

## Music education in our schools well loved, not always well funded



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Chase LaBar, 16, plays drums during jazz orchestra Monday at Fenton High School. They worked on sight reading of "Fly Me to The Moon." The band receives \$200 in funding each year.

#### Boosters fund 'essential' activities, pick up slack in tight financial times

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

When we

finished I asked for the check

only to be told

somebody paid our bill. Whoever you are,

thank you so much. You did more than pay, you taught my kids a lesson l've

been teaching.<sup>2</sup>

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within our means. We

perfect day. We make a huge sal-

> tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 Linden—AtHyattElementary School, math, physiology, rhythm

> and mood are snuck directly into several fun activities and sometimes vaguely related to music.

"(Music) teaches them across the curriculum," said teacher Shari Ravert, who has secondgraders stand behind their xylophones and glockenspiels and sing along to a song that that if the student chooses, can

reminds them which hand is right, and which is left. It gets them moving and dancing. It might seem silly until she starts having them play different notes with each hand.

She also has them practice their "soul" voice with another song, and cautions them against velling the words.

This is early music education; it's part of a long path

take them into high school band, orchestra or choir, and even college. Music education itself has taken a winding path to staying in the schools. "In my opinion, it's essential," said Ravert. "Music is a discipline and I think a lot See MUSIC on 9

It's part of a well rounding of education. To not have it would be missing something.77 **Mike Miceli** 

Fenton Band Boosters president

## Beer truck spills load in rear-end crash

**TRI-COUNTY** TIMES FENTON FIRE DEPT. The driver of this semitruck hauling beer was unable to slow down enough on northbound U.S. 23 to avoid rearending another semi.



Driver injured, **Torrey Road closed** for several hours while scene cleared

#### **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 At 8:32 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, Fenton police and fire departments responded to a rear-end crash that involved two semi-trucks on northbound U.S. 23 near Torrey Road in Fenton. Lt. Jason Slater said a semi See CRASH on 11

## **Abuse of legal** drugs becoming leading cause of U.S. deaths

Prescription drug abuse kills more than 100,000 people each year

#### **By William Axford**

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Fatalities resulting from prescription drug abuse across the country has soared in the past decade, surpassing the number of deaths caused by illegal drugs like cocaine and heroin.

The D.C. based nonprofit group Trust for America's Health reports prescription drug use is now responsible for more deaths than heroin and cocaine combined. The group rated Michigan as the 18th highest state for prescription drug overdoses with See ABUSE on 7

Not every sickness needs a prescription. 77

**Joe Starrs** Pharmacy manager at VG's Grocerv

### Linden lifts ban on early Sunday liquor sales

Convenience, spending money locally major factors in decision

#### **By William Axford**

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Linden — The Linden City Council rescinded the city ban on early Sunday liquor sales in a three to two vote. Letters from Alpine Marketplace and Spring Meadows Country Club prompted the council to reconsider a 2010 city ordinance, which prohibits the sale of alcoholic See LIQUOR on 12



Sunday liquor sales between 7 a.m. and noon are now allowed within the city of Linden, provided establishments have the correct licensing and government approval.

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### **Police&Fire** report

#### ILLEGAL/LEGAL **LEFT TURNS**

Based on a few Hot lines, some area drivers are confused about legal/illegal left turns. One Hot line writer said, "it is legal to turn left on a red light onto a one-way street unless restricted by signage. For instance, it is legal to turn left onto the southbound U.S. 23 entry ramp from the westbound turn lane on Silver Lake Road." Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro was asked to comment on this Hot line. According to Aro, "the Hot line is sort of right - 257.612 allows a driver to turn left, after stopping at an intersection, from a one- or two-way road onto a one-way road. However, in the example given I don't agree that it's legal. Because the ramps form a divided roadway with traffic entering and exiting both ramps at that intersection I would not consider that a one-way road. That would be an illegal left turn. Same holds true for most of our ramps and the (Silver) Parkway."

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Acupuncture for your pet should be administered by a trained professional, at the suggestion of a licensed veterinarian.

## **Pinpointing the benefits** of pet acupuncture

Needles inserted by certified acupuncturist can produce healing response

#### By Amy Mayhew

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 It's a holistic approach to helping your pet deal with conditions like arthritis, degenerative joint disease, trauma, and even certain types of metabolic diseases, but is it the right treatment for your pet?

While the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society medical diagnosis and an ongoing assessment of the pet's condition by a licensed vet, the organization claims that acupuncture can be beneficial in some cases, when combined with the most conventional and alternative therapies.

Acupuncture is defined as the insertion of needles into

# New chapter for today's e-readers

▶ Price and function of standalone e-readers offer many benefits over tablets

#### **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 It may only be October, but it's not too early to be thinking about new e-book technology that just might find its way into your home during the holidays.

#### **Summary**

Standalone e-readers may not be as popular as they were a couple years ago, but they still offer many benefits for people who want to use them for reading.

Today's consumers have to decide not only whether they prefer to read traditional hardcover books or their digital counterparts, but also whether they want to use an e-reader designed exclusively for reading or a tablet

**E-READERS** 

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with multiple functions.

While electronic gadgets are more popular than ever, they still haven't replaced the popularity of traditional books, which still account for 80 percent of all book sales reported by publishers. While 457 million e-books were sold last year (up 4,456 percent since 2008), that's still fewer than the 557 million hardcovers that were sold in the same time period.

As stand-alone e-readers, sales are plummeting. According to the Consumers Electronics Association, only a third as many Americans will buy one this year See

Fenton



#### GOP vs. GOP is the real fiscal fight

President Barack Obama cancelled a planned Asia tour so he could deal with the government shutdown and looming debt ceiling fight. That's just as well. It's hard to sell American democracy overseas when it is working so unpredictably at home.

It's hard to imagine how anyone overseas can figure out why the mighty U.S. government has been brought to a partial shutdown when even its participants don't seem to know.

At first it seemed to be all about the Affordable Care Act, popularly or unpopularly known as 'Obamacare.' In fact, the confusion begins with the name. As a CNBC poll found, Americans were more likely to be opposed to 'Obamacare' than to the 'Affordable Care Act.' That's a tribute to the Republican side's rebranding skills, which have been more successful against Democrats than in favor of Republicans.

That's a strike against the president's marketing of his own signature health care program. He may have overestimated the intelligence or the interest of the American people.

Speaker John Boehner and other House Republicans refused to approve a resolution to keep the government open past the Sept. 30 end of the old fiscal year unless Obamacare was repealed or scaled back.

But a new clarity emerged by the end of the week. Talk of Obamacare suddenly faded away as understandable jitters rose over a bigger looming concern: the nation's \$16.7 trillion debt ceiling.

The Treasury Department says it must be raised by Oct. 17 to avoid a default on the nation's credit card.

So what's his game now? Chicken or chess? Boehner was willing to let the federal government drift but he will not risk the full faith and credit of this country's government by allowing it to go into default.

The real battle in Congress these days is not between the two parties but between two factions in the GOP. Boehner's way out may be the 'grand bargain' that he and Obama tried to put together earlier, before the tea partiers got in the way. Now Boehner has some leverage. Our fiscal future depends on how he uses it.

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

**IF OBAMA RESIGNED** just whom would you want to run this pitiful greedy opportunistic country? The vice president or would you like to tell me which honest Republican would be best for us?

#### I WILL NOT eat pears, peaches, apples or

fish or anything from another country, but I guess I will have to wear clothes from China or go naked.

TWO POSITIVE ASPECTS of the government being shut down are, 90 percent of IRS employees were told to stay home and our tax-and-spend Democrats can't spend money that they don't have.

OBAMA IS THE fourth best president America has ever had. Reagan and Lincoln are tied for first, 40 other presidents are tied for second, Jimmy Carter comes in third, and Barak Obama comes in fourth. See, I can write nice things about our president.

IF YOU ALREADY have health insurance, Obamacare doesn't even apply to you. Quit complaining about it. Eighty-five percent of people in the U.S. have healthcare. Those that don't should get on the bandwagon or they will ultimately lose and that would be devastating for them financially.

OBAMA TOOK CREDIT today for the U.S. producing more oil and gas than ever before. During his presidency he has not approved one drilling permit on government land and has not signed the Keystone pipeline venture.

I AM AN essential employee and have to come to work and not get paid. Why should a Furlough Employee get paid for sitting at home? That is just wrong!

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**TIMES MIDWEEK** 

Democrat thinking. CAN SOMEONE WHO claims Obamacare will destroy America please explain to me how all other first world nations are still here when every single one of them has had a government run universal healthcare Il submissions, if approved for ublication, must be 50 words or ss and do not necessarily reflect reviews of the Tri-County Times. We

system to the left of Obamacare in place for decades? 

**IF UNIVERSAL HEALTH** insurance is

such a terrible thing, why aren't there mass demonstrations in the streets of any of the other first world nations on the planet against it since they all have some form of it? There isn't a mass political movement to repeal it anywhere.

TO THE WOMAN and her daughter who bought my veteran friend dinner at Lucky's Tuesday, thank you so much. You brought a tear to my eye. We will be sure to pay it forward.

OBAMA'S SHUTDOWN CLOSED services benefiting our military, and women and children healthcare to inconvenience Americans. He's supposed to be leading.

SLAVERY WAS THE law of the land at one time. It was changed. So was the Constitution amendment of prohibition. Other laws changed to allow black men to vote; later women were allowed to vote. Obamacare can be cancelled.

TO THE PERSON commenting on the possible 85 mph speed limit, most teenagers don't read newspapers.

ITHOUGHT I lived in The United States, not the Divided States. Doesn't the Federal Government understand the concept 'United we stand, divided we fall

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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#### **Culture's casualties**

It's the 40th anniversary of Erica Jong's 'Fear of Flying,' which some have described as a breakthrough book for women and for modern feminism.

Reduced to its common (and I do mean common) denominator, the book, which was written in the appropriately named 'Me' Decade of the '70s, encourages women to behave like promiscuous men, having meaningless sex without fear of consequences. 'Fear of Flying' gleefully encourages women to engage in the socalled 'ZF.' Don't know what that means? Look it up.

Henry Higgins' question, 'Why can't a woman be more like a man?' has been asked and answered. She can. She is. And it's not a good thing. Some ask, 'If the Playboy philosophy was good enough for some men, freeing them from a marital commitment in order to have sex, why not the same for some women?' No reason, says 'Fear of Flying.' What's good for the goose, right? Everybody into the pool!

Except that it wasn't 'good' for men or for women. The fallout from the freewheeling '60s, continues to infect the younger generation today. Their role models are young twits like Miley Cyrus. Cyrus is just the latest desperate exhibitionist in a long list of desperate exhibitionists who'll do anything and everything, usually while nearly naked, to get noticed and talked about.

Out-of-wedlock births, the glorification of thug life, the cloying, sycophantic fascination with pseudo celebrity, the tacit acceptance of recreational drug use, it's all there on the downward slope to depravity.

Such celebrations of promiscuity rarely examine the consequences of the behavior they promote.

TV writers put words in the mouths of female characters that would have shocked my grandmother. There seem to be fewer men of honor everywhere. When we promote sleaze, we get more sleaze.

Ancient wisdom from the Prophet Isaiah serves as a warning about the consequences of ignoring what once was called objective truth: 'What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.' (Isaiah 5:20 New Living Translation) Sorrow indeed.

street talk

## What instrument would you like to play?



"Piano. I've always liked it and it is a graceful instrument."

— Eileen Spencer Fenton



"Piano. I sing and would like to know how to accompany myself and play in church."

— Joyce Nelson, Fenton



"Piano, because it's very versatile. I know how to play clarinet and saxophone already."

— Bob Hutchings, Linden



"I wouldn't like to learn how to play anything. I am not musically inclined." — Joel Peters, Tyrone Township



"The drums, because my dad plays them."



ments right now." — Justin Trombley, Byron

is seeking to make obtaining signs

faster and more user friendly and lowering associated fees. The city's planning commission and historic districts are also involved in the reviews.

Linden City Council awarded a

\$5,935 bid to Branching Out Nursery

and Landscaping to remove trees

throughout the city. The project will

be done in two phases, with four

trees scheduled for removal on

North Bridge Street and one tree on

East Broad Street, in the first phase.

Three trees along Bridge Street are

scheduled for removal as well as one

on Broad Street. The project will also

include planting new trees within the

city. The contract is good for two years.

Hours for Trick-or-Treating in Linden

City on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31

The Linden Downtown Development

Authority (DDA) will hold its second

Art Walk this Friday at 4 to 8 p.m. in

downtown Linden. Art vendors and

local businesses will be participating

Trees to be removed

throughout Linden

Halloween hours

are 6 to 8 p.m.

with the event.

Art Walk



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH Fenton football players participate in the fourth Wounded Warrior game on Oct 11, against Kearsley.

## Blood, sweat and tears

**1** The game is

**Ross Person** 

▶ Fenton football hosts game against Kearsley to give back to veterans wounded in war

#### **By Torrey Christopher**

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In an attempt to give back to wounded veterans, Fenton High School hosted its fourth annual Wounded Warrior football game against Kearsley on Oct. 11.

"It started four years ago," Athletic Director Michael Bakker said. "The team wanted to give

back and they weren't sure how. They decided on the Wounded Warrior Project

because a Fenton grad and ex football player, Matt Wolfe, was injured in battle. This gave them a tie between Fenton High School and a charity."

Football players on both teams wore last names of those wounded in battle on the back of their jerseys as a way to honor the veterans' sacrifice for

this country. Senior Ross Person honored his grandfather, Edwin Person, who was in the army.

"It felt good knowing I could represent him at the game," Person said. "The game is important as See TEARS on 11

## **New HHS band director predicts success**

atmosphere where

I can run my own

program.77

**Ben Baldwin** Holly's Director of Bands

#### **By Anthony Spak**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 **Holly**—Ever since he took the helm as Holly's Director of Bands, Ben Baldwin

has been busy getting the HHS marching band into shape, and setting the framework for a band program he believes will be bigger and better than ever.

The former director of Lansing Everett High School's band and a for-

mer member of the U.S. Marine Corps Band, Baldwin took the reigns as the district's music man after the resignation of John Hill.

"Holly is exactly what I've always wanted," Baldwin said. "It's a small town atmosphere where I can run my own program."

Baldwin took the job five days before this summer's annual band camp, which is a tradition that is near and dear to the hearts of Holly band members new and old. It was also a time of transition, which could have easily slipped into disaster. Baldwin's approach to this challenge was simple. "Priority number one was to make it smooth," he said.

The band soldiered through an emotional, rigorous week, putting in eight hours a day learning their marching drill while learning the ways of their new director in the process. Baldwin's new approach to marching band moved at a quicker pace than Holly band was accustomed, but the students caught on even quickly. The week concluded with a final performance for the friends and families. However, this year's show was different

finish all three of their drills — a sign of extreme progress for both the band and its new director. Baldwin has contin-**It's a small town** 

from years past, as the band managed to

ued his hard work ethic as this year's marching season has progressed and the students approve. "He's really efficient in what he does," Junior Drum Major John Creasey said. "He has really whipped us into

shape — the discipline has increased, while a positive attitude still remains." Much of this boost in discipline can

be attributed to Baldwin's Marine Band See FORMULA on 12



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ANTHONY SPAK Ben Baldwin became Holly's director of bands in August. Here, he and the marching band watch a play out on the field.

## News briefs

#### Fees set to opt out of smart meters

Energy companies across the state are continuing to implement smart meters, devices that transmit measures of energy usage to companies via wireless signals. Some consumers are still leery of the devices, being ruled as having no adverse health affects by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and energy companies stating they are not collecting any new information.

In May, the MPSC ruled DTE can charge customers \$67.20 to keep their analog meters and charge a \$9.80 monthly fee for upkeep. Consumers Energy also has an opt-out program where consumers can keep their analog meter for a \$69 fee and a \$10 monthly fee. For those looking to opt out, call DTE at (800) 477-4747 and Consumers at (800) 477-5050

#### **Reviewing city sign ordinance**

Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak said city officials are currently reviewing the city's sign ordinance. Zelenak



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Fenton High School football player it helps raise money for wounded veterans

## Why is my cell phone bill so high?

Prepaid carriers might be answer to hidden fees

#### By Amy Mayhew

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In this day and age, where nearly everyone has a cell phone, Americans and Canadians in particular are feeling the squeeze of wireless carriers, not only with exorbitant cell phone plans, but also with hidden fees that drive monthly cell phone bills through

the roof. **Text messaging** 

#### A wireless carrier can send text or SMS messages for nearly nothing, yet they continue to cost users between 10 to 20 cents per message. In fact, various Internet reports claim that text messaging costs have gone up anywhere from 6,500 to 7,300 percent — a huge profit margin

for the wireless carriers, and one that isn't heard of in many other industries.

Sure, you can get into an unlimited texting plan for a monthly fee, and while it may seem like you're enjoying big savings, the fee you're paying is still nothing but profit to the carrier.

Bundling plans where the user gets unlimited texting, unlimited calls, and a small amount of data for \$80 per month is another way customers are routinely



Roaming, administrative, and tethering fees can all be tacked on to mobile phone plans, adding some extra change to your bill.

If you want to use the mobile data that you're already paying for on your laptop, you will most likely encounter a "tethering fee." You're still going to use as much data as you did before, so it's not going to cost your cellular carrier a penny, but it's another opportunity for them to pinch you with yet another fee. You can tether using a third-party app, but the traffic could be detected by your carrier that would either



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duped. While the texting is free for carriers and they know you'll use much more data than cell phone minutes, they include it in your monthly plan to justify higher prices and distract you from the fact that you'll actually be paying more for the additional data.

#### **Hidden fees**

Many carriers are introducing "Administrative Fees" into their monthly billing statement. In fact, last summer,

> AT&T tacked on \$.61 to every customer's bill, calling it a "Mobility Administrative Fee." The fee literally brings hundreds of millions of dollars to the company, yet it justifies the fee by saying that it will "help cover certain expenses, such as interconnection and cell site rents and maintenance."

#### **Tethering fees**

See BILL on 11

## Fenton 9-11 dispatch to add full-time worker

Police chief cites difficulty filling shifts, excessive overtime

#### By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 **Fenton** — It may be a sign of the improving economy in Fenton, and it's definitely a sign that high quality service will continue at the Fenton dispatch center.

"I'm elated," said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. "I think this will allow us to provide a better product."

The Fenton City Council unanimously agreed on Monday to allow the department to hire another fulltime dispatcher, increasing the staff from two to three. At one time they had four.

The dispatcher will cost the city around \$58,000 annually, with salary and benefits. Aro was already budgeting \$24,000 a year for a part-time dispatcher, and with the overtime shifts he has been paying for, the cost for the position is almost a wash, with a full-time dispatcher costing less than \$10,000 more.

Aro made his case for the council, based on overtime costs, and increased Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, which the dispatchers handle when they pertain to police.

The 24-hour staff currently utilizes three part-time workers and two fulltime. He said the issues of overtime and FOIA requests have "overshadowed benefits" to using part-time dispatchers, not to mention it's difficult to retain qualified part-time workers.

Having less full-time dispatchers was initially part of strategy to keep the Fenton dispatch center open a few years ago when the city was faced with budget problems.

#### **I** think this will allow us to provide a better product. 77

Rick Aro, Fenton police chief

#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

THE REASON WHY 4.37 million people signed up for 'National Health Care' in the first week is because it is a law that not one American citizen voted for. Wake up people. That insurance is nothing more than giving the government even more of our hard-earned money.

WHAT'S UP WITH the huge gravel trucks, which have been roaring down Weber Road in Holly? It's been one after another all Saturday morning.

MR. LOSSING, THE problems you are trying to fix cannot be fixed with politics and ordinances. They are spiritual problems that need a spiritual fix. It was 20 years ago that your political party touted the fact that you cannot legislate morality without trampling the rights of others. 



#### Search warrants the exceptions

It has often been said that we are a nation of laws. Indeed, in our everyday lives we see that laws in one form or another guide us and form the foundation for our freedom. Without laws, there would be anarchy and chaos.

One of the most important laws that we have and which demonstrates the level of freedom that we all enjoy is found in the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution. This amendment protects all of us from unreasonable searches and seizures and sets forth the requirements for the issuance of search warrants.

I am fairly certain that most people have watched a television show or a movie where a bad guy is in the doorway of a house and the police are there seeking entry and the bad guy says 'you're not coming in without a warrant.'

Depending on the circumstances, the bad guy might be right but then again, he might be wrong.

The reason he might be wrong is that in such situations (and others) the law recognizes a number of scenarios where a search warrant is not required and it is perfectly allowable for a place to be searched and a person or thing to be seized.

The following exceptions are not necessarily an all-encompassing list but include the most common ones and are found in case law:

1. A search incident to a lawful arrest.

2. Consent searches.

3. A search where there are exigent or emergency circumstances requiring immediate action such as the police in hot pursuit of a suspect.

4. A 'stop and frisk' search.

5. A custodial search after a person has been arrested and put in detention.

6. A plain view search of things that are related to criminal activity.

7. A search of an automobile that has been stopped on the street or highway.

8. Border searches. 9. Searches of open fields.

10. Abandoned property searches.

11. Administrative searches of heavily regulated businesses.

There are a number of reasons for these exceptions. For example, 'stop and frisk' searches are premised in part on ensuring officer and public safety. Additionally most exceptions require reasonableness and probable cause.

AM ITHE only one who isn't deaf? Why does a local high school have to turn up a loud speaker so loud that I can hear what's being said over a mile away? I can even hear it while inside my house with the TV on. Turn it down.

NOT FOOLING ME Mr. Mayor. How many of those 27 other municipalities are putting this matter on the ballot to be decided by the people? It is most of them.

THIS IS IN response to the mother of the 11-year-old boy and the football players that helped him. My son was one of those football boys and I just want you to know that my son was just happy they were all there to help.

I WOULD LIKE to read about specific things that could be done to reduce healthcare costs. Please nothing sarcastic about the ACA. Something new, different would be a nice change.

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## New police dash cams will be an unblinking eye

Summary

Changes in

lifestyles and

expanding work-

related stress has

led a shift in usage

to antidepressants

and diabetic medi-

cations, as well as

painkillers

►New cruiser video system to cost \$53,448, can record entire shift for evidence

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 **Fenton** — The police department

patrol cars are rolling into the 21st century, following a council vote Monday night. Fenton City Council unanimously agreed to allow the Fenton Police Department to upgrade the in-car video systems, in all five patrol vehicles. Up until now, videos have been recorded to VHS tape, and

are no longer serviced by the company that made them.

The plan will cost an average of

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ABUSE

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an average of 13.9 deaths for every 100,000 people, triple the number of deaths a decade ago.

The Centers for Disease and Control

(CDC) estimates close to half of all Americans are taking at least one prescription drug at any given time and kills more than 100,000 people a year.

Joe Starrs, pharmacy manager at VG's Grocery in Fenton, said prescriptions for pain, anxiety and diabetic medications have become more frequent in the past decade. Starrs attributed the shift in drug choice to more

sedentary lifestyles and current stressors in the job market.

"As the population gets older, arthritis and anti-inflammatory medications are very popular," Starrs said. "We're seeing a lot of anti-anxiety medications too. There's a lot more stress in the workplace and people are losing their jobs. It helps to take the edge off."

Some of the most abused painkillers are Percocet, Vicodin and OxyContin, which can lead to an overdose if consumed excessively. According to the CDC, people age 20 to 59 use more painkillers and antidepressants than other age groups.

Teenagers also intake a high level of antidepressants, as well as stimulants for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

People 60 and older typically use medication associated with cholesterol, high blood pressure and heart disease. More men die from prescription overdoses than women and people in rural areas are nearly twice as likely to overdose from prescription drugs as people living in cities.

Outside of painkillers and antidepressants, too much usage of antibiotics is also of concern. Since bacteria and viruses are capable of building immunities to drugs over time, the latest antibiotic can be rendered useless in just a few years. The CDC hypothesizes that a virus could build an immunity to nearly every drug available, creating the perfect 'super bug.'



\$13,362 annually for four years with interest, and will be paid for out of the department's general fund. The system, installed by Watch Guard, will allow police to record from the dashboard the entire time the vehicle is on a shift, and be automatically uploaded when the car

> will be a month turnaround for the installations, which will happen at the station.

"That's a huge liabil-ity for the city," he said, of the old system. "(The new cameras) will really improve the city's ability to protect itself from civil

exposure." Aro had budgeted \$20,000 for in-car camera equipment, and will budget the balance over the next three years.

"That's why you don't give antibiotics for viral infections. A lot of times, your body will recover without the need for treatment," Starrs said.

While having the potential to be just as dangerous as any other drug, prescription drugs are still viewed as beneficial, especially when

used correctly. Starrs recommends patients maintain steady com-

munication with their doctors and to inform them of any changes to their health. He added that generic prescriptions are generally good enough for treatment and that antibiotics should only be taken if necessary.

For disposal, check listings for prescription drug take-back events held by area police departments. Those struggling with drug addiction are urged to call the national drug abuse hotline at (800) 943-0566, contact their doctor immediately or contact Narcotics Anonymous.

"Not every sickness needs a prescription," Starrs said. "It's always important to let doctors know if your health changes at all."



## medications

**Opioids** — Derived from opium and used for pain relief. Examples include hydrocodone (Vicodin), oxycodone (OxyContin, Percocet), fentanyl, methodone and codeine.

**Benzodiazepines** — Depressants used to sedate, induce sleep and prevent seizure. Examples include alprazolam (Xanax), diazepam (Valium) and Iorazepam (Ativin).

Amphetamine-like drugs — Stimulants used to treat ADHD. Examples include methylphenidate (Ritalin) and dextroamphetamine (Adderall).



#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

I JUST READ online that 60 percent of people polled on an NBC/WSJ survey said we should fire every member of Congress. I figure by now it is a higher number, though.

I'D LIKE TO add some truly great ladies to Sunday's list of professional women. Melinda, Cheryl, Bonnie and Cathy of the Loose Senior Citizen Center. There's a new roof, walls and windows but these ladies are the Loose Senior Citizen Center. Know that we truly appreciate your patience and hard work.

YOUNG PEOPLE, IF you are consider-ing joining the military take a look at how our government is treating not only retired military but wounded and recently killed-in-action military. Our military is no longer considered honorable by those that run our nation.





#### Benefit dinner for Barry Matta family

The community is invited to the "Benefit for Barry Matta Family," a fundraising dinner to be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Moose Lodge of Fenton, 2245 Sonora Drive, Fenton. Organizers of the dinner said that the family was not prepared for what transpired and the family is need of the community's support. Matta, who touched the hearts of many people, passed away on Oct. 4 from medical problems. For a \$10 donation, dinner includes spaghetti, salad and garlic bread.



Acupuncture can treat musculoskeletal problems, respiratory problems, skin conditions, gastrointestinal issues and some reproductive problems.

#### ACUPUNCTURE Continued from Page 3

administered by a licensed veterinarian that has had formal training in acupuncture, can be used to treat musculoskeletal problems, respiratory problems, skin conditions, gastrointestinal issues, and selected reproductive problems.

In a nutshell, veterinary acupuncture helps the pet as it encourages healing by correcting energy imbalances to the body. According to the IVAS, acupuncture enhances blood circulation, nervous system stimulation, and the release of anti-inflammatory and pain relieving hormones.

With little or no pain during the treatments, acupuncture is known to be one of the safest forms of medical treatments for animals when administered properly. While side effects from acupuncture are rare, they can occur. An animal's condition may in fact worsen up to 48 hours after the treatment and are an indication that physiological changes are occurring in the animal. In most cases, however, the animal usually emerges from the treatment looking and feeling a lot better.

Benefits of pet acupuncture vary from animal to animal, and really depend upon the frequency of acupuncture treatments. The length and frequency of treatments, in turn, depend on the animal's condition and the method of acupuncture chosen — be it dry needle, electroacupuncture or aquapuncture. A simple acute problem like a sprain may only require one treatment, where a more sever or chronic ailment may require more.

While most veterinary clinics in the tricounty area do not offer pet acupuncture services, some, like the Animal Health Clinic in Fenton and the Fenton Veterinary Clinic refer patients to certified acupuncturists throughout southeast Michigan.





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Fenton High School Choir Director Brad Wright works through "Some Nights" by Fun. on Monday. Rights to sing and perform music is part of the cost of running a music program.

#### MUSIC

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of people don't realize it.'

Anything public today, whether it is schools or police departments, can be tight financially. Fenton High School Band Director Andy Perkins said he gets \$200 to fund his band annually.

In 1998, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) along with the State Board of Education required that all students have a basic proficiency in fine arts, which can include a music component.

In 1988, Ravert worked in the classroom when music was part of fine-arts requirements for accreditation. Until this year, she worked at Linden High School. In her time at Linden she has seen staffing change. She has seen the music staff go from teacher in each building to two music instructors that cover the elementary buildings.

Still, she believes the program is supported by administration by encouragement, if not always financially.

Each local superintendent, via email, expressed their support for the programs. In each district the music programs are financed by the general fund, and supplemented by the local boosters.

Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo said that Linden Music Boosters help with uniforms and band competitions. He said the programs haven't changed in the past two years.

"We have a fairly large music contingency," said Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright. He said they try to keep funding the same as the previous year.

Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said, "We greatly value the music programs in all of our buildings and grade levels."

Mike Miceli is the president of the

Fenton Band Boosters. They raise money to support new uniforms, food and snacks at band camp, zero hour breakfast (the practice before first hour) and an annual \$500 scholarship, among other things. Fundraising mechanisms include Coffee Beanery and citrus sales and partnering with Lasco Ford.

Miceli said that in 2012, the Fenton Band Boosters raised \$7,500, which was spent on programming, used by band students for expenses, or saved for future projects. A product of the band program himself, Miceli said benefits for students include leadership and friendship possibilities.

Another project the boosters are preparing for, is replacing the aging school uniforms. "It's part of a well rounding of education," said Miceli. "To not have it would be missing something."

In high school, participation in band is like participating in a sport — students pay to play, and have a variety of means to raise funds. In the end, however, a lot of the responsibility falls on families.

According to Lake Fenton Band Director Ryan Gonder, fees for marching band range from \$70-\$100 per student, depending on the number of marching band students in a family. Gonder said the fee is exceptionally low.

This includes in-drill design, music arrangements, uniform costs, camp field equipment and camp enrichment, field equipment, and ancillary instruction.

"This fee does not include individual supplies and instrument costs for personally owned instruments," he said. "The actual cost of operating a marching band our size far exceeds the amount collected for participation."

Money for individuals was saved when pre-season rehearsals were held on school grounds instead of at camp.



Elementary music teacher Shari Ravert instructs second-grade students on Monday.

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as they did in 2011. The Barnes & Noble Nook — the top-selling e-reader just a few years ago - has ceased manufacturing its Nook HD and HD+, although both will still be found on holiday shelves this year. Nook tablets have struggled against the competition from Amazon's Kindle Fire tablets and Apple's iPad.

However, there are still some distinct advantages to e-readers for those consumers who want to use these products only for what they were intended — to read. According to Consumer Reports, the e-book reader remains as compelling a device for digital bookworms as when its sales were soaring.

Optimal size — Most e-readers have a 6-inch screen, which holds enough type to minimize page turns, while making the device small enough to hold in one hand. Screens on most smartphones are still too



#### small to be ideal for e-reading.

Weight matters — Tablets may be getting lighter, but they're still much heavier than most e-readers. Even the 7.9-inch Apple iPad Mini tablet weighs 3.5 oz. more than the 6-inch Nook Simple Touch. This can make a difference if you're holding the device for several hours of reading.

Charge ahead — E-book readers run forever on a charge. For example, the Kindle DX can run for two weeks on a charge, thanks to their energy-conserving e-ink screens. That's even true of two e-readers with built-in lights, like the Barnes & Noble Nook Simple Touch with Glow Light and Amazon Kindle Paperwhite

Easier to read outside — Another plus to e-ink screens is that they are much easier than backlit LCD screens to read outside in bright light.

Affordability - E-readers are so inexpensive that people can afford both an e-reader and a tablet. Even the most expensive ones are just over \$200, with many priced at less than \$100.

Fewer distractions — with an e-reader, you actually focus on reading, rather than jumping back and forth between different tablet functions.

## **TOP 5 E-READERS**

#### **1. Kindle Fire HD**

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This e-reader has access to Amazon's extensive library of downloadable digi-



you to play games and watch movies when you aren't setting down with a good book.

The New York Times recently featured the new Kindle Fire HDX as its favorite e-reader for the upcoming holidays. What stands out about this tablet, according to an Oct. 13 article, is the screen's clarity. With 232 tiny dots per inch, it's much sharper than the iPad Mini's 163 dots per inch. It also boasts an 11-hour charge (up to 17 hours when on its power-saving mode)

Price: Kindle Fire HD \$129 and up Kindle Fire HDX \$230 and up

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#### 4. iPad Mini

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navigation feature. A great choice if money is no object.

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#### 5. Kindle Paperwhite

For an authentic feeling of reading words on paper, the Kindle Paperwhite is ideal. The screen is designed for inside or outdoor use as it's designed to eliminate glare. Its extensive battery life makes it ideal for vacations.

Price: \$119 and up — Source: pagepublishing.com

#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

IT'S AMAZING TO hear Bonnie Mathis say 'we can't let blight stand' yet you have to drive by one area of blight to get to Frank's Tavern.

HEY KING, GUNS don't kill people and SNL didn't kill society.

BONNIE, WHILE YOU'RE on a roll of getting rid of the blight in Fenton Township, let's continue and clean up the rest of the mess on Eastview Drive.

HELLO, DPW DIRECTOR, wake up. There are no fireworks or concerts in the park, can you please change the signs? It just looks tacky.

THANK GOD THAT the Republicans have the foresight to stop Obama and his Merry men from spending this country into the gutter. The Congress has continued to send viable solutions to the Senate while the Senate continues to whine like a bunch of crybabies because they can't have their way.

WOULDN'T IT BE nice if we could all live beyond our budgets, simply to borrow money, as we needed it. Come on Mr. President, use some common sense here and try living within the budget you have.

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#### CRASH

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truck, driven by a 64-year-old Columbiaville man was entering the highway. The truck was carrying a heavy load so the driver had the truck's hazard lights flashing. As he entered the highway and was up to about 55 miles per hour, his truck was rear-ended by another northbound semi, hauling beer. BILL

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**Roaming fees** 

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fees, they will take advantage of it.

If you're planning on traveling

The driver of the beer truck, a 54-yearold Flint man, told police he tried to avoid the slow traveling semi in front of him, but could not. When the beer truck struck the slow semi, the driver lost control. The beer truck veered from the road, went through the ditch, across Torrey Road where it then struck a tree. The load of beer was thrown about the area. Slater said there were no vehicles on

Torrey Road at the time of the crash.

The driver of the beer truck sustained minor injuries and STAT EMS transported him to McLaren-Flint. He was ticketed for driving without due care/ caution. The driver of the slow truck stopped and provided his information to police. He was not ticketed.

Torrey Road was shut down for several hours as heavy equipment and tow trucks were called to the scene to clean up the area and remove the truck from the tree.

For several hours, traffic was slow on U.S. 23 because of gawkers trying to get a glimpse of the clean-up in process. This gawking caused another rear-end collision on the highway at 11:15 p.m. A45-year-old Grand Blanc man, driving a Chevy Impala rear-ended a slowing Ford Explorer, driven by a 60-year-old Burton man. Both men complained of soreness, however, both declined medical treatment.



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who served our country."

The football teams weren't the only ones that gave back, Josh Gracin, country artist and fourth-place finisher on American Idol in 2003 sang the National Anthem to kick off the game. Gracin is a former retired marine, and although he wasn't wounded in war, senior Matt Cubr honored him in Friday's game for his efforts.

"Josh Gracin's promoter lives in Fenton," Bakker said. "She asked what she could do to help with the game and was able to organize things for him to come and sing. He is an ex Michigan resident and was a marine stationed in California."

Fenton defeated Kearsley 48-0; however, the celebration at the end of the game was a ceremony honoring those who fought in war. The players gave their jerseys to the veterans as a way to thank them for all they have done.

"I loved wearing someone else's name," senior Luke Idoni said. "It gave me a sense of pride. I wore my uncle, Chuck Rozek's name and the ceremony at the end was memorable. It was an honor to honor those who have served."

Although there is not a final tally yet because they are still receiving invoices, Bakker believes they raised about \$10,000 to \$15,000 during this year's game. This will add to the \$55,000 they have already raised, combined over the first three years. background. "My Marine Corp

motto was 'Work hard, play hard,'

said Baldwin. This motto is clear-

ly still in effect as the new di-

rector puts his students through

rigorous, half-hour concentration

drills while also joining in on stu-

dent's hacky sack circles between

said, "He's a chill dude," she said.

"He's a really good teacher - fun,

high-profile events that he would like

to take the band to include college bowl

games, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day

Parade, Carnegie Hall, and a Presiden-

tial Inauguration. Though these seem

ambitious, Baldwin believes he has

found a band program where attending

these types of events may be possible.

"Holly has everything going for it here

— we have numbers, Donovan Tear

running the elementary music classes,

community support, parent support,

and highly-intelligent students," he

added. "This stuff can be a reality -

the whole formula is in place."

"I think it can be done," he said.

Junior Clarinet player Kaitlyn Reed

The new director's "bucket list" of

**FORMULA** 

practices.

but serious."

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## Holly homecoming brings out the best

#### By Amy Mayhew

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**Holly** — Holly High School students had a lot to cheer about Friday as the Bronchos varsity football team defeated the Greyhounds of Eaton Rapids in an



36-30. Serving at the Grand Marshal of the homecoming parade was Holly's oldest alumnus and author of the formus LUIS

exciting game

by a score of

famous HHS fight song, Wilbert McKeachie. McKeachie and his fellow classmate, Bob Bravender wrote the song in 1938, and McKeachie was honored during the HHS

McKeachie was honored during the HHS pep assembly and on the field prior to Friday's football game. Perhaps one of the most emotional

moments during Friday's festivities came when special needs students, Brandon Hare and Taylor Moriarty were crowned as Holly's 2013 King and Queen. "The student body was really behind this vote," HHS teacher and Leadership Coordinator



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I AMY MAYHEW Students overwhelmingly elected Brandon Hare and Taylor Moriarty as the 2013 Holly High School Homecoming King and Queen.

Haley Street said.

"We have really good students in this school district, and it was extremely evident this week by the unconditional acceptance and support they continue to show Brandon and Taylor," she said. "It's a great day to be a Broncho."

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After playing at the FIA, Bennett has the distinct honor of gracing the stage with the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, one of the world's most prestigious performance venues.

> **Isabel Hall** Flint Institute of Arts 1120 E. Kearsely St., Flint

#### LIQUOR

#### **Continued from Front Page** beverages from 7 a.m. to noon on Sundays.

Mayor David Lossing and Councilor Ray Culbert cast the dissenting votes. Councilor Danielle Dixon was absent from the meeting.

Spring Meadows Country Club President Mike Murray said the club usually holds

men's outings on Sunday mornings and lifting the ban would allow the club to generate more revenue. Alpine Marketplace Owner Marvin



Owner Marvin Yono said roughly 10 customers a week try to purchase liquor early Sunday morning and the ban causes customers to spend their money outside of the city.

Culbert questioned the effectiveness and need to allow people to purchase alcohol at 7 a.m. on a Sunday.

"I just find it difficult to believe that we would have a lot of events on Sunday morning that would be liquor related," Culbert said. "There's six days and three quarters (of a day) a week where people can buy liquor and that five hours... I just can't think that can make a major difference."

Lossing was not opposed to most businesses within the city selling liquor early on Sundays however the mayor was concerned that lifting the ban could amplify incidents at Mason's Pub and Grill. Lossing said police have been called to the establishment several times in recent weeks about situations involving workers, clientele and surrounding residents.

"Almost every week, there's something instigated there by the owner of the pub," said Lossing, who added law enforcement may have to be more vigilant if the ban is lifted. "I'm on the fence about this one because I don't want that to blow up in our face, which I suspect it will."

City Manager Paul Zelenak and city councilors who voted to lift the ban said early Sunday liquor sales would be more convenient for customers and keep more sales locally.

"I don't know why this ban was set in the first place. I think we can do this to support our businesses," said Councilor Amanda Adams.

Prior to 2010, alcoholic beverages were not allowed to be sold on Sundays before noon, Christmas Eve and before noon on Christmas. In order to sell liquor early on Sundays, businesses must obtain a \$160 license from the state Liquor Control Commission, as well as receive approval from local government.



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#### SPORTS TRIVIA BASEBALL



Name the two teams who played in the longest nineinning game in MLB history.

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#### **DAVID'S** DABBLINGS

I like following the Tigers as much as anyone. If I can help it, I'm not going to miss a game as the Tigers fight to earn their first World Championship since 1984. And we've seen some exciting games just three games through the American League Championship Series.

But while there have been some great memories — bad and good - there has been one constant through the first seven Tiger postseason contests. They've been really long games.

The first game of the ALCS took 3:56 to play, and it was a 1-0 game! We're not talking about a 12-inning 8-7 thriller. We are talking about a game where one team couldn't even get a hit until the ninth inning. And while that was the longest game of Detroit's postseason so far, the Tiger games have averaged 3:30 a game, and none has been shorter than 3:20.

Gosh, is there a way we can shorten these games?

SDOITS WWW.TCTIMES.COM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Fenton's Samantha Moss lines up a putt earlier this year. Moss and the Fenton varsity girls golf team will compete at the state meet on Friday. and Saturday. Moss is one of the contenders for an individual state title.

## **Moss, Tigers aiming** for high goals at state

► Holly's Johnson, Linden's Joslin excited to be golfing at prep level's biggest event

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 The Fenton varsity girls golf team enjoys being known as one of the elite teams in the Flint area when it comes to their sport.

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Starting on Friday at Michigan State's Forest Akers East Golf Course, the Tigers will get a chance to prove they are among the elite in the state.

And for one of the golfers, Samantha Moss, the meet could end up with an individual championship as well.

The Fenton Tigers, who finished tied for fifth at last year's Division II event, would love nothing more than to match, or surpass, that accomplishment this year.

"Last year we placed fifth," Moss said. "This year it would be great to finish in the top five again. It would be a great way to

end our senior year and give the other girls a smile on their face and give them some confidence for (future) seasons."

Fenton coach Kurt Herbstreit wants to see a top-five finish as well, but knows it won't come easy. "For us to finish in the top

five, we'll have to play really well to do that," Herbstreit said. "There are some really good teams in D2, so top five would be a real good accomplishment."

Moss has a realistic shot at capturing a state crown. She came close to doing so at last year's state meet. Last season Moss carded an 83-76-159 two-day, 36-hole score, keeping her out of a three-player playoff for the individual state title by one stroke at The Meadows Golf Course located at Grand Valley State University.

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### Haaraoja leads Tigers at MISCA; Fenton crushes Kearsley in meet

#### **By David Troppens**

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dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Gabrielle Haaraoja had high goals entering the 2013 girls swim season.

After what she did at Saturday's MISCA's meet, her thoughts about those goals were only confirmed.

In what is the best swim meet in the state excluding the endof-season state events, Haaraoja left the MISCA meet with an individual first- and third-place finish.

The rest of the team did fine as well, with every entry earning a personal-best time.

Haaraoja was the top individual star, though. She won the

100 freestyle with a time of 53.44 seconds. Meanwhile, she also took third in the 50 freestyle, but in the process of placing third, she broke the school record in the event. She broke Amy Morrison's record established in 2006 by posting a time of 24.30.

"MISCA is always a good test to see where you stack up, but you always have swimmers in different events, and some schools that don't attend," Fenton coach Brad Jones said.

"Finishing first and third in her events is certainly exciting, and knowing that she will go faster at the end of the season puts her in a very good spot to fin-See MISCA on 14



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton's varsity girls swimming and diving team do a chant during a break at a recent swim meet. The Tigers remain undefeated in Flint Metro League action after beating Kearsley. They also had a strong showing at the MISCA meet.



Gossett

Member of Linden's fourth-ranked boys cross country team. Placed 11th at Kayla O'Mara invite

Jeremiah

## Area XC teams show their strength at O'Mara invite

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 The Kayla O'Mara Invitational told cross country fans in the tri-county area something they already knew about the area teams — that there is a lot of talent

in the programs. On the girls side, Linden, Fenton and Holly finished 1-2-3 in the girls large school competition. Meanwhile, on the boys' side, Holly and Linden finished 2-3 behind D1's fifth-ranked Saginaw Heritage, completing what was a strong day by area teams at Goodrich.

The second-ranked in Division 2 Linden girls were the most impressive team at any of the races. The team's entire scoring five finished in the top eight places as the Eagles won with just 30 team points. Fenton placed an impressive second with 87 points, while Holly was third (91).

Linden's girls, who are expected to dominate the final Metro meet at Davisburg's Springfield Oaks County Park today, were paced by Sydney Elmer, who finished in 19:59.6. Following directly behind her were four teammates. McKayla Guy placed fifth (20:00.7), Jordan Holscher placed sixth (20:10), Savannah Ferrara placed seventh (20:34.41) and Courtney Davis placed eighth (20:34.41).

Tri-county teams had the next three runners. They were Holly's Maggie Schneider in ninth (20:35.18), Holly's Alex Matvchuk in 10th (20:35.5) and Fenton's Torrey Christopher in 11th (20:36.1).

The rest of Fenton's top five included Emily Battaglia in 16th (21:10.97), Jenna Keiser in 17th (21:15.51), Danielle Hack in 19th (21:24.63) and Emily Bemis in 24th (21:43.57).

Holly's next three scorers were Abby Brown in 14th (20:52.41), Courtney Kettle in 21st (21:29.39) and Olivia Allmen in 37th (23:01.06).

The top three team places went exactly how the second Metro jamboree went, and could go at Springfield Oaks. Of course, the Holly Bronchos, who placed second at the first jamboree, will have a strong say who takes second as well. Currently, it looks like Fenton and Holly are very close.

"The girls team ran well," Fenton coach Todd Mills said. "We are starting to get it all going. The kids are feeling better and the times are starting to come down. It's nice to have people back from injuries. We should be in second at the FML, but as strong as Holly has been, they are always a concern.

"Linden, well as MC Hammer put it, 'can't touch that.' They are running strong."

In the boys' competition, Saginaw Heritage won with 50 points, while Holly placed second (69) and Linden in third (71).

Holly had three in the top 12, as did Linden, but the Bronchos three were in higher positions. They were Nate Frasier in fourth (16:25.82), Vincent Cantu in fifth (16:26.78) and Dilon Lemond in 12th (16:47.28). Linden's top three were Dave Doyle in ninth (16:37.86), Mikey Varacalli in 10th (16:38.77) and Jeremiah Gossett in 11th (16:45.32). Linden's final two were Ryan Torok in 20th (17:20.1) and Scott Schultz in 21st (17:23.04). Holly's final two scorers were Kurtis Cooley





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SETH NORMINGTON

Linden's Courtney Davis (center) leads Hollly's Abby Brown (right) and Linden's Jordan Holscher (back) during the second Metro League jamboree. Linden won the Kayla O'Mara Invitaitonal on Saturday.

in 17th (17:00.93) and Blake Staffne in 33rd (17:51.06). Holly ran without Zac Felix, who is usually in the team's top five. The Bronchos are looking forward to the Metro Meet where they can win their first title since 1996.

"This league title has been our goal all year," Holly coach Rich Brinker said. "We've put in a lot of hard work since the beginning of June. ... We've done the work. Now we have to go take care of business." See **XC** on 15

#### MISCA

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ish very high this year. She is training very hard and, although she was very pleased with her performance at MIS-CA, she has her sights on the state meet, and she knows she can go faster."

A bunch of other Fenton swimmers went faster as well. The only other individual to compete was Elise Cassidy, who posted a person-best time of 1:04.10 in the 100 backstroke.

"It was a great swim and it looks very good going into the second half of the season," Jones said. "She should taper well and look to qualify for the state meet in the backstroke."

The Tigers had three relays at the event. Haaraoja, Lauren Gruber, Lauren Davis and Brianna Costigan posted the best placing at the meet, taking 25th in the 200 medley relay (1:57.58).

The 400 freestyle relay team of Costigan, Davis, Addison Ransom and Haaraoja wasn't too far behind them, taking 26th place (3:51.62), while Costigan, Davis, Taylor Haaraoja and Grace Siefker placed 63rd in the 200 freestyle relay (1:50.0).

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The Tigers continued their run for a Metro League crown with the easy win, despite sitting some swimmers for the MISCA meet.

The Tigers swept the top three spots in three events. They did it in the 200 freestyle, with Brianna Costigan placing first (2:08.48), followed by Addison Ransom (2:14.05) and Haylee Skank (2:16.54). The squad also swept the diving competition. MacKenzie Deputy won (184.0) followed by Zoe Weinberg (174.0) and



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I DAVID TROPPENS Fenton's Elise Cassidy posted a personalbest time of 1:04.10 at the MISCA meet.

Julia Johnson (164.0). Finally, Gabrielle Haaraoja (1:05.25) Taylor Haaraoja (1:15.99) and Kylayha Tietma (1:18.83) swept the 100 backstroke.

"Depth has been our biggest strength this season," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "We also went 2, 3 and 4 in the 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly. So despite not taking first, we were able to win those events."

Costigan also won the 500 freestyle (5:49.79), while Emma Cagle placed second (5:59.18), while Gabrielle Haaraoja won the 100 freestyle. The Tigers also took the top two spots in the 400 freestyle relay to close the night.

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"Since I didn't get a chance to win and, technically, placed fourth because of the three-way tie, I really want to win it," Moss said. "I think I have the potential to do it. I've worked really hard and I am very confident going in."

Moss likes the course.

"I played both the east and the west during the summer and I'm confident," Moss said. "I think the east is a lot easier than the west course. It has some blind shots, but if you know the course well enough and know how to hit it, it's pretty straight forward. As long as I hit it straight and good with my irons, I think I should do well."

The Tigers have some experience at the meet. Tailer Przybylowicz also competed last year, posting a two-day, 36-hole score of 189 during Fenton's fifth-place team finish. The senior could be in a position to card a good score this year as well.

"Sam has played there before and Tailer has probably been there too," Herbstreit said. "Sam should compete for the individual title. It's definitely on her mind. And Tailer could finish in the top 10 or better. That would be really nice."

Holly also has an individual qualifier in the D2 state meet, sophomore Paige Johnson.

Johnson follows in her footsteps of her older sister, Alex Johnson. And actually, her brother, Sam Johnson, has qualified for state in wrestling as well.

"Personally I want to be in the 90s and not shoot a 105 or anything else like that," Johnson said. "It's a big tournament and I want to make it work. I also want to do a couple strokes better during the second day than the first."

Johnson realizes to do well she'll need to get over the bad holes. It's a lesson Holly coach Matt Wilson thinks she's learning lately. And it may have showed at the regional. On her first shot she almost hit a water hazard about 10 yards in front of the tees, earning a double-bogey. She remained composed and shot an 85 to qualify for the state meet.

"I've learned this this year. If you have a bad hole you have to let it go and move on to the next," Johnson said. "I couldn't



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SETH NORMINGTON

Holly's Kurtis Cooley (left) races with Linden's Ryan Torok during the second Metro League jamboree. The two squads are expected to be the top contenders to win today's Metro League meet being held at Davisburg's Springfield Oaks County Park.

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**Continued from Page 14** Linden was pleased with their perfor-

mance as well.

"Ten of our competitors set lifetime records and two more set season bests," Linden coach Clint Lawhorne said. "We were the only D2 school in the large schools so our third-place finish was very good. I know Holly ran a man short, as they did early on in Metro competition, and we were still very close to them. Holly has a very good team this year and are in the driver's set for the Metro title. However, both Clio and Linden are right there and Holly will have to earn the title with good performances from each of their competitors on Wednesday."

The Fenton boys also competed and took sixth. Jacob Lee led the squad by placing second with a time of 16:19.19, about two seconds behind race winner Nick Schmidt (16:17.57) of Davidson.

Fenton's other scorers were Andrew Bond in 41st (18:04.06) and Samuel Strickhouser in 46th (18:37.11), John Galvin in 48th (18:48.9) and Luke Shabot in 51st (19:11.45).

"Jacob Lee is running well and should contend for the No. 1 spot at the FML on Wednesday," Mills said. let it go last year and that would cause me to blow up the last couple of holes." Linden's Hannah Joslin at D3 state meet

Joslin is the only tri-county athlete competing at the D3 state meet being held at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows.

"My goal is to play my best," Joslin said. "I'm not necessarily in the running (to win), but I want to do my best this year. Next year I plan on making a name for myself."

"I want her to enjoy the experience and have fun," Linden coach Jon Hamilton said. "If she doesn't have fun, what's the point. As far as goals, I don't really set numbers. I 'd like to see her hit solid shots on both days. It's a tough golf course.

"Any time she tees it up, she has a chance to break 80, whether that's a goal or not, I don't know, but it wouldn't shock me if she did it. It wouldn't shock me to see her finish in the top 10 individually, but the main thing for her to do is have fun, hit solid golf shots and whatever happens, happens."

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Maddie Brown will be one of Fenton's golfers competing at the Division 2 state golf meet on Friday and Saturday.











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