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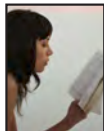


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## Fire destroys historic Holly home



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Five families are displaced after this historic house at 415 East Maple Street in Holly was destroyed by fire on Sunday. Holly/Groveland, Springfield and North Oakland County Fire Authority fought the blaze that is under investigation.

► Fire officials calling blaze ‘undetermined but suspicious’

By Amy Mayhew

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A historic East Maple Street home that had been transformed into seven separate apartment units was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, leaving five Holly families displaced, and causing officials to look into what may have caused the devastating blaze. Located at 415 East Maple St., the home was built in the late 1800s by one of Holly's forefathers, John Baird, past

“It may not turn out to be intentional, but we're looking into it — unless I see a person with a match, it's really hard to know.”

— Steve McGee  
Holly/Groveland Fire Chief

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## Grading the Governor

► Will Gov. Rick Snyder's job performance land him another term?

By Tim Jagielo • tjagiello@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

Face to face and in person, Rick Pluta of Michigan Radio said Gov. Rick Snyder is a nice guy, who likes to laugh. “The ‘nerdy’ moniker that he's given himself is definitely deserved,” said the Lansing bureau chief for the Michigan Public Radio Network.

While it might be clear Snyder is nerdy and a nice guy in person, it's not at all clear whether he'll be re-elected again in 2014. You can't assume voters will keep him or kick him out.

He'll wrap up his first term this year, and he's kicked off his reelection campaign with the “comeback kid” ads during the Super Bowl. Most of the reviews called the ad confusing, “mixed” or off-key. Of course, these opinions tended to be on

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Gov. Rick Snyder will try to keep his office in the capitol building. The state's top elected official is up for reelection this year.

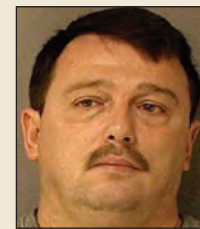
## Ronnie Duke back in custody

► On the lamb since last June, mortgage fraudster apprehended in Saline

By Sharon Stone

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When he was convicted nearly a year ago, Ronnie Duke knew he was supposed to show up in June 2013 to begin his 13-year federal prison sentence. He failed to show up and instead has stayed out of sight. That is until investigators caught up with him and arrested him this week in Saline.



Ronnie Duke

Duke, 46, of Fenton faces 13 years in federal prison for his involvement in one of the country's most extensive mortgage fraud schemes. In addition to prison time, Duke

See **DUKE** on 7

## Fenton man arrested after fatal highway crash

► Mt. Morris man killed, alcohol is suspected

By Sharon Stone

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Leroy Batson, 31, of Mt. Morris was killed when his car was rear-ended by a pickup truck on southbound U.S. 23 just before midnight on Friday. A 49-year-old Fenton man driving the pickup truck that stuck Batson's car was arrested. He has since been released pending further investigation and the return of the toxicology report on the victim, which could take several weeks.

Livingston County Sheriff Bob Bezotte said the sheriff's department had received a “be on the lookout” for a 1997

See **CRASH** on 6

### Summary

► A 49-year-old Fenton man awaits arraignment for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, causing death following a fatal crash Friday night on U.S. 23 in Tyrone Township. Leroy Batson, 31, of Mt. Morris was killed.



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This vehicle was rear-ended while parked in the slow lane of southbound U.S. 23. It's possible both drivers were drunk.



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## Police&Fire report

### HIT AND RUN

At 2:15 a.m. on Feb. 22, Fenton police responded to the 200 block of Fifth Street for a hit and run that just occurred. Police were advised that a dark colored vehicle struck two parked vehicles and left the scene. En route, police spotted a vehicle on westbound Silver Lake Road with one of its headlights out and it was also smoking. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the 22-year-old Fenton man driving the 2004 Chevy Malibu. The man admitted to drinking and breath tests revealed he was over the legal limit. He denied hitting any vehicles. However, an assisting police officer recovered parts from his car that were found next to the damaged vehicles on Fifth Street. He has a March 17 court date.

### FENTON WOMAN SHOPLIFTS FOOD ITEMS

A 49-year-old Fenton woman was arrested by Fenton police after shoplifting \$105 worth of grocery items from a department store on Owen Road. She has a March 24 court date for retail fraud.

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# Less pop, more coffee, energy drinks and water

## Bottled water sales set to outpace pop by 2020

By William Axford

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Kids and teenagers are no longer able to 'Take the Pepsi challenge' or 'Do the (Mountain) Dew' in school anymore. Instead of sugary, carbonated drinks, vending machines at schools now dispense water, flavored water and juice.

The push for healthier drinks and food in public schools stems from the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, a nutrition policy mandated by the federal government. The act has been phasing out sugary and fattening foods and drinks for more nutrition and well-rounded meals.

Between 2000 and 2010, drinks like Coke and Dr. Pepper declined by 40 percent amongst older teenagers, according to an article by National Public Radio. That decline may be a combination of changes in personal taste and public restriction to such drinks.

"We haven't served any carbonated beverages for quite some time now," said Debbie Brindle, education and food service director at Linden schools. "I think kids on the whole are trying to be a little healthier. Kids are pretty resilient and we don't get any complaints."

While carbonated soda consumption is declining, coffee and energy drink consumption amongst kids and teenagers hasn't decreased. According to a report published earlier this month in the Journal of Pediatrics, coffee accounted for nearly 24 percent of caffeine intake amongst adolescents, more than doubling in one decade.

Energy drinks are still relatively new and account for 6 percent of caffeine consumption. Pop is still the most consumed caffeinated beverage amongst younger people, accounting for 38 percent caffeine intake. That's lower than in 2000, when 62 percent of kids and teens regularly drank pop.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

There are no carbonated drink options in the schools today — though in some cases the sugar amount is comparable. Here, Lake Fenton High School students wrap up the last lunch on Monday.

### Summary

► Kids and teenagers are bypassing pop for other non-carbonated drinks and water. Caffeine consumption amongst adolescents today is the same as it was in 2000.

**“I think kids on the whole are trying to be a little healthier.”**

Debbie Brindle  
Education and food service  
director for Linden schools

# Who needs to buy software?

## ► Look to the Internet for free software solutions

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You've finally saved up enough dough to buy that fantastic, state-of-the-art computer system you've been wanting, but now that you have it, you can't afford to buy the software.

Sound familiar?

If so, consider looking into some of the many free options the Internet has to offer. Whether it be software to run your business, graphics software to touch up your photo collection, or a software designed to clean up infected

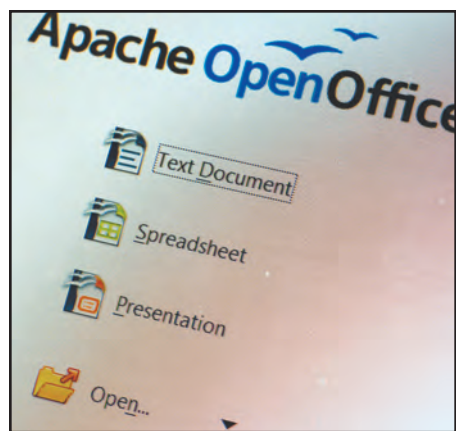
hardware — it's all out there, and ripe for the picking.

### Free office software

If you need some help with your office software, you don't have to spend \$400 on the MS Office suite. OpenOffice.org can get you up and running and not cost you a penny in the process.

OpenOffice is the leading open-source software suite for all of your word processing, spreadsheets, graphics and data base needs. Available in multiple languages, it works on any typical computer. Able to store all of your data in an international

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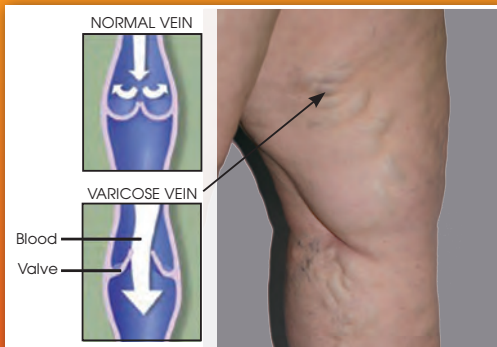
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## FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****Germany's enviable shock absorber**

As the usual suspects in Congress argue over whether to extend unemployment benefits, which ran out at the end of last year for more than a million jobless workers, I am feeling Germany envy.

Jobs in Germany fell more softly in the 2008 global economic crisis than they did here or in the rest of the European Union — and bounced back more quickly.

How did they do it? Recoveries are complicated, but a major factor appears to be Germany's policy of Kurzarbeit — what we Americans call 'work sharing.' Instead of firing workers or laying them off in times of economic crisis, it encourages hard-pressed companies to reduce all of their employees' hours and pay — and the government pays a portion of the workers' unemployment benefits to help make up the difference.

The benefits of this arrangement are enormous. Workers stay on their jobs, although with reduced hours, and they keep most of their salaries.

For government, it's cheaper to pay partial unemployment benefits to a reduced-time worker than to pay full benefits to an unemployed worker.

And for employers, it's less costly in many ways to keep a reliable worker on the job and, when business improves, expand everyone's hours again.

Remarkably, in polarized Washington, work sharing has enthusiastic fans on both political sides — which may account for why the idea has received so little attention.

Conservatives are wary about any idea that Obama likes, and liberals feel the same about the Tea Party right.

So far, 27 states are participating, but further growth has come slowly, partly because too few people know about it.

Economic skeptics also question whether it would not be better to encourage workers to pack up and move as workers traditionally do to where jobs are more plentiful.

Indeed, such a move could be cheaper for taxpayers than unemployment insurance and more helpful in the long-run for the workers. In the midst of our third 'jobless recovery' since the early 1990s, Americans should be less concerned about what's left or right than with what works.

**THANK YOU TO** the lady that found my keys in VG's parking lot on Feb. 19 and turned them in. It was so kind of you.

■■■

**'LIBERALS DO WHAT'S** right no matter what they're told?' So aborting babies because of reckless personal behavior is 'right?' Encouraging people who could work not to and enslaving them with welfare is 'right?' Disrespecting the rights of 98 percent of the country to cater to the 2 percent of gays is 'right?'

■■■

**MANY YEARS AGO**, the unions did some good in this country until they became greedy. The Democrats did some good for this country until they became greedy and lazy. The union supported by the Democrats have fallen. The Democrats supported by the unions will fall too. The end.

■■■

**TO THE PERSON** who was snowmobiling on Lake Fenton Sunday and was chased by that big dog. Thank you. Brooks is a chocolate lab who is 1-½ years old and loves to run. You wore him out. He is now sleeping. Thank you.

■■■

**THE SUPREME COURT** was right to remove restrictions from abortion. It is for each woman to make that decision based on her own personal beliefs. It is wrong for anyone to force their beliefs on anyone else. It is wrong to force all taxpayers to fund abortions.

■■■

**TO THE SELFISH** family that drove diagonally across the Silver Parkway parking lot at a high rate of speed and flipped out on me when you nearly

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crashed into me in the aisle. I had a baby in the backseat — your ignorance is not worth someone else's life.

■■■

**IT IS A** shame to see even our newer roads (Silver Parkway) cracking up from the frost. Older roads cracked and have heaved on every crack so it's like driving on a corduroy road. I'm sure the cities and county will get blamed, but no one is at fault.

■■■

**THANK YOU TO** the people who stopped to make sure I was OK after the spinout accident I had on U.S. 23 just south of White Lake Road on Feb. 16. Everyone was so nice and I am so grateful for that.

■■■

**LIBERALS/DEMOCRATS, THE** unemployment rate is not declining because of Obama's policies. Over the last three years, it's declined entirely because of the reduction in the size of the labor force. December 2013, 74,000 jobs were created but 347,000 fled the workforce that month, no longer counted in the unemployment numbers.

■■■

**PEOPLE USE THE** term global warming incorrectly. The correct terminology is the word w-e-a-t-h-e-r. Rhymes with feather.

■■■

**REAGAN, THE GREATEST?** Tripled the national debt, raised taxes 11 times, largest tax increase on corporations in history, increased the size of the federal government, sold guns to our enemy, Iran, increased funding for federal healthcare. Yes, I can see why conservatives love him.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****A trust deficit**

Most people accept the notion that politicians don't always tell the truth. Some lies are harmless enough; others more consequential.

Lyndon Johnson skirted the truth when he promised during the 1964 presidential campaign not to send any more American troops to fight a land war in Southeast Asia.

Richard Nixon claimed he knew nothing about Watergate. 'I am not a crook,' he said. Lies.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter promised never to lie to us, a promise that rested on a perception of his own virtue. Given his sad record, the country might have willingly exchanged veracity for competence.

Bill Clinton? We know about one of his most famous lies, emphasized by that wagging finger and video showing him lying under oath as he labored to define the word 'is.'

President Obama's most famous lie (so far) has been his promise: 'If you like your (insurance) plan you can keep it.' Same with your doctor, he said. And he promised health insurance and treatment costs would go down under Obamacare.

Oops.

According to CNN.com, former congressional chief of staff and Washington lobbyist Ed Urvic, author of the book 'Lying Cheating Scum,' claims, 'Every president has not only lied at some time, but needs to lie to be effective.'

A president can lie up to a point, but when a president's lies extend beyond protecting the country (white lies) and drift into a darker area that is self-serving (black lies) it is something quite different. Speaker John Boehner says he and his fellow Republicans can no longer trust the president due to what they believe is his repeated lies.

Claiming an American president is not trustworthy ruins whatever credibility he brought to the office and this president brought a lot. Most people wanted to believe in him and a large majority did believe in him at the start. Many no longer do, as his declining approval ratings demonstrate.

The inability by a major party to trust a president is more than lamentable; it is not good for the country and our standing before other nations and groups that wish to do us harm.



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**What grade would you give Gov. Snyder and why?****streettalk**

"B." He may be unpopular, but he's done a good job getting us out of debt."

— Jack Spring  
Fenton



"C." He has done some good, but I read he raised taxes for seniors."

— William Farren  
Fenton



"Incomplete." He needs another term to do all the stuff he wants to, but he brings a business sense to which I agree with."

— Andy Marko, Fenton



"B." I like the fact that he is business oriented and wants to bring jobs back to Michigan."

— Marshall Block  
Tyrone Township



"C." He did take care of the budget, but on the back of retired people and messed with our pension."

— Sue Smith  
Holly



"A." He got a hold of expenses and he is building business up that will in turn pay the taxes."

— Gail Dickerson  
Davisburg



# Too little, too late?

►Local officials grateful for small increase in state revenue sharing, but it won't make up for years of losses

By Sally Rummel

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Local municipalities that have felt the sting of plummeting property values, rising healthcare costs and decreased revenue sharing from the state in the past few years will get a little relief this year.

That's due to a small increase in revenue sharing proposed in Gov. Rick Snyder's 2014-2015 budget.

What is revenue sharing?

It's the distribution of sales tax collected by the State of Michigan, based on taxable value per capita, a weight factor based on population and the

complexity of the local unit of government. For the tri-county area, it amounts to between a 2.6 and 2.7 percent funding increase, depending on the community.

"Any increase will definitely help the city out," said Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak. "It's still drastically below what the state has taken from the municipalities. We've lost tens of thousands of dollars and more in the last five years."

For Linden, the increase of 2.6 percent will add \$8,282 to its operating budget. "It's hard to say what it will go for," said Zelenak. "We're just in the process of developing the budget for July 1. It might go toward funding the additional costs this winter for snowplowing and salt,

or the inevitable potholes. But until those checks from the state are actually written,

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**“A lot of our roads are deteriorating. There are many infrastructure improvements needed.”**

**Paul Zelenak**  
Linden City manager

## GRADING

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partisan lines.

The ad starts with Snyder popping up from a pool, wearing SCUBA gear, claiming that 220,000 private sector jobs were created in his tenure, and that he cut "job killing taxes."

The information and spin firestorm of campaigns are about to start. Has the "tough nerd" Republican governor held up to his promises?

Jason Kosnoski, University of Michigan-Flint associate professor and chair of the department of political science broke Snyder's promises down to two major things — promises of a leadership style, and promises of substantive change. To Kosnoski, he failed on both counts.

For substance, Kosnoski said Snyder's main platform was to create jobs, which in his view, didn't happen, aside from a boost from federal stimulus.

For leadership style, he said Snyder promised to be a more pragmatic, non-ideological leader. Again, Kosnoski thinks he failed. "He's proven to be incredibly ideological and I think some people feel betrayed because of that."

One example is the controversial "right to work" bills he signed. The legislation was supposed to lure in businesses, which according to a Detroit Free Press article, hasn't done anything for jobs, though the article quickly added that it could take 10 years to see the impact of such legislation.

Pluta also said that Snyder's tenure has been more ideological than promised — liberals feel betrayed by right-to-work and same-sex couple benefits, while more tea-party aligned conservatives don't like his support of a new bridge to Canada.

Overall Kosnoski would give Snyder a failing letter grade for his performance. He gave former Gov. Jennifer Granholm a B-minus. Admittedly, Kosnoski leans liberal, which can color

his view of a Republican governor. He feels that polls show Snyder will not be re-elected, and as a governor, has been weak in leading his republican-majority legislature.

Pluta on the other hand, said that historically, GOP governors tend to be given a second term, and polls this far out of the election are less of a solid indicator.

With dealing with his Michigan legislature, Pluta said Snyder's style has been more to work together on lists of initiatives, while sometimes asking the house and senate to take action on certain items. This has also been a mixed-bag for Snyder. "Now he just seems to be standing back and hoping for the best," he said.

Pluta said that Snyder delivered on his promise of rolling back the Michigan business tax. Snyder also promised to take up the issue of mental health related to the corrections system in Michigan, which he started late in his term.

With jobs, Pluta said the state's unemployment numbers have improved, and hiring is up — but

not up enough to match all of those looking for work, and those who are joining the work force. In short, Pluta said that any measure of success or failure is a mixed bag.

When asked if he liked anything the governor did, Kosnoski said he appreciates Snyder supporting a new bridge to Canada, and taking up immigration in Michigan.

## CHECK SNYDER'S RECORD

Gov. Rick Snyder has implemented "dashboards" for a variety of topics around the state, which can indicate improvements or declines in specific areas while he's been in office. Examples include education, health and wellness and infrastructure.

Go to [michigan.gov/snyder](http://michigan.gov/snyder) and click on "measuring reinvention," which appears on the website.

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This Chevy pickup truck struck the parked car on U.S. 23. The driver reportedly had a PBT of .16.

### CRASH

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Plymouth Breeze that was driving erratically and stopping on southbound U.S. 23. He said Fenton police had been looking for this vehicle but ended its search just south of the Fenton City/Livingston County border.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said one call came in at 11:43 p.m. from a motorist who reported to 911 that they observed the Breeze driving erratically near exit 80. Fenton police responded to the highway, checked the area and cleared at 11:57 p.m. at the turnaround just south of Owen Road, unable to locate the car.

About three minutes later, 911 received calls about a crash, which occurred on southbound U.S. 23, just south of White Lake Road in Tyrone Township. Bezotte said the Breeze had stopped in the slow lane of the highway and the car was in park. Batson's car was rear-ended by the truck while it was parked in the slow lane of the freeway.

Batson was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of truck was not injured. Suspecting that the truck driver had been drinking, a preliminary breath test was administered, which revealed a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. The Fenton man was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death. As of Monday morning, he remained in jail awaiting arraignment.

Bezotte said responding police officers suspected that Batson had also been drinking. However, toxicology testing could take several weeks to receive, and are necessary to confirm that suspicion.

The highway was shut down for four hours for the investigation and clearing of the vehicles. The Livingston County Sheriff's Department was assisted by Michigan State Police, Fenton Fire Department, Fenton Police Department and Livingston County EMS.



**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

**Ask the  
judge**

### The latest word on the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act – Part II

In the Ter Beek case, the Circuit Court held that the MMMA was preempted by the CSA and accordingly the ordinance, which prohibited any uses in a zoning district contrary to federal, state or local law was valid.

The Michigan Court of Appeals reversed the Circuit Court and found that the CSA did not preempt the MMMA and it was possible to comply with both statutes simultaneously as the limited immunity under the state statute did not stand as an obstacle to the CSA's regulation or enforcement of marijuana use.

The Appeals Court also found that the ordinance by its terms was preempted by the MMMA and was therefore invalid. The Michigan Supreme Court affirmed the Court of Appeals' judgment in a unanimous opinion.

The Supreme Court found that when comparing the provisions of the CSA with the MMMA, the CSA prohibits the manufacture, distribution or possession of marijuana and these activities are punishable as a federal offense.

The Court concluded that granting Mr. Ter Beek his requested relief from the ordinance's prohibitions did not limit his potential exposure to federal enforcement of the CSA against him. Under the MMMA he has immunity for MMMA — compliant conduct under the state statute only.

As to the issue of the MMMA preempting the ordinance, the Court reasoned in part that since the ordinance permits registered qualifying patients such as Ter Beek to be penalized by the city for engaging in MMMA — compliant medical use, the MMMA preempted the ordinance and therefore the ordinance was invalid.

In an ending footnote, the Court stated it was not finding that this outcome prohibited local regulation of marijuana cultivation and distribution and it was not holding that the MMMA foreclosed all local regulation of marijuana.

Additionally the case did not require it to decide whether and to what extent the MMMA might occupy the field of medical marijuana regulation.

This decision answered a number of very important questions on the MMMA and is available online.

## How does a \$200 VG's gift card sound?

► Fill out entry form, drop it off at the Expo for a chance to win

**By Sharon Stone**

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The Tri-County Times and VG's Grocery have teamed in their effort to award multiple VG's gift cards to five lucky residents who drop off their entry form at the Expo on March 1 or 2.

Look for the entry form in the Tri-County Times, fill it out and drop it off at either VG's or the Times' booth at the Expo.

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be awarding out a total of \$500 in gift cards. The first-place winner will receive a \$200 gift card. The second- and third-place winners will each receive a \$100 gift card and the fourth- and fifth-place winners will each receive a \$50 gift card.

Jessica Smith, Community Relations for Spartan Stores said, "Being a local company, VG's always wants to give back to the community."

"This year at the Fenton Regional Community Expo, VG's and the Tri-County Times have joined together to give away five gift cards to area families."

The drawing will be held during the morning of Monday, March 3. Winners will be notified.



# Fenton schools asking for \$11 million in May

► Bond will update technology, buses and infrastructure

By William Axford

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The Fenton Board of Education voted 6 to 1 to put an \$11 million bond proposal on the May 6 ballot. If approved, the bond will last for 12 years and be used to update technology, buses, athletic facilities and infrastructure.

Director of Finance Doug Busch said passage of the bond will not increase taxes due to rising property values in the Fenton school district and by dispersing bond money every three to four years during the 12-year cycle.

"Interest rates in the bond market are at historic lows," Busch said. "Simply put, we can borrow money and bond at a lower interest rate than ever before."

The bond will also be used to replace instructional equipment in the fine arts and performing programs, such as band equipment. The bond calls for 6.94 mills to each taxable property in the district.

Trustee Drew Shapiro cast the dissenting vote, calling for a long-term plan for technology rather than a bond.

"I do not feel comfortable asking this

community for more money," Shapiro said. "I think our students deserve a plan that gives them technology that does not rely on a bond. I'm thinking about the next 50 to 100 years, not the next 12."

Vice President Tamara Valley and Trustee Daniel Carter agreed a long-term plan for technology should be implemented moving forward. Valley said that due to the structure of school funding, there's little school officials can do to raise a large amount of funding for projects outside of bonding.

"I absolutely do agree that we need a technology plan going forward," Valley said. "However, with the state of our finances, that so much of it is dictated by the state, this is the only way we could fund some of the larger portions."

The school board began mulling a new bond proposal in December, after hearing a presentation on the need for new technology. The board attempted to pass two bond proposals in 2012, one for \$9.6 million in May and another for \$8.4 million in November. Both bonds were voted down at the polls. Fenton schools paid \$13,466 for the special election in May 2012 since it was not held during the General Election.

## Summary

► The Fenton Board of Education voted 6 to 1 Monday to place an \$11 million bond on the May 6 ballot.

Monday, April 7 is the registration deadline in order to vote in the May 6 election.

Carter added that the bond will help give students the best education school officials can offer.

"I feel (the bond) is needed and definitely not wasted money," Carter said. "It's up to us as a board to come up with a plan and not just survive the day."

## What \$11 million will do for Fenton schools

- School officials are looking to purchase new buses, technology and instructional equipment such as band instruments, as well as update security and infrastructure to buildings.
- If approved, the bond will last 12 years, with funds being dispersed every three to four years.
- Finance Director Doug Busch said the bond will not increase taxes due to "historic low interest rates and rising local property value."

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## DUKE

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has also been ordered to pay nearly \$95 million in restitution and a \$1 million fine.

Once in custody this week, Duke reportedly attacked a female federal prosecutor in the courtroom. This latest incident is under investigation and more charges are pending.

Duke pleaded guilty in connection with the extensive multi-million dollar mortgage fraud conspiracy in United States District Court in Detroit. Investigators reported that the numerous defendants, led by Duke, conspired to defraud mortgage lenders and obtain money and property. Losses to the lenders resulting from the scheme exceeded \$100 million.

Some of Duke's co-defendants, now in federal prison, used proceeds to purchase luxury items, including a helicopter, cars, boats, residential properties, and for extensive travel to the Caribbean and foreign vacation destinations.

Duke was a long-time criminal first convicted of embezzlement in Allen Park in 1986. He was sent to prison in 1989 for receiving stolen property and briefly escaped from prison in the Upper Peninsula before he was released in 1993. He later moved into mortgages, even though Michigan regulators banned him from the mortgage business in 2006.



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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TERRY CONNELL

Holly Fire Chief Steve McGee said “balloon construction” of the 1800s made fighting the fire particularly difficult, and believes the structure to be a total loss.

## FIRE

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president for the Holly Historical Society, Linda Smith said.

Holly Fire Chief Steve McGee said the fire began around 11:30 a.m. Sunday and most likely originated in the basement. McGee said “balloon construction,” a method of building typically used in the late 1800s made fighting the fire particularly difficult.

“Balloon construction used longer pieces of lumber and left many voided areas throughout the structure,” McGee said. “We believe the fire began in the basement, and because of the balloon construction, there were no fire stops from the basement all the way to the attic. In fact, when the fire got into the walls, they sort of served as ‘little chimneys.’”

Firefighters from the village of Holly, Groveland and Springfield townships, and North Oakland County Fire Authority fought the blaze, McGee said.

For more than 90 minutes, McGee said crews took an “aggressive interior attack” on the blaze before backing off into defensive mode. “It got to the point where it wasn’t worth risking the lives of fire personnel,” McGee said. Calling the crews’ performance “textbook,” McGee



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | WILLIAM AXFORD

(Above) Firefighters from four different departments respond to a fire in Holly Sunday afternoon. The building, located on Maple Street, had been outfitted into multiple apartments. (Below) neighbors watch as firefighters attempt to extinguish the flames.

said the age and construction of the building made it difficult.

“Everywhere we went, we’d find a void where another fire was burning — we just couldn’t get on top of it,” he said. With the catastrophic damage done to the upper level of the structure, McGee believes it to be a total loss.

With five of the seven apartments occupied, owner Darin Dell said all of the tenants and their pets got out safely. “The main thing is that everyone is safe and nobody was injured,” Dell said. “The fire departments, the American Red Cross, everyone did a hell of a job.”

Dell said his focus will be determining the fire’s cause, and cleaning up the debris. “It turned a nice building into a hazard — it’s unsightly,” he said. “I plan to cooperate with everyone — the fire department, the fire inspector, the neighbors, and the village to make sure it all gets handled the way it should.”

On Monday, McGee said fire officials will be looking into the cause and origin of the blaze, but for now are calling it “undetermined but suspicious.”

McGee said the Oakland County Fire Investigation team is handling the investigation.



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### Free photo editing software

If you take tons of pictures but have no photo-editing program, you'll be happy to hear about GIMP, a freely distributed program offered on the Internet for tasks like photo retouching, image composition, and image authoring.

With many capabilities, it can be used as a simple paint program, an expert quality photo-retouching program, an online batch processing system, a mass production image renderer, or an image format converter. If you want more than that, you'll love that it's designed to be

augmented with plug-ins and extensions to do just about any task you throw at it. The advanced scripting interface allows you to do everything from the easiest of tasks to the most complex image manipulation procedures. GIMP will run on both MS Windows and Mac OS X. To download your free copy of GIMP, visit [www.gimp.org](http://www.gimp.org).

### Free malware protection

Is your computer running slower than it should, making you wonder if perhaps you've gotten a virus somewhere along the way? Don't worry — determining if you did doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg.

The free version of Malwarebytes insists that it will find malware that is missed by many other anti-virus

and anti-spyware programs, including rogue security software, adware and spyware.

Use the free version, or pay for it and also get scheduled scans, automatic blocks of IP addresses belonging to malicious websites, and more. Visit [www.malwarebytes.com](http://www.malwarebytes.com) for all of the details.

### Summary

► You don't have to spend a ton of money on software for your computer. Instead, check out some of the many free software solutions that are available on the Internet.

## WATER

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Overall, the study found 73 percent of kids consumed some sort of caffeine on any random day.

The consumption of less pop and more energy drinks and coffee doesn't necessarily translate into healthier consumption. The Center for Science in the Public Interest found a regular 12-oz. coffee from Starbucks has 260 mg of caffeine. Energy drinks like Rockstar have 160 mg of caffeine in one 16-oz. can. A 12-oz. can of Mountain Dew by contrast has 54 mg. of caffeine. The same size can of Coke has 58 mg.

As energy drink and coffee sales grow, so does bottled water. The Beverage Marketing Corporation expects bottled water sales to surpass carbonated drink sales by the end of the decade, pointing toward a permanent trend in consumer habits.

"Kids are buying water and taking it to after-school sports. They were buying Gatorade and similar drinks but have been shying away from it," said Patti Morey, food service director at Lake Fenton Community Schools. "Teenagers don't need all that sugar. They'll get it elsewhere. We're trying not to give them all the sugar here (at school)."

## Tri-county fundraisers

### Fundraiser Dinner to Benefit Emmelia

A mostaccioli dinner fundraiser to benefit Emmelia Pearl, 7 months old, and her family has been planned. Emmelia was born 15 weeks premature on July 29, 2013 and she has lived in the NICU in Ann Arbor her entire life. She was diagnosed with Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia. Emmelia's mom has not been able to work as she stays by her side and her father was recently laid off. Organizers are hosting the event to help raise funds for her family. Anyone wishing to donate items to the auction, may call (810) 877-9010. The fundraiser is set for **Saturday, March 1, from 5 to 8 p.m.** at Hill Creek Church of God, 5363 Hill Road in Swartz Creek.

## MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

*MichiganVotes.org, a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, providing concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. Please visit <http://www.MichiganVotes.org>. This was released on Friday, Feb. 21.*

### Senate Bill 608: **Revise Medicaid expansion funding details; authorize extra spending**

To adjust spending in the current year budget to reflect fund source changes triggered by adoption of the federal healthcare law's Medicaid expansion starting in April. And to authorize additional spending on roads (including \$100 million for extra winter maintenance costs), government preschool programs, "land bank" authorities, low income heating bill subsidies, National Guard armory improvements, veterans programs, harbor dredging projects, and much more. The bill would also authorize \$60.3 million in new debt for state college and university construction projects. *Introduced by Sen. Roger Kahn (R) Passed 32 to 6 in the Senate Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)* ☒ YES

### Senate Bill 608: **Hopgood amendment to strip funding for "Pyramid" school project**

To remove a line item from Senate Bill 608 that would authorize \$5.5 million for a "public/private partnership, Pyramid P20 education hub" project located in a former Steelcase building that reportedly has become a real estate market "white elephant." *Failed 14 to 24 in the Senate Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)* ☒ YES

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**IF THEY RAISE** minimum wage to \$10 an hour, do you think waitresses should get a raise too? They only make \$2.75 an hour, and some people don't even realize it when they go to tip and leave \$1 on a \$30 bill. Just a question.

**OK, OK, WE** give up, we want our global warming back.

**IF YOU THINK** Ronald Reagan was the best president, I have a bridge I'd like to sell you. I think he was the worst!

**LOOSE CENTER YARN** recyclers, way to go with giving 1,300 hats away to the veterans, homeless, cancer patients etc., and this doesn't include all the gloves and scarves.

## LATE

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it's difficult for us to say how they will be used. They may be allocated across the board for infrastructure and other needs that make our community more desirable."

Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker expects to see \$15,004 more in Holly's 2014-2105 budget, due to a 2.7-percent increase in revenue sharing. "We're just entering our budget cycle now," he said. "We have a lot of maintenance needs for roads, sidewalks and what we'd like to do in our local parks. We've got many areas in which the extra funds can go. We'll put the dollars where they will best serve the community."

In Fenton, the increase of 2.6 percent will add \$24,268 to the city budget.

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## SPORTS TRIVIA

### GENERAL

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Name the NBA star who stole 30 bases for the Birmingham Barrons in 1994.

A

This should be an easy one for anybody over 30. Michael Jordan batted .202 with three home runs and drove in 51 runs in 127 games with the Barrons.

## GIRLS DISTRICT

### Class A

#### At Linden

#### Monday's game

Linden 51, Brandon 44

#### Today's game

Grand Blanc

vs. Fenton, 5 p.m.

Holly at Linden, 7 p.m.

#### Friday's game

Semi winners, 7 p.m.

## STATE WRESTLING

Listed below are the tri-county area wrestlers competing in the individual state wrestling meet starting on Thursday.

### Division 1

#### Detroit

#### Catholic Central

171 - Drew Garcia\*

#### Hartland

135 - Austin Eicher\*

145 - Jacob Gorial

### Division 2

#### Holly

140 - Sam Johnson

145 - Kyle Pepper

160 - Andrew Scott

### Division 3

#### Lake Fenton

119 - Jared Corcoran

130 - John Barry

152 - Cody Sanders

160 - Carson Whaley

171 - Trent Hillger

171 - Andy Donoho

215 - Chase Hull

\* Denotes defending state champion

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## Chase Hull

Member of Lake Fenton's team state-qualifying wrestling team.

Competing in the individual state meet at 215.

## Tigers capture third straight Metro crown



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ALYSSA TRAPP

Fenton's varsity boys swim team won its third straight Metro League title on Saturday by winning the Metro meet.

(Above) Zac Miceli won the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, while (left) Zahne Macklin won the 100 breaststroke.

Fenton captured 10 event firsts.



## Fenton collects 10 event titles

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — Landon Mikulenas used the word "legacy" to explain what the senior class of the Fenton varsity swim team has created.

It seems the word fits pretty well.

The Tigers captured their third straight Flint Metro League title by demolishing the field at the league meet held at Fenton High School on Friday and Saturday.

How dominant were the Fenton Tigers? How about winning 10 of the 12 events dominating? How about setting four meet records? And how about earning 621.5 points versus second-place Brandon's total of 327.5 points? Yeah, they were pretty dominant.

"For sure, it's really cool leaving behind this legacy," Mikulenas said. "We started this three-peat. We had a really good freshman class when we were freshmen and we have a really good one now. I hope they con-

tinue on the legacy."

"It means a lot because we were the guys who kind of got the ball rolling," Fenton senior Brent Nakkula said. "We got the last two and now we have our third one our senior year. That really hits home for us."

The Holly Bronchos also competed and took sixth with 161 points. However, the Tigers were the story. Brant Cassidy, a senior, broke two league records, including one that was established in 1976, en route to two individual conference championships and two more with the freestyle relays. Zahne Macklin set the 100 breaststroke record, a record that was established in 1973, and Michael Banner posted one in the 500 freestyle.

"Zahne's was from 40 years ago and mine was from 1976, so just being able to break something that was standing for so long was great," Cassidy said. "And hopefully they'll stand longer for us."

Cassidy performed in his fourth and final league meet by

See **TIGERS** on 12

## Blue Devils' state title run ends in quarterfinals

By David Troppens

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Of course, the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team would've loved to begin its Division 3 State Team Wrestling Finals trip with an upset of eventual state champions Dundee on Friday at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

But even with the 53-12 defeat against Dundee, the Blue Devils had to look at their second trip to Battle Creek in four years only as a positive. Wrestling coach Vance Corcoran felt that way.

"It definitely felt nice to be

back," Corcoran said. "Just the experience for all the kids to be there and to get a taste of it. It was good for the younger kids and the freshmen coming up to see it, to get a taste of it so they will want to get back there, win some matches and make some noise in the future."

The fact the Blue Devils made it to the team state tourney was a huge accomplishment in itself. To make it there Lake Fenton (33-6) had to defeat highly ranked Birch Run at Birch Run with three starting wrestlers out of the lineup. Unfortunately, when the seedings

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Lake Fenton's Cody Sanders (top) was one of three Blue Devils to win matches against Dundee wrestlers on Friday at the team state wrestling meet.

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Linden's Alyssa Logie (front) dribbles by Lake Fenton's Autumn Beardsley. Linden won its district game on Monday, while Lake Fenton lost.

## Eagles advance to district semis

### ►LF loses to Goodrich in opening round

By David Troppens

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The third time ended up being the charm for the Linden varsity girls basketball team against Brandon on Monday night.

After losing to the Blackhawks twice earlier in the season, the Eagles defeated Brandon in a Class A district opener by a 51-44 margin.

It was easy for Linden coach Ben Varner to tell what the difference was between the victory and the two losses.

"We made shots," Varner said. "Last time we played them we made eight shots. This time we made 18. That's huge. Like I've said before, I like what we are doing offensively. We are running our offense fine and taking good shots, but we haven't made the shots. We made some shots and made our free

throws down the stretch this time and that was the difference."

The Eagles (8-13) will continue at home in the Class A district Wednesday at 7 p.m. against the 20-0 Holly Bronchos.

The Eagles' biggest problem this season has been when the offense has just missed open shots. That has been evident in the two losses to Brandon with Linden scoring single-digits in each of the last six quarters the Eagles had played against the Blackhawks entering Monday's game. But on Monday, the Eagles started hot and remained pretty hot throughout the contest.

Bri Holscher hit two threes in the opening quarter and Sterling DeGayner added a three-pointer and another bucket, helping lead the Eagles to a 12-6 lead after the first quarter.

"Bri's two threes in the first quarter helped to get us rolling, and Sterling DeGayner had the five points," Varner said. "Bam, bam,

they got us going."

The Blackhawks didn't fold. They scored 17 points in the second quarter, cutting Linden's lead to 27-23 at the half. In the second half, the contest remained close. The game was tied 36-all when the Eagles took the lead for good on a Taylor Smith bucket. Down the stretch, the Eagles made free throws, including four by Sydney Elmer, icing the victory.

Smith led Linden with 10 points, seven rebounds and four steals, while Holscher, Alyssa Logie and Megan Kenney had eight points each, while Kenney and Logie had eight and seven rebounds, respectively.

Now undefeated Holly looms today in a game scheduled to start about 7 p.m. in the district semifinal at Linden.

"We have nothing to lose. We are not supposed to win," Varner said.

"The most dangerous team in a gym is the team that has nothing

**See DISTRICT on 12**

## DEVILS

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came in, the Blue Devils got little love and were forced into the eighth seed, making them have to face Dundee in the opening round. Lake Fenton had several close matches against Dundee, who eventually won the title with a 34-24 victory against Richmond in the finals, but were able to win only three during the day.

Lake Fenton trailed at one time 21-0, but got back-to-back wins from Cody Sanders (152) and Carson Whaley (160). Sanders defeated Donny Mandell by pinfall in 3:42, while Sanders defeated Ryan Heiserman by a 3-1 decision. Lake Fenton's other victory was provided by Chase Hull (285). Hull defeated Russell Ege by a 5-1 verdict.

But even in defeat, a lot of Blue Devils gave Dundee wrestlers great battles. Included on that list were matches involving John Barry, Hunter Corcoran, Trent Hillger, and Andy Donoho. Barry (130) lost a tight 8-6 decision to state-qualifier Sean Sterling, while Trent Hillger (171) lost a close 8-6 decision against top-ranked Tye Thompson. Donoho (189) also grappled a top-ranked wrestler, Teddy Warren, and only dropped an 8-3 decision. Finally, Corcoran (112) faced third-ranked Kenny Reinhart and only dropped a 4-2 verdict.

"As a whole, the team wrestled hard," Vance Corcoran said.

"There's no doubt we were out-matched in many of the matches, but we had a lot of good matches that could've gone either way as well. ... To go and battle a team like Dundee like that did, I'm proud of them. The boys did all I could've asked for. It was a pretty special day."

The Blue Devils are starting to make a habit of getting to the state meet. In 2011, the squad not only qualified, but finished as the state runner-up. During that tournament, Lake Fenton defeated Otsego 36-27 and then upset Dundee 37-33 in the semifinal round. The Blue Devils lost in the title match to Richmond 33-22.

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## TIGERS

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helping the squad to a state time in three of his four firsts. He teamed with Mikulenas, Zac Miceli and Nakkula to a championship performance and a state-cut time of 1:32.97 in the 200 freestyle relay. He also had first-place state-qualifying times in the 50 freestyle (21.81) and in the 100 freestyle (48.74). He also teamed with Nakkula, Austin Landis and Zahne Macklin to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:26.69).

Cassidy wasn't the only Fenton swimmer to earn four firsts. Miceli did it as well. Along with the 200 freestyle relay, he also teamed with Landis, Macklin and Mikulenas to win the 200 medley relay (1:46.46). Individually, he won the 200 individual medley (2:09.46) and the 100 butterfly (58.22).

Mike Banner was a third Fenton swimmer to win two individual conference titles. The distance swimmer won the 200 freestyle (1:51.29) and the 500 freestyle (5:02.08). Finally, Macklin won the Tigers' final individual title, taking first in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.04).

Other Fenton swimmers to place in the top five in an individual event were: Kyle Banner, second in the 500 freestyle (5:25.35) and fourth in the 200 freestyle (2:01.43); Mikulenas, second in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.23) and third in the 200 individual medley (2:16.20); Landis, second in the 100 freestyle (51.44) and third in the 100 backstroke (57.90); Macklin, fifth in the 50 freestyle (23.78); Kyle Lack, fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:05.51); Nakkula, fifth in the 100 freestyle (52.33); and Michael Fabatz, fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:05.50).



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Fenton's Mike Banner earned firsts in the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle at the Metro League meet on Saturday.

Fenton coach Brad Jones isn't shocked by what the Tigers accomplished, specifically led by his senior class of Cassidy, Macklin, Mikulenas, Michael Banner, Lack, Nakkula, Luke Idoni and Chevy Redman.

"This senior group really stepped up," Jones said. "They didn't win their freshman year when they lost to Brandon by a handful of points back in 2011, and that was the turning point for this group. They were not going to lose again, and they haven't. They won resoundingly on Saturday. ... And they've instilled it in our freshman class. Our freshman class are head and shoulders above where our senior group was as freshmen, so we're excited about the future. A lot of what we accomplished is because of this senior group's leadership and how goal-oriented they are."

"Our desire (made this happen),"

Mikulenas said. "Our grade has had its mindset to get our name on that board (the school record board) and we've been working our butts off."

The Holly Bronchos had one swimmer earn top-five status in his individual events. In fact, Peyton Molzahn earned two seconds. He was a runner-up in the 200 individual medley (2:12.97) and in the 100 backstroke (57.87). Molzahn had the best preliminary time in the 100 backstroke (58.01).

Holly's best relay finish came in the 200 freestyle relay where Benjamin Konopitski, Dillon Slate, Dillon Lemond and Tom O'Connor placed fourth (1:48.46).

And now there's just one more meet left, the state meet to be held March 7 and 8 at Eastern Michigan University. Fenton has many individuals and relay teams qualified for the event.

## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS BOWLING

► **Holly & Fenton at individual/team regionals:** None of the area teams qualified for the state meet at the Division 2 regional held at Owosso's Capitol Bowl, but one individual did.

Holly's Heidi Martin placed fifth in the individual competition, posting a six-game series score of 1,097. Kearsley's Anna Rutledge was the regional champion, bowling a series score of 1,141. The top 10 individuals qualified for the state event.

Martin had a tough start, bowling games of 167 and 124 in the first two rounds, but bounced back with a 231, 187 and 209 in her next three rounds. She comfortably qualified by 67 pins after rolling a final-game 179.

The area's next best performer was Holly's Jessica Cooley, who placed 25th with a pinfall total of 931. Fenton's top performer was Hunter Hawk who took 28th with a 904.

At the team regional meet, Holly placed fifth. Their total pinfall total of 3,111 was 80 pins short of qualifying for the state meet. Fenton took 12th with a 2,590.

### BOYS BOWLING

► **Holly, Linden & Fenton at individual/team regionals:** None of the area boys teams or boys individuals qualified for the state meet at regionals. In team regional action, Fenton placed ninth with a team score of 3,279, while Holly was 10th with a 3,273. Linden took 11th with a 3,255. The top three teams qualified for the state meet.

In individual regional action, Linden's Russell Carney just missed qualifying for the state meet, placing 12th with a six-game series of 1,110. He missed the top 10 state-qualifying spots by 10 pins. Holly's Mitch Smith was 13th with a 1,102, while Holly's Matt Harrison was 16th with a 1,093. Fenton's top performer was Drew Garrison, placing 31st with a 1,019.

### COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Lake Fenton at Oxford Division 3 regional:** The Blue Devils placed 12th at the regional event, posting a total team score of 681.46. The Blue Devils' best performance came during round three. Their score of 282.20 placed eighth at the event. The team scored a 207.50 in round one and a 191.76 in round two. Lake Fenton qualified for regionals a week earlier by taking fourth at districts.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Lapeer West 63, Linden 47:** Austin Buerkel led the Eagles with 14 points, while Collin Hoerberling netted 11 points. Mike Gold chipped in seven points and Travis Rinks had six.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Lapeer West 61, Linden 43:** Linden was outscored 37-23 in the middle two quarters, resulting in the loss. Alyssa Logie led the Eagles with 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Megan Kenney had eight points and 10 rebounds. Jessie Spencer chipped in even points, while Taylor Smith had seven rebounds and three assists.

## DISTRICT

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to lose. We can play free and easy and see if we can make them nervous.

"The kids played awesome (on Monday) and hit some shots. I hope they feel good about themselves because they should."

### Lake Fenton at Class B district Goodrich 81, Lake Fenton 59

The Blue Devils (7-13) were outscored 42-25 in the opening half, resulting in the Class B district loss.

Ashton Fuller led all scorers with 20 points for Lake Fenton, while Jordan Newman netted 14 points. Sophia Sahouri scored 11 points, while Taylor Sheyachich netted seven.



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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WednesdayJumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ON □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

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ANSWER: Hemoglobin is the stuff inside red blood cells that grabs onto oxygen as the blood cells pass through the lungs. Determining a person's hemoglobin is a surrogate for determining the number of red blood cells. The carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke prevents the attachment of oxygen to the red blood cell. The body senses an oxygen deficit. It ups the production of red blood cells to compensate. The hemoglobin count rises. Your doctor is telling you the truth. Now you've got two doctors harping on you.

NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



GRAVITY

Gravity stars Sandra Bullock and George Clooney in a heart-pounding thriller that pulls you into the infinite and unforgiving realm of deep space. Bullock plays Dr. Ryan Stone,

a brilliant medical engineer on her first shuttle mission, with veteran astronaut Matt Kowalsky (Clooney). But on a seemingly routine spacewalk, disaster strikes. The shuttle is destroyed, leaving Stone and Kowalsky completely alone - tethered to nothing but each other and spiraling out into the blackness. The deafening silence tells them they have lost any link to Earth and any chance for rescue. As fear turns to panic, every gulp of air eats away at what little oxygen is left. But the only way home may be to go further out into the terrifying expanse of space. PG-13, 2 hr. 4 min.



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tip of the week

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While you're playing songs in iPod app, you can tap on the "shuffle" option to shuffle your playlist. Wouldn't be cool to shuffle the songs by shaking your iPhone? You can go to "Settings" and tap on "Music". Simply turn on the "Shake to Shuffle" option. Next time you want to shuffle your songs, just shake your iPhone!

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.



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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

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- 6 Spice blend in Indian cuisine
- 12 Nut in a toxic shell
- 13 "I, Robot" author
- 14 Acid neutralizer
- 15 Abrade
- 16 Disorder
- 17 Reverberate
- 19 In medias —
- 20 Early pulpit
- 22 Skater Babilonia
- 24 Carnival city
- 27 Exceptional
- 29 Make a splash
- 32 He sang "Alison" and "Veronica"
- 35 Took off
- 36 Recognize
- 37 Peculiar
- 38 Theater ticket datum
- 40 Teensy bit
- 42 Feedbag tidbit
- 44 Vaulted recess
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12 Video maker, for short

18 Long, blunt cigars

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23 Mimic

24 Gridiron arbiter

25 Under the weather

26 Flip

28 Not widely known

30 Antiquated

31 Spacecraft
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33 Altar affirmative

34 Seesaw quorum

39 Pay

41 Unlike rolling stones?

42 Poets' tributes

43 Neighborhood

45 Saucy

47 String instrument

48 Partner

49 Caustic solution

51 "Trivial Pursuit" need

53 John's Yoko

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## 2014 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE ROSE TOWNSHIP 9080 Mason St Holly, Michigan 48442

### MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2014 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:

**March 4, 2014 2:00pm Organizational Meeting**

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## Lost & Found 31

**LOST - BURTON** multi-colored children's board from Tyrone Hills and Center to Silver Lake Road east belonging to my 11 year old daughter. Bad dad, sad daughter. Contact Steve at Northern Window at 810-714-5700.

## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

### Debra Ann York 1962-2014

Debra Ann York - age 51 of Fenton, died unexpectedly February 20, 2014. A memorial service will be held 1 PM, Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the Fenton Seventh Day Adventist Church 408 5th St., Fenton, MI 48430. Debra was born April 22, 1962 in Hinsdale, Illinois, the daughter of Harold and Janice (Parker) Smith. Debra was a Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) for many years and loved working with the elderly. She loved flower gardening, and animals. She especially loved her children and grandchildren. Surviving are her parents Harold and Janice (Parker) Smith; daughter Amber (Andrew) Butcher; son Nathan York; four grandchildren; sisters Shelley (Dennis) Frederick, Sheri (Robert) Brunson; and many nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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### Patricia May "Trisha" Scanlon

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Patricia May "Trisha" Scanlon - age 32, of Fenton, died Saturday, February 22, 2014. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, February



26, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Ken McMaster officiating. Burial immediately following at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Visitation was held at the funeral home Monday from 6-9 PM and Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Patricia M. Scanlon Memorial Fund, c/o Brian Scanlon. Trisha was born December 29, 1981 in Pontiac. She was a graduate of Fenton High School where she was a cheerleader and attended Baker College. She was employed at Taco Bell in Fenton as a manager. She attended Faith Baptist Church in Linden. Trisha also was a Scout Master with the Boy Scouts. She had resided in the Fenton area her entire life. Surviving are: husband, Brian; son, Logan Teays of Fenton; mother, Mary VanVliet of Fenton; 6 siblings, Tina and husband Greg Asbury of Fenton, James and wife Cathy VanVliet of Grand Blanc, Tammy VanVliet of Traverse City, Tammy and husband Daryl Beil of Linden, William and wife Tiffani VanVliet of California, and Justin and wife Danielle Teays of Linden; mother-in-law, Robyn Turner of Clio; brother-in-law, John and wife Billie Jo Scanlon of Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, James VanVliet and father-in-law, Joseph Scanlon. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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