Fenton school officials mull bond proposal

By William Axford

Fenton — The Fenton Board of Education held a special meeting Monday to discuss the possible passage of another bond. Updates to technology, new buses, additional security measures and new infrastructure were discussed between the board and Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen.

The school board attempted twice last year to pass bonds to cover similar needs, asking for a $9.6 million bond last May and an $8.4 million bond in November. Both bonds were voted down by the public. Jalkanen discussed a three-series bond that would start at 2014, 2018 and 2022 to cover the district needs. Jalkanen said in order to remain competitive and a top school, technology for students and staff has to be updated.

“The needs and requirements of students today are vastly different than the needs and skills required 50 years ago,” Jalkanen said.

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Jinglefest warms the heart

Parade, fireworks, Santa Claus, 5K run bring the crowds

Tim Jagielo

Fenton — The roaring fireworks drew applause from the crowds while the warmth and Santa Claus drew them into the community center afterward.

Festive revelers came out to support the annual Christmas tradition of Jinglefest in downtown Fenton this past weekend. Activities were preceded by the popular Jingle Jog 5K Run/Walk. Adding to the atmosphere were ice Spectators in front of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center reach for falling ashes during the Jinglefest 2013 fireworks display Saturday night. Downtown was packed, despite the sharp chill in the air.

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Big Three see big sales in November

Deep discounts, improving economy believed to be reason for sales increase

By William Axford

The auto industry has seen another positive year with numerous reports and local dealers confirming more sales in 2013 than in 2012. November was particularly strong for the Big Three as Reuters reports the car companies selling 16.41 million vehicles, the most vehicles sold since February 2007.

New deals and strong promotions may have been a factor in luring customers to purchase

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Michigan’s richest and poorest zip codes

Fenton, Linden, Holly in the middle, education big factor

Tim Jagielo

The Washington Post calls them “Super zips.” These are the richest and most educated zip codes in the U.S. Researchers took average household income and college graduation stats from the 2010 census for each zip code in the U.S. and gave them a ranking from 0 to 100.

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**Linden, Holly celebrate Christmas**

Downtowns abuzz with parades, activities, actors

By William Axford

Linden and Holly got into the Christmas spirit this past weekend, with Linden celebrating Holiday Happening and Holly performing the Dickens Festival.

**Linden**

On Friday, Linden residents enjoyed rides in a horse-drawn carriage while the Masonic Lodge sold pastries. A lighting of the lights was held at the gazebo as well. On Saturday, residents had the chance to have breakfast with Santa at Hyatt Elementary School. The Holiday Happening Parade also occurred downtown, featuring Santa Claus, the Linden police and fire department and City Manager Paul Zelenak dressed as Elmo.

The events for Holiday Happening concluded last weekend.

**Holly**

In Holly, carolers dressed in clothing from the early 1800s sang Christmas carols. A live nativity scene was also held downtown. This Saturday and Sunday are the last days for the Dickens Festival, which starts at 2 p.m. each day.
FROM THE LEFT
Clarence Page
Nationally syndicated columnist

Mandela’s gift: A model of leadership
At a time of bitterly divided politics in our country, the passing of Nelson Mandela offers us a valuable reminder of how great leaders can bridge great divides.

There was little doubt that Mandela was the republic’s most popular and unifying black leader, even as he was serving a life imprisonment sentence for plotting to overthrow the country’s apartheid minority regime. The country’s white population, vastly outnumbered by nonwhites, understandably was haunted by nightmarish “bloodbaths” of racial retribution.

They weren’t alone. Many nonwhites — divided by racial tribes or by the apartheid system’s bureaucratic designations “black,” “colored” (mixed race) and “Asian” — also yearned for some amelioration of intertribal rivalries as ancient as the Zulu, Xhosa and other tribal factions.

By then, Mandela had been kept out of touch with his public for so long that many wondered whether he would be able to take charge even of his own ANC, which, according to various reports and rumors, had fallen into divisions and disarray. Could he live up to his own eloquent promises of democratic rule and racial equality?

Credit goes to two qualities that gave Mandela the tools he needed to make history: his education and his deep faith as a lawyer in the rule of law. He rose from village life to be the only black law student in his class at the University of Witwatersand, the nation’s top university and a launching pad for his later activism.

Even under the daily oppression of the apartheid system of racial segregation, he saw in the law a valuable tool for both change and stability, depending on how you used it, and he used it to build a new South Africa.

Unfortunately, controversies surrounding his successors, such as South Africa’s current president Jacob Zuma, sometimes fall short of Mandela’s ideal. Yet his legacy set a high standard by which others will be measured in South Africa — and the rest of the world.

‘What made Nelson Mandela great was precisely what made him human,’ Zuma said in a speech. ‘We saw in him what we seek in ourselves. Indeed, We also can see in him what we all should seek in our leaders.

FROM THE RIGHT
Cal Thomas
Nationally syndicated columnist

Detroit’s decline didn’t have to happen
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes has ruled that Detroit may seek to protect itself from its creditors under Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy protection, thus making this once proud city the largest municipality in American history to go bust.

The city is $18 billion in the hole thanks to its debt and long-term liabilities, such as pensions it can’t afford and people abandoning the city in droves, which led to an erosion of the tax base.

It didn’t have to be like this. There were signs of Detroit’s decline that began as early as the 1950s, but politicians didn’t like telling voters ‘no’ when it comes to government freebies and benefits. They want the votes.

Last September, the Detroit Free Press printed an extensive analysis of the city’s financial history over the past 60 years. It found that instead of making difficult economic and political decisions, Detroit’s leaders engaged in a billion-dollar borrowing binge and failed to cut expenses when they needed to.

Most of the recent mayors of Detroit have been Democrats. Some have gone to jail on corruption charges, but they didn’t get the same level of attention from the national media as they might have had they been Republicans. Stirring the political pot to avoid perpetual one-party rule would have been a good way to reduce corruption and the problems Detroit has experienced under Democrats.

Washington, D.C., which has had only Democratic mayors and a majority Democratic city council since the 1960s, is another city with several corrupt politicians. As in Detroit, Washington, D.C.’s policies appear to have ensured a permanent underclass Democrats can count on for votes, as long as government handouts keep coming.

There is a grand lesson here not only for other urban cities faced with similar problems, but for states and especially the federal government that don’t want to deny anyone anything, especially in an election year. The lesson is an obvious one, buried deep in our Puritan ethos: You can’t spend more than you take in, as though tomorrow will never come.

If you do, your tomorrow might just look a lot like Detroit’s.

Have you ever re-gifted something?

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“ ‘Yes but I don’t remember what it was. I felt really bad.’ ” — Patricia Gauthier, Fenton

“ ‘I want to say I have but I can’t think of anything specific, so I’m going to say no.’ ” — Terrie Paulson, Holly

“ ‘No, I just wouldn’t do that. I probably donate it to charity if I didn’t want it.’ ” — Patty Armstrong, Fenton

“ ‘Yes, I’ve done many over the years. The most recent was probably a sweater.’ ” — Pat Mannon, Fenton

“ ‘Maybe years ago but not recently.’ ” — Ted Medline, Grand Blanc
‘Run Like the Dickens’ to race through Holly this weekend

Weatherman predicting cold temps and snowy conditions for famous race

By Amy Mayhew
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With the weatherman predicting a high of 28 degrees Fahrenheit and a 40 percent chance of snow, participants in this year’s “Run Like the Dickens,” a 5K-10K Run/Walk throughout the historical streets of Holly, might be in for a more chilling run than normal this year.

Winding through festively decorated Holly this Saturday, Dec. 14, racers can participate in a 5K or 10K run or a 5K walk, while little racers can later take part in the annual Tiny Tim Trot. Tiny Tim trotters will have the choice of running a brisk quarter, half or full mile race around the track of the Karl Richter Intermediate School.

Pre-registration fee for the race is $28 per racer, which includes a Coolmax shirt. Runners who failed to register before Dec. 1 will pay $35 per runner to race, which includes the shirt. Families with three members or more can receive a discount if all participants share the same address. The family discount price is $25 per person and includes the shirts, subject to availability.

Tiny Tim Trot racers can register for $10. The price includes a medal and a long sleeved “Run Like the Dickens” shirt.

Hot food and homemade treats provided by the Villager Restaurant will be available before and after the race. Prizes will be awarded for all age brackets in all race categories.

For more information, visit www.runlikethedickens.com or contact Race Coordinator, Rob Basydlo at (248) 328-3200, extension 5279. All proceeds from the event go to the Holly Area Schools Track and Field program.

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Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. sharp, Karl Richter Campus (KRC) gymnasium, 920 Baird St., Holly.

Running and Walker Events start in front of Holly Middle School on the Karl Richter Campus. 5K Run starts at 9 a.m. 10K Run starts at 9:01 a.m. 5K Walk starts at 9:05 a.m.

The Tiny Tim Trot starts at 10:50 a.m. on the track behind Holly Middle School.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO ALL THE fast-food workers out there that think they’re worth $15 an hour — if you don’t like your job, quit. There are 50 people in line to take it from you.

WHEN ARE PEOPLE going to start raising their leaves? We’re in December now and nobody is raising their leaves, particularly my neighbors. They’re blowing all over my clean lawn.

SHAME ON YOU for closing down the FARR store. They take care of so many in our community. With so many in need, how could you do this? Those who are responsible for this should be named so we know whom you are next election. Big mistake!

LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS is throwing away 200 boxes of books bought by taxpayers for having ‘dark imagery’ or being ‘too sad.’ LF will not donate the books to the needy. Children are not allowed to read classics and will not have access to them. ‘Marley and Me’ is too sad.

KUDOS TO THE Fenton Post Office clerk who is not afraid of being politically incorrect and wishes each customer a Merry Christmas before they leave!

FENTON CONEY LOOKS beautiful — wish all the stores in Fenton would decorate like they do. It really puts you in the Christmas spirit — Merry Christmas to all.

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Done reading that book?

Pass it on to someone else to enjoy through donations, trades or book sales

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If your hardcover books and paperbacks are just collecting dust on your bookshelves at home, there may be a better use for them by getting them to someone else who can enjoy them as much as you once did.

One good turn would be to send them to soldiers in military service overseas through www.booksforsoldiers.com. Organizers of this website are devoted to getting books to soldiers who post requests for certain books, and their addresses, allowing you to mail packages directly to them. The packages are actually mailed to military addresses in the U.S. at an affordable rate, and then the military sends them on overseas. A very helpful video is available onsite to help you through the process.

The forum is divided into different branches of military service, so you can peruse through soldier requests from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Soldiers may request different authors or various titles, and their request may be earmarked for a certain holiday and the deadlines for sending books for that holiday. In addition to books, you can also send requested DVDs and games.

Closer to home, your old books can find a new home through donations to your local library, non-profit group or even medical offices, with permission, of course.

As of this week, the Fenton Winegarden Library is not taking donations for their Friends of the Library Cart Sale, which is already overflowing with books. However, The State Bank Silver Parkway location is accepting donations of books, and all monies raised through donations from customers buying books will go toward the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

“We’ll have the book sale set up through the end of this year,” said Chris O’Connor, branch manager. “You can bring in your old books and set them up on a table here in the lobby.”

Your used books may also find a new home with avid readers through Lizz’s Used Book Store on North LeRoy St., behind Sagebrush Cantina. For your donation of books, you will receive a discount on any books you buy at Lizz’s.

Other options for your shelves of used books include:

• Setting up a “free books” box in a place where many people gather, such as a laundromat, waiting room, bus stop, etc. Just take a cardboard box and mark it with “Free Books,” but get permission first.
• Have a book swap with friends, each bringing some of their recent favorite reads and sharing them among each other.
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“We need to make sure we’re able to provide our staff and students with the tools that are necessary to be successful in their lives.”

Board member Drew Shapiro said, “I’m not opposed to a bond — I’m opposed to an unreasonable bond. We need to break it down and itemize it and let people vote for what they want. Otherwise, we’re going to risk this thing going down again and no one wants to see that happen.”

Under current Michigan law, updates to technology and new buses cannot be purchased with monies from a district’s Sinking Fund. Cuts to per-pupil funding, possible decline in student enrollment and growing legacy costs for healthcare and pensions have made it difficult for the board to include new buses and technology into their budget. Of the approximate $30 million budget the district has, Doug Busch, director of finance said roughly $8 percent of it is used for personnel costs. The remaining 12 percent is used for athletics, buses, extracurricular activities and utilities.

“In general, the funding has gone down and the costs have gone up,” Busch said.

Board members agreed busing and technology were the most important items to address, bond or no bond. Shapiro pointed out the bond is more than what the board asked for with the two previous bond issues.

Vice President Tamara Valley said the board could have asked for a higher bond amount but didn’t so that it wouldn’t raise the district’s current millage rate.

“I don’t want the public to think we’re asking for the moon and the stars. We could have gotten more but we’ve chosen to go for a lower rate, if we go for one at all,” Valley said.

The special meeting was only a discussion on how to fund possible needs for the district. No action was taken during on any item at the meeting.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

A DEMOCRAT WANTS to have a debate because of ‘mindless’ Hot line submissions. Fortunately, the debate is set for the 2014 elections. When Obamacare is fully implemented, it won’t be the sound of silence. It will be the noise of even the Democratic politicians who passed this abomination.

I KNOW THAT 54 months of continued job growth is encouraging to Republicans. They say it hasn’t been fast enough or the right kind of jobs. Why does a party that says less government and more free market want so much control to do less or even better, nothing?

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS – $10 billion losses on the GM loans and thinking this is a success. Does this sound like Detroit? Now the Union members that got their jobs saved can pay back the remaining money owed.

I THINK IT’S time a few of you Repub-Scrooges were visited by a ghost or three. A sip of the milk of human kindness might help.

**FOR MONTHS, WE’VE been reading Hot lines telling the government didn’t lose a dime on the GM bailout. The media now say the U.S. lost $10.5 billion. Which is it? The wannabe Democrat debater should ‘debate’ with their Democrat ideologues first, so they can at least get their ‘facts’ straight.

**WHY WOULD I want to discuss President Obama and all of his failures? All Demo- crats are blinded by his mischief. It’s the blind leading the blind. Too bad. Let’s vote every Democrat out of office and replace them with Independents and Republicans!**

**Summary**

The Fenton Board of Education discussed a possible bond proposal at Monday’s special meeting. No action was taken on any agenda items.

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or lease new cars. With an average of $2,500 in incentives being offered for every vehicle sold and the shopping frenzy of Black Friday, consumers were swayed to purchase or lease new vehicles.

“The economy has gotten better and the deals are pretty good, better than they have been,” said Vic Canever, Chevrolet Sales Manager Tom Turner. “Sales have been pretty steady. We had a few months that have been suspect (to lower sales), but for the most part, we’ve beat everything we did the prior year.”

The impact of a strengthened economy and deals on newer cars has led to sales levels the Big Three hasn’t experienced in nearly five years.

General Motors sold 212,060 vehicles last month, a 14 percent increase compared to a year ago. Models making up the highest number of sales included the Cruze (up 41 percent), Volt (up 26 percent), and the Camaro (up 14 percent). The Chevrolet Cruze, Equinox and Volt had their best November sales ever in 2013, according to GM’s website. “We feel good about the direction of the economy and our own momentum,” said Kurt McNeill, vice president of U.S. sales operation in a press release. “The economy is creating jobs and household wealth. Energy costs are dropping and credit is available and affordable. All of this bodes well for future growth.”

Ford sold 190,449 vehicles last month, up 7 percent from last year. Ford Vice President John Felice said in press release that last month was the best November for retail since 2004. “Fusion and Fiesta were particular standouts, setting November records, and Ford trucks maintained their strong selling pace.”

Chrysler sold 142,257 vehicles last month, a 16 percent increase over last year and the best November sales since 2007. Jeep vehicles saw a 30 percent increase while Ram pickup trucks had a 22 percent increase. Chrysler claims to have 44 consecutive months of increased year-over-year sales.

Whether the consumer confidence of November will continue into 2014 remains to be seen. Each car company is rolling out next year’s models and hoping the purchases keep going. Turner is optimistic 2014 will be good for car dealers as well.

“Next year will be better too,” Turner said, encouraging shoppers to ‘buy America.’

Jim Hall, owner of Hall Chrysler Jeep and Dodge in Fenton said sales at his dealership has increased by 19 percent. He attributed the strong sales to new products and expects it to continue next year too.

ZI M CODES
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Since the 2010 census, information has been made even easier to use by organizations and media outlets. This ranking system is a recent example that also includes a new interactive map.

These “super zips” are pockets of wealth spread about the U.S.—650 of these areas rank as the top 95. Michigan has five super zips, and you probably wouldn’t be surprised where they are— metro Detroit.

The tri-county area doesn’t fare too poorly in rankings. The Fenton area zip code of 48430 scored a 67, with 32 percent graduating from college and an average income of $63,382. Linden ranked just below Fenton at 65, with $63,693 and 29 percent graduating, showing the weight given to the percentage of college graduates in the ranking. Holly ranked in at 59, with $65,524 in income and 22 percent college graduation.

Close neighbor Grand Blanc scored a 75, and Hartland scored a 66. Of the five wealthiest and education-rich zip codes in Michigan, number five is Rochester, which scored a 96, with household average income of $118,146, with 60 percent of adults graduating from college. For comparison, Los Angeles Calif. scored a 96 as well.

Following is Franklin, Troy and Huntington Woods, with increasing education and income.

The top zip code in Michigan is Novi, with a 98 and $134,994 in average household income, and 65 percent of adults graduating from college.

Michigan is home to many low-ranking zip codes also, and again, they’re just where you’d think — very rural and urban areas.

Detroit’s 48213 zip code scored a 1, with $23,725, and 6 percent college graduates. This is one of several zip codes just for the city.

Flint’s 48505 zip code scored a 1 with similar numbers to the Detroit-48213 zip code.


To check it out for yourself, search “National zip code ranking Washington Post,” on Google, or click the link on our website.

Local rankings
Fenton
Rank: .......................... 67
Income: .......................... $63,082
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Holly
Rank: .......................... 59
Income: .......................... $65,524
Education: .......................... 22 percent
Grand Blanc
Rank: .......................... 71
Income: .......................... $64,212
Education: .......................... 35 percent
Flint (48507)
Rank: .......................... 14
Income: .......................... $35,250
Education: .......................... 13 percent
Income is average household income and education is percentage of college graduates.
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my shopping this year. Hopefully, I’ll be ready with all my gift-giving by Christmas Eve. “But do realize that reciprocating will likely establish a yearly tradition, so be prepared for that.” — Emily Post Institute

SCENARIO #8

While sending out invitations for your annual Christmas Open House or party, you accidentally overlook your next-door neighbors. You hear later from a mutual friend that they were offended.

Oops! Let them know this truly wasn’t intentional. If you forgot to invite them and would like to do so before the event, call and say, “Boy, we thought it was strange you didn’t RSVP. It never occurred to us that we didn’t hear from you because you didn’t get an invitation from us! Please forgive us for being in holiday-madness mode.” An invitation to a more intimate gathering at your home should easily smooth over any hurt feelings.

SCENARIO #3

You hear that the boss at your new job likes to give holiday presents, so you give her one. Then you realize you’re the only employee who did.

If you’ve already presented the gift, don’t worry about it. But next year, “do as the Romans do” and simply give her a nice card, or talk with other staffers about getting together as a group and getting her something nice that’s not too personal expensive, such as a book or stationery. — Emily Post Institute

SCENARIO #4

You really don’t want to exchange gifts this year, for financial reasons or because you just don’t feel like doing so. Can you opt out of exchanging gifts with family and friends?

In a word, no. You certainly don’t need to exchange pricey gifts, like the latest gadget or coolware. But it’s poor form to not do any gift-giving at all. Instead, find other ways to give: offer friends a non-monetary gift, such as a night of babysitting. Give nieces and nephews a no-cost “love gift” of an afternoon of sledding and a homemade pizza lunch. Share a special skill, such as a yoga demonstration or give a knitting lesson. Remember: the point of the holidays isn’t to drop a lot of cash — it’s to make a meaningful gesture, and that doesn’t cost a thing.

SCENARIO #5

The holidays seem to be all about driving from one family destination to the next. You’ve got four sets of parents, thanks to divorces on both sides, and they all live nearby, which makes the decision about who to spend the holidays with so challenging.

How can you avoid upsetting any loved ones this time of year, especially when beloved grandparents are involved?

Yay for an abundance of grandparents! As far as problems go, it’s all upside, although it does require some delicate navigating. How about a rotation system? Each set of grandparents can look forward to the pleasure of your company every four years, depending on other factors, such as how you divvy up other holidays or whether any grandchildren will be stranded all alone.

This year, talk to your “neediest” parents (ones you haven’t shared a holiday meal with for quite some time), then let the alternating begin. Another solution is to designate post-holiday dates for specific gatherings, such as the post-Christmas or Christmas Eve. Even the weekend before or the weekend after the holiday can make for less stressful visiting and can become their own special “holiday.” — Real Simple magazine

SCENARIO #6

Your family is politically divided, especially when it comes to youthful liberalism and older conservative views. How can you set guidelines so the holidays don’t turn into “Crossfire?”

Since America is a democracy, your family members have a duty to have informed opinions and to challenge the opinions of others while having your own views challenged. Yet there still can be guidelines of fairness, respect and civility. Another angle is to agree to talk about ideas rather than about politicians, and to find something constructive about every idea presented. How about putting a dollar in a coffee can for charity every time these guidelines aren’t followed?

Hosts can also announce what a joy it is to be together, then for the sake of harmony, suggest that anything and everything can be discussed this holiday season except for politics—from Oprah.com

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

FARR IS CLOSING because the board said there are no needy families in Fenton, and they are not making any money. They just sold the old abuse house for $18,000, plus got a $10,000 donation. FARR needs to stay open, Fenton, Linden and Holly need them.

DON’T FALL FOR it. Obama is pouring $1 trillion into the market to prop up the economy. It’s called quantitative easing — what the common man calls debt!

AFTER 23 YEARS of trusted community service, you have decided to close the FAAR store. What a terrible loss! This is to everyone, especially to all the needy people who have been helped or would be helped in the future. Thank you Maury, Ray and Jackie.

JFK DID VERY little during his administra-

tive. He did have an elected leader assassinated. He did almost start a nuclear war because of Soviets saw him as weak. Yes, he did launch the space program. He screwed up the Bay of Pigs. What else did he do?
Fenton Community and Cultural Center visitors were lined up to meet Santa Claus on Saturday.

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sculptures, which were sponsored by area businesses. They lined the sidewalks as warming tents beckoned shivering onlookers in from the freezing cold.

Also welcoming in the bundled and quivering people were businesses, including Brad Hoffman Insurance Agency, Inside, Teresa Mills and another co-worker served hot cocoa quickly as they could — more than 10 gallons worth, and 20 boxes of doughnut holes. “Everyone was really nice, very polite, very thankful,” she said.

Through the glass of the office, they could watch the nighttime parade go by, which included businesses and local marching bands.

Mills said Jinglefest 2013 was bigger in attendance than last year. “Word gets out — Jinglefest is awesome.”

When the parade ended, everyone made their way to the lawn of the Community and Cultural Center, where Mayor Sue Osborn rung in the tree-lighting ceremony. This was followed by a roaring fireworks display behind the community center.

Inside the community center, a line went out the door as families waited their turn to meet Santa Claus. Tatyana Mitchell and friend Alexis Bundy, both 17, jumped in line to meet Santa. Even as teens, they can still get into the wholesome, family atmosphere the festival always brings.

Jinglefest Chair Pat Lockwood compared this year’s attendance to last year — minus a few because of the colder weather. Still, she thinks it drew thousands to downtown Fenton’s streets and businesses. “It’s really become an event,” she said. The committee will be giving the event a critique this week, and is seeking new ways to improve it for next year. Email the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce with your feedback to info@fentonchamber.com or call (810) 629-5447.

No parade is complete without free candy being handed out by volunteers.
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a question that popped into my mind. What causes cauliflower ears? I don’t hear this talked about anymore. It used to be a common thing for boxers. — J.J.

ANSWER: Cauliflower ears are swollen, bumpy and disfigured. They result when there’s bleeding between the ear’s skin and the ear’s cartilage. If a pool of blood forms in that area, unless it’s drained, the blood can eventually become calcified. You don’t see them as much anymore because helmets are used in most contact sports now.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

NEW DVD RELEASES

FAST & FURIOUS 6
Agent Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) summons Dom (Vin Diesel) and his crew to London in order to take on a team of mercenary drivers who have caused havoc across a dozen countries in this pedal-to-the-metal installment of the rubber-burning action franchise. Having just earned a tidy $100 million for taking down a ruthless criminal kingpin, Dom and Brian (Paul Walker) have decided to lie low for a while. Realizing that Dom knows the only drivers in the world with the skills to get the job done, Agent Hobbs offers them all full pardons if they will come to London, and get back behind the wheel. Now, with their freedom finally within reach, Dom and the team reassemble for their most dangerous mission to date. PG-13, 2 hr. 10 min.

DESPICABLE ME 2
Having given up his spectacular life of crime, Gru now aims to produce a delicious new line of jams with the help of his tiny minions and his old pal Dr. Nefario (voice of Russell Brand). Feeling unfulfilled in his newfound role as a jam-maker, Dr. Nefario announces that he will be departing for more evil pastures just as Gru is approached by the Anti-Villain League. Now, with Gru’s paternal instincts kicking into full gear just as a diabolically plot begins to unfold, the devoted new father must divide his time between saving the world from an enigmatic supervillain, and saving his daughter from total heartbreak. All the while, a suitable mother for the girls may have been standing right under Gru’s pointy nose the entire time. PG, 1 hr. 38 min.

iPhone tip of the week

Use Siri to change settings

In addition to the change of look and feel, Siri gets an upgrade in iOS 7. It can now change system settings on your behalf. Simply say “Turn on airplane mode” or “Disable bluetooth” and Siri will update the setting accordingly.

Here are some other samples you can say:

• Adjust font size
• Dim the screen
• Adjust brightness
• Open mail setting
• Show me my location settings
Blue Devils open with a victory vs. Dryden

By Greg Tunnicliff
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Lake Fenton — Football season is over at Lake Fenton.

Everything the Blue Devils used en route to posting an 8-3 overall record and securing a runner-up finish in the Genesee Area Conference Red Division has been set aside.

Everything except for their work ethic and winning mentality, two things the Blue Devils hope will spill over onto the hardwood.

Lake Fenton got its hoops season off to a good start Monday, posting a 44-35 non-league Genesee Area Conference crossover victory over visiting Dryden.

Pacing the Blue Devils was senior center Logan Readdy, who finished with a double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The 6-foot-4, 270-pound Readdy was a three-year starter as a defensive lineman on Lake Fenton’s football team, earning All-GAC Red first-team honors the last two seasons. He is in his second varsity basketball season.

“We have a lot more football players on the basketball team, and we have more high-energy practices,” Readdy said. “We come to get better every day. We just want to keep improving and put Lake Fenton basketball on the map.”

Readdy was able to hold off Dryden Monday because of two key scoring runs, one starting midway through the first quarter and another at the start of the fourth. Leading 11-9 in the first quarter, the Blue Devils went on a 9-4 scoring run to take a 20-9 lead on a basket by junior Ryan Sisk with 5:12 left in the second quarter.

Dryden came back and gradually whittled down the deficit, getting as close as 32-29 on a free throw by Shane Raab with 7:40 left in the fourth quarter. Lake Fenton then went on a 10-4 scoring run, taking a 42-33 lead on shot by Readdy with 1:35 left.

Readdy scored nine of his points in the second half — six in the final eight minutes of the game.

“We got the basketball down low,” second-year Lake Fenton coach Jake Smith said.

Copley heats up, Holly cruises by Lakeland

By David Troppens
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For those who haven’t memorized the name Copley over the last three Holly varsity girls basketball seasons, you will this season.

Alyssa Copley remains the household name in tri-county prep basketball, regardless if you are talking boys or girls hoops.

She provided more evidence of that point by scoring a game-high 20 points in the Holly Bronchos 45-18 victory at White Lake Lakeland High School Friday night.

She opened the game with 10 first-quarter points, leading the Bronchos (2-0) to a 15-4 lead after the first eight minutes.

From there, the Bronchos easily held on with an outstanding defensive performance, never allowing more than seven points in any quarter.

“She did. She had a big game,” Holly coach David Hall said. “She got a few offensive rebounds, a putback, a couple of steals for breakaway layups, and we took off from there. She scored 10 first-quarter points and they were a lot of effort points. She out hustled people to the ball.”

Hall said Copley was more determined after what she thought may have been an off-game against Hartland in the Bronchos’ first victory of the season. She only scored six points in the contest, but Hall said her positive impact was clearly on display in that game because of the defensive attention given to her, and because of the defensive presence she brought to the court. But to Copley, she felt like she could do better.

“If you played very well against Hartland, but she was disappointed and she felt she mentally had something to prove to herself,” Hall said.

Another huge aspect of the victory was the team defense. It was set up by Abby Lewandowski and Kaitlyn Smith who teamed up on Lakeland’s best player, holding her to no field goals. Lakeland scored 48 points in its opening contest, but couldn’t get anything going against the Bronchos.

Lakeland never got the Holly lead back under double-digits. The Bronchos led 21-8 at the See COPLEY on 15

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Holly wrestlers place second at Greenville

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The Holly varsity wrestling team is hitting a semi-rebuilding mode this season.

On paper, the Bronchos don’t appear as strong as they’ve been in the recent past. But apparently a team can rebuild and still be a pretty strong program.

The Bronchos opened the season with a strong 4-1 showing at the Greenville Team Tournament, only losing to the tourney hosts in the championship round.

Holly defeated Wyoming 55-12, Sturgis 51-23, Caledonia 42-27 and Spring Lake 72-6, before falling to Greenville 49-18 in the title match.

“It was a pretty good tournament,” Holly coach Don Pluta said.

“I was happy with the start. Every year brings new challenges and we are up and running now, so we’ll see what happens. We lost a lot of winners last year, and we are working on trying to fill some of the spots with young kids.”

The Bronchos had three 5-0 wrestlers on Saturday, all representing the team’s veteran leadership. Kyle Pepper (152), Andrew Scott (171) and Colton Cleaver (119) were the undefeated wrestlers. Sam Johnson (140), Keegan Solis (145) and Josh Gonzales (125) also had 4-1 marks.

Gonzales is one of the many freshmen on the Bronchos’ squad, and helped lead the Bronchos to victory against Caledonia.

Eighth-ranked Lake Fenton wrestlers notch fourth at Hartland Invitational

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Ranked eighth in the state in Division 3, the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team made its first tournament of the season a pretty challenging one.

The Blue Devils traveled to the Hartland Invitational, and placed fourth in the event despite fielding only 11 wrestlers in the varsity event.

“We just went there for the tough competition,” Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said.

“There are a lot of D1 teams. I think us and Swan Valley are the smallest teams out there, and we took fourth.”

The Blue Devils had one weight class champion. Freshman Trent Hilger captured the 171-pound class title by defeating Monroe’s Tyler Hammermack in the final. Hilger went 4-0 with two pinfall victories at the meet.

Chase Hull (189) placed second with a 4-1 mark, losing to Byron’s Nathan Phiburn in the finals. The team’s other second-place finisher was Carson Whaley (160) who lost to Battle Creek Central’s Davon Jackson in the final.

The Blue Devils had three third-place finishers. They were Jared Corcoran (125), Zach Zoir (112) and John Barry (135). Tristan Nevadomski (152) placed fourth. Andy Donoho placed fifth (189), while Nevin Donnell placed sixth (215).

Lake Fenton returns to action today with a road meet against Beecher and Perry at Beecher High School at 5 p.m.
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Erway said. “If we need a point, we need to get him the ball.”

After its slow start, Dryden was able to get back into the game because of the play of junior guard Nathan Spivey, who scored a game-high 15 points, including two 3-pointers. He also had four assists and four steals.

Dryden outscored Lake Fenton 19-14 in the second and third quarters and it played even with the Blue Devils — 26-26 — in the final three quarters. Raab had eight points and eight boards and Bradley Marsh had seven points and 15 rebounds for the Cardinals (0-1), who were only 7-of-18 shooting from the free-throw line.

“We missed some puppies under the basket and some free throws,” Dryden coach Brian Johnson said. “First game, a little jitters. Once they got the jitters out, they adapted really well.”

Lake Fenton had three players reach double figures, led by Chase Hanson, who scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds. Tyler Browning finished with 11 points, hauled down five boards and had three assists and Merrick George had four rebounds and six assists for the Blue Devils (1-0).

“As a coach you’re always nervous the first game,” Erway said. “Our biggest problem now is consistency. We have to rebound. We have to take care of the basketball and we have to play great defense.”

Lake Fenton (1-0) hosted LakeVille on Tuesday, and plays at Montrose on Friday.

LINDEN
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perfect 2-0, while Luke Zimmerman (103), Brandon Brennan (112) and Patrick Kerr (135) finished with 3-2 marks.

“I was very impressed with our performance today as we started six freshmen and they responded very well,” Skinner said. “This squad is extremely young. In previous years we’ve had young wrestlers in the lineup here and there, but in my 15 years I can’t remember starting six freshmen. There is room for improvement, but what’s nice is these young men have experience under their belts as they’ve all been club kids.”

The Eagles travel to Westland John Glenn today and compete at the Dansville Duals on Saturday.

Fenton at Warren-Lincoln Invitational
The Tigers’ Scott Becker led Fenton at the event, earning a 4-0 record and a first-place finish at 215 points. Justin Hill took third (189), while Connor Kovacs (189) placed sixth.

No team scores were kept at the event.

“We’ll take our hits this year being so young, but this is a good group of kids that I think will stick it out over the next couple of years,” Fenton coach Bruce Burwitz said.

Fenton travels to Plymouth Salem to wrestle the hosts and Canton today. On Saturday the Tigers compete at the Mt. Morris Invitational.

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“we were up 37-36 with two matches left and Josh came up with a big win for us,” Pluta said.

“For a freshman to step up with the meet on the line like that, I was pleased.

“The kids are working really hard. I was worried about our conditioning because we had five duals in one day and because we only have three seniors in the lineup. We are fairly young, but we are a really balanced lineup as far as grade level of the kids.”

Holly wrestles at Walled Lake Central High School today against South Lyon and Allen Park. The Bronchos travel to Crosswell-Lexington for a tourney on Saturday.

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break, but a 10-1 run to start the third quarter blew the game open. During that run Coley hit consecutive hoops and Paige Reid and Smith each hit three-pointers.

Copley also had 13 rebounds, five blocks and four assists to go with her 20 points. Smith, who scored 18 points in the Bronchos’ first game, chipped in her second double-digit offensive game with 10 points. Reid had eight points, while Katie Ordway had five points. Among Smith, Reid and Ordway, they scored five three-pointers. Holly took good care of the ball, turning it over just 14 times.

Molly Stec led Lakeland with seven points. No one else scored more than three points for Lakeland.

Hartland 51, Fenton 24
The Hartland Eagles (1-1) bounced back from their loss to the Holly Bronchos by earning a strong home victory against the Fenton Tigers.

Hartland led just 11-10 after one quarter, but outscored the Tigers 15-7 in the second quarter, raising their lead to 26-17. The Tigers (0-2) were only able to score seven second-half points in the loss.

Hannah Evo and Cassandra Reuschlein led Fenton with five points, while Carly Granger had four points. Evo also had four rebounds.

Hartland was paced by Mallory Slavin who had a game-high 10 points. Eleven Eagles (1-1) scored at least one point.

Lake Fenton’s Merrick George takes the ball up the court in the Blue Devils’ victory against Dryden on Monday.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Articles 12 and 17 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance the Village of Holly Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on a request for a special land use permit on December 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 315 S. Bridge St., Holly, Michigan.

An application for a special land use permit was filed by Michael Yankee on behalf of Auto Sales Unlimited to permit automotive used car sales facility in an industrial district at 212 Elm Street, parcel ID # 1H-01-34-152-031. The proposed use is allowed only after review and approval by the Holly Planning Commission in accordance with Article 12 and 17 of the Holly Zoning Ordinance. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 202 S. Saginaw St. Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly
William John Ulrich III 1959-2013

William John Ulrich III - age 54, of Fenton, journeyed peacefult home to his heavenly Father surrounded by family on December 7, 2013. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, December 14, 2013 at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 North Adelaide Street, Fenton. Fr. Dwight Ezop celebrant. Visitations will be held 2-4 PM and 6-9 PM Friday, with a 7 PM vigil service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton and 10 AM until the time of Mass on Saturday. Those desiring may make contributions to the St. John School Building Fund. Russell was born June 27, 1942 in Flint, the son of Charles and Georgeanne (Russell) Conklin. Russell was a 1960 graduate of Fenton High School and attended Mott Community College. He was a 19 year veteran of the Fenton Police Department in 1995 after 25 years of service. Russell was a member of St John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He loved to hunt and fish. Surviving are: wife, Phyllis; children, Debbie Conklin of Linden, Jennifer (Frank) Conklin of Richfield Twp., step-children, Joellen Brulla of Richfield Twp., grandchildren, Jory, Noah, Aidan, Joseph, Josiah, Along, and South; step-brother, Ron (Diane) Conklin; nieces, Jill (Jeff) Schafer, Erin Conklin. He was preceded in death by his father, William John Ulrich Jr.; mother, Patricia A. Holls and step-father, David R. Holls.

Russell Charles Conklin 1942-2013

Russell Charles Conklin - age 71, of Fenton, peacefully Decemter 8, 2013. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, Fr. Dwight Ezop celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery, Howell. Visitation was held 7-9 PM Monday, 2-5 and 7-9 PM Tuesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton and 10 AM until the time of Mass on Wednesday. Those desiring may make contributions to the St. John School Building Fund. Russell was born June 27, 1942 in Flint, the son of Charles and Georgeanne (Russell) Conklin. Russell was a 1960 graduate of Fenton High School and attended Mott Community College. He was a 19 year veteran of the Fenton Police Department in 1995 after 25 years of service. Russell was a member of St John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He loved to hunt and fish. Surviving are: wife, Phyllis; children, Debbie Conklin of Linden, Jennifer (Frank) Conklin of Richfield Twp., step-children, Joellen Brulla of Richfield Twp., grandchildren, Jory, Noah, Aidan, Joseph, Josiah, Along, and South; step-brother, Ron (Diane) Conklin; nieces, Jill (Jeff) Schafer, Erin Conklin. He was preceded in death by his father, William John Ulrich Jr.; mother, Patricia A. Holls and step-father, David R. Holls.
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Nightclub Two-Step
Quickstep
Rumba
Salsa
Samba
Tango
Viennese Waltz
Waltz
West Coast Swing