that as motivation. They knew they had something more, it’s definitely a special team.”

And now the seniors leave Linden’s team having made a memorable mark on the program. Not only did they place second at the state meet, but individually they all had a remarkable day. Roger Phillips posted the greatest time in school history at the meet (15:55.5), beating Jacob Hord’s time of 15:45 during the 2008 state meet. Two others broke the 16-minute mark and earned All-State honors with Phillips as well. Elliott had a time of 15:51.8, while LeMieux reeled in a time of 15:54.1. LeMieux not only eclipsed 16 minutes, but cut more than a minute off of his time (17:08.6) from the state meet a year ago. Taylor (16:42.2) and Susalla (16:58) also broke the 17-minute mark at state after each earning mid-17-minute times a year ago.

“This group of seniors this year didn’t see (the 2008 state championship team) on the podium and now for the next four years we can show kids how they put in the work and saw the payoff,” Lawhorne said. “A few more kids will understand that if you work really hard, and with a little luck, good things can come your way.”

Good things certainly can happen.
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ROMNEY Continued from Front Page southern and western states such as Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and the Carolinas. Had the presidential election been up to the tri-county area however, Romney would have been elected president. At least 50 percent of the votes cast in each local municipality went toward Romney. Obama netted 43 percent of the local votes.

Voters in Genesee County favored Obama as president with 114,969 votes cast for him or 61 percent overall. Romney won 68,060 votes for 37 percent. Independents made up a little more than 1 percent of the vote while write-in candidates accounted for about 3 percent of the presidential vote in Genesee County.

Oakland County saw a closer presidential race, with Romney earning 145,388 votes or 45 percent overall. Obama defeated Romney however with 171,551 votes or 53 percent. Independents and write-ins made up about 1 percent of the vote.

Of all the counties in the tri-county area, Livingston County was the only one where a majority of voters cast in favor of the Republican Party. Out of 98,527 voters, 60,000 voted for Romney as president or 60 percent overall. Obama received 37,186 votes in Livingston County or 37 percent.

When it came to the proposals, tri-county voters were in favor of Proposal 1 (emergency manager law) and were against all other proposals. Statewide, each proposal was voted down, including the emergency manager law, which was passed by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2011.

Michigan as a whole cast 2,463,502 votes for Obama, accounting for 53 percent of the votes. Romney had 2,082,349 votes or 45 percent. Some 42,418 votes were cast for either independents or write-ins, making up nearly 1 percent of the presidential votes in Michigan. The state’s 16 electoral votes were awarded to Obama. Romney won more counties in Michigan, particularly in the Thumb area. However, Obama won more populated counties such as Washtenaw, Wayne and Macomb.

Michigan historically votes Democratic, however Republicans usually net at least 40 percent of the state’s vote. In 2008, 57 percent of voters swung Democratic while 41 percent voted Republican. In 2004, it was closest with 51 percent for Democrats and 48 percent for Republicans.

LINDEN Voter turnout: 72 percent Voters: 8,217 Absentee ballots: 1,080 Issued Obama: 4,090 (44 percent) Romney: 2,121 (25 percent)

FENTON CTRY Voter turnout percentage: 61 percent Voters: 7,199 Absentee: 1,588 Obama: 2,751 (48 percent) Romney: 2,089 (49 percent) Proposal 1: 2,111 yes, 2,561 no Proposal 2: 2,115 yes, 3,441 no Proposal 3: 2,266 yes, 3,241 no Proposal 4: 1,761 yes, 3,671 no Proposal 5: 2,238 yes, 3,317 no

FENTON TOWNSHIP Voter turnout: 72 percent Voters: 9,246 Absentee ballots: 3,401 Obama: 3,786 (40 percent) Romney: 5,280 (57 percent) Proposal 1: 5,185 yes, 3,791 no Proposal 2: 3,100 yes, 5,943 no Proposal 3: 2,905 yes, 6,137 no Proposal 4: 3,165 yes, 5,827 no Proposal 5: 2,816 yes, 6,049 no Proposal 6: 3,347 yes, 5,576 no


HOLLY Voter turnout percentage: 63 percent Total number of voters: 5,488 Obama: 2,602 (47 percent) Romney: 2,746 (50 percent) Proposal 1: 2,747 yes, 2,453 no Proposal 2: 2,008 yes, 3,253 no Proposal 3: 1,899 yes, 3,345 no Proposal 4: 2,139 yes, 3,084 no Proposal 5: 1,818 yes, 3,390 no Proposal 6: 2,311 yes, 2,951 no

Calendar of events

LINDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS TUESDAY The November meeting of the Linden Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Shiawassee Shores Clubhouse in Linden. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. with speaker Jim Jesko, from the Hadley Historical Society. All members are urged to attend and guests are always welcome.
PROJECTS
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Fenton’s (DDA) Cornerstone project “The architects are still working on the drawings and putting the design together,” said Michael Burns, DDA director and assistant city manager. The current goal is for the project to begin construction by this spring. When complete, the Cornerstone building will offer space for businesses on the first floor and three floors of apartments.

“We are working with the state to try and get the building considered for their community revitalization program,” Burns said. The program is a $100 million state fund and Burns said that the state has shown interest in the Cornerstone project.

Another high profile DDA project is the Fenton Fire Hall, which Burns said is going along well, and could possibly go to the planning commission by the end of the month, though that is not a certainty. Fenton City Council also recently approved the transfer of a liquor license to the restaurant, and it now only needs finalization from the state.

Another project that many have heard about, though has not had as much progress moving forward, is the Fenton Freedom Center’s plans to build a new structure where Topps Fruit Market once sat.

“We have no legal hold on that property whatsoever. We have the plan drawn up, we have hopes and dreams for it,” said Fenton Freedom Center pastor Jim Wiegand.

According to Wiegand, there were plans to purchase and put a building on it at the same time they did the recent expansion on their main building behind the high school. “Unfortunately the scope of our project took away the money for our downtown dreams for the moment,” he said.

Wiegand said they already have architectural drawings, which include things such as an indoor playscape, coffee shop, gym, 300-seat auditorium, an outdoor gazebo and more.

“We have every intent to build it, but no ability,” Wiegand said. “If our goals are to come to pass down there, they would probably come to pass in the next five years.”

While other projects have been talked about for a long time, their status is up in the air. A Holiday Inn Express sign on Fenway Drive indicated that a hotel would be coming soon — a sign which has been replaced with a ‘for sale’ sign. Likewise, Hobby Lobby has made no apparent progress of moving into the old Farmer Jack building in Silver Parkway.

Fenton’s Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Hisson said that he had not been contacted regarding either project in a while.

Win at bingo — win a turkey
Linden VFW Post 4642 will be hosting Bingo Night, Saturday, Nov. 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be 20 games and the prize-winner for each game will win a turkey. Second place winners will receive a roasted chicken every other game. The 21 and last game is a cash jackpot. Tickets are $5 each or five tickets for $20. For more information, call Jr. Vice Commander Tim Schloss at (810) 240-6629.

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Chance to shop local at Ladies Night Out and State Road Arts and Crafts

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Christmas, community and crafts are three reasons to make Fenton a weekend destination for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18.

For the fourth year in a row, two local non-profit groups are joining together to put Fenton “on the map” as a craft destination weekend. The Fenton United Methodist Church Holiday Craft and Small Business Expo and the State Road Arts and Craft Show will both be held on the same weekend.

“Last year we had over 600 people,” said Janet Ruggirello, chairman of the Expo Planning Committee. “It’s a very festive atmosphere where you can get your Christmas shopping done locally.” Also working with Ruggirello on the committee are Bonnie Leyder, Patty Banner, Jen Peters, Jennifer Fleck and Denise Simmerman.

WEEKEND KICKS OFF SATURDAY

The weekend fun will kick-off Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fenton United Methodist Church Family Life Center, which will host more than 70 vendors on two floors. Included in the mix will be small home-based businesses like Avon, Tupperware and Pampered Chef, according to Ruggirello. Highlighting the day will be a fashion show at 1:30 p.m., presented by Creative Fashions in Holly. “The models will be local women, who will stroll around the vendor area,” said Ruggirello. Lunch will be available too, including a menu of pasties, soups, fruit and a bake sale. A silent auction and door prizes by local merchants will also be part of the day’s activities. Gift certificates from Mancino’s of Fenton, The Laundry, Raymo’s, Creative Fashions and Fairfield Inn are just a few of the participating merchants.

Fenton Business Coupons will be given out to the first 300 visitors to the show. All proceeds will benefit the Family Life Center and its local ministries. Admission is $2 at the door.

The State Road Arts and Crafts Show will feature more than 160 juried vendors at Fenton High School on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the State Road PTO to help fund scholarships, books and supplies.

This event has become a local holiday tradition in Fenton, according to organizers.
Meet Jack Pray

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Jack Pray is a Vietnam veteran, but the most important role of his life has been his work on the local, state and national level of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The former State Commander of the Michigan VFW, Pray now serves on the National Board of Directors for Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. He and his wife, Bonnie, are Fenton natives and have been married since 1970. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.

Tell me about your military career. I was in the U.S. Navy for 22 years. I quit school at 17 to enlist. I would have been in the Fenton High School Class of ’64, but I went to the Navy instead. My first time to Vietnam was in 1968. I worked on a destroyer in the boiler room. It was a lot of hard work and manual labor. When you’re young and low in rank like I was, you’re at the bottom of the hill. I got out of the Navy in ’68, worked at Buick Motor Division in Flint and got so bored with the job, I re-enlisted. My second tour of duty to Vietnam was in 1972.

I worked my way up to Chief Warrant Officer with 700 sailors under me. I was in charge of all the maintenance and operation of the ship’s boilers, catapults and engine room, everything that makes the ship go. I finally retired at age 42, but that was just the beginning of a number of other careers. I’ve always worked hard.

What was the worst experience of your naval career? I loved seeing the world. When I first enlisted, I was in the basement all the time and didn’t see much. But eventually, we’d take our R&R time to the Philippines, Korea, Japan, New Zealand, etc. My best memories were the times when I’d be coming home and my family would be waiting for me at the pier. Professionally, my most positive experience was back in 1986 when we had bombed Libya in an airstrike in retaliation for terrorist attacks. President Reagan called our ship to congratulate us. I get pretty emotional when I see the veterans who came before me, many of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice. With the ceremony always held on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, it’s hard to get to more than one observance. I get pretty emotional when I see the names of people I know whom we’ve lost.

What were the most positive experiences of your naval career? Have you always been patriotic? My father was a World War II veteran in the Navy’s 2nd Airborne Division. He broke both his legs after parachuting from a plane while training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He ended up being a military police officer, escorting prisoners of war. He was also a Fenton cop for about four years.

Why is your work with the VFW so important to you? Our main goal is to help any honorably discharged veterans get the VA benefits that they earned while in the service. It drives me nuts when people won’t take advantage of the benefits they have earned. People have fought and died for them to get these rights. Our biggest issue as an organization is membership, how to get younger Iraqi and Afghanistan vets involved in the VFW. I know it took us a while for Vietnam vets to get involved.

As a member of the National Board of Directors for the VFW, we have final approval on everything the VFW does nationally. It’s exciting work. I like talking to veterans and working with them.

How do you plan to spend Veterans Day? Bonnie and I always go to the Great Lakes National Cemetery. It’s a chance for us to honor the veterans who came before me, many of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony always held on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, it’s hard to get to more than one observance. I get pretty emotional when I see the names of people I know whom we’ve lost.

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Wine sets festive mood for the holidays

November-December are two biggest months for wine sales

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As the holidays approach, the enjoyment of wine is all about the “sparkle.”

From pricey French champagnes to more affordable Italian astis and moscatos, a festive bottle of wine puts the sparkle on special occasions from Thanksgiving to Christmas to New Year’s.

“We do almost 40 percent of our wine business the last two months of the year,” said Darryl Strong, wine salesman for Great Lakes Wines & Spirits. He’s a familiar face in wine aisles from VG’s Grocery to Wal-Mart and specialty wine shops like Lockes Party Shoppe & Deli and Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop.

Summary
- The holidays are the busiest time for bottled wine sales. Here’s what you need to know before you select a bottle of wine for your own enjoyment, as a gift or when you’re entertaining.

So many choices
- Whether a person is a wine connoisseur or simply enjoys a glass of wine with dinner, the choices on area wine shelves is almost overwhelming. There are bottles from Argentina and Australia and dozens of other countries, ranging from reds and whites to blends of each. Dozens of varietals are marketed and sold under hundreds of names — catering to palates that enjoy sweet wines like rieslings and moscatos to dry wines from merlots to cabernets. “They’re usually lined up on store shelves from sweet to dry,” said Strong. “That’s one way to begin looking for a bottle of wine.”

TOP 10 BEST SELLING wine brands in Michigan
1. Barefoot
2. Sutter Home
3. Woodbridge
4. Boxed wines
5. Yellow Tail
6. Lindemans
7. Beringer California Collection
8. Leelenuau Cellars
9. Gallo Family Vineyards
10. Robert Mendavi Private Select

Source: Great Lakes Wines & Spirits

TOP 5 BEST SELLING wine brands in the U.S.
1. Sutter Home
2. Yellow Tail
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Each year, there are more than 60,000 reported vehicle-deer crashes in Michigan.
-Michigan State Police

Here are some tips to avoid a crash:
• Don’t rely on gimmicks, flashing your high-beam headlights or honking your horn to deter deer.
• Vehicle-deer crashes occur year-round, but be especially alert in spring and fall.
• Deer are herd animals and frequently travel in single file. If you see one deer, chances are there are more waiting.

If a crash is unavoidable:
• Don’t swerve!
• Brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel and bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.
• Pull off the road, turn on your emergency flashers.
• Report the crash to the nearest police agency and your insurance company.

Big bucks spent on big bucks

Our state ranks third in the nation in the number of licensed hunters, with around 750,000 individuals buying a license to hunt in Michigan in any given year. About 90 percent of all hunters in Michigan pursue deer. In 2010, that amounted to 656,500 hunters spending 9.6 million days in the field hunting deer. Studies have estimated deer hunting in Michigan has a more than $500 million annual economic impact on our state, and directly supports more than 5,300 jobs.

Source: Michigan.org

1. Deer have tubular or hollow hairs that provide insulation, allowing them to lie on snow without melting it, as well as creating enough buoyancy for swimming.

2. Deer are graceful and swift runners (up to 35 miles per hour), but do not generally run long distances, preferring to seek the nearest shelter whenever possible.

3. Since antlers are rich in calcium and other nutrients, they are usually eaten by animals such as porcupines, rabbits and rodents soon after they are shed.

4. The size and number of points of a buck’s antlers are primarily dependent upon the amount of nutrients, vitamins and minerals in the deer’s diet, not their age.

5. Deer are color blind, which is why they may not notice humans dressed in “hunter orange.”

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Linden man returns from Afghanistan

Veterans Day has special meaning for Cpl. Jacob Herzog

By Sally Rummel

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Cpl. Jacob Herzog returned to his family’s Linden home in September after a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan as part of the Michigan Army National Guard.

Herzog, 23, was part of the 1st and 125th Infantry Battalion in the Headquarters Company. He was stationed at Forward Operating Base at Kunduz, in the country’s northern region.

His primary mission was Personal Security Detail for high-ranking military personnel, as well as Route Reconnaissance. One year still remains of his six-year contract, during which time he’ll report to official duty one weekend a month.

“Being in the military, especially going to Afghanistan, definitely changed me as a person,” said Herzog. “I’ve become more patriotic and have a whole new appreciation for the U.S. It also made me more disciplined, hard-working and driven to succeed.”

Cpl. Jacob Herzog
Michigan Army National Guard

Summary

Linden native Jacob Herzog has returned home after a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan as part of the Michigan Army National Guard.

The good news about temptation

Yielding to temptation can be costly. A moment of weakness may bring years of regret. It is dangerous to take temptation lightly.

Moses led his people out of their slavery in Egypt to freedom. He endured their complaining and criticism of his leadership and prayed for them when their destruction seemed imminent. But an outburst of temper kept him from leading them into the Promised Land.

David rose from the sheepfold to the throne. He was eminently successful and is still thought of as his nation’s greatest king. But his affair with Bathsheba brought him sorrow and has tainted his reputation through the ages.

Temptation is common to all. And there is nothing sinful or disgraceful about being tempted. It is in yielding to temptation that we miss out on the best in life.

One of the encouraging things about temptation is its universal sameness. Every temptation that comes our way has been experienced by someone else. The setting may not be the same, but the basics of temptation are unchanging. Others may have been called to a different duty one weekend a month.

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The son of Tom and Cheryl Herzog, he is a 2007 graduate of Powers Catholic High School in Flint.

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Veterans are changing, focused more on families

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They may no longer wear a uniform but that doesn’t mean their service has ended. Past service members involved with Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFWs) posts are continually giving back to their community. As nonprofit organizations, VFWs must give back at least 51 percent of their income through monetary donations or services. Visiting hospitals, marching in parades and attending funerals are a few of the numerous ways veterans continue to give back.

“We band together for causes. If there’s an issue that affects veterans, there’s strength in numbers,” said Kenneth Rodenbo of Fenton VFW Post Curtis-Wolverton.

VFW posts were once the hub of activity in communities following World War II. In a period of booming economics and growing families, veterans often gathered and caroused together at local halls, recalling war stories. They were able to relate to each other since they fought in the same war.

But like virtually everything else in America, the wars and economies following WWII have changed attitudes and lifestyles. Vietnam and WWII veterans often clashed, holding different views of what makes a veteran of foreign war honorable. Iraq and Afghanistan veterans have fought a different type of war where the opposition isn’t a clear country or army. But as older veterans are dwindling in numbers, VFWs are expanding their views of membership and are changing their functions to accommodate today’s veterans.

“We’re starting to get some younger guys joining up. When most of these VFWs started, it was kind of a men’s club,” said Pat Munch of Linden VFW Post Price Crane Robinsons. “Today’s veterans prefer their wives and kids to be there. Younger people are more into their own families and doing family things. The men don’t go out as much.”

Today, VFWs get by through membership dues and providing dinners and events such as fish fry’s and bingo nights. Halls are also rented out for weddings and other events.

Rodenbo said younger veterans are having a hard time indentifying with veterans 30 or 40 years older than them. Combined with working odd hours and possibly suffering from post traumatic stress, bridging the gap between older and younger veterans is a challenge that today’s VFWs must face in order to survive.

“What we’re getting now is sporadic recruitment,” Rodenbo said. “The younger veterans are too busy working. They don’t have the luxury of working 8 to 5.”

In addition to camaraderie, a veteran can gain access to medical treatment and assistance at home by joining a VFW. In Fenton, a service officer visits monthly to help members obtain benefits and treatment for service based abnormalities.

Local VFW post members also visit the veteran affairs hospitals in Saginaw and Ann Arbor, ensuring ailing veterans are not forgotten.

“We’re always looking for new members,” said Don Winglemire of the Holly VFW Post Hulet-Bravender. “The WWII individuals are getting thinner and thinner every day. They’re up in their 80’s or even 100’s.”

Veterans interested in joining a VFW are encouraged to contact their local post, as well as those looking to hold an event or are in need assistance.

“We’re hoping younger people will join up and tell us what we need,” Rodenbo said. “We’re willing to change as needed.”

LOCAL VFW POSTS

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Holly resident writes his first novel

Local man uses his work experience in Detroit as setting for suspense romance thriller

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Stephen Goodrum of Holly has written his first novel in only one hour a day. Taking his own advice on how to pursue his dream while working full time, Goodrum took 2½ years to complete his book, but is thrilled with the result — a 341-page suspense romance novel entitled “Blue Water Dead.”

The novel’s setting is Detroit, a city Goodrum knows “inside and out” through his work at St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center — an outreach program for young adults. “I got inspired by some of the young fathers I work with,” said Goodrum. “The story is based on a particular incident that happened in Detroit a couple of years ago. Someone told me that ‘someone should write a story about this,’ so I did.”

Goodrum, 62, is a social worker and ordained minister, who also performs about 50 weddings a year. He has written a novella, “The Perfect Wedding Day,” a comedy comprised of interesting wedding incidents he has either experienced himself or heard about. Goodrum and his wife, Donna, are also working on a novella of Christmas stories entitled, “The Holly Christmas Village.”

“Blue Water Dead” is available for sale in print version at Fenton’s Open Book and Great Lakes Marketplace in Holly. Downloadable versions are for sale through smashwords.com or amazon.com.
WINE
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Wine stores that sell large quantities of wine typically sell which wines move the best, while smaller specialty shops often cater to individual tastes. “I’m always looking for new wines myself that will help me improve the selection we carry here,” said Gus Asmaro, owner of Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop in Fenton. “I enjoy bringing in new wines for people to try. I typically bring in five or 10 new wines each week.”

Fenton Winery & Brewery goes “all out” in wine production for the holidays, offering seasonal choices like cranberry shiraz, mulled red wine and in December, sparkling white wine and chocolate wine — available through Valentine’s Day. “You can buy our wines by the bottle or by the batch,” said owner Ginny Sherr- row. “People can buy gift certificates as a special gift for someone to bottle their own batch of 30 bottles with their own private label.”

Boxed vs. bottled

Wine shoppers may have noticed that the selection of boxed wines has increased over the years, offering economy and freshness over some bottled wines. “Boxed wines stay fresher longer because air never gets to them,” said Strong. “A boxed wine will last the same 10 years from now. However, the holiday area is a slow time for boxed wines because people prefer the quality look of a bottle over a box this time of year.”

Cheap or expensive?

Wines range in price from under $10 per bottle to a mid-range of $10 to $20, then upwards from there. While price isn’t necessarily an indicator of quality, Strong said that wines are like steaks, “the more you spend, the quality goes up,” because of the quality of grapes used. “Higher end wines are made with grapes picked from one vineyard, while lower priced wines use sourced grapes from several regions,” he added. While the average person may not know the difference, a “wine snob” will be able to detect the subtle differences in texture, flavor and richness.

Strong suggests that people read the label to most closely choose a wine that will suit either their own tastes or for others as a gift. “Reading the label will tell you a lot about the wine, what to pair it with and how to serve it,” he said.

IS WINE REALLY GOOD FOR YOU?

Here are 10 health benefits related to drinking red wine:
1. Sleep
2. Longevity
3. Brain health
4. Heart health
5. Reduction of lung cancer risk
6. Reduction of prostate cancer risk
7. Reduction of breast cancer risk with moderate consumption (no more than one to two drinks per day)
8. Fewer colds
9. Anti-inflammation
10. Lower LDL cholesterol

Michigan Pavers & Walls
Earns national award

By Sally Rummel
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Joel Stalo knew he’d have to expand his market area in order to stay in business in Michigan during the turbulent economic years of the mid-to-late 2000s.

As owner of Michigan Pavers & Walls in Fenton, he was awarded bids as far away as Grand Rapids, the Thumb area, Traverse City and more, while keeping its local roots with both commercial and residential jobs. His hard work paid off. Michigan Pavers & Walls was awarded first place for 2012 in commercial/industrial by Hardscape North America, for its work on 5,000 square feet of retaining walls at Caseville Resort & Marine in the Thumb, Michigan Pavers & Walls used Redi-Rock, supplied by Livingston Concrete.

Michigan Pavers & Walls earned an honorable mention last year for its work at St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Grand Rapids, where they shipped marble in from Turkey for the job. Other large commercial work has included the Traverse City Bay Harbor Yacht Club and Lincoln Hills Golf Course in Ludington.


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Stalo currently has four full-time employees, and uses the accounting services of his wife, Lynn. The couple has two children, Joslynn, 6 and Xander, 5.

For more information, call (810) 588-9219 or visit his website at michiganpavers.com.


Gerald C. Sleep (Collins) DeCew 1935-2012 Lois Elaine (Collins) DeCew died Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at Genesis Hospice Care Center. Services will be held 2 PM Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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HOW TO: FOUR METHODS TO clean stainless steel

1. Water and a cloth
   This is the least risky option for cleaning stainless steel. Dry with a towel or cloth to prevent water spots. Wipe in the directions of the polish lines. Microfiber cleaning cloths can be a great option to use when cleaning stainless steel.

2. Mild detergent, (dish washing liquid) and cloth
   For cleaning that needs more power, mild detergent and warm water can do a great job without damaging your stainless steel. Make sure you rinse the surface thoroughly to prevent staining and spotting. Towel dry to prevent water spots which can be caused by minerals in water.

3. Glass cleaner for fingerprints
   Fingerprints are one of the biggest complaints about stainless steel, but can be taken care of by using glass cleaner or household ammonia. Rinse thoroughly and towel dry.

4. Stainless steel cleaner
   Some of these cleaners and polishes can help minimize scratching and remove stains. They also can polish surfaces nicely. Read the directions on the stainless steel cleaner and test in an inconspicuous spot. Be sure to rinse thoroughly and towel dry.

INGREDIENTS
  • 1 T. + 1 t. cooking oil
  • 2-3 T. brown sugar
  • 1/2 t. kosher salt (1/4 teaspoon table salt)
  • 1/4 cup white vinegar
  • 1/4 cup ketchup
  • 1/2 t. koser salt (1/4 teaspoon table salt)
  • 2-3 t. brown sugar
  • 1 T. + 1 t. cooking oil
  • 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1 inch chunks
  • 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into 1 inch chunks
  • 1 t. grated fresh ginger

METHOD
  1. In a bowl, combine the chicken with the egg white, salt and cornstarch. Stir to coat the chicken evenly. Let sit for 15 minutes at room temperature or up to overnight in the refrigerator.
  2. In the meantime, whisk together the pineapple juice, vinegar, ketchup, salt, and brown sugar.
  3. Heat a large frying pan or wok over high heat until a bead of water instantly sizzles and evaporates. Pour in the 1 tablespoon of cooking oil and swirl to coat. It’s important that the pan is very hot. Add the chicken and spread the chicken out in one layer. Let the chicken fry, untoungched for 1 minute, until the bottoms are browned. Flip and fry the other side the same for 1 minute. The chicken should still be pinkish in the middle. Dish out the chicken onto a clean plate, leaving as much oil in the pan as possible.
  4. Turn the heat to medium and add the remaining 1 teaspoon of cooking oil. Let the oil heat up and then add the bell peppers, pineapple chunks and the sweet and sour sauce. Turn the heat to high and when the sauce is simmering, add the chicken pieces back in. Let simmer for 1-2 minutes, until the chicken is done is to take a piece out and cut into it. If it’s pink, add another minute to the cooking. Taste the sauce and add more brown sugar if you’d like.

Yield: Serves 4.

Parents are the best tracking device for teens

DEAR AMY: I have two girls in the seventh and ninth grades. I would like to install one of those GPS location tracking programs on their cellphones, but my wife says that it is deceitful to do it without telling them. My wife would rather believe them and trust their explanation. I don’t see ‘trust’ as being the issue if they don’t come home one night. I would like to know where they are instead of relying upon where they say they are. — Concerned in Wisconsin

DEAR CONCERNED: I am completely, totally and utterly opposed to installing tracking or monitoring technology on kids’ devices without their knowledge. You cannot use technology to mitigate the work (or risks) of parenting. Your kids need to believe that you expect them to be truthful, and if they are not you will find out and they will bear the consequences. You should confirm their whereabouts the old-fashioned way — by getting to know their friends, calling other parents to verify plans, and by driving them from place to place and occasionally showing up early.

DEAR AMY: I’m stressed about Christmas and it isn’t even Thanksgiving yet! We have a large family and a large extended family. We have invited everyone over to our house on Christmas Day for dinner. We love having them for dinner, but we feel weird having them sit around while we open our gifts to one another. Shouldn’t they leave when we start opening our gifts? — Stressed

DEAR STRESSED: The answer seems obvious: You should schedule your large family dinner to happen after, not before, your gift exchange. That way you won’t feel compelled to kick people out of your house in order to rip into your own presents. If your Christmas Day schedule is too crazy to fit everything in, you might want to have a mellower gift exchange with your immediate family on Christmas Eve.

iPhone tip of the week

This isn’t the time for calls!

If someone’s ringing you and you don’t want to take it, simply swipe up on the phone symbol next to Decline and Answer, and you can send a text or add a diary note to return the call. To define advance a custom range of quick-fire texts, go to Settings > Phone > Reply with Message. That’s all there is to it.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2012

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, November 29, 2012 for the purpose of considering a request to rezone the former City of Fenton Fire Hall building, Parcel #53-36-506-206, and portion of Parcel #53-36-506-207, located at the southeast corner of South Leroy Street and Ellen Street, from Parks & Cemeteries to Central Business District (CBD)/Planned Unit Development (PUD). The building is currently owned by the City of Fenton DDA and is proposed to be redeveloped into a restaurant, while the parking lot will remain in public ownership.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed project and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use application is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the project may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk’s office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Brad Hissong, at 810-629-2261.

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A Look back at the TOP 10 SONGS

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1. You Haven’t Done Nothing - Stevie Wonder
2. You Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet - Tony Orlando and Dawn
3. Stop And Smell The Roses - Lynyrd Skynrd
4. Sweet Home Alabama - Lynyrd Skynrd
5. Steppin Out - John Lennon
7. Tin Man - Mac Davis
8. You Haven’t Done Nothin’ - T. & T. Orlando and Dawn
9. You Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet - Stevie Wonder
10. Whatever Gets You Thru The Night - John Lennon

Sunday Sudoku

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or so soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, November 29, 2012 for the purpose of considering a text amendment to Article II, General Provisions, which includes standards pertaining to Personal Ice Rinks.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 S Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the project may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City’s Clerk’s office.

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Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness

Bond 2 Principal Interest
$3,675,000 $252,730

Intial Assessed Value

Ad Valorem homestead | $734,819 |
Ad Valorem non-homestead | $21,346,781 |
Total | $22,081,600 |

Captured Value

Ad Valorem non-homestead | $84,865,720 |

Tax Increment Revenues Received

From Schools | $683,284 |
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THIS WEEK’S OPEN HOUSES

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

FENTON TOWNSHIP

15069 Meadow Lane
(Silver Lake Road W. of Linden to Meadow Condo) Just beyond the City Limits. Nice clean 3 bedroom ranch with 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 1376 sq. ft. Full basement, 2 car garage, oversized deck and a great neighborhood. Beautiful back yard. Ready to move into... hurry will not last long. $139,900
Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481

FENTON TOWNSHIP

13433 Lake Shore
Lake Fenton Waterfront. Beautiful home, built in 2002, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, central air, natural fireplace in living room, Master Suite w/jewel deck. den, bonus room, 2290 sq. ft. + 1306 sq. ft. in finished walkout with 9’ Ceilings, DayLight Windows, complete 2nd living area w/private courtyard, deck, patio, 2 car garage, nice sandy swimming beach and fenced area for pets. Too many amenities to list. $649,900
Call Arlene Chumley 810-265-6500

FENDON TOWNSHIP

11 Emerald Pointe
Very rare opportunity to own private estate on All-Sports Posenah Lake. Home has it all... Dining room w/marble floor, large Chef Kitchen w/electric tile, 4 bedrooms, 6 full baths, 2 half baths, 4 Fireplaces, Theater room, 1st floor laundry, central vacuum, wet bar, lower level walkout with swimming pool, 6’ ceiling and Daylight windows, hot tub, 5 car garage... too many amenities to list. For your private showing, $1,500,000
Call Arlene Chumley 810-265-6500

FENDON TOWNSHIP

13390 Enid
3 Bedroom 2 Story home offering nice sandy beach and breathtaking views, large rooms with bedroom and study on main floor, 1728 sq. ft., full basement, enclosed porch and 2 car garage. Newer deck, roof, carpet, paint and drywall. Also available buildable lot across street. Sold separately for $90000. $575,000
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FENDON TOWNSHIP

13900 End
LAKE FENTON
3 Bedroom 2 Story home offering nice sandy beach and breathtaking views, large rooms with bedroom and study on main floor, 1728 sq. ft., full basement, enclosed porch and 2 car garage. Newer deck, roof, carpet, paint and drywall. Also available buildable lot across street. Sold separately for $90000. $575,000
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FENDON TOWNSHIP

13996 End
118 FEET ON LAKE FENTON. Executive Estate with Luxurious Custom Amenities, Grand Mansion. Cathedral ceilings, gas log fireplace in Great room, 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, 1st and 2nd floor laundry, 3682 sq. ft. + 1000 sq. ft. in finished basement, in ground pool with outdoor shower, outdoor sound system, large deck for entertaining, 3 car garage. Game room over garage. Location and view is a must. $649,900
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FENDON TOWNSHIP

3311 Creekview
4 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, nice lake view. This beautifully landscaped 3500 sq. ft. home is on a very nice street. Contact a Legacy Professional today. $219,900
Call Shelia Rhoades 810-348-7357

FENDON TOWNSHIP

205 N. Addison
2 car detached garage, and rent the upstairs. 1st floor living room and kitchen area. Attic/loft. Upstairs unit has a kitchenette, living room and bedroom, basement with laundry. 1773 sq. ft. total and 2 car detached garage. Land contract terms. 10% down, $300 per month, 7% interest and 5 years. $40,000

FENDON TOWNSHIP

998 E. Southfield
Seclusion on 4 bedroom lot. This custom built ranch is in a very nice neighborhood. House is 1926 sq. ft. This home has been updated with new windows, new kitchen, Master Bath and 2nd bedroom bath, 1st floor laundry, 1842 sq. ft. basement, central air, 968 sq. ft. enclosed lower level, and fenced yard. Lot on 6 acres with all the storage for toys and tools a guy could ask for. 2 car detached garage with finished workshop + another 2 car garage/pole building. $219,900
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

LINDEN TOWNSHIP

350 Sargent Rd
2 Car Garage, Central Air. 1368 sq. ft. Basement is unfinished, 2 car garage, covered porch and lovely views from deck. $109,900
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

VACANT LAND

Van Vleet Road, Gaines Twp, $35,000, 3.75 acres zoned residential offers country living, but close to: Swartz Creek, Swartz Creek Schools, electric, gas and cable are available. Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

11481 Lake Road, Montrose Twp, $18,000, 5.29 acres, lot in 80% wooded, build your dream home, Montrose Schools, possible Land Contract and sewer available. Call Frank Cramer 810-868-5701

Dufield Road, Gaines, Twp, 45,000 Great corner location on Grand Blanc and Dufield Zoned C-2 or residential. High traffic corner and paved roads. Call Bob Cole 810-625-8229

3311 Creekside, Davison Twp, $49,900. Davison Schools. Rivershire Subdivision. Beautiful lot in an area of prestigious homes, ready for your dream home, underground utilities. Call Cam Gonzales 810-348-4029

Katrine Drive, Tyrone Twp, $24,900. Rare Final Subdivision of beautiful homes in Katrine Hills, ready in a few years. Call John Voss 810-629-8200

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