Be a smart and safe holiday shopper

Police: Keep credit cards and driver’s license in inside pocket

By Sharon Stone

It’s important for people to be selective as to where they shop.

Common sense says that shopping with a friend is a safe way to go, but not always possible. Work and family schedules might not coincide with a friend’s schedule, prompting people to shop alone.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aро said it’s important for people to be selective as to where they shop.

Shop with at least one partner. Have your car or house key in your hand as you approach the door. If attacked, use those keys as weapons.

Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Look inside your car and around it as you approach.

Park in well-lit areas that will be well lighted when you return.

See SHOPPER on 14A

SAFE SHOPPING TIPS

City to vacate easements left from Fenton Square project

Would free up downtown space for redevelopment

By Anna Troppens

Fenton — City officials are hoping to get rid of parking and walking easements left over from a 1979 project that didn’t get developed as planned. These access areas still exist, across parts of downtown.

See EASEMENTS on 8A

Summary

The city of Fenton has approached the Genesee County Economic Development Corporation, to end walkway and parking easements established downtown for the 1979 Fenton Square project.

Saving infants is goal of inventive firefighter

By Sharon Stone

Firefighter Chad Green of Linden says, based on his experience, there is no good way to carry an infant out of a burning home.

Green, 38, has been working as a firefighter and EMT for the Detroit Arsenal Fire Department in Warren for the past 15 years.

See SAVING on 6A

Summary

Chad Green, a veteran firefighter and Linden resident, has invented a device to help firefighters safely remove an infant from a burning building. He is in the process of obtaining a full patent on his invention.

Linden City council recommends own pay cut

Council unanimously approves budget reductions

By Sharon Stone

The Linden City Council unanimously approved a number of budget amendments, including reductions, changes and additions, on Monday, at the recommendation of City Manager Christopher Wren.

The amendments were put forth as a result of the recommendation of the finance subcommittee, which was directed to establish a two and one-half-year budget plan beginning Jan. 1, 2011. With the increased uncertainty of future revenues and bond interest costs, the Linden City council unanimously approved changes to the city’s budget on Monday to ensure fiscal stability.
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Elvis sighting at Adopt-A-Pet

Jody Maddock, program director and treasurer for Adopt-A-Pet, holds Elvis, a brown and white tabby that is up for adoption.

Cats waiting for someone to ‘love them tender’

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton Twp. — Stop the presses — Elvis has been sighted at Adopt-A-Pet. Program Director Jody Maddock confirmed the sighting, saying, “He likes to kind of talk and sing. That’s how they named him Elvis.”

The brown and white tabby is 2 to 3 years old and has been a resident at Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Rd., since Oct. 14. “He is a ‘talker’; and he is very sweet,” Maddock said. “He usually comes right up to the door to greet people.”

Also befitting his namesake, Elvis gets “All Shook Up” when he does a “leg shake.”

Elvis is one of many cats at Adopt-A-Pet, hoping for someone to “Love him tender.” In addition to Adopt-A-Pet, there are 12 other rescue groups in Genesee County. Recently, these have all been full, and no one was taking cats or kittens, Maddock said. “Adopt-A-Pet doesn’t euthanize for space, so that means we are limited to the amount of animals we can take in. We need to get the word out to spay and neuter. We can help with financial assistance.”

Military families, the unemployed and those receiving any type of financial aid can receive assistance from Adopt-A-Pet with spaying or neutering their pet, she said. In addition, Adopt-A-Pet has a Spay.

See ELVIS on 8A

Why adopt a cat instead of a kitten?

• Potential adopters can see their personality and what they are like.
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• Adopt-A-Pet has a program to match older cats, or those needing a quiet home, to senior citizens, free of charge.

Michigan made

Lots of Michigan made products available at area retailers

By Sally Rummel
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Baabaazuzu may not be the easiest business name to spell, but this Michigan company has been named one of the “Top 50 Businesses to Watch” in Michigan — and you can see their product lines right here in Fenton.

This “cottage business” makes handcrafted wool clothing for women out of recycled wool garments, with lines of vests, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves available locally on the shelves at Echelons in Fenton.

It’s one of the new, innovative companies that are making a name for itself as See MICHIGAN on 10A

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My ‘sensibilities’ are offended.

Imagine you’re a police detective. A woman reports that she has been raped. Your job is to find the perpetrator.

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Would you interview women as well as men? Would you check the ‘female’ box in your search through a database of known rapists?

Nor is this an issue you wouldn’t. Because you already know that the rapist is 99.9 percent likely to be a man based on history, statistics and common sense.

That is of course unless your boss was professional idiot Janet Napolitano, head of Homeland Security. Then you would likely interview men and women, pre-pubescent little girls and boys, as well as elderly nuns. You would waste all this time, effort, resources and money in addition to not apprehending the actual perpetrator, leaving him (or her ha ha) to wreak further havoc on society—all in the name of the stupidity commonly known as political correctness.

As they say on late-night infomercials—”but wait, there’s more.” Last Monday, Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano was asked by reporters if the rumor was true that Muslim women wearing hijabs would be exempt the new pat down and scan procedures. Napolitano refused to say yes or no, but did say that the TSA would be making ‘adjustments’ in regard to Muslim women and scans and pat downs.

How could this be? The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) complained to the government that intrusive full-body scans and pat downs were contrary to their religious sensibilities and therefore Muslim women should not be subjected to these new measures. CAIR says the government should allow Muslim women to put themselves down as an alternative. CAIR is advising Muslim women to reject full-body scans or pat downs before boarding planes and to demand to see supervisors if TSA agents demand that they comply.

Are you shi-tang me? All Americans, including Caucasian children and little old ladies, are being subjected to pat downs and scans before boarding planes because Muslims crashed planes and murdered 3,000 Americans on 9/11. And now, Muslim women are exempt because they ‘offend their sensibilities,’ but the rest of us just have to suck it up? And isn’t that discrimination against women of other religions? You know, the religions that don’t command you to kill anyone—correction: everyone—who is not of your religious persuasion.

The biggest danger to American lives today is the culture of political correctness perpetrated by the left. These fools and cowards are putting the lives of our families at risk.

Remember that the next time you see your president with his hands over his crotch during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

That offends my sensibilities.

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NOTE: TIMES about the cookie sale at the Fenton Karate who spent their Sunday as a special thank you to teachers who gave large projects and tons of homework for our kids to do over the Thanksgiving holiday. Hope you enjoy them, I know we did.

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Brighton man allegedly assaults girlfriend at Fenton restaurant

By Sharon Stone
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Ryan Keith Malone, 31, of Brighton Township was arrested on one felony count of assault with a dangerous weapon and one felony count of domestic violence. The charges are a result of a disturbance call in Fenton on Friday, Nov. 19.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said Malone police were dispatched to a restaurant parking lot in the 17000 block of Silver Parkway at 8:45 p.m. to investigate a disturbance and a possible stolen vehicle.

A man, later identified as Malone was having dinner with his 33-year-old girlfriend, from Whitmore Lake. Slater said the woman reported that Malone assaulted her and took her van without her permission. She said as he attempted to back away in her van, the door of the vehicle struck her, knocking her to the ground, at which time she called 911. He returned shortly as police arrived.

Malone was arrested and taken into custody. When police did a computer check on him, they learned he was wanted by the Michigan Department of Corrections for being a parole absconder. He was placed on parole for one to 20 years after his release in December 2009 for third-degree home invasion in Livingston County.

Malone was lodged at the Genesee County Jail while arrest warrants were sought. He was arraigned by Judge John Conover. He remains behind bars in the county jail in lieu of posting $50,000 cash bond on each count. He will be back in district court on Nov. 30 for his preliminary exam.

Council extends LDFA for 20 years

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — The Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) has a revised plan to follow and can continue collecting tax revenue in Fenton through Dec. 31, 2030.

The revised Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan is for a series of public improvements. The LDFA’s TIF Plan was set to expire Dec. 31, said Michael Burns, assistant city manager and Downtown Development Authority director. Six projects were added to the development plan, for future consideration (see sidebar).

If the city did not set a plan for the LDFA by Dec. 31, the LDFA would technically no longer be able to capture taxes in the district, and it would dissolve, Burns said. He recommended that council extend the LDFA for another 20 years, expiring Dec. 31, 2030. The reason for this is, the DDA Tax Increment Financing Plan is scheduled to expire in 2030, and council can decide to extend both the DDA and LDFA at that time, or dissolve both of them, he said.

Fewer taxes would be captured with the DDA, if the LDFA were dissolved, Burns said. Property in the LDFA district would become part of the DDA district.

Council unanimously approved the revised TIF Plan, allowing the LDFA to continue its tax capture.
Some council members upset

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — The Fenton City Council has approved a right of way permit extension for AT&T, for access to city streets. However, council members are unhappy about the idea of newly paved streets possibly torn up for utility work.

“The city will get new roads, it seems one of these people come in and cut our new roads,” Councilwoman Cheryl King said.

Normally, utility firms keep track of road projects and get their own work done before or during road construction. City Manager Lynn Markland said. Now, many firms are trying to put their utility lines or cables outside of the road right of way, since it’s easier for them to access. In some cases, they place their materials under sidewalks.

King asked whether city officials can require utility companies to use trenchless technology, to avoid disrupting roadways. City attorney Stephen Schultz said they can strongly urge them, but legislators have taken away some local control of right-of-way issues.

In addition, according to the Metro Act, the city had 30 days to approve the right-of-way extension, or it would be issued automatically, Schultz said. In addition, if Fenton did not approve the extension, it was possible the city would not receive a portion of the permit fees AT&T pays to the state.

“They’ll get permission anyway,” he said.

Utility firms pay fees to the state, based on the length of their cables, Markland said. Some of this comes back to the local area where the cable is installed. “We get what they send us,” he said.

Utility companies have access to the entire roadway, Schultz said. If there is a 100-foot right of way, they have access to the entire 100 feet. The city has adopted standards for road cuts or reconstructing roads. But the result isn’t satisfactory as it would be if cuts take place before the road is paved, he said.

The previous right of way permit between Fenton and AT&T ends Dec. 31, 2010. The new one is through Dec. 31, 2013.

Mayor Sue Osborn asked whether the city could force the firm to take better care of the boxes so that they don’t rust. Schultz said it is a different issue from the right of way permit, and Fenton could pursue it as a nuisance or zoning violation.
WATER BILLS TOP PRIORITY LIST FOR NEW VILLAGE COUNCIL

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — One of the first issues the new Holly Village Council wants to address is the back billing of village water services for some 20 township residents.

In extreme cases, residents were not charged for village water services for as long back as 2003, accruing up to $2,000 in unbillable services.

On Tuesday’s agenda, President Jeff Miller referred to the issue as “Operation Water Leak.” Miller took blame for residents being billed during a time of economic hardship. “We placed them there,” he said.

The issue came to light early this year. Clerk/Treasurer Susan Nassar had poured over records and eventually uncovered the errors, and has since started recovering money for the village.

“We won’t forgive everything,” said Miller. He could not give any details on any resolution to back bills, but said he would do his best to make sure it does not happen again.

Miller said he would look into the particular meter model that was used for billing, to see if a defect caused the problem. “People out there think we don’t know what we’re doing,” he said.

Janet Leslie, Holly Township trustee but speaking as a resident, protested forgiving residents of the debt. “Of course if refunds or pardons are given, it is all of us on the water and sewer system that do pay our bills who will be making up the difference,” she said.

Driver Loses Control of Car

An injured woman was transported to the hospital after losing control of her vehicle Saturday afternoon in Fenton. Lt. Jason Slater said a 34-year-old Flint woman, driving a 1995 Ford passenger car was merging into northbound U.S. 23 traffic after entering from Owen Road. As she was merging, she lost control of her car, causing it to roll over several times. It came to rest in the median. No other vehicles were involved with the crash.

STAF EMS transported the woman, who was wearing a seat belt, to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township. The car was totaled and towed from the scene. The woman was not ticketed, however, she was listed at fault on the accident report for traveling too fast.

Woman Urinates Behind Dumpster

At 2:35 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 25, a Fenton police officer out patrolling observed a woman walking in a fast food restaurant parking lot on Owen Road with no coat on. The officer observed the woman walk behind a dumpster and urinate. The woman was visible to motorists in a nearby restaurant drive-thru lane. The officer made contact with the 24-year-old Fenton Township woman, who apologized for what she had done. Suspecting that she had been drinking, a preliminary breath test was administered, resulting in a blood alcohol level of .165. The driver said she had a designated driver in a nearby car. She was ticketed for indecent exposure and urinating in public and is to appear in Fenton court on Jan. 3, 2011.

OWI Arrest

At 12 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, a Linden police officer was dispatched to investigate a possible intoxicated motorist, driving a blue Buick. Lt. Kevin Duberg said the responding officer spotted the suspect vehicle traveling southbound on South Bridge Street at speeds in excess of the posted limit and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, a 22-year-old Grand Blanc man, failed sobriety tests and blew a .147 on the preliminary breath test. The driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and transported to the department.

Aurora Township responded to the crash. At 12 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, a Linden police officer was dispatched to investigate a possible intoxicated motorist, driving a blue Buick. Lt. Kevin Duberg said the responding officer spotted the suspect vehicle traveling southbound on South Bridge Street at speeds in excess of the posted limit and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, a 22-year-old Grand Blanc man, failed sobriety tests and blew a .147 on the preliminary breath test. The driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and transported to the department.
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New president will not be involved

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Clemens announced the meeting during public comment at the regular council meeting last Tuesday. “The people don’t want it,” said resident Larry Lilly. “Now you’re going to jam it down our throats again. Nothing’s changed.”

Clemens said residents have expressed concern over higher taxes and crime.

He seeks to educate as many people as he can about what being a city would mean to residents. “I want to see if it starts to catch on,” he said.

If his campaign goes well, a petition is the next step. This petition would be used to bring a proposed map of the city to the Boundary Commission in Lansing. Should the city map be approved, there is a 90-day window for a referendum vote that could stop the cityhood effort.

This is what happened in 2002. Should cityhood survive a vote, after the map is approved, a charter commission is elected to draft the city charter, which would be voted on in a general election. The next general election is in 2014.

“I wish him well, but I’m not going to be a part of it,” said Miller. Clemens has asked that council members remain neutral on the topic of cityhood, though at least one member has voiced support, and three were at the meeting.

Clemens has not scheduled another meeting, but said he will keep in touch with other parties, both for a PowerPoint presentation, and possibly schedule another informational meeting after the New Year.

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Neuter and Return (SNAP) program for outdoor, stray or abandoned cats.

If someone is feeding and providing shelter for several outdoor cats, for example, Adopt-A-Pet can help. People must apply for the program and schedule an appointment for the cats’ surgery, Maddock said.

The organization provides humane live traps to catch the cats, which the owner then can bring to Adopt-A-Pet. The cost is $35 per cat — a large savings.

“We support Adopt-A-Pet needs foster homes for cats and kittens, where the animals can stay and be cared for until someone gives them a permanent home. Adopt-A-Pet provides the food, cat litter, litter box, bowls and whatever is needed to house the animal and, possibly, keep it separated from other pets. "We want to make it as easy as possible for the fosters so we can save more animals,” said Maddock.

Adopt-A-Pet also is in need of donations of money or cat supplies. The No. 1 item needed is unscented, clay cat litter, since many cats are allergic to scented litter, she said.

People also can volunteer during the day to help clean and sanitize cats. They are waiting for someone to “let them be your teddy bear.”
**MOST READ Midweek stories**
Stories originally appeared in the Wednesday, November 24, 2010 Midweek edition and can be read online at www.tctimes.com

**C-section not done to avoid labor pain**
Dr. Donohue gives his expert opinion. (The full story appeared in the Wednesday, Nov. 10 Midweek edition)

**DVDs & Movies**
Short write-ups on DVDs and movies released this week (the full story appeared in the Wednesday, Nov. 10 Midweek edition)

**Local woman shares passion of Middle Eastern art form**
Jennifer Lobb, of Fenton Township, looks like an ordinary preschool mom, living a typical suburban life. She’s happily married, and spends many harried mornings getting her 3-year-old daughter, Gwendolyn, off to school. See complete story at www.tctimes.com

**CITY OF FENTON**
Fenton DDA considers leasing old fire hall
In negotiations with Michigan Brewing Company for the old fire hall property, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority is considering a lease agreement instead of selling. Leasing might be an option, to protect the city’s asset and public money. See complete story at www.tctimes.com

**CITY OF FENTON**
World Trade Center artifact
The city of Fenton’s fire department is receiving a 36-inch piece of history. Council has approved an agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to receive a steel 9/11 artifact from the World Trade Center. See complete story at www.tctimes.com

**MOST POPULAR MIDWEEK ONLINE COMMENT**

“THIS WEEKEND, I’ll be flying to visit relatives. What’s amazing is, I’ll also be able to have my X-rays, prostate, hernia, and bowels checked by the TSA personnel for the price of an airline ticket. I now realize what Obama meant when he said we’ll save money when the government takes over our health care.”

**Reduce that holiday stress**
Reducing stress leads to more pleasant holidays. Experts suggest being realistic, planning ahead and seeking support. See complete story at www.tctimes.com

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**
Belly dancer Azziza Salem, (Jennifer Lobb) of Fenton Township, demonstrates a choreographed belly dance in her dance studio Friday morning. See complete story at www.tctimes.com

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Carol Schuler of Sweet Variations in downtown Fenton has been doing just that for almost three decades, putting her own sweet touches on signature milk and dark chocolate candies that are handcrafted right in her own store. Christmas is Sweet Variations’ second busiest holiday, with Easter coming in first and Valentine’s Day coming in third, according to Schuler.

Matt and Ginny Sherrow, owners of Fenton Winery & Brewery, present their full-service winery and microbrewery products to customers, handcrafting all of their beverages onsite. Their wines always make a thoughtful gift, especially when personalized to suit an individual’s palate.

Holly Jablonsky of Holly not only has the right name, but she’s also in the right town to own and operate her own soy candle and fragrance product manufacturing and retail company. The shop makes its own hand-poured soy candles, hand-mixed reed diffuser oils, hand-mixed air fresheners and a variety of natural bath and body products. A Michigan business owner since May, 2009, Jablonsky is a strong supporter of the Made in Michigan movement. “We aren’t ‘resellers’ of any products,” said Jablonsky. “Everything we sell is made right here.”

Beacon & Bridge Markets gas stations and markets may not seem, at first glance, like a destination for gifts. But, they have partnered with Michigan businesses to offer a wide array of food products from around the state. From Coffee Beanery products made in Flashing to Freestone Pickles made in Bangor, they are proud to offer their support to Michigan vendors.

Pipsqueak Boutique in Fenton is pleased to sell a number of products made by Michigan vendors. Custom hair bows and hand-sewn boutique outfits are created by Melinda Malone of Holly and Sue Haight of Fenton.

The Linden Toy Factory prides itself on many Made in USA toys and gifts, proud to carry Slinky/Poof foam ball products made in Plymouth, as well as Gigi Blankets made in Grand Rapids.

Supporting Michigan businesses is a great way to support the state of Michigan and the people who live here. In fact, gift certificates to any locally-owned and operated retail store or restaurant will not only be greatly appreciated by the recipient, but will also help support local families who make their living here, as well as their employees.
Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ owner Kim Hicks sits in her dining area Tuesday afternoon. The restaurant is known for its southern-style barbecue.

Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ

By Cheryl Dennison
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Things are smoking at Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ on North Road in Fenton. The restaurant is known for serving good southern barbecue. Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ is at the location of the former Across Town Café, 2461 North Rd. in Fenton. Owner Kim Hicks, who grew up in Fenton, said that 24 years ago she thought it would be interesting to operate a restaurant, so she asked her father what he thought. “His response was, ‘No!’ Restaurants are difficult, time-consuming and risky,” she said. “It was probably the first time in my life I didn’t accept his advice.”

Beale Street is a full-service, family-oriented restaurant, with a full bar offering eight rotating craft beers. The restaurant also offers various levels of catering packages. Hicks said she has the best staff and she couldn’t operate with out them. In the past, she had family members working with her, from her parents, to her siblings and son.

“I love food, cooking, and creating recipes,” Hicks said. “Nothing makes you happier than when you see smiles on customers’ faces.”

Hicks said her restaurant is unique to the area. “My staff pours a lot of love in to our barbecue,” she said. “It’s a labor of love.”

Her philosophy for running her business is, “It’s not good enough to want it. You have to know how to get it. If you want the best you have to be the best in all aspects of business.”

And, her customers keep coming back for more.

“We offer great food, great atmosphere, and blues bands. What more could you want?”

Santa to visit Tyrone Township

Donations being accepted for Gleaners Food Bank

Tyrone Twp. — Santa will arrive at the Tyrone Township Hall at 1 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 4, riding tall on a city of Fenton fire engine. Tyrone Township, in conjunction with Gleaners Food Bank, is offering a free photo op with Santa to help the needy during the holiday season.

Bring your children, a camera, and an optional donation of canned or dry food to the township hall between 1 and 4 p.m. and take a picture with Santa. All food donations will be given to Gleaner’s Food Bank for distribution to needy families.

For more information, call Supervisor Mike Cunningham at (810) 629-8631 or visit Tyrone Township’s website at www.tyronetownship.us.

Gleaners will provide boxes for the food and pick it up after the event.
**Social News**

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

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### STRAWER-MAHER

The engagement of Melody Ann Strawser of Fenton to Michael Patrick Maher of Fenton has been announced by her parents, Terry and Pam Strawser of Fenton. His parents are Mike and Brigid Maher of Fenton. The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Fenton High School and will be graduating in 2011 from Spring Arbor University. Her fiancé is a 2007 graduate of Fenton High School and is employed by Oakland Christian Church. A June 12, 2011 wedding ceremony is planned at Fenton Sunken Gardens.

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### MORGAN

Courtney Marie Strawser of Fenton became the bride of Paul William Morgan of Murfreesboro, Tenn. on July 10, 2010. The ceremony was held at Cornerstone Church of Highland. The ceremony was performed by the Pastor Tim Forsthoff. Attending the couple was her sister, Melody Ann Strawser of Fenton as maid of honor and Jeshurn Benavides as best man. Bridesmaids were Crystal Strawser, Anna Williams, Christa Schwartz, and Bekah Lewis. Groomsmen were Adam Rodrigues, Chris Harrelton, Travis Franklin, and Michael Hooper. Ushers were Terry Strawser II, Chris Morgan, and Josh Morgan. A reception was held at Tyone Hills Golf Course. The couple honeymooned in Bali, Indonesia in December.

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Dave Lantz (left) hands a box of food off to Grant Belinger of Fenton at United Methodist Church in Fenton Tuesday morning. The food was made into Thanksgiving dinners for 91 Fenton area families in need.

Community groups, churches help families in need

By Tim Jagielo

Some food was donated through the “The Stuff the Bus” campaign. The Fenton Fire Department also donated. “I think of it as a sharing process, these are hard times,” said Grant Belinger of Fenton, who volunteered in the cold to get the boxes in to FUMC. Morgan Dimambro 17, of Fenton High School and president of the National Honor Society, also volunteered. “I really love it, I’m really impressed by it and I’m glad I could help.”

Colwell had big shoes to fill, following the late Nancy Stockham in organizing the event. Colwell said food donations were high this year.

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If someone does try to rip a purse off a woman’s shoulder, the police chief recommends letting it go. He said it’s apparent that the thief has become violent with the victim. Attempting to hold on to the purse could escalate the seriousness of the situation.

“Be aware of your surroundings,” said Aro. If a person is out shopping in a mall, or walking through parking lots, Aro advises them to take notice of those near them. Avoiding poorly lit areas is also advised.

When approaching a stranger in a parking lot, the police chief said it’s best to avoid engaging in a conversation with them. If the person tries to initiate a conversation, try to walk to an area where there are many people.

Police have been advising residents for years to keep the doors of their vehicles and homes locked at all times. At this time of year, it’s crucial to heed this advice. Would-be thieves are known to walk through parking lots, or streets in search of unlocked vehicles.

Aro said someone intent on stealing would try the door handle to see if it’s unlocked. If it is, they will steal whatever is accessible. If the door is locked and the windows are closed, the thief will most likely leave the vehicle alone.

Thieves do not want to bring any attention to themselves and if they are spotted trying to get into a locked vehicle, chances are someone will see them.

Aro said it’s very important for people to call 911 if they observe any suspicious activity. Often-times, the observer assumes what they saw was no big deal or didn’t want to waste their time. Aro said he would rather send an officer out to investigate a harmless situation than to miss an opportunity to catch an offender.

If someone takes their young children along on the shopping trip, Aro advises the parents to keep a close eye on them. Don’t let the children wander off to where they are out of sight. Store employees and other shoppers will appreciate the parents’ attention toward their own children.

Aro said he has not been made aware of any Fenton shoppers becoming victimized, yet. “We’ll have a few,” he said. He has been hearing of carjacking and purse snatching reports in areas north of Fenton. Again, to prevent becoming a victim of a carjacking, keep the vehicle windows closed and doors locked at all times.

Lt. Kevin Duberg of the Linden Police Department agreed that shopping with a friend is advisable. He prefers to carry a credit card rather than carrying large amounts of cash. He added that he likes having records, from the credit card company, of where his money has gone.

Shopping online presents its own set of safety issues. The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) is warning consumers that cyber crimes aren’t just for computers anymore. There are reports of unscrupulous individuals or organizations targetting cell phones with intentions of acquiring the owner’s personal information.

People using a "smartphone" might inadvertently log into a phony website. Believing they are making a credit card purchase at a valid store, they might unknowingly provide personal account numbers and other important numbers. Rather than following a link to a store’s website, type the name of the website and go directly to the site. The link could take the shopper to a phony site, despite appearing to be very real.

**TIPS Continued from Front Page**

- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Keep wallets in an inside pocket.
- Always lock your car door and close the windows, even if you’re only gone a few moments. When possible, lock all merchandise or packages in the trunk of your car. Load your packages before departing, not at the next destination.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Plan your trips. Instead of one big shopping trip, try several small ones. This will cut down on the amount of money you carry, the packages you’ll be encumbered with, and it will make your shopping less stressful.
- Walk everywhere with a sense of purpose — show you are calm, confident and know where you are going.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING is to hear objections to a petition submitted to the Rose Township Board of Trustees for the creation of a special assessment district for maintenance of the private road known as Williams Drive. The petition has been determined to be sufficient (contains the signatures of property owners representing greater than 50% of the road frontage on Williams Drive). The proposed special assessment district includes all properties having an ownership interest in Williams Drive. The estimated cost of performing the requested road maintenance is $3,800.00 plus a 3% administration fee and township costs associated for the first year and subsequent years. A copy of the cost estimate is available for inspection at the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan.

Property owners may appeal the assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal if an appearance is made at the hearing at which the special assessment roll is confirmed. Appearance can be made in person or by mail and can be made by an agent for the property owner.

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
NOVEMBER 22, 2010
The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday November 22, 2010 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.
1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for the total amount of $879,339.10.
4. Reviewed the annual mosquito control report from Advanced Pest Management.
5. Appointed Clerk Robert Krug as Fenton Township’s representative on the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District Board of Directors for the term ending December 31, 2012.
6. Approved Ordinance No. 731, an amendment to Dog Control Ordinance No. 253 to add language regarding dog shelters.
8. Established the 2010 Trash Collection Assessment at $120.00 per household.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2010-30, scheduling a public hearing for December 6, 2010 on a revised special assessment roll for the Crane Road/Lake Shore Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District.
10. Approved a Fire Department Training Reimbursement Agreement.
11. Postponed action on a proposed Subgrant and Transfer of Equipment Agreement with the Genesee County Sheriff Department pending further research.
12. Approved a 2011 Building Inspection Services Agreement with D&G of Michigan, Inc.
14. Approved the 2011 Fenton Township Meeting Schedule.
15. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CREATION OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PRIVATE ROAD, WILLIAMS DRIVE, IN ROSE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive comments regarding the construction of a wireless communication tower requested by Fortune Wireless, Inc., acting as an agent for AT&T. The proposed tower site is located in Section 13, south of the White Lake Road - Foley Road intersection on the west side of Tipsico Lake Road, and further identified as:

FR PL 4704-13-400-010 Vacant Land: Commencing at the SE corner of SEC 13 as the POB, TH S01°58'42"E 54.93 FT ALONG E LINE OF SAID SEC 24 TO THE SW COR OF SEC 18, T4N R7E. Rose Twp, Oakland County, MI, TH S88°11'10"W 1340.70 FT, TH N01°42'51"W 1625.98 FT, TH S88°17'14"E 877.32 FT, TH S01°42'51"E 940.52FT, TH S01°42'51"E 463.15 FT. TH S01°42'51"E 628.18 FT TO THE POB, 40 ACRES M/L.

Supporting documents may be reviewed at the Rose Township Hall, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by calling (810) 629-8631. Comments regarding the request may be made at the time of the hearing or submitted in writing to the Planning Commission prior to the date of the meeting.

Dave Hanoute, Chairman
Tyrene Township Planning Commission

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Supporting documents may be reviewed at the Rose Township Hall, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by calling (810) 629-8631. Comments regarding the request may be made at the time of the hearing or submitted in writing to the Planning Commission prior to the date of the meeting.

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NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Argentine Township Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 14, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Argentine Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive comments regarding the construction of a wireless communication tower requested by Fortune Wireless, Inc., acting as an agent for AT&T. The proposed tower site is located in Section 13, south of the White Lake Road - Foley Road intersection on the west side of Tipsico Lake Road, and further identified as:

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO INDUSTRIAL EXTRACTIVE REGULATORY ORDINANCE #21
Livingston County, Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that the Tyrone Township Board, at the Regular meeting held on November 16, 2010 has adopted the following Amendments to Ordinance 21, to regulate sand and gravel deposits, reclamation and concrete crushing within the Industrial Extractive zoning district. The entire ordinance is available to the public for review during regular business hours at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton Michigan 48430, and on the township website at www.tyrentonewship.us. A summary of the revisions are as follows:

SECTION 4: DEFINITIONS
Added definitions for F. Extraction, I. Mining, J. Processing.

SECTION 6: CONDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
Added limited crushing of concrete as part of active sand and gravel operations via a special use permit.

SECTION 7: APPLICATION, REVIEW AND PERMIT RENEWAL PROCEDURE
A. Filing of Petition. Added a site plan requirement for any new uses. Further defined the site plan requirements.

SECTION 8: SPECIFIC OPERATING REQUIREMENTS
A. Setback. Permits the Tyrone Township Board to modify setback requirements.
B. Frontage and Access. Defines entry and egress requirements.
C. Fencing. Further defines allowable fencing.
E. Air Pollution. Extends requirements to mining and crushing.
F. Stockpiles. Defines sizes of stockpiles and setbacks.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE
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Neighbors lodge complaint against township firefighter

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton Twp. — Tim Taylor, of Fenton Township, lodged a public complaint Monday against a Fenton Township firefighter.

Taylor told the Fenton Township Board of Trustees that he has the utmost respect for those who devote themselves to saving lives. However, he said some of his neighbors object to the behavior and language of one of the township’s volunteer firefighters, who lives in their neighborhood, near Jennings and Owen roads.

As an on-call firefighter, when his pager alerts him, he responds to the fire station immediately. Taylor said, due to the location of his home, the firefighter could exit via Jennings Road or Owen Road. There are many more houses to pass, about 36 compared to four, when exiting via Owen Road.

“He drives through the neighborhood at an excessive rate of speed,” said Taylor. “This concerns me. I don’t think he’d have the ability to respond to a distraction in the street if he had to.”

Taylor estimates the firefighter drives at speeds approaching 40 to 50 miles through the neighborhood.

A complaint was filed with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department, according to Taylor, when this particular firefighter allegedly used inappropriate gestures to a neighbor who waved at his vehicle in an attempt to slow him down.

Taylor said the firefighter verbally assaulted a young mother with two small children. Neighbors approached the firefighter to convince him to slow down, but their comments were met with defiance. This incident, too, was filed with the sheriff’s department.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said she spoke with Fire Chief John Moulton about this situation. The complaints were addressed, and resolved, with the firefighter and he is to only exit via Jennings Road. She told Taylor that the township’s fire committee would look into the matter.

No one in the township should be treated this way,” said Mathis when she learned of the alleged verbal assault. “We will take care of it.” Prior to the meeting, Mathis said she was only aware of the alleged speeding.

Trustee Mark Goupil advised Josh Freeman, the husband of the woman who was reportedly verbally abused, to write a letter explaining what happened when he and his father approached the firefighter at his home to discuss their concerns. “Write me a letter,” said Goupil, who works for the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. “This will be resolved.”
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The township soon will begin its budget for the upcoming fiscal year, Clerk Keith Kreamer said. Tyrone should have spent around 58 percent of its budget so far. Officials have asked the township’s accountant to start putting together a preliminary budget for 2011. All issue is, property tax revenues will be less for the next two years, and possibly even three years from now.

**News briefs**

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

THANKS TO THE gentleman picking up something at Fratz Consignment, who helped my daughter with her two-piece couch. He helped load it into his truck and then brought it to our house. There still are genuinely nice people around.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, do not leave your vehicle or home unlocked, either day or night, even when you are there. Remove the ignition key from your vehicle no matter how far away or how long you’ll be away from it. Removing the ignition key should be as common as opening the vehicle door. It is just common sense to protect your property and your lives.

JOE’S BOWLING ALLEY had six lanes and was located where The Fenton House is. The wood from one of the old lanes is the surfacing of the Fenton House carryout counter. I remember Joe Gallant walking back to fix the pins and racks himself, when necessary. He served bottles of pop from an old-fashioned, red Coca-Cola cooler that opened from the top. He always wore a plaid shirt, trousers and suspenders. He was called ‘Fafa’ by his grandkids.

I WAS CHANNEL surfing and on Channel 99, I came across a video of a pep rally in the gym at Lake Fenton High School. Hey, those folks have a great drum section and the cheerleaders aren’t all that bad neither. And no, I am not a parent or a teacher.

TO THE KIND woman who treated my 87-year-young mom to a Gingerbread Latte at Starbucks, You made her day. She thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you so much.

JUST WANT TO say a big thank you to Chief Rolie Gackstatter for the work he has done in Holly. That police department was in shambles prior to his arrival, and now it is a state-of-the-art department and dispatch center. With the exception of the special assessment to build the dispatch center, he has done everything with the same budget that the previous chief had. Thank you, Chief Gackstetter.
POPPING POPCORN
ON THE STOVE IS HEALTHY OPTION

By Sally Rummet
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However, you choose to pop it, popcorn is the second most popular snack food in the United States, beat out only by potato chips. Yet, its health benefits as a wholesome, whole-grain snack food far surpasses those of potato chips — which is why Americans consume 17 billion quarts of popped popcorn annually, according to the Chicago-based Popcorn Board.

Popcorn is naturally low in calories and fat, and high in carbohydrates. Weight Watchers recommends popcorn as a snack for the weight-conscious. The American Dental Association endorses this sugar-free snack and the American Cancer Society recognizes the benefits of the high fiber content of popcorn in possibly preventing several types of cancer. Popcorn’s nutritional value is so high that doctors recommend it — even popped with oil — over many other snack foods, according to the Agricultural Marketing Resource Board.

But popcorn’s reputation as a healthy food is limited by how it is prepared. With 30 percent of popcorn eaten outside the home — usually at its most popular venue, the movie theater — consumers may be interested in knowing that movie popcorn is considered to be a nutritional nightmare, according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Seven reasons to pop your own
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4. You can flavor it the way you like it.
5. Portion control.
6. It tastes better.
7. It’s fun to watch it pop.

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AVOID WEIGHT GAIN
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

By Jan Rynearson • jryearson@tctimes.com; 810-433-6790

Everyone wants to enjoy the holidays without gaining any weight. But during this time of year, temptations to “overindulge” lurk at every corner and on every buffet table.

If you’re like the average person in the United States, you’ll probably gain somewhere between one and 10 pounds this holiday season. You’ll likely start the New Year with a resolution to lose those pounds, plus a few more that have crept on from other holidays past.

According to researchers at the National Institutes of Health, most Americans never lose the weight they gain during the winter holidays. The pounds add up year after year, making holiday weight gain an important factor in adult obesity.

But, it doesn’t have to be this way. Even with a Thanksgiving feast weighing in between...
ASK THE MECHANIC
Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic.

Q: Recently got an oil change and the technician suggested that I change the air filter on my car. How important is it that I change my air filter? How often should I do it?

A: The air filter in your car should be checked at every oil change. Most will last at least 30,000 miles, but if you live or travel on dirt roads often, then you will need to replace it at lower mileage intervals. The air filter is very important to fuel mileage and engine life. It is also very important to use a quality air filter in today’s vehicles. Cheaper air filters tend to let particles come off and get on the mass air filter in today’s vehicles. Cheaper air filters tend to let particles come off and get on the mass air filter in today’s vehicles. Cheaper air filters tend to let particles come off and get on the mass air filter in today’s vehicles. Cheaper air filters tend to let particles come off and get on the mass air filter in today’s vehicles. Cheaper air filters tend to let particles come off and get on the mass air filter in today’s vehicles.

Choose commercial microwave popcorn over other popcorn cooking methods.

In fact, commercial microwave popcorn recently made it on the list of Prevention Magazine’s “Seven Foods That Should Never Cross Your Lips,” because of the chemicals found in the lining of the bag. These chemicals, including perfluoro-n-octanoic acid (PFOA), are part of a class of compounds that may be linked to infertility in humans, according to recent studies. In animal testing, the chemicals cause liver, testicular, and pancreatic cancer.

Studies show that microwaving causes the chemicals to vaporize and migrate into your popcorn. “They stay in your body for years and accumulate there,” said Olga Naidenko in this Prevention Magazine article. Researchers worry that levels in humans could approach the amounts causing cancers in laboratory animals. DuPont and other manufactur-

ers have promised to phase out PFOA by 2015 under a voluntary EPA plan.

Another toxic substance, diacetyl, used to be a common chemical found in the artificial butter flavoring of microwave popcorn. Blamed for destroying the lungs of workers in popcorn factories about 10 years ago, this chemical has been voluntarily dropped by many of the major commercial microwave popcorn companies. However, even its substitutes have been cited for being at least as toxic as the chemical they were replacing.

The healthiest options for preparing popcorn at home are air-popped, stove-popped and microwave-popped popcorn using a paper bag.

Kerrie Mustola, of Fenton Township likes to make popcorn on the stovetop using a Whirley Pop popcorn maker. “I sprinkle a little Lawry’s Seasoned Salt into the oil and spray it with ‘I Can’t Believe it’s Not Butter’ spray,” said Mustola. “I try to get as much fiber in my diet as possible, so I do consider it a healthy snack.”

If you’re looking for a sweet way to celebrate the season with popcorn, this recipe for Popcorn Balls by Fenton’s DeAnn Alexander of www.thefoodie-insider.com may become a favorite this time of year.

Her family has had a huge tradition of popcorn, when her father kept the huge popcorn popper used at his business, the Owen-
dale Speedway in Michigan’s T h u m b .

“With six kids in the house, we ate a lot of popcorn and at times, even grew our own,” recalled Al-
exander. “I just recently inher-

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Plain Brown Popper

INGREDIENTS:
1/4 c. good quality popcorn
2 tbsp. olive oil
1/4 c. koshar salt or popcorn salt
Sprinkle jalapeno seasoning mix
Paper lunch bag
Stapler

PREPARATION:

Toss the popcorn with the olive oil, salt, and jalapeno seasoning mix in the paper bag. Fold the top of the bag over and staple the bag twice to close. Place the bag in the microwave and microwave on high for 2-3 minutes, or until there are about 5 seconds between pops. NOTE: Popcorn salt is a super-fine salt that is designed especially for sticking to food such as popcorn. It has the taste of regu-
lar table salt, but its granules are much finer. Makes one serving.

Mom’s Popcorn Balls

INGREDIENTS:
3/4 c. brown sugar
3/4 c. white sugar
1/4 c. butter
1 c. vinegar (white or apple cider)
1/4 c. light corn syrup
1/2 c. baking soda
Food color, optional
4 qts. popped corn, lightly salted

PREPARATION:

Mix sugars, butter, vinegar and corn syrup until it almost boils. Remove from heat just before the boiling point. Add 1/2 c. baking soda and mix quickly. It will bubble rapidly and become foamy. At this point, add a couple of drops food color, if desired. Pour mixture over 4 qts. popped popcorn and mix thoroughly. Before it cools, shape into balls using your buttered hands, being careful of the heat. When cooled, wrap balls or store in airtight container for several days. This recipe easily multiplies for larger batches.

Coom’s Cast iron Dutch oven, so I’ve returned to the old-fashioned kind instead of microwave and there is no comparison. My next goal is to master kettle corn in it.

French fried popcorn and cran-
berries make a lovely and inexpensive “drape” for the Christmas tree, mantle or anywhere else in the house that needs a splash of old-fashioned holiday color and cheer.
WEIGHT
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3,000 and 4,000 calories, it is still only “one day” in a holiday season that actually spans 38 days from Turkey Day to New Year’s Day. You’ll have 37 other days to keep your portions under control so that when you weigh in on Jan. 2, you won’t have even gained a pound.

It’s not so much about “what” a person eats, but about “how much” a person eats, according to WebMD. In other words, you can enjoy an indulgence over the holidays that you’d like, but keep portion control in mind at all times. Here are a few other tips to help you avoid the dreaded holiday weight gain:

Never arrive hungry at a party. Have a nutritious snack beforehand that will allow you to gain some sort of control over what you’ll eat. Drink water to fill up before filling your plate.

Remember that it’s not all about the food. Enjoy the company of your friends and the party itself. Focus on something other than food, maybe conversation and dancing.

Pace yourself. Put yourself in control by eating slowly and putting your fork down between every bite.

Count those appetizers. Keep track of how much you are eating by stashing a toothpick in your pocket for each one. Set a limit and stick to it.

Outsmart the buffet. Use the smallest plate available and don’t stack your food. Limit your helpings to a single portion. Go for the simplest foods, like fresh fruits and vegetables. Watch out for sauces and dips.

Limit alcohol. Avoid drinking too much at a holiday party, not just because of the calories, but also the loss of control that alcohol brings to what you are eating. Sip water or club soda, so you have something to carry.

Be selective about sweets. Limit your indulgences to small portions and take only a treat that you don’t often have a chance to enjoy.

Bring your own treats. Whether you’re going to a friend’s party or an office potluck, consider bringing a low-calorie treat that you know you’ll enjoy. Think fruit!

Limit tastes while cooking. Instead of tasting mindlessly every few minutes, limit yourself to two small bites of each item pre- and post-seasoning. For tried-and-true recipes, don’t taste the dish at all until it is served.

Walk it off. Make a new holiday tradition: the family walk. Besides burning some extra calories, it will also put you in a mindset to be more careful about what you eat.

Here are some party appetizers that won’t pack on the pounds:

• Spinach-artichoke dip: Mix together spinach, cream cheese, artichokes, garlic and mozzarella and parmesan cheese, bake.

• Tortilla rolls: Just mix up your favorite concoction, spread it on a tortilla and roll it up. Refrigerate, then cut the roll into bite-size segments.

• Stuffed mushrooms: Just take the stem off and add a mixture of spinach, cream cheese, dill, mozzarella and Italian seasonings. Then dip the mushrooms in garlic butter and bake.

• Cheese or vegetable tray: Buy pre-cut cheese cubes and pre-sliced vegetables for ease and convenience.

• Antipasto skewers: Use pickles, olives or pickled vegetables as “stir sticks” or for making kabobs.

• Dipping chocolates: Buy pre-made dipping chocolates and keep it warm in the crockpot. Supply pretzels, angel food cake cubes, and a variety of fruits for “dippers.”

• Spicy nuts: Take mixed nuts and add spices, such as cayenne. Watch them carefully as they cook in the oven.

• Crispins: Cut a baguette in 1/4-inch-thick slices, lightly butter, and then toast it in the oven. Top with tomato and olives, or pesto with a shrimp.

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By Marissa Parks, Tri-County Times Intern
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My name is: Evan Haller.
I am: 18 years old.
My parents are: Jim and Tina Haller.
In my spare time, I enjoy: hanging out with my friends and playing hockey. I also worked at Bramblewood Golf Course last summer.
I am involved in school activities, such as: I’m on the hockey team. I play center. I was on the football team as full back and I was on the golf team.
The actor I’d choose to portray me in a movie about my life is? I’d say Johnny Depp. He’s a good actor.
The person who has made the biggest impact on my life is: my mom. She does everything for me, pretty much.
What I like most about my school is: how small it is. You know everyone.
What I remember most about kindergarten is: having two recesses.
My advice for parents of teens is: to be understanding. Remember that you were a kid once.
My advice for younger students: Don’t slack off in high school.
My favorite clothing is: sweatshirts, T-shirts, something comfortable.
My favorite book or one that I would like to read: There’s a new one coming out by Bob Probert called “Tough Guy.” I’d like to read that one.
The nicest thing anyone has ever done for me is: My mom and dad got me a car for my 16th birthday.
The one thing I am most proud of is: I was captain last year of the hockey team.
When I graduate, I want to be remembered as: an athlete. Hockey is my favorite sport.
The food I can’t live without: deep-dish pizza.
My favorite TV show is: ‘Family Guy.’ It’s just funny.
My favorite movie is: ‘Forest Gump.’ It’s a classic.
My postgraduate plans are: to go to college, but I have no idea for what. I’m not sure what college I want to go to, either.
My favorite winter activity is: snowboarding.
My favorite things to do around the holidays are: I like to relax. There’s no homework or hockey practice to go to. It’s nice.
My favorite holiday tradition is: I go to my grandfather’s house every year for Christmas. My younger cousins open presents and all that stuff.
What I want for Christmas is: money.

EVAN HALLER
18-year-old senior at
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Conquering anger

Alexander the Great was known for being steeped in his love and loyalties, but was sometimes overcome by periods of intense anger. Once, in a fit of rage over the taunting of one of his intoxicated officers, he seized a spear and hurled it at the man, killing him.

This officer had been a childhood friend of Alexander and had even saved his life, but anger overruled the commander’s usual loyalty to his friend and now brought him grief. All through the night, he lay writhing in remorse, calling out his former friend’s name.

Alexander was a great conqueror but on that occasion, he had been conquered by anger and regretted his uncontrolled action for the rest of his life.

Anger is costly, leaving many with life-long regrets. We simply can’t afford the cost of explosive anger; but how can we overcome it?

A friend once told me how angry he had become at a person who kept interfering with his work. At every turn, new opportunity for advancement, this meddler seemed to be there to criticize him and turn potential employers, against him.

Associates, who knew of the situation, advised him to take his enemy to court in hopes of getting legal aid and monetary compensation for his losses, but he found himself unable to do this in light of what his Lord had endured during his death on the cross. So, he decided to simply forgive this critic and trust God to defend him.

After doing so, he remembered a short list of other enemies who had given him similar grief and forgave them, too. This brought him such peace now that he’s thankful for this troublesome person coming into his life, because forgiving her enabled him to forgive others and in doing so, he found he wasn’t angry anymore.

According to the Bible, we’re never to close a day angry. ‘Let not the sun go down upon your wrath,’ wrote Paul, the apostle (Ephesians 4:26); adding, ‘Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger... be put away from you, with all malice.’

Think about all of the changes this anger-free attitude would bring to our homes, churches, schools and businesses. But, how can we achieve this persistent peace?

Here’s an unanswerable question to our question. ‘Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other.’

In his helpful book, ‘How to Win over Depression,’ Dr. Tim Lahaye tells of being approached by a man who had struggled with anger most of his life and longing to be free asked, ‘Do you think it’s possible for a person who has been angry for 70 years to break the habit?’

Dr. Lahaye replied, ‘God’s power is available to you and can cure any habit.’

Two years later, this trusted counselor met the same man who said, ‘I want to give you a progress report. God has cured my problem of anger. If you don’t believe me ask my wife.’

When we learn to forgive and conquer anger, those closest to us will see the difference and be eager to confirm the good news. Think about what immediate forgiveness and personal peace will do for you.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who writes at trinity@arimarch.net.

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 is thrilling adventure

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 is the seventh movie in the series, and is the ‘beginning of the end.’ The movie is exactly what was expected. It’s a thrilling adventure that will leave moviegoers on the edge of their seat.

Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) continues his journey to find and destroy all the horcruxes so he can defeat Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes), alongside his two friends, Ronald Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson).

The three friends’ journey take them to multiple places, pitching tents and casting charms to protect themselves from the evil forces. Just like in reality, they’re not always safe when they think they are and they can’t trust anyone.

In this movie, the heroes learn exactly what the Deathly Hallows is, and what their true mission is. There’s fighting, betrayals, and of course, heartbreak.

Some of the most important questions are answered, but even more important, questions are asked.

From someone who read the book, I couldn’t have envisioned anything greater. The cast and production crew did an excellent job in bringing the pages to life.

The camera is a little shaky, but it doesn’t hurt the quality. It only adds a more realistic vision to the film.

The film grossed an estimated $205 million, $24 million of which was made in midnight showings, alone.

This movie shows many potential dangers for the wizards’ futures. Suffering and pain await them, and maybe even death. However, the only way to know what happens is to wait for the next movie, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 said to be coming out July 15, 2011.

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MEETING SYNOPSIS
November 10, 2010

Supervisor Kalcec called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:
Board Members Present: Kalcec, Miller, Slaughter, Gordon, Scheib-Snider

Board Members Absent: None

Approved:
Agenda for the November 10, 2010 regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees with a change to item I from Request for Fireworks Permit to Revised Hearing Date for Big Trill Special Assessment District Roll and the addition of item J. Cemetery Transfer Charges.

Consent agenda including October 13 as amended, October 26, 2010 and November 4, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted.

Redstone Architects - Update on ADA Improvements to Township Offices and Township Hall.

PEG Enhancement Project Proposal - Supervisor Kalcec requested that Dave Schang look into the options/costs of videotaping meetings so they may run on cable channel.

Public Hearing: FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant Programming.

Approved:
Resolution programming CDBG Funds for FY 2011 for removing architectural barriers.

PEG Channel Enhancement Project Approval.

Date Set: Work session with Redstone Architects on November 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for ADA Code Modifications to the Rose Township Office and Hall.

Approved:
Resolution to oppose efforts to amend Michigan State laws relating to the carrying of firearms.

Contract to the Tri-Party Project allowing a total contribution in the amount of $12,500.00 to apply gravel on Fish Lake Rd. from Rose Center Rd. to the Highland Township border.

Moving forward with the PY 2007 and 2008 CDBG Funds programmed for Parks and Recreation for the Dearborn Park sign.

Supervisor’s Memo regarding the erroneous correction to the September 21, 2010 Minutes.

Approved:
Resolution approving Shirley Charbeneau for membership to the Holly Area Youth Assistance Board.

Date Set: Revised Hearing Date for the Big Trill Special Assessment District Roll for November 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Rejected:
Waiver of the non-resident fee for cemetery transfer.

Date Changed: January 1, 2011 Recycle date is moved to January 8, 2010 due to holiday.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:52 p.m.

Alison Kalcec, Supervisor
Debbie Miller, Clerk
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Think twice before adopting a pet

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: Thank you for printing Dori’s view on pet adoption in your column, I have been in the animal rescue business for many years and have 10 “unadoptables” (now quite senior and living the life of Riley). Dori is so right, and I applaud her for her ability to state her position so clearly. I hope many of your readers got it. I have the results of poor choices -- lucky for me because they are so dear, but they had to go through so much, which is very sad. – Pam Y., Lewiston, Calif.

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Ypsilanti — Breanna Konopitski and Anna Quinnan have been to the state meet before in a Holly Bronchos swimsuit.
And, on Friday, the seniors made their final trip to the meet as participants.
The pair were among five Holly swimmers at the Division 2 Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships, hosted at Eastern Michigan University, and each had reasons to feel good about their performance.
The pair combined with Breanne Thomas and Courtney Konopitski to post their best time together this season in one event. Meanwhile, Breanna Konopitski also competed in the 50 freestyle, earning her best time of the season.
In all, the team enjoyed their time at the state meet.
“The state meet is my favorite,” Quinnan said. “It’s the ‘funnest’ meet. You have a bunch of fast girls. And the Fenton team is a lot of fun to hang with, because we are close to them. They were like our competition in the relay.
The Fenton Tigers were among Holly’s major competition in the 200 freestyle relay. The team of Konopitski, Quinnan, Thomas and Courtney Konopitski posted a 25th-place time of 1:45.80, a season-best time for those four girls in a relay. The team raced in the lane right next to the Fenton Tigers. The Fenton relay finished the race with a time of 1:43.50.
“I’m really happy. It was a great way to end my season,” Breanna Konopitski said about the relay. “I’m proud of all my teammates. That was the best time we’ve gotten. I was really happy with that.”
“I was very proud of the girls,” Holly coach Danielle Gray said. “I think they came here, were having fun, were relaxed and swam fast. That’s the best time those four girls put together, so we are very happy. Making it back was going to be an outside shot, so you can’t complain when you get your best time.”
Konopitski’s 50 freestyle performance was strong as well. She came into the meet, seeded 28th with a time of 25.57 seconds. The senior improved upon that time with a drop to 25.37 seconds, good enough for a 25th-place finish.
Just competing in the state meet in the 50 freestyle was a tough task for Konopitski. She went to a last-chance meet, and missed by .01 seconds from qualifying during an open 50 freestyle.
The Bronchos put together a 200 freestyle relay team to give her another shot to
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Girls basketball teams have reason to be optimistic about 2010-11 season
By David Troppens
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There’s a lot of optimism for the Fenton varsity girls basketball team these days.
And for good reason.
Winners of three straight and five of the last six Metro League crowns, the Tigers enter the 2009-10 season as talented as they have been during most recent seasons.
The squad returns four of their five starters from last year’s team that went 17-1 in the Metro and 19-4 overall. Included on that list are three All Tri-County Girls Basketball Team members from a year ago, including Player of the Year, Gabrielle Rivette.
“It’s exciting,” Rivette said. “Coach (Brad) DeWitt pushes us in practice and gets us prepared for the game. We have good guards. We have a good freshman, Hanna Eno. We have good post players too. It should be fun.”
Teammate Alyssa Ostrowski said, “We have four of our starters back. We should be strong, and we hope to win the Metro League.”
In reality, it could be a pretty fun season for area tri-county teams. Holly finished at just 9-9 in Metro action and 10-11 overall a year ago, but the Bronchos also have some nice pieces coming back, let by point guard Ashley Xiong. However, other solid players also return.
“We do have a good group,” Holly coach David Hall said. “They are a hard-working group and very coachable. They get along very well and are fun to be around.”
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SEASON
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Lake Fenton lost its leading scorer from a year ago, Ashley Lock, but returns sophomore Sidney Scott and earns the services of Linden transfer student Madisen Noser during the season’s second half. The squad is coached by new head coach Dennis Lucius.

“The timing was right,” Lucius said. “I had this bunch of girls in the seventh-grade, and they are a bunch of great ladies. I enjoyed coaching them.”

Linden has a new coach as well. Ben Varner takes over a team that has some veterans but also lost Noser (to Lake Fenton) and All-Tri-County Girls Basketball Team member Mary-Kathryn Fiebemetz (probably to soccer training).

“I’m excited to be here,” Varner said. “It’s close to home. We had a lot of kids out and numbers are good. I’m excited to be at Linden and to be back in the Metro League.”

The Tigers have a solid squad that includes a good balance of talented guards and front-court players.

Gabrielle Rivette leads that group. She led the team in scoring a year ago and also is a strong ballhandler. She also collects her share of rebounds and steals.

Rivette is teamed with Jaiden Judson in the backcourt, who also returns. Judson gradually grew into her role a year ago and should only figure into a stronger player this season. They’ll also be helped by freshman Hanna Evo, who should see a lot of time at point guard.

“We have a lot of good ballhandlers,” Fenton coach Brad DeWitt said. “That’s always a good thing to have.”

There are still many other strong performers returning, including Samantha Ganger and Alyssa Ostrowski. Both seniors provide scoring, rebounding and defense. Ostrowski led the team with 53 blocks last year, and Granger had a team-high 185 rebounds.

The team also has senior leadership with players like Elizabeth Davis, Kristen Wing and Alessandra Kozlowski. Others on the roster include juniors Sarah Collier, Julie Gilbert and Rachel Ambler and sophomore Payton Maxheimer.

“The best thing about this team is, they are a nice group of girls,” DeWitt said. “They are very good kids that work hard. They are committed and a lot of fun to be with.”

HOLLY BRONCHOS
The Bronchos return six players from a team that finished 500 in the Metro a year ago. Those six players may help Holly to a bit higher placing this fourth year.

Ashley Xiong returns for her fourth season on the varsity. She’s the team’s top ballhandler and the player that makes the team go.

“She’s in a lot better shape,” Holly coach David Hall said. “She’s done a real good job working. She’s a great leader.”

Jenna Mitchell starts her third season and is a strong competitor. Audrey Koons returns at guard, while Jessica Beeler is a junior forward/center that led the team last year. Delaney Serra played every game as a freshman a year ago, while Jenna Carter is a senior who returns for her second season.

“We do have a good group,” Hall said. “I think we are good enough to be in the top four of our league.”

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS
The Blue Devils appear to be a team that has some promise for first-year coach Den- nis Lucius.

Scott returns sophomore post player Sidney Scott, who can provide offense and defense. Karlie Dieck is a junior who will probably play at the point. Faith Weir had three year’s varsity experience and Paige Stafford is a solid wing player. Rachael Mundy will help at guard.

The team has some more size. Sopho- more Mackenzie Gatton is tall and will defend. Others on the team include Katie Handley, Madison Skinner and freshman Jordan Newman.

The team will get instantly better during the second semester when transfers Madisen Noser and Hannah Rummel become eligible. “I like our work ethic,” Lucius said. “They are working hard, getting in shape and learning to play together. Our goal is to make a difference in the GAC. We’d like to be in the top three.”

LINDEN EAGLES
The Eagles have six seniors on the squad. Angela Bartolotta is expected to play the wing, while Paige Harwood will see time on the wing and at the point. Danielle Stairs is another senior that will see playing time in various spots. Shannon Longamy returns to the varsity and is another guard.

The other seniors — Katie Berlin and Stephanie Dobias — didn’t play last year, but should help out the team this year.

The juniors have two post players. Lexi Downes and Kate Dunleavy should see a lot of time down low. So could junior Bro- die Thomas, who also can move to the wing. Megan Harp and Jordan Sargent will play various spots as well. Sophomore Maia Sat- kowiak should see a lot of time in the post.

“We definitely want to compete for that Metro League title,” first-year coach Ben Varner said. “That’s always the No. 1 goal, that and just keep on getting better.”

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qualify in that event. She did so, on what was her last chance to do it.

“I’m really happy because I hadn’t gotten my best time since last year in high school swimming, so that was great to see,” Konopitski said.

“I was struggling so much just to make it to the states, so dropping that time really made me feel proud of myself.”

“I’m so glad she was able to swim the 50 and have her best time.”

Gray said. “This was a great last meet for her, and I’m happy to see it.”

Quinnan said competing at the state meet does teach her some valuable lessons.

“It’s really fun to see what you can do,” Quinnan said.

“You get to push yourself and chal- lenge yourself. At this meet, I sur- prised myself with my times. I was really excited about that.”

Also going to the state meet was al- ternate Jessie Felix. Gray was pleased with the team’s effort.

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