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Good-bye to Andrico's building



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Demolition of the building that once housed O'Malley's Galley and Andrico's on Owen Road at U.S. 23 began on Monday. A worker with ProEx, Inc., the company razing the building, said it will take around a week to complete. Demolition is making way for Boston's — The Gourmet Pizza, which is expected to open this spring in a new building.

Lake Fenton community stunned by student's death

► Funeral services set for high school freshman stricken with flu-like symptoms

By Sharon Stone

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The Lake Fenton community is mourning the death of a second person in two weeks. This time the victim was a high school student, who died from the flu virus.



Joshua Polehna

Lake Fenton High School freshman Joshua Polehna died Saturday, Jan. 5 at C.S. Mott Childrens Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 15.

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Two cases of chickenpox at Lake Fenton High School

Not only are schools responding to an increased number of flu-related illness, Lake Fenton High School reported on Tuesday that it has two confirmed cases of chickenpox.

Chickenpox is an acute contagious viral disease, caused by the herpes varicella zoster virus. Once a person has the disease, they usually have lifetime immunity.

See **CHICKENPOX** on 6

When you need a tow truck

► Roadside assistance usually inexpensive, indispensable

By William Axford

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Few things can be as terrible as getting stranded in winter. With a few more months of freezing temperatures and dwindling sunlight, standing on the side of the road with a disabled vehicle is the last place you want to be.

Thankfully, these days roadside assistance comes with most car insurance policies, and at a reasonable price.

"It's very inexpensive to have, See **TOW** on 11



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tow hooks are a common tool for recovering vehicles.

Creosote causing rash of chimney fires

Fire chief

► 'Get them cleaned'

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Before the next homeowner lights that wood burning fireplace or stove, they might want to make sure it has been inspected and cleaned of any creosote build-up, if necessary.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said his department was called to a home on Dooley Drive at 9:09 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4 on a report of a chimney fire. A neighbor

spotted the flames and called 911 while the homeowner was trying to extinguish the fire, said Volz.

"Get them cleaned," said the fire chief. Between his department and Fenton city's fire department, firefighters have responded to about eight chimney fires in less than a week.

The homeowner on Dooley Drive told firefighters that his chimney had last been inspected and cleaned about 18 months ago. The fireplace was a traditional wood-burning fireplace. Fireplaces with gas inserts burn clean and do not have the creosote build-up



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Fenton Township firefighters work to put out a chimney fire on Dooley Drive on Friday, Jan. 4. The chimney had a build-up of creosote.





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Want to lose weight in 2013?



► Start small and choose a nutrition plan you can live with for a lifetime

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Whether you're looking to take off a small holiday weight gain or need to lose more than just a few pounds, dieting in 2013 is all about choices.

You can count calories or points, or let a smartphone app keep track of the numbers for you. You can join Weight Watchers for group support or meet with a dietician one-on-one. You can join local groups, like the Center for Medical Weight Loss at the Fenton Medical Center, or follow an herbal supplement diet at Nutrition Stop in Linden.

For even more privacy, you can go online

to a number of different sites that will track your daily progress for you, like myfitnesspal.com or sparkpeople.com. You can use hi-tech gadgets to help you measure your success along the way, or keep a simple food journal to track your daily progress.

How to digest all the diet information that is available out there today is mind-boggling, but the most important thing is your own mindset

about getting started. McLaren-Flint dietician Sarah Easlick recommends that you start your new eating plan with small changes, rather than trying to overhaul your entire diet overnight.

"Focus on adding more fruits and vegetables, aiming for five a day," she said. "Make physical activity a part of your everyday routine by choosing activities you like

See **WEIGHT** on 9

Summary

► How to pick the best diet plan for you? Start small, and choose an eating plan that you can stick with for a lifetime.

Most popular getaways

► Let your 2013 travel fun begin with several exciting destinations

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Not every memorable travel experience has to be a full-blown two-week vacation. When you're planning your getaways for 2013, be sure to include some mini-trips along the way — extending weekends by a day or two and seeing more while spending less.

While heading "up north" or going to Chicago, Toronto or New York City often come to mind for weekend destinations, there are plenty of other "hot spots" to get excited about.

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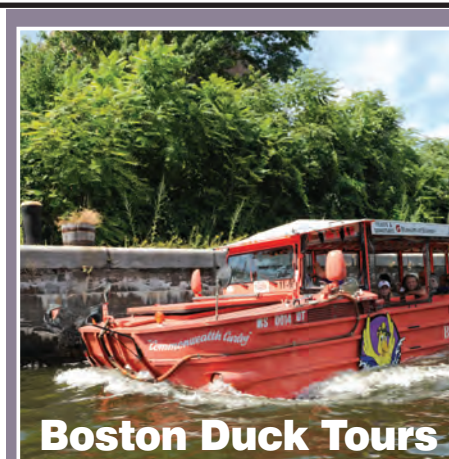
"Niagara Falls is just beautiful

in the winter," said Cheri Church, of Travel Brokers, Inc. in Fenton. "The falls take on a frosted effect with the snow and ice and they're illuminated at night with colored lights. The Marriott Inn overlooking the falls has romantic floor to ceiling windows that make the views spectacular."

Other than the Maids of the Mist boats being out of season, it's "business as usual" at Niagara Falls, Ontario, with other area attractions, businesses, restaurants and shopping open. "It's about a five-hour drive, or you can catch a Via Rail train in Windsor, Ontario," said Church.

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Top 10 Weekend Getaways
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More of the same

Everything that citizens loathe about Washington was present in the 'fiscal cliff' bill just passed by Congress. It is 153 pages long; most members probably hadn't read all of it before voting on it; it was delivered in the middle of the night; it was loaded with pork and massive giveaways to satisfy interest groups and campaign contributors. It does nothing to address the debt problem.

As with previous congresses, this one delayed the debt issue for two months and will have to face it again, along with what to do about the debt ceiling. Only expletives that can't be printed in a family newspaper accurately characterize this bunch.

We've seen it all before. In 1982, congressional Democrats promised President Reagan '\$3 in spending cuts for every \$1 in tax hikes.' Reagan agreed. He got the tax hikes immediately, but had his political pocket picked when Democrats never came through with the spending cuts.

Just like the smear that Republicans are anti-woman because they oppose spending tax dollars on free contraceptives and abortion, or lack compassion for the poor because they oppose increasing federal programs that don't actually help the poor, Republicans get trapped into voting to increase taxes in exchange for more empty promises to cut spending. And the country is the one that loses.

Eighty-five Republicans voted for the monstrous bill (151 stood on principle and voted against it) because their leaders said that if they didn't it would hurt the party's chances in the next election.

Nothing changes.

The country should make up its mind. Do we want a government that lives within the boundaries of the Constitution — limited, financially stable and spending only on what the Constitution says it should — or, do we want a nation whose initials should be changed to ATM, dispensing goodies to any and all without regard to the financial health and welfare of this and future generations?

Passage of this bill seems to indicate the choice has been made and ATM has won. It is a sorry affair for which we, and future generations, will be sorry, indeed.

TO THE PERSON

looking for someone to deliver wood - call (810) 577-6647. Nice young man and very helpful.

YOU SEEMED TO have forgotten the depression we have suffered with under Barack Obama for four years. And just so you know, Abe Lincoln was a proud Republican.

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is abusing her child, whether it is verbal or physical, and you don't tell the right people, you are only protecting a monster. I did but I'm only one person and I was not believed. They believed the monster. Please tell what you see and hear.

I LOVE ALL your 'Smart Solutions.' I am going to try the Repeating Salt solution today. Thanks.

YOU CATHOLICS THAT voted for the re-election of the president, go to the White House website and sign the petition that condemns Pope Benedict XVI's address to the College of Cardinals and the Catholic Church. Signers also declare the Catholic Church an official 'hate group.' Glad you voted for him?

WHAT IS FENTON thinking having Medilodge come to a residential area. Andover Woods, Sixth Street, Eddie Lake we need to go to the council meeting on Jan 14 and say no!

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THE PRESIDENT SAID when campaigning, I will not raise taxes one

penny except on the rich. Have you looked at your F.I.C.A. lately. This is just the beginning of more taxes on all wage earners. Still happy you voted for him?

I THOUGHT THE 'Gone' article in Sunday's issue was interesting. However, I do believe that the airline section contained inaccuracies. Northwest merged with Delta. Air Tran is now Southwest.

WHERE DO YOU people get your facts? The Obamas have not had to give up their licenses to practice law. Check www.snopes.com/politics/obama/lawlicenses.asp. Please do not say things that are not true. Look first then comment.

WHEN I MOVED here 15 years ago, I thought what a great place to live and raise kids. Now I'm thinking differently. Nowhere have I seen such close-minded people that have no desire to move forward but only to teach our children Republican thinking.

I WANT TO thank the nice stranger who paid my \$3.79 bill at Burger King on Silver Parkway on Dec. 13.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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A hidden side to Honey Boo Boo

It was hardly surprising for Time magazine to choose President Barack Obama to be its 'Person of the Year.' But for a new face that represents the spirit of these times, I believe a serious argument can be made for TLC's pint-sized reality — TV star, Honey Boo Boo.

Hear me out. It was a year of political, economic, meteorological and — if you believed the Mayan calendar rumors — apocalyptic uncertainty. What better place for anxious Americans to turn than to the low-income world of the Honey Boo Boo.

In case you have been totally disconnected from the corner of pop culture that contains TLC's 'Here Comes Honey Boo Boo' — the main attraction is little Honey Boo Boo. She preens for the cameras, chugs mama's 'go-go juice' (a combo of Mountain Dew and Red Bull) and offers up such wince-inducing catchphrases as, 'A dolla' makes me holla!'

Not my idea of must-see TV, yet the show popped up on my decidedly unhip (just ask my kid) radar screen when it scored higher ratings in the coveted 18-to-49 age bracket on cable TV news channels than the live coverage of the Republican and Democratic conventions.

Since then she has been named to Barbara Walters list of her 'most fascinating people of 2012,' and TLC has renewed the program for a second season — plus specials for those viewers who just can't get enough of the little attention magnet.

Yet, as a black American, I cannot help but wonder whether a show like 'Here Comes Honey Boo Boo' about, say, a low-income black family and their sassy child wouldn't be hounded off the air as simply too embarrassing for just about everybody.

Americans could laugh at a 1970s sitcom like 'Good Times' about a fictitious working-poor black family, but the reality of real-life poor black families, no matter how charming their children, might be tough for even for reality TV to find entertaining.

That's the hidden side of Honey Boo Boo: It is easier to laugh at people who already appear to be laughing at themselves.

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"The movies in Brighton. I just went and saw 'Les Miserables' and loved it."

— Debbie Ream, Fenton



"Going to the casino. We spend what we can and always have a good time, I like Little River a lot."

— Dennis Wasik, Linden



"I just went to the Pistons game last weekend and that was my getaway."

— Marilyn Neil, Fenton



"Frankenmuth. We love to window shop and visit Bronners."

— Rick Pratt, Holly



"Up North in the fall. We just drive until we find a nice motel to stay at for the night."

— Leslie Scott, Fenton Township



"Petosky. They have great shops and restaurants."

— Glenda Rhoden, Fenton

Former employee charged with shooting out windows

►Fenton and Holly businesses damaged by gunfire

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A 23-year-old Fenton man remains lodged at the Genesee County Jail after being arraigned on a two-count felony charge for shooting out the windows of a Fenton restaurant.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said Philip Aitken was charged on Jan. 3 with malicious destruction of property over \$1,000 and firing a weapon from a motor vehicle. The charges stem from an incident reported on Dec. 22, 2012.

One of the owners of The Laundry called Fenton police to report that three of the building's windows on the north side had been shot out. Police recovered small caliber bullets that were believed to be the ones used to shoot at the windows.

On Dec. 26, 2012, at 1 p.m. Fenton police learned that there had been a

similar incident reported at a pub in Holly. No injuries were reported.

Detectives developed a suspect, who was formerly employed by both restaurants. Police believe that Aitken used a 22-caliber rifle to damage The Laundry, as well as the pub in Holly. Damage at The Laundry was estimated at \$1,048.

The case was presented to the Genesee County prosecutor's office, which in turn authorized the two-count felony warrant. Holly police and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office will be seeking separate charges for the Holly incident.

Aitken has a preliminary exam set for Jan. 16. A cash surety bond of \$5,000, which Aitken failed to post, was ordered on each count.

Aitken is also facing a drug crime from an Aug. 29, 2012 incident in Fenton City, according to Slater. He was charged with delivery of oxycodone and was arraigned on Dec. 28, 2012. His preliminary exam was to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8.



Philip Aitken

Board rethinks torching Frank's Tavern

►Former restaurant to be demolished

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Fenton Township — Frank's Tavern may not be incinerated after all. The former restaurant was set to be a training ground for the Fenton Township Fire Department and then demolished after use. Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis advised against the plans at Monday's Board of Trustees meeting, citing possible asbestos in the walls and oil tanks beneath the building.

The well-being of nearby neighbors is another reason Mathis does not want to see Frank's Tavern, located at 14331 Eastview Drive, blazed by firefighters.

"There's a gentleman who lives real

close who's on oxygen. I worry about that," Mathis said. "I worry about what's under the ground. That building is old. I would feel safer demolishing it than setting it on fire."

Since closing its doors in May 2010, township officials claim Frank's Tavern has become a destination for drug use and is a continual point of vexation for neighbors. The former restaurant was established in the early '30s and was renowned for its seafood.

Township Clerk Robert Krug said that there is an existing rumor of a 20,000-gallon oil tank and 50,000-gallon grease tank in the ground below.

"I don't want an enormous explosion," Mathis said.

In December, Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz estimated demolition

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Summary

►After considering factors such as possible oil tanks and asbestos, Fenton Township officials are thinking of demolishing Frank's Tavern rather than allowing firefighters to use the building for training.

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like wood-burning stoves and fireplaces, said Volz. "They got lucky," said Volz. "Damage was contained to the flue only. We kept water out of the house."

Volz said when firefighters arrived, flames were shooting up about 3 to 4-feet out of the chimney. "It's like a blow torch," he said. Crews were on-site for about two hours as the flames continued to reignite.

Firefighters' biggest fear is that fire will compromise the chimney's liner

and brick and spread into the attic and walls.

In addition to this chimney fire, Fenton Township responded to one on Ray Road on Saturday. Chimney fires also occurred at homes on Charluene Drive in Fenton and a few in Tyrone Township.

To get homeowners started on their search for a chimney sweep, they might want to consider calling Stan's Fireplace at (866) 293-4316 or D & R Chimney Sweep at (800) 645-8010. When calling any chimney sweep, make sure to ask if they are licensed and insured.

CHICKENPOX**Continued from Front Page****What are the symptoms?**

Chickenpox usually begins with a slight fever, general flu or cold-like symptoms, followed by crops of a red pimple-like rash. Within a few hours, the rash changes to water-filled blisters, then pus-filled blisters, which form a scab three to four days later.

The rash spreads over the body and can appear on mucous membranes, such as the mouth, throat and eye. The rash can have several stages present at the same time and is very itchy.

How is it spread?

The virus is spread by breathing the virus from moisture droplets from sneezing or coughing or by coming into direct contact with the fluid in the blisters on objects soiled by the person with chickenpox. Signs usually appear two to three weeks after exposure, averaging 14-16 days. People are most contagious one to two days before rash erupts continuing until all lesions are crusted.

How is it diagnosed and treated?

See your primary care provider for evaluation. The physician may recommend lotions, bath preparations or medications to relieve itching. Keeping the fingernails short can prevent scratching and infecting the rash. Acetaminophen or ibuprofen may ease fever and discomfort.

How can chickenpox be prevented?

The varicella vaccine is effective in preventing disease or reducing severity of disease. All children attending day care and school are required to have one dose of varicella vaccine or documented history of the disease. Persons more than 13 years old require two doses of vaccine four to eight weeks apart.

Are there complications?

Most people recover without any problems, however, in persons with immunity disorders, the liver, brain and kidney can be damaged, or death can occur and severe complications can occur. Bacterial infections can occur from scratching the rash.

Should the sick child be isolated?

Patients should be isolated until lesions have crusted over, not more than 10 days.

When can the child return to day care or school?

When the person feels well and all lesions are dry and crusted, not more than 10 days.

Should schools do special cleaning?

Special cleaning is not necessary. Routine cleaning with EPA approved products is recommended. Call the Genesee County Health Department at (810) 257-3612 for additional information or personal physician.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

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judge**Michigan's newest
Emergency Manager Law**

It is an unfortunate fact of life that Michigan's economy has not been doing well over the past few years.

Certainly, hopes are high for a recovery and better days ahead.

Of course, this isn't the first time that our state's economic fortunes have taken a turn for the worse and historically the State Legislature has enacted laws to address economic issues.

An example of this is the passage in 1990 of Public Act 72 of 1990 (the Local Government Fiscal Responsibility Act) when Michigan was in a recession and there were concerns that certain local units of government and school districts could need state intervention in the form of an emergency financial manager in order to survive and to continue to provide essential governmental services.

A number of cities, a village and a school district had emergency financial managers appointed under this law.

This law was replaced by Public Act 4 of 2011 (the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act) which created the position of an 'emergency manager' with expanded powers. On Aug. 8, 2012, this law was suspended with the certification by the Michigan Board of Canvassers of a ballot proposal to allow the question of its continuation to be put on the November 2012 ballot for a vote of the people.

This second Act was voted down and the 1990 Act again became the law.

A few days ago, a third Emergency Manager Act was signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder. The Local Financial Stability and Choice Act (Public Act 436 of 2012) takes effect on March 27, 2013.

Under this newest law all emergency financial managers or emergency managers appointed under previous laws remain. Additionally, cities and school districts that are financially troubled will now have four options — an emergency manager, mediation, a state supervised financial consent agreement or Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

Reportedly, challenges will be made to this newest law. For a fuller explanation of this Act go to the Michigan legislative website for the legislative analysis of Senate Bill 865 of the 2011-2012 session.

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On Friday, Jan. 4, Fenton police responded to a home in the 8000 block of North East Street to investigate a larceny from automobile complaint. The 57-year-old victim said sometime between 6 p.m. on Jan. 2 and 7 a.m. on Jan. 3, someone entered his unlocked vehicle, which was parked in his driveway, and stole a large sum of cash from the center console. The victim said this was a rare occasion of leaving his vehicle unlocked and that he had forgotten about the cash. Police have no suspects.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

A buyer should know what vehicle they can afford before going shopping. Many dealerships, like Lasco Ford in Fenton provide financing, as do banks and credit unions.

From showroom to driveway

►The steps it takes to get the keys to your new ride

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In December 2012, at least 1.3 million people bought new vehicles in the U.S. That's a lot of money changing hands, loans administered and hopefully happy customers.

According to truecar.com, retail sales of vehicles were up 9.2 percent in December 2012, over December 2011. Used car sales in December were estimated to be 3,349,510, up 6.6 percent from December 2011 and up 13.0 percent from November 2012.

Buying a vehicle requires filling out at least a few forms, and more with financing. It can be overwhelming and stressful if you're not familiar with the process.

"It's the largest purchase other than a house, you need to treat it with the same respect," said Mike Rogers, sales manager for Lasco Ford in Fenton. A buyer over 18 is signing a legal binding contract. "When you drive off, you own it. If it's 'as is,' and the car breaks in half on the way home, you own both halves."

The first step in purchasing the vehicle is turning in financial information. Current pay stubs, proof of residence and if self-employed, three months of bank statements and two years of tax returns.

If you work at more than one job, the dealership will want contact information for them. Some scenarios will require work history.

The potential buyer will need to fill out a credit application, which will help to determine the potential interest rate, or if the person can get financing. Rogers said the dealership is required to send the buyer a credit score disclosure. Along with the disclosure will be a privacy statement, which will let the

buyer know the dealership is compliant with privacy laws.

If credit is denied, an "adverse action" letter will be sent to the home, or given verbally after the credit report is issued. "You just didn't get a loan at that time," said Rogers, adding that a loan is still completely possible and the form is part of "red flag" policy laws.

Buyers that decide to speak with their financial institution before car hunting may find that they have an advantage in the showroom. "They know they have the loan, sometimes that's good for a bargaining chip," said Dan Harp, Dort Federal Credit Union vice president of lending. He would suggest taking this route over going to a dealer first.

"If you're out looking for cars before financing, that's probably the backwards way to do it," he said. At the bank, you can essentially learn what your budget is, by finding out what kind of loan is available to you.

This echoes what Rogers believes. He recommends that a first-time car buyer be pre-approved through a lending institution.

When applying for a loan, much of the same proof is needed as going directly through a dealership. A list of bills and what the payments are will be needed for an auto loan. Your credit score is part of what determines your interest rate. Sometimes the loan you want may be unobtainable without a higher down payment.

Things can get sticky if you are buying a car from an individual that has a lien, or you are trading in a vehicle that still has a lien on it. A lien is a right to keep property belonging to another person until a debt is paid.

Harp said if a lien is left on the car you own that exceeds its worth, that difference could be added to your new

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Summary

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Fenton in strong economic position

►City's revenue down \$380,000 this year, but expenditures cut to match

By Ryan Tackabury

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Fenton — "People always ask about an audit, 'what about all of the good things we do?' That's kind of the unfortunate part of the audit, is we point out things we see wrong," Alan Panter, of Abraham & Gaffney, said to the Fenton City Council on Monday night.

Despite the above statement, Fenton city's annual audit detailed a city in a strong economic position in rough economic times.

"The audit went very well this year, the city was well prepared," Panter said. "We're giving an unqualified or a clean opinion, that's the best opinion that you can get."

The major dilemma facing the city is the decrease in property taxes. According to the audit, revenue this year was down \$380,000 — or about 7 percent from last year.

While the total amount of revenue coming into the city has decreased by over \$1 million since 2008, the city's expenditures have fallen in line to match. The city has also still managed to continue to grow their total fund balance.

The city currently has an unassigned fund balance of \$1,824,928, which is available for future expenditures. This amounts to about 37 percent of this year's expenditures.

"It's a pretty healthy percentage," Panter said. "We usually recommend a minimum of 15 to 20 percent just for cash flow purposes, but also that additional fund balance is good to have in times of economic uncertainty."

The cuts in spending have come from across the board. "There is less being spent across the board, except for public works, so you are still making those investments in the community," Panter said. Public works makes up 4 percent of the city's expenditures.

"One thing to notice is that we didn't

lose any services. Our services are still excellent," said Councilman Les Bland.

Where the audit revealed the city was lacking, was the lack of a process to document approval of journal entries that are posted into the city's general ledger. According to the audit report, the city may incur a higher risk of fraudulent transactions occurring and not being detected without such a process.

Councilwoman Cheryl King described the documentation of journal entries as a check and balance. Mayor Sue Osborn agreed, saying the checks and balances are important.

City Manager Lynn Markland said that he would address the issue.

Another issue the audit raised is that some activities of the city exceeded the amounts set aside in their budgets. "This is the single most common finding that we have as auditors. It is very difficult to anticipate every single invoice that comes in," Panter said. The audit report recommends that the city more closely monitor those expenditures to make budget amendments as needed.

Overall, Panter said that the city is in a good position, and doing well with limited staffing.

Those employed by the city are an essential part of the city's financial situation, according to Markland. "Considering the revenue loss from the last couple of years, we continue to be in pretty good shape. That's really a tribute to the department heads and the employees we have. They have done a good job," he said.

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GETAWAYS

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

Memphis is more than just a tribute to Elvis Presley at his Graceland estate, although that is definitely worth the trip. However, what makes Memphis a stand-out city for a weekend visit is this city's jazz heritage, birthplace of rock 'n roll at Sun Records (home to the "Million Dollar Quartet") and its famous southern-style barbecue. "You can spend three nights in Memphis and have an amazing experience," said Church.

If cooking is your passion, you can enjoy a three-hour workshop (or six-week series) at the Viking Cooking School in Memphis any month of the year. Topics range from knife skills to sauces, barbecues, French-style cooking, cooking in Italy, cookies from around the world, gingerbread houses, sushi — just about any style of cooking or culinary basic skills. For a schedule of cooking classes, visit www.vikingcookingsschool.com. They also have locations in Anchorage, Atlanta, Baton Rouge, Nashville, Salt Lake City, to name a few.

BOSTON, MASS.

Whether history is your passion or you're looking for a magnificent waterfront and an abundance of New England seafood, Boston just may be your perfect destination. "It's a beautiful walking city," said Church. "There's a vibrant air about Boston as a university town." Boston is home to 52 schools of higher learning, including Harvard, the oldest college in the U.S.

Its location on the harbor offers endless seafood dining and an abundance of outdoor cafes. An historic 2.5-mile brick lined Freedom Trail leads you to 16 Revolutionary War sights. You can visit Boston by land and by sea by going on a World War II amphibious tour boat dubbed the Boston Duck Tours.

UP NORTH

For popular destinations closer to

home, Church recommends family-friendly Traverse City. Even in the winter it can be a fun place to visit, especially staying at a resort like the Great Wolf Lodge, which has 11 locations throughout the U.S. and Ontario, Canada.

Top 10 popular getaways

Source: *Forbes.com*

- 1. Austin, Texas** — with more live music venues than anywhere else in the U.S., home to Austin City Limits.
- 2. New Orleans, Louisiana** — the most European city in the U.S., with eating and strolling in the heart of the city.
- 3. Indianapolis, Indiana** — the most sportscentric city in the U.S.
- 4. Denver, Colorado** — not only a skiing destination, but its downtown explodes with hotels, restaurants and attractions.
- 5. Boston, Massachusetts** — a destination for history, seafood, harbor life, "America's most walkable city."
- 6. San Diego, California** — a big city with small town charm, best weather and best beaches.
- 7. Charleston, South Carolina** — voted the friendliest city in the U.S., lots of history, restaurants.
- 8. Memphis, Tennessee** — the home of Graceland, southern barbecue and jazz.
- 9. Nashville, Tennessee** — the home of country music, including the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame.
- 10. Seattle, Washington** — big city that feels cozy, food has become a passion here.

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car loan. Some sales will require proof that a vehicle from a private seller has no lien before a loan can be given.

Another thing buyers must consider, said Harp, is insurance. How much will this vehicle cost in insurance? In general, a bank or credit union will not offer a loan unless the vehicle has full coverage insurance, and insurance companies will not offer basic coverage on a vehicle unless the lending bank gives it its OK. Harp suggests making a call to let the agency know what you're buying, and who is lending. Dort Federal requires full coverage on auto loans over \$2,000.

Once financing is secured and a car

is chosen, the financial institution will need a purchase order form from the dealer — this includes the full price of the vehicle. It can be physically taken to the lender or faxed. Many cases, the deal can be closed over the phone.

After the purchase agreement is received, the bank will review all documents, said Rogers. The certified check would be sent to the dealer. Once payment is received, the car is yours and repayment is done based on what arrangement you've set up with either the dealer or the lender.

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WEIGHT

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so you'll stick with it. If you use the 'buddy system' within your family or with a friend, you can encourage each other and celebrate the small accomplishments you make."

In addition to adding more produce, other nutritional trends this year include choosing minimally processed foods, focusing on the quality of the nutrition of each food you eat, not just the calories. Many dietitians are using MyPlate.gov to counsel their clients on healthy eating. MyPlate replaces the former food pyramid established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the national standard for nutrition.

If you'd like to follow a more formal diet plan, here are the top rated plans for 2013, as rated by U.S. News & World Report. To be rated, a diet had to be relatively easy to follow, nutritious, safe and effective for weight loss and against diabetes and heart disease.

• **Weight Watchers** was tops in commercial weight loss diet programs. Its emphasis on group support and counting points based on a food's protein, fiber, carbohydrate and fat content provides

“Focus on adding more fruits and vegetables, aiming for five a day. Make physical activity a part of your everyday routine by choosing activities you like so you'll stick with it.”

Sarah Easlick,
Registered Dietician at McLaren-Flint

sound nutrition. An online program, smart phone app and hi-tech gadgetry keeps it up-to-date for all age groups. Meetings are available locally at the Fenton Weight Watchers center. Cost: enrollment fee of \$25, plus \$14 per week, with many discounts available. Covered by some health plans.

• **Jenny Craig, The Biggest Loser and Raw Foods Diet** all tied for the number two spot.

Jenny Craig is a commercial weight-loss program built around pre-packaged foods and weekly one-on-one counseling. For more information, visit jennycraig.com.

The Biggest Loser Diet is based on the hit TV show. Diet follows a Biggest

Loser book, with a special food pyramid and exercise tips.

The Raw Foods Diet is based upon a dominantly uncooked fruit and vegetable diet, although some people may include uncooked animal products. Fresh fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds and herbs in their whole, natural state are the mainstay of this diet plan.

The government-endorsed DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) snagged the top spot for Overall Best Diet — not necessarily designed for weight loss, but users will likely shed a few pounds by following it closely.

For more information about other highly-rated diet plans, visit health.us-news.com.

I'll bet you that I can lose more

Another interesting new health twist is wagering for weight loss. Using a website like dietbet.com, you can pool a bet with others over a four-week period, then the person who loses the most weight wins the pot of money. Shown recently on the Today Show, participants in a work setting enjoyed the camaraderie and accountability of losing weight with their peers, similar to a "buddy system," and were said to be five times more successful than trying to lose weight on their own.



Best free weight loss apps for smartphones



Lose It — this free app lets you look up food to track calories and exercise in the same

app. Just input your current weight and your goal weight, and "lose it!" It gives a fairly accurate estimate of calories to eat and how long it will take to meet your goal. It also has an online support community. Virtual badges are sent to users who meet their goals.



Locavore — tells you what's in season and uses your phone's GPS to find the closest places to buy locally grown, in-season produce.



Fooducate — helps you spot tricky non-healthy foods just by scanning the barcode

for a rating based on calories, sugar and processing techniques. Also offers you healthier alternatives.



My Fitness Pal — takes your weight, height, goal weight and lifestyle, then

gives its recommendations. It breaks up your big goal into a smaller goal one month from now, and also accesses calories counts and nutritional information from restaurants.



NIKE Training Club — this free personal trainer has a 30 to 45 minute timed workouts

for cardio, toning and strength, videos for each move and a voiceover talking you through the workout. It even pulls music from your own play lists to keep you motivated.



Endomondo — tracks your route via Google maps, if you're a runner, biker or walker,

then tracks your workout history to compare later.

Source: Forbes.com



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Spell it out

►Scrabble tournament at Loose Senior Citizen Center gives outlet for enthusiasts

By Olivia Dimmer

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Linden — Melissa Routzahn stares intently at her opponent across a small wooden table. With the clock running and Routzahn waiting, Jeff Clark ponders

the seven letters he has in front of him- A-U-D-T-O-R-S. One measly vowel away from spelling his way to victory. Challenges like this are the kind Clark, a Linden

Scrabble enthusiast, lives for.

"I started playing in Scrabble competitions when I went to MSU in the '70s," Clark said. "But I've always been a game-player."

Both Clark and Routzahn participated in the quarterly Scrabble tournament that was held at the Loose Senior Citizen Center this past weekend. When the tournament was done and all the scorecards were collected Margaret Sutherland and Dan Stock sent off the scores to the North American Scrabble Players Association (NASPA).

"We won't have just one winner here today," Sutherland, who helped to organize the event, said. "Each player



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Jeff Clark of Linden (left) and Paul Epstein of Ann Arbor take a game pause with Scrabble tournament organizer Margaret Sutherland at the Loose Senior Citizen Center on Sunday. Epstein had successfully contested Clark's word "volemic," so Clark lost 112 points. Both players have more than 30 years of experience.

is matched up to another in the same division, so people play others of their skill level."

These tournaments take place as quarterly events, the one this past weekend being the New Year's Outlook tournament. Sutherland said that she manages the list of entries and helps to hand out awards such as first and second in the division and minor awards such as highest scoring word and biggest loss.

"There are more rules and regulations in these games than in Scrabble you would play at home," Sutherland said. "Players play one-on-one and they can

challenge one another's word by typing it into a computer. If the word is not approved, their opponent loses a turn. If the word is valid, the person who challenged the word loses a point."

Scrabble stories

In December 2010, Clark intended to drive to Guelph, Ontario, Canada for a Scrabble Tournament for a one-day trip. Instead, he and hundreds of other motorists became stranded on Highway 402 for nearly 30 hours. Snowmobile club members rescued the stranded motorists and once roads were cleared drivers and their vehicles were reunited.

Among about 39 other Scrabble players that were in attendance on Saturday afternoon, which Sutherland described as the 'best day to be there' in the tournament, were players that came from all over the state and country. Among those visitors from Canada and Ohio was Routzahn, an Illinois native and a Scrabble champion in her state.

"I drink a lot of coffee and use computer study programs like 'Zyzzzyva' to build up my personal dictionary," Routzahn said. "To be a state champion you have to play a lot of games and most importantly you have to love it."

To get involved with the next Scrabble tournament, Clark encourages potential members to attend their weekly Tuesday meeting at the Capital Coney Island on Bristol Road in Flint, or contacting Clark himself at 810-347-0571.



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Jeff Clark of Linden (left) and Paul Epstein of Ann Arbor engage in an intense Scrabble match, where participants play with quiet concentration.

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ours costs about \$4 every six months,” said Victoria Stratton, an insurance professional at State Farm in Fenton. “Our roadside assistance includes towing, lockout, if you run out of gas, flat tires and if you end up in a ditch.”

AAA, Progressive and Allstate also have roadside assistance. With State Farm, Stratton said drivers can either call a number on their insurance card for assistance or contact a local tow truck company and be reimbursed.

But it's not just snow or black ice on the road that tow truck companies tackle.

Woody's Towing of Fenton also has diving equipment for vehicles that fall through the ice. Owner Bill Wood said Woody's has already recovered four vehicles from the ice this year. Wood said people who typically fall through the ice aren't familiar with the lake they're on and the ice is usually too thin to drive upon.

As for vehicles that break down on the road, Wood attributed most malfunctions to a lack of car maintenance.

“When you call, we need to know if the vehicle is wrecked. Usually we take all of the information and decide on which equipment is needed,” Wood said. Towing companies may ask for the vehicle identification number (VIN), year and model of your car, as well as a copy of your insurance and proof of registration.

Depending on the tow truck company, a vehicle can either be dropped off at a location designated by the driver or back to the tow truck shop. As a full-service station, Woody's can repair vehicles back at its station.

While the cold weather can be hard on cars, it's not necessarily true that more accidents happen in the winter. Both Wood and Stratton said the need for roadside assistance is pretty even throughout the year. Extreme weather, such as excessive heat or a blustering snowstorm, increases



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Frank Gray of Linden finishes hooking a semi tractor, in need of transporting for repair, to a 35-ton wrecker at Woody's Towing on Monday. This tractor was recovered from a crash on U.S. 23 and Clyde Road. He said it takes more than one wrecker to recover a larger vehicle.

the odds of a car breaking down.

While having roadside assistance is great for emergencies, using this service sparingly and only in time of need will be cheaper for you in the long run. To prevent mishaps with your vehicle, uphold regular maintenance. Nationwide, an auto insurance company, recommends rotating tires every 6,000 miles to prevent uneven wear and to replace them once the tread is worn out. Oil should be changed

every 3,000 miles or every three months. Transmission fluid and engine coolant should be renewed every 50,000 miles.

If you are unsure if you have roadside

“It's very inexpensive to have, ours costs about \$4 every six months.”

— Victoria Stratton
Insurance professional with
State Farm of Fenton

Items recommended to keep in your vehicle in case of emergencies:

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- Whistle
- Cell phone charger
- Fire extinguisher



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After loading up the wrecked semi tractor, Frank Gray of Linden makes sure there are no loose pieces of broken plastic that can fall off while it is transported.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

LET'S HONOR THE memories of several young students and the passing of the father of five in our area due to the flu and other causes. God bless their families in the time of their grief. Let's put petty bickering aside and remember what is really important.

HERE'S TO THE guy that thinks he's out of the woods in paying more income tax, found out today that I will be paying an additional \$854 per year in income tax. And I make \$50,000/year, not the \$400,000 you claim. Obama got us both.

IF I WERE president, my first order of business would be to sign an executive order to stop paying every politician when leaving office and tell them to get a job! My second executive order would be to stop all politicians from spending taxpayers' money funding their offices.

HEROIN USERS, please stop this addiction. Please think of your family and friends that are hurt by what you're doing. Way too many have been overdosing on it. It's time you put an end to it. Your family and friends will thank you for it.

OK ALL YOU senior ponytailed men. Your beloved Obama has set forth policies that burden the present generation and especially the children with borrow, borrow, borrow and spend, spend, spend.

BUSINESSES HAVE COME and gone. What is Fenton thinking letting Medilodge come to a residential area? People in Andover Woods and Sixth Street need to stand up and say 'no.'

THE WINNER OF the Jinglefest \$500 Shopping Spree sponsored by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce was Stephanie McNeill.

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MOURNS

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On Dec. 29, Kirk Beauchamp, a father of five in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district, also died. Beauchamp's brother Tim Beauchamp said Kirk had the flu before going into the hospital, however, doctors discovered that he had a blood clot to his liver, prompting his other organs to shut down.

Joshua was active in the marching band, track and robotics. He was also active in St. John Youth Group.

Ryan Gonder, Lake Fenton's director of music said, "Josh was full of energy. He always had a great attitude and a smile on his face. His band spirit was contagious.

"He will be missed, but we are so thankful for the time we had with him and the energy he brought to the band."

Lake Fenton Community Schools

Superintendent Wayne Wright sent out a letter to parents about both tragic deaths. In this letter, Wright said, "Currently we are unaware of any connection between the two individuals, a parent and a student, and whether there were other complications associated in these two unfortunate deaths." The health department will be reviewing the causes of these two deaths.

Summary

► Joshua Polehna, a 15-year-old freshman at Lake Fenton High School died from flu-like symptoms on Saturday.

Annually, the health department has reported more than 30,000 people die from the flu. Many times these deaths are in conjunction with some other health conditions. The health department

advises that it is crucial to watch for symptoms of the flu.

Symptoms of the flu include fever (usually 100 degrees or higher), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle

aches.

Symptoms of the stomach and intestines, like nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are sometimes referred to as "stomach flu," but that illness is very different from true influenza. A doctor's examination may be needed to determine the illness and whether a person has another infection that is a complication from influenza.

Student absences have been monitored for the last month as some districts in Genesee County have had a high rate of student illness. The absence of students at Lake Fenton schools due to illness has not been abnor-

mally high, however, the school district will continue to monitor the absence rate. The school district encourages parents, if their child exhibits the symptoms of flu, to keep them home and if warranted, seek medical attention.

Parents may want to consider having their children vaccinated with the flu vaccine.

Wright said he has had some parents express concern regarding the environment of the school and district's plan of action for maintaining student wellness. He said

all buildings are continuing to monitor illnesses of students and staff and are reporting those illnesses to the health department.

If students come to school and do not feel well, parents will be contacted and asked to come and take their child home.

"We do feel we have a very safe environment at school and your children are protected," said Wright in his letter.

Lake Fenton High School Principal Todd Reynolds also sent a letter to parents informing them that counselors will be available to any student who asks for help coping with Joshua's death.

Funeral Mass for Joshua will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. Visitation will be held 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes on Silver Lake Road in Fenton, where a vigil service will be held at 7 p.m.

Joshua is survived by his parents David and Kelly Polehna, brother Benjamin and sister Brianna and many other family members.

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Fenton Township firefighters will not be practicing their firefighting skills on the former Frank's Tavern, now vacant and a nuisance to neighbors.

TAVERN

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of the building would cost between \$8,000 and \$14,000.

The property reverted to the township after failing to attract a buyer at the annual Genesee County public auction. The township will not have to pay back delinquent taxes.

Volz is expected to investigate the building's condition further and notify township officials if Frank's Tavern is safe for demolition.

"I don't want an enormous explosion."

Bonnie Mathis
Fenton Township supervisor

SPORTS TRIVIA

FOOTBALL

Q How many NFL Championship games have the Detroit Lions won in franchise history?

A Football did exist before the Super Bowl era. The Lions won NFL championships four times (1935, 1952, 1954 and 1957). Of course, all were before the Super Bowl era.

Random Thoughts

The National Hockey League's lockout is over. But one has to wonder how much the lockout will impact the relationship between the league and its fans.

I don't think it's going to impact the avid hockey fan too much. Just having the sport back will have that person blessing the hockey gods. And, if anything, the regular season will have greater meaning. The season will be cut to either 48 or 50 games, meaning, any sort of slow start could make it tough to get back into one of the playoff positions. During the 1994-95 season, another year cut short because of a lock out, only five points separated the seventh seed in the Western Conference playoffs from the team that finished in the basement.

However, with each stoppage hockey makes it increasingly tougher to collect the casual sports fans. The sport was a hard sell already during good times. I qualify as one of those casual fans. Hockey has been out of site, out of mind for so long, it almost feels like it never was there before. In fact, I've grown to love knowing every Detroit Pistons game night, I have two chances to see the game on FSD — live or during the tape-delayed rebroadcast of most of the game at midnight. Now that won't be the case. And that's where I'll feel the end of the lockout the most. How it adversely impacts my Pistons viewing habits.



Fenton/Linden co-op ski season begins today

PG 14



DOUBLE THE FUN

LF's boys & girls hoop teams win Monday games.

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Fenton's Payton Maxheimer

Lake Fenton's Darian Welch

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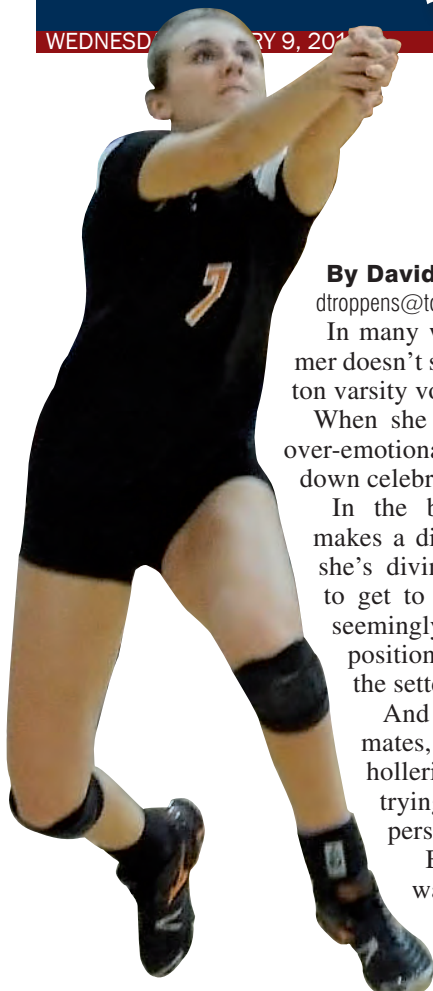


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Maxheimer's versatility earns her Player of Year honors again

By David Troppens

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In many ways, Payton Maxheimer doesn't stand out during a Fenton varsity volleyball match.

When she gets a kill, she's not over-emotional, jumping up and down celebrating her attack.

In the back row, when she makes a dig it rarely seems like she's diving out of desperation to get to the ball. Instead, she seemingly is always in the right position making a nice pass to the setter.

And even among her teammates, you don't see her hollering, playing jokes or trying to impose a specific personality on the team.

But in her own quiet way, no one has made more noise for the Fenton varsity volleyball team. Unquestionably the most versatile player

in the tri-county area, Payton Maxheimer's volleyball talents have earned her the Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year award for the second straight season.

"Everything looks effortless for her," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Linda Rusaw said. "She has a quiet demeanor. She's not very flashy or showy. If she's there she's going to do it 100 percent, and she puts that 100 percent in everything she does. She's a hard worker. Combine that with her athletic ability and determination and you have a great player."

"I like to keep it to myself," Maxheimer said about her quiet demeanor. "It's good to cheer for my team. ... I like the feeling of doing stuff for the team and accomplishing stuff for the team."

Maxheimer had an outstanding senior season. She broke a school record by serve receiving at 91 percent. She also broke the school record by collecting 501 digs. At the net, she was just as effective. She earned 328 kills with a 21.9 hitting percentage. She also earned

47 blocks and 74 assisted blocks. Finally, at the service line she was one of Fenton's best servers, earning 43 aces out of 440 service attempts. She was a unanimous All-Metro selection this fall and also earned Honorable Mention All-State credentials. Already a great player, she was better her senior season.

"Absolutely she's a better player than last year," Rusaw said. "She's a great player. Everything looks effortless for her, but she works very hard. She worked hard on her hitting, worked hard on hitting everything hard. Last year she didn't always hit the ball as hard as she possibly could and this year she was determined to do it. I think that really helped."

Her versatility makes her an outstanding player as well. She's one of the few players that played front and back frequently for the Tigers this year.

"She's very versatile," Rusaw said. "She's able to do every facet of the game."

"I play all around. I like the versatility. See **MAXHEIMER'S** on 15

Linden's Hopkins doing well on Byron sidelines

By Mark Spezia

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When it came time to hire Byron's next boys varsity basketball coach, athletic director Dave Richardson was more than confident he had found the right man in Linden High School Hall of Famer Kyle Hopkins.

"The group that interviewed for the position liked Kyle's enthusiasm and his ideas about how to get young athletes playing basketball," Richardson

said. "Kyle started right away with a youth camp last summer that was a great success and kids are excited about playing basketball for him."

Hopkins, who graduated from Linden in 1998 following a nine-letter varsity career in football, basketball and baseball,

was elated to become a varsity head coach for the first time after 13 years coaching various levels of football and basketball at his alma mater.

"I have lived in Byron area for several years now and when the job became open there I decided to apply."

See **HOPKINS** on 14

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Linden graduate and current Byron varsity boys basketball coach Kyle Hopkins (left) talks with his father and assistant coach, Denny Hopkins, during Monday's practice.



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Fenton's Lauren Rhoads is one of the Fenton/Linden co-op ski team's top returning performers this winter.

Fenton/Linden co-op ski teams ready to start season today with new coach

By Torrey Christopher

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They've spent seven weeks doing dry-land training.

Now, the Fenton/Linden varsity boys and girls co-op ski teams are eager to finally hit the slopes.

The teams, along with first-year head coach Tim Hiscock, will get a chance to do that Wednesday when the Tigers open the season at Mt. Holly against the Holly Bronchos.

Dry-land training allows the team to do drills which mirror what they will do down the hill. They also do other conditioning drills such as running.

"The dry-land training we did this year will help," Caitlin Wiley said.

"You have to have strong muscles to handle the hill conditions and manipulate the skis."

For the girls' team, there are some fresh faces to look out for

with two Linden girls on the team — Bobbie Booher and Kelsey Dietrich. The team was undefeated in its division last year with a 4-0 record, capturing both the divisional and regional titles. The Tigers went to state last year, placing eighth. Four of the eight skiers return from last year's team. One of the key returners is Lauren Rhoads, who placed 12th in the slalom and 21st in the giant slalom at last year's state meet. The squad's goals are high again this year.

"Our team goal is to be undefeated for a third year in a row, win the regional again and perform our best at states," Rhoads said.

"Most of all, on the girls side at least, we want to ski for each other. Everyone is cheering on everyone else and not just skiing for themselves. We're looking for team success over individual glory."

The boys' team held a record of

3-1 in the 2011-2012 season. The team has six skiers, two of which are returning seniors. One of the returners is Seth Thompson, who qualified for the state meet in the giant slalom a year ago. No Linden students joined the boys team.

"We are looking to be competitive and are hoping for solid finishes," Thompson said. "Individually we are looking for top 10 finishes throughout the team, and together top five or better. I feel as though our new coach will be working hard to improve our new members and make the team very competitive."

Hiscock, who replaced former head coach Woody Brackney, is looking forward to working with the Fenton-Linden ski teams.

"I am an alumnus of the Fenton ski team, graduating in 1991, and have been involved in ski coaching

See **SKI** on 15

Fenton boys swim team performs against Grand Blanc in 102-81 loss

By David Troppens

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Typically when the Fenton varsity boys swim team matches up with Grand Blanc, the Tigers aren't the favorites.

They weren't on Thursday either, but that didn't keep them from having a strong outing.

The Tigers lost a competitive 102-81

meet against the Bobcats.

"We had a lot of best times," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "All three relays qualified for MISCA as well as a couple individuals. I was very pleased with our performance."

The Tigers had four firsts, and swept the top three spots in diving. Luke Idoni won diving (154.35), followed by team-

mate Cordora Alvarado in second place (1:07.85).

Other individual firsts were earned by Alex Chase in the 100 butterfly (59.34) and by Mike Banner in the 500 (5:18.94).

The 200 medley relay team of Mitchell Lockwood, Zahne Macklin, Chase and Brent Nakkula opened the meet by winning the event with a time of 1:53.98.

The Tigers collected four individual seconds. They were earned by Brant Cassidy (1:59.18), Adam Andreski in the 100 freestyle (52.30) and Macklin in the 100 backstroke (1:10.03).

Fenton begins defense of last year's Flint Metro League championship on Thursday on the road against the Swartz Creek Dragons.

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HOPKINS

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cided to give it a shot," Hopkins said.

"This is something I have been working toward. I had learned a lot about coaching over the past 13 years and felt ready to run my own program."

Richardson also discovered that hiring Hopkins came with a bonus.

When selecting a qualified varsity assistant, Hopkins did not have to look far. He happened to know a good one who was without a basketball coaching gig — father Denny Hopkins, who stepped down last spring after 34 seasons guiding Linden's boys basketball program to 406 wins.

After more than a decade of coaching under his father, who also the Eagles' varsity football coach, in several positions, Kyle Hopkins now finds the roles reversed.

"This is something that has been a dream of ours, really, ever since I started coaching — dad helping me run a program," Kyle said. "I have learned so much about coaching from him while playing for him and coaching under him and now just to have him on the bench with me in this new job is amazing. We are very happy with how things have turned out."

Results have been immediate for a Byron program that had struggled to a 32-74 record the past five seasons.

The Eagles are off to a 5-1 start, 4-1 in the loaded Genesee Area Conference Blue Division, losing only to unbeaten Hamady.

"I have been really happy with the how guys have performed so far," Hopkins said. "They have been working hard to improve from day one. It's just been a matter of them buying into what we are trying to establish. It really helps to have two four-year varsity staters (guards Jordan Coffey and David Whaley), who immediately responded to what we are doing and the

other players followed suit."

As for first-season goals, Hopkins, who coaches JV football at Linden, would like to see the Eagles remain in the thick of the league race and enjoy a solid a state tournament showing along with creating a basketball mindset.

"We would like to be in contention for the league title the whole way," said Hopkins, whose team has not won a district championship since 1995. "There are some strong teams in the league, but we will get another shot at Hamady and still have to play (unbeaten) Bendle twice, so we have the chance to be league champions if we play well games like those and then we'll see how far we get in the tournament."

Along the way, Hopkins has discovered some things about what being a head coach means.

"I certainly knew partly what to expect seeing what my dad did all my life and coaching at other levels, but I learned pretty quickly how much more work being a head coach is," he said. "There is certainly much more paperwork involved and things like that. Also, making sure all coaches at every level of the program and are on the same page, teaching the same things is a big one."

Of course, it helps to have the man who taught Hopkins the most about coaching and life in general at his side.

"I feel lucky we are able to do this together," he said. "Just having dad working with me at practices and looking at game video together and developing gameplans has been pretty special. I constantly use things he has taught me about coaching like time management and developing dedicated kids who hard every day."

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Lake Fenton's Mackenzie Gottron scored a team-high 17 points in the Blue Devils' 46-34 victory against Durand on Monday night.

LF teams earn Monday sweep

►Boys beat Genesee Christian; girls crush Durand

By David Troppens
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The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team can't complain.

The team is five games into its Genesee Area Conference Red Division season, and remains on top of the league with a perfect 5-0 mark. They remained in first place by defeating Durand 46-34 Monday night at Lake Fenton High School.

The Blue Devils (6-1 overall) used their press to hold Durand to just 18 points after three quarters. At that point, Lake Fenton led 39-18, basically making the fourth quarter a moot point.

"We capitalized on the mistakes made stemming from our press," Lake Fenton coach Matthew Gildner said. "Also, when we changed up our offense, we were able to catch Durand off balance."

Mackenzie Gottron and Sidney Scott had outstanding games. Gottron had a team-high 17 points and shared team-best rebounding honors with Scott with 11. She also had a squad-best four steals. Meanwhile, Scott had 14 points.

"The team works hard, they really get along," Gildner said. "We've done a lot as a team together. We attended an Oakland

University game over the holidays, and before every home game they are having team dinners."

Now the squad has a first-place battle with Goodrich at Goodrich on Thursday. The Blue Devils will be the heavy underdogs.

"It is going to take a tremendous effort from the girls to take Goodrich down," Gildner said. "We will have to take better care of the ball and not let their defensive pressure put us in a panic mode."

Lake Fenton boys 61, Genesee Christian 49

Darian Welch had his fourth 20-plus point game of the season, scoring a team-high 23 points in the Blue Devils' second win in three contests.

Lake Fenton (2-3) led just 49-45 entering the fourth quarter, but held Genesee Christian to just four fourth-quarter points, sparking the win.

Welch also had three steals and three assists. Chase Hanson added 13 points, while Jeff Burke netted nine points. Zac Zielinski led the Blue Devils with five rebounds.

The Blue Devils host Goodrich for a GAC Red Division battle on Friday.

SKI

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ever since," Hiscock said.

"I have a real passion for ski racing, and coaching at the high school level is something I've always wanted to be part of. Being able to

coach at Fenton, and give back to a program that taught me this awesome life-long sport is a real honor."

He believes that the hard work and dedication the team put in during dry-land training and their fundamental skills will be the key to their success.

"This year the team had an extend-

ed pre-season strength and conditioning program due to the warm weather, which I think will pay off when the team starts racing," Hiscock said.

"Also, in our program, we focus on skiing fundamental drills both in free skiing, and on the course. These are the keys to success at any level."

MAXHEIMER'S

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ity of playing all around," Maxheimer said. "I like it a lot."

Maxheimer helped lead the Tigers to some new Class A standards this year. As they did all four seasons she was in the high school, the Tigers captured a Metro League crown. This year they took it an extra step by not only going undefeated in the league, but by winning every set in every match during the Metro season. However, the team wanted to go deeper in the postseason as much as anything, and accomplished that task. They won the school's first-ever Class A regional title.

"I thought it was a really good year because we accomplished so much," Maxheimer said. "We had the push at the end. It was my senior year, it was a fun year and a good year."

Maxheimer will now perform at the collegiate level. She's going to play college volleyball at Madonna University.

And while there it looks like her versatility might get her on the floor quicker than it would someone more locked in a specific role. There's a possibility she'll be setting.

"They needed a setter," Maxheimer said. "I'll be good wherever they put me."

But for now, she's still concentrating on prep athletics. She's in the middle of the girls basketball season and also plays soccer in the spring — one of Fenton's few female three-sport athletes. And she's an effective leader all all three squads.

"I've been told playing all different sports helps you play better because you use different muscles," Maxheimer said. "It helps keep you in better shape as a player."

Can't argue with the theory based on what Maxheimer has done during her career so far. Working all her muscles on the volleyball court has her on the top of our team for a second straight year.

ALL TRI-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Player of the Year	Grade	School	
Payton Maxheimer	Senior	Fenton	
Comment: Payton Maxheimer can do it all — attack, block, dig, pass, serve and even set. And she can do them all seemingly effortlessly. That’s why she’s our Tri-County Volleyball Player of the Year for a second straight season. She had 501 digs, 328 kills, 43 aces, 47 blocs and 74 assisted blocks. She serve received at a 91 percent clip.			
Rest of first team	Grade	Pos	School
Ashley Bearden	Junior	Setter/Outside	Fenton
Megan Cockin	Senior	Libero	Fenton
Kelsey Brecht	Senior	Middle	Linden
Sidney Scott	Senior	Middle/Outside	Lake Fenton
Bobbie Eastman	Junior	Middle	Fenton
Maizie Martin	Senior	Middle	Fenton
Callie Murphy	Senior	Setter	Linden
Trudie Bruce	Senior	Middle/Outside	Lake Fenton
Note: The team, and Player of the Year, were selected by the sports staff.			

SPORTS BRIEFS

WRESTLING

► **Holly at Brighton Dual Meet:** The Bronchos (10-4) went 3-2 and placed fourth at the event, beating Grandville and DeWitt. The Bronchos lost to Clarkston, South Lyon and Brighton.

Anthony Gonzales (140) was named the MVP of the lower weights, going 5-0. Also earning 5-0 marks were Colton Cleaver (103), Sam Johnson (125), Mason Cleaver (135) and Andrew Scott (160). Jesse Torres (145) went 4-1, while John Williams (171) went 3-1. Tre Flores (152) and Keegan Soles (130) each went 3-2.

► **Lake Fenton at Saginaw Heritage Tournament:** The Blue Devils went 4-1 on the day defeating Heritage, West Branch/Ogemaw Heights, Traverse City West and Flushing. James DeMember and Chase Hull each posted 5-0 records.

► **Linden at Adrian Duals:** The Eagles went 2-3, defeating Adrian and Jackson Columbia Central. They lost to Jackson Northwest, Milford and Jackson.

Luke Zimmerman and Cliff Coleman went 4-1 for Linden (6-8), while Austin McNeil, Dylan Musall, Karrah Varner and Ruben Bailey went 3-2.

"I was a little bummed by our performance, but we still have a few wrestlers out of the lineup, and this is still the first time we've wrestled in three-and-a-half weeks," Linden coach Todd Skinner said.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Fenton 53, Brandon 32:** The Tigers grabbed 50 rebounds and cruised the Metro victory on Friday.

Hannah Evo led the Tigers with 16 points, six rebounds and four assists, while Ellie Cowger had eight points, six rebounds and three steals. Payton Maxheimer netted seven points, while Natalie Guenther netted six points and six rebounds. Katie Conroy and Krista Kinney had eight rebounds each.



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ANSWER: I have heard this many times. No one has proven it works. No reliable information suggests it might work. I don't believe it's a legitimate arthritis treatment.

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FRANKENWEENIE

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Crossword Puzzle

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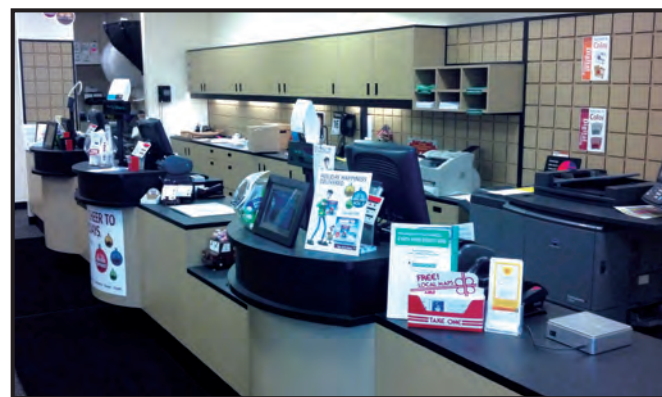
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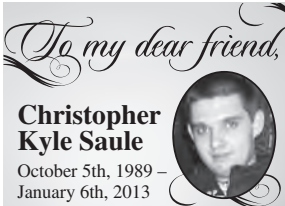
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