Food Bank feeds needy for 16¢ per meal

Ninety-eight percent of all donations go directly to programs

By Anna Troppens atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Fenton — Patrons at branches of The State Bank are adding their names to paper Christmas tree ornaments, helping feed the hungry. But how does a $1 donation to Food Bank of Eastern Michigan feed six people at a cost of 16 cents per person?

There are more than 100 items on the menu at any time, said Vice President Kara Ross, of Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. These can include spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, frozen pizza, hamburgers and frozen turkey.

Each year, the cost per meal is calculated by the amount of food the organization must purchase. There isn’t a lot of food manufactured in the area, so the vast majority of it comes from out of state, Ross said. Most of it is donated, with the food bank paying for the food.

See FOOD on 15A

Friends of the library seeking donations

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See ABATEMENT on 10A

Tax abatement will help keep a local business in Fenton

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Fenton — In order to receive its $362,386, five-year Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credit, Creative Foam must obtain property tax credits from the city of Fenton. The amount hasn’t been determined.

City council needs to hold a public hearing before deciding. Fenton’s tax abatements for the business would affect money.

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Learn about what your kids are doing on the Internet

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Congress fails to extend emergency unemployment compensation

By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com

For Congress, unemployment compensation may be less about survival, and more about the bottom line. For Fenton resident Jeff Archambault, it is about burning wood to keep down energy bills, and selling antiques that he finds in the garbage, for cash to pay for bills in the middle of the month.

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When is the seminar?

The seminar, for adults, begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School cafeteria, 3255 Donaldson Dr., Fenton. No reservations are needed.

See COMMENTS on 6A

HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“WHAT A GREAT holiday concert put on by our new Fenton Community Orchestra and the Fenton High School Jazz Ensemble on Thursday night. It’s wonderful that Fenton has a newly formed community orchestra. There is a lot of great musical talent in this area. Congratulations to you all.”

Michael Vizard, of Fenton, uses the computers at Jack R. Winegarden Public Library in downtown Fenton Thursday afternoon, for his business.

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Behind the red kettle

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Area residents account for a quarter of local donations

By Tim Jagielo

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USPS: Three billion deliveries this holiday season

By Sharon Stone

The United States Postal Service has recently been named one of the most-gentle handlers of holiday packages. With its 235-year track record, the USPS knows a thing or two about delivering packages for the holidays, and a recent experiment by Popular Mechanics shows that it has a gentle touch.

The USPS expects to deliver nearly 3 billion cards and letters over the holiday season, and there are more than 3 billion holiday stamps available to handle the volume. This year, a snowman and the words “Happy Holidays” were on stamps.

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In America, climbing the success ladder is an exercise in futility. Because the more we get, the more we want. Do you recall that hi-tech gadget that you desperately had to have last year? You might have stood in line for hours, or you may have gotten up early and driven to several retailers to find it. No doubt that by now, a scant 12 months later, it’s just another obsolete possession.

Are you still enamored with the high-definition, flat-screen TV you bought last year? It’s more likely you are already feeling left behind the tech curve as savvy manufacturers introduced 3-D TV this year. Still driving the trusty and venerable family mini-van, or have you upgraded to the latest foreign nameplate status symbol?

We chase these things like we’re on a treadmill, the speed of which is controlled by puppets in thousand-dollar suits ensconced in high-rise New York boardrooms. They are why Christmas has morphed from a family celebration of the birth of Jesus, to an insane race to compete with...well, everyone. Who can forget the TV footage of Black Friday crowds trampling each other in their frenzy to get a promotion-priced television set at Bust Buy or XYZ Warehouse. This footage is then played around the world, further cementing our image as a culture based on greed and avarice.

So, what’s my point? That’s easy. Be thankful for what we have. Be thankful for our wonderful communities of Fenton, Holly and Linden, where crime is near nonexistent and we know our neighbors. Be thankful for the local stores with easy parking and friendly clerks. Be thankful for friends that comfort us in times of need. Be thankful for family who love us.

At the end of the day, most of us reading this — we are struggling financially — not are — rich.

We already have the ‘good life.’

We just don’t realize it.
Search for new manager continues

Council members narrow choices down to five

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — The Holly Village Council has narrowed its individual choices for village manager applicants down to five. The village began looking for a replacement after former manager Marsha Powers was fired in September. Jerry Walker has been filling in as interim manager.

The hiring process had previously been tabled until after the November election, which brought in new council members. Village President Jeff Miller received the last sealed envelope on Wednesday, he said. Miller and all six council members chose their top five candidates from a field of fewer than 30 applicants. “We have very, very good candidates,” said Miller.

Miller will now narrow the top five choices from each member down to a final list of four candidates.

On Tuesday, before the regular council meeting, Miller will meet with the Personnel Subcommittee, which consists of council members Jackie Campbell, and Pauline Kenner and Miller. They will vote to move forward on his choices, or make a new selection. After the vote, the selections will be presented to the council as a whole at the regular meeting.

The council can then vote on whether to accept the subcommittee recommendation, and how to proceed. “My suggestion will be that we attempt to set up interviews with those four,” said Miller.

The council would likely start interviews after the New Year.

Students build gingerbread houses to help others

By Anna Troppens
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Linden — Small hands joined in on Tuesday at Argentine Elementary School, making gingerbread houses to help families in need. Discovery Day teacher Betsy Sutika instructed the children on how to decorate. Working in small groups, the kindergartners pressed pieces of candy into the vanilla frosting.

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Argentina Township Fire Department seeks Explorers

By Sharon Stone

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Family shares 25-year tradition of making Christmas crafts

By Sally Rummel
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Jennifer Frescura, of Fenton, is a grown woman of 33 and the mother of three. Yet her fondest Christmas memory is the same one she and her family have enjoyed for the past 25 years.

Every year, she, nine other grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren are invited to spend the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend with family matriarch, Nan Schultz of Tawas, traditionally gathering in Fenton to work on a Christmas craft project. This craft-at-home project completes a busy Thanksgiving weekend for this family, which also includes Black Friday shopping of several different generations searching for gifts for each other.

Usually the craft project is a gift for their mothers for Christmas. However, this year, the craft making has taken a different twist, reaching out far beyond their own family into the lives of others.

“My cousin, Erin Bullock of Holly, works in the Emergency Room at Genesys Regional Medical Center and had the idea of making tied blankets and pillows this year for patients undergoing chemotherapy and kidney dialysis,” said Frescura.

Spouses and “significant others” all joined in the fun, making for a large family get-together with a common purpose.

“We completed 10 blankets and pillows on Sunday, and will be delivering them to Genesys later this month,” she added.

Not every family member is available every year, as these grown cousins spread themselves across the country and even the globe. “This year, we’re missing four of my cousins, because one is in the Navy, two live in Georgia, and one is attending college in Japan,” said Frescura, who counted about 22 crafters at her house on Sunday. Her cousins range in age from 14 to 36, and the great-grandchildren span from age 14 down to the newest one expected in March.

The mothers who usually are the recipients of the craft project won’t be empty-handed this Christmas, however. Pictures were taken of each grandchild and great-grandchild with the blanket they made, which will be fashioned into a keepsake Christmas ornament. Great-Grandma “Nan” will be getting a special gift of her own this year, too, in commemoration of the 25 years of craft days.

“We’re making a scrapbook for her, filled with photos and letters written by each grandchild and great-grandchild about what these craft days have meant to them throughout their growing up years,” said Frescura. “We’ll give it to her on Christmas Eve.”

This follows Frescura’s own tradition of writing a letter during the holidays to someone who has meant a lot to her in her own lifetime.

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Linden Holiday Happening has first ‘Snow Queen’

By Sharon Stone

Linden — The Linden Holiday Happening has begun a new tradition this year. Organizers have awarded the title of “Snow Queen” to Jessica Frabotta, an 18-year-old senior at Linden High School.

Frabotta’s duties include participating in the lighting of the luminaries Friday evening and riding in the parade on Saturday. A chance of breaking out of her comfort zone, Frabotta said she sent in her application hoping to be named.

POLICE

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The bank-told him that $750 in charges had been made at a pharmacy in Indiana. There was also another $1,400 in unauthorized withdrawals. The resident had no idea who used his account information. He’s disputing the transactions and attempting to be reimbursed by his bank.

CASH STOLEN FROM HOME

On Nov. 24, the Linden Police Department took a larceny from a building complaint. Officer Gary Conklin said the complainant reported someone entered the residence and stole cash. Juvenile petitions are pending in this case.

SPEEDER CAUGHT WITH POT

At 5 p.m. on Nov. 25, a Linden police officer observed a vehicle traveling 41 miles per hour in a 25-mph zone. The officer initiated a traffic stop and detected the odor of marijuana with the driver, a 20-year-old Holly male. A search of the vehicle was done. The officer confiscated marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The man was arrested.

BLUE DAMAGED

At 9:40 p.m. on Nov. 18, Linden police were dispatched to the 500 block of West Broad Street to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. Unknown suspects damaged a 1998 Chevy Blazer.

SON ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

At 1:40 a.m. on Nov. 30, a Linden police officer was sent to an apartment in the 800 block of South Bridge Street to investigate a domestic assault complaint. A female resident said her son had become enraged and pushed her after not being allowed to use her vehicle. The woman’s son then damaged the vehicle. He was arrested for domestic violence and damaging the vehicle. He was transported to the county jail.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM AUTO

Linden police are investigating multiple larceny from vehicle complaints. Officer Gary Conklin said a resident in the 1300 block of Ripley Road reported on Nov. 13 that someone entered their vehicle overnight and stole a GPS, a $500 pair of prescription sunglasses and a wallet containing credit cards. A resident in the 1400 block of Ripley reported on Nov. 13 someone entered their vehicle overnight and stole miscellaneous electrical tools. Another resident in the 4400 block of Silver Lake Road reported on Nov. 22 that someone entered their vehicle.

PURSE STOLEN

On Nov. 25, a resident in the 500 block of Hickory Street filed a larceny complaint. The complainant said someone stole their purse. The purse was located at a neighbor’s house and the victim’s debit card had been used. The case remains under investigation.

LIBRARY

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Fenton Library and a library board member.

“The community has the opportunity to enhance itself by working together to construct something new, whether it is a new building or a renovated building, so we can be proud of ourselves and of what we can provide for our friends, families and the business community,” Gavey said.

Future contributions could be tax-deductible. Jack R. Winegarden Library Board has asked city council to establish a tax-deductible, 501(c)(3) fund for donations.

Library board president Bobbie Sweetman said city officials have been supportive. “I believe really they see the library has needs. I think they’re trying to find an answer for us.”

Positions available for volunteers

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BACKGROUND ON THE JACK R. WINEGARDEN LIBRARY

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The bank-told him that $750 in charges had been made at a pharmacy in Indiana. There was also another $1,400 in unauthorized withdrawals. The resident had no idea who used his account information. He’s disputing the transactions and attempting to be reimbursed by his bank.

CASH STOLEN FROM HOME

On Nov. 24, the Linden Police Department took a larceny from a building complaint. Officer Gary Conklin said the complainant reported someone entered the residence and stole cash. Juvenile petitions are pending in this case.

SPEEDER CAUGHT WITH POT

At 5 p.m. on Nov. 25, a Linden police officer observed a vehicle traveling 41 miles per hour in a 25-mph zone. The officer initiated a traffic stop and detected the odor of marijuana with the driver, a 20-year-old Holly male. A search of the vehicle was done. The officer confiscated marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The man was arrested.

BLUE DAMAGED

At 9:40 p.m. on Nov. 18, Linden police were dispatched to the 500 block of West Broad Street to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. Unknown suspects damaged a 1998 Chevy Blazer.

SON ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

At 1:40 a.m. on Nov. 30, a Linden police officer was sent to an apartment in the 800 block of South Bridge Street to investigate a domestic assault complaint. A female resident said her son had become enraged and pushed her after not being allowed to use her vehicle. The woman’s son then damaged the vehicle. He was arrested for domestic violence and damaging the vehicle. He was transported to the county jail.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM AUTO

Linden police are investigating multiple larceny from vehicle complaints. Officer Gary Conklin said a resident in the 1300 block of Ripley Road reported on Nov. 13 that someone entered their vehicle overnight and stole a GPS, a $500 pair of prescription sunglasses and a wallet containing credit cards. A resident in the 1400 block of Ripley reported on Nov. 13 someone entered their vehicle overnight and stole miscellaneous electrical tools. Another resident in the 4400 block of Silver Lake Road reported on Nov. 22 that someone entered their vehicle.

PURSE STOLEN

On Nov. 25, a resident in the 500 block of Hickory Street filed a larceny complaint. The complainant said someone stole their purse. The purse was located at a neighbor’s house and the victim’s debit card had been used. The case remains under investigation.

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Fenton Library and a library board member.

“The community has the opportunity to enhance itself by working together to construct something new, whether it is a new building or a renovated building, so we can be proud of ourselves and of what we can provide for our friends, families and the business community,” Gavey said.

Future contributions could be tax-deductible. Jack R. Winegarden Library Board has asked city council to establish a tax-deductible, 501(c)(3) fund for donations.

Library board president Bobbie Sweetman said city officials have been supportive. “I believe really they see the library has needs. I think they’re trying to find an answer for us.”

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going into the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), not the city’s general fund or local schools. Assistant City Manager Michael Burns said the LDFA uses its budget for economic development opportunities in its district. Fenton’s Industrial Facilities Tax Credit Committee, consisting of Mayor Sue Osborn and Councilman John Rauch, met to review the business’ application for a tax credit from the city, said Burns. The issue is scheduled to go before council for discussion at Monday’s 7:30 p.m. work session, at city hall.

Creative Foam received a 50 percent tax abatement on personal and real property from the city of Fenton in 2006. It is for the current Creative Foam site, and the abatement is scheduled for review by Fenton in 2011, five years after it was granted, Burns said.

The other tax credit Fenton’s Industrial Facilities Tax Credit Committee is recommending is available to firms that received MEGA tax credits from the state. It is for a zero-percent abatement on personal property on new investments and can be granted for an unlimited time. This would not mean less money for Fenton’s LDFA, since the LDFA has not collected taxes on the new improvements at Creative Foam, he said.

Michigan intended the 0 percent abatement on new investments, for businesses in counties along the state border. This includes Monroe, Hillsdale and Berrien counties. It is to keep businesses from moving out of state, to Indiana, Ohio, etc.

“It’s needed, because, quite honestly, Creative Foam is being lured by other states,” Burns said.

Creative Foam meets requirements for this tax credit program to keep businesses in Michigan, he said. And, Creative Foam is an excellent company that has an opportunity to compete in the new economy.

Background
Creative Foam Corporation is a 40-year-old manufacturing company that began in Fenton and started as a supplier to the automotive industry. Now it has seven manufacturing facilities in North America.

While the automotive industry continues to be a very important part of our business, we have spent the last five years utilizing our manufacturing skills and expertise to enter the new and exciting wind energy market — primarily supplying wind blade components to large utility scale wind turbine manufacturers,” said President Wayne Blessing. “Creative Foam expects to invest $1.5 million and hire 63 employees to support our growth in producing composite foam cores for these wind turbine blades.”

In addition to the 63 new jobs at Creative Foam, another 88 jobs at gas stations, restaurants and other businesses are expected, Blessing said. Those 88 indirect jobs will help serve the new workers at Creative Foam.

Creative Foam was notified of the five-year MEGA tax credit in October. The MEGA board provides refundable tax credits against the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) to companies expanding or relocating their operations in Michigan.

“With the dedication of our Michigan workforce, the Michigan Manufacturers Association and the State of Michigan — in the form of these MEGA tax credits — and the City of Fenton, we will be able to retain some of our Michigan facilities to continue to grow in this new economy,” Blessing said. “We are excited to be here and we are excited about the future of our company in Michigan’s new economy.”

Some of the new developments at Creative Foam are already taking place, he said.

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so parents can learn how to search and access children’s social networking sites (MySpace and Face book). They will learn how to view Internet history logs to determine where their children have been online, and how to access and modify settings for safer surfing on Internet search engines (Yahoo and Google, for example).

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FENTON SCHOOLS
Superintendent progressing well on goals

Fenton Area Public Schools’ new superintendent, Dr. Timothy Jalkanen, is busy working on student achievement and the school budget, in addition to becoming part of the community.

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HOT LINE
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I’M ALL ABOUT freedom of speech, but would you please stop printing the weekly complaint about using turn signals. I have to believe it’s the same person submitting the same Hot line over and over. It just isn’t a big deal. If someone wants to complain, it should be about people driving too slowly or those who come to a complete stop before making a right turn into Wal-Mart. That’s complaint worthy.

LAKE FENTON/LINDEN/DURAND HOCKEY TEAM beat Fenton. Although it was just a scrimmage, if Fenton had won there would have been a write up about it. Way to go, Lake Fenton and Linden players.

THE MAN IN the White House insulted our intelligence, again, when he called for a freeze on federal employees wages. First, he gave them increases in the last two years, and they already are making just short of double the private sector. They should decrease them 10 percent, not extend unemployment, revise Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid because they’re all broke, and the new Congress should sit down and really make some significant cuts.

I CAN NO longer believe anything coming from NBC, ABC, CNN, etc. I firmly believe they are totally ensconced in Obama’s hip pocket. When was the last time you heard a discouraging word about him on any of those networks?

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to transport it to Eastern Michigan.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan serves 22 counties, most located north of I-69 and east of I-75. In Genesee County, more than 200 agencies distrib-
ute food from the food bank. In Flint, soup kitchens like the North End Soup Kitchen and Catholic Charities serve up hot meals. In Fenton, people in need receive nonperishable food distribu-
tions at the Fenton United Methodist Church, St. John Catholic Church and St. Jude’s Episcopal Church.

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is pretty efficient, Ross said. “Ninety-eight percent of everything given goes directly to programs.”

In addition, the organization is a nonprofit, 501(c)3, meaning donations can be deducted from state and federal taxes. Programs to help people in need are year-round, Ross said. The food bank gets donations through events, fundraisers like the Ornament Cam-
paign and direct mail.

During the seven years it has par-
ticipated in the Ornament Campaign, The State Bank has raised more than $54,000 for the food bank. Kristy Pre-
mo, director of Human Resources for The State Bank, said different branches of the bank also hold their own fundrais-
ers for the food bank. Employees pay $5 each to wear jeans on Fridays, and some branches have bake sales. A coupon class, for a $7 donation per participant,
took place at one of the branches.

“They have some unique fundrais-
ers,” Premo said.

Customers like to give, knowing every $1 feeds six people. Employees at different branches compete against each other, to see which branch in-
creases its donation most from last year and which branches raise more money from the year before, she said.

The State Bank’s goal is to become a $1 million donor over a period of years.

In addition to donations, the food bank needs volunteers to help sort

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Gregory Brown, of Flint, chooses a lunch dessert at the North End Soup Kitchen on Tuesday. The food served to people in need is paid in part by donations gathered at Fenton locations.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan was founded in 1981. At that time, it was The Genesee County Food Bank, located in a small portion of Sullivan & O’Sullivan Distribution Warehouse. It had a staff of three, plus volunteers, and served only the Genesee County area.

Last year, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan served more than 327,000 meals. The need is greater this year, with an additional 30 percent or more people seeking help at some of the food bank’s agencies. This year’s goal is to raise $830,000.

food on Saturdays, at 2312 Lapeer Rd. in Flint. Agencies that distribute food, such as soup kitchens and churches, also could use assistance, Ross said.

For more information, or if someone needs help receiving food, see www.

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Laura Rene Hoffman recently graduated from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Frank and Sherry Hoffman of Howell. She graduated from Fenton High School in 2007, and she will be attending a technical school in Biloxi, Miss.

GINGERBREAD
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Parents donate at least $2 for the fund-raiser, and a drawing takes place to see which children take home the gingerbread houses. The proceeds benefit families in the Linden area who are in need of food, Sutika said. In recent years, the class has taken the money they collect to Alpine Market Place, where they shop for nonperishable food for needy families. Alpine Market Place adds to the donations, supplying gift certificates so recipients can buy perishable food. In addition, McDonald’s restaurant in Linden treats the children to ice cream cones as a thank you. Parents love the project, since it teaches children about giving back to the community, she said.

PREGNANCY AND EYE CARE
There is a myth out there that women should not get their eyes examined when they are pregnant. I have even seen this printed in so-called pregnancy help books. Honestly, this is so completely ridiculous that it’s hard to even know where to begin. The primary reason this myth exists is because the cornea can swell during pregnancy, which increases the power of the cornea, and in turn changes the prescription. Published data on whether this reverses itself postgestation, is highly variable. The fact is, if your vision is blurry you should not wait to have it checked out. Vision can become blurry for various reasons, such as gestational diabetes or other serious vascular conditions common during pregnancy. When a prescription change is suspected due to pregnancy, we schedule to see that patient for a recheck after the baby is born. At that visit, if the prescription has changed, we remake the glasses at no charge. When contacts are purchased from us, we simply exchange their contacts for new ones with the current prescription, at no charge. The idea that eye care should be postponed during pregnancy is dangerous. The idea that a pregnant woman should just “deal” with blurred vision has no medical, nor optical justification.
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This Sale will be held on: December 13, 2010

on or around 9:30 am at the following location:

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The Holly Township Board of Review will hold its annual December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 14, 2010

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Holly Township Hall

Holly, Michigan 48442

248-634-5311 Ext. 304

PURPOSE: To correct any of the following errors in assessments, and tax rates:

• A clerical error, such as an erroneous posting of an assessment as $250,000 when it should have been $25,000

• A mutual mistake, such as a building being assessed to the wrong description

• A mistake in the millage rates, such as levying 32 mills instead of 30.2 mills

• A mistake in mathematical calculation, such as 40 acres multiplied by $750 equaling $22,800 instead of $30,000

To review claims of qualified homestead on properties

To review hardship/poverty claims

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk
The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment proposes to receive a discharge permit authorization for a wastewater discharge to the ground or groundwater pursuant to Rule 2210 of the Part 22 Rules of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451) being Sections 324.3101 through 324.3119 of the Compiled Laws of Michigan, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder to:

Fenton Water Treatment Plant
15300 North Road
Fenton, Michigan 48430

The applicant proposes to discharge a maximum 22,000 gallons per day, (100,000 gallons per day--daily max during backwash events only), 8,330 gallons per year, of water treatment system wastewater only to the ground and groundwater from their discharge areas located in Fenton Township, Genesee County.

Comments or objections to the proposed authorization received after December 28, 2010, will be considered in the final decision to grant the authorization. Persons desiring information regarding the proposed permit, or procedures for commenting or requesting a hearing should contact Patrick Jacobs, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone: 517-373-8148.

Copies of the public notice and proposed authorization may be obtained via the internet (http://www.deq.state.mi.us/ois - click on 'Permits on Public Notice') or at the Water Resources Division, Lansing District Office, located at Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan, 4th Floor-North, P.O. Box 30242, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone: 517-790-7915.

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I HAVE HAD it with all the talk about bullying. How did anyone in the past ever manage to survive to adulthood before the anti-bullying movement? Don’t get me wrong, I am not encouraging anyone to be a bully. That being said, children need to learn how to deal with this unfortunate facet of life. Remember, ‘Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me.’

SLPR, CHECK YOUR website. I tried to sign up for the Jingle Jog and you said I couldn’t get a shirt because it was past the deadline. The deadline is the 30th, today is the 29th. Please return calls when you say you will. I had to call you back about this question as well. You just lost four potential runners at 20 bucks a pop.

AND THE SIDEWALK also leads to Rockwell Assisted Living, the dentist office, and the house on the corner. What is your issue with The French Laundry? It’s a successful, viable business that draws clientele from many surrounding communities. Focus on the positive. You’ll feel better.

ONCE AGAIN, THE King is spreading lies. The TSA press release notes that, “If you opt out of the full-image body scanner, you have the right to request that the manual search be conducted in private: This is a tacit acceptance of the fact that Muslims do have to abide by the law and undergo body scans, and pat-downs.”

BROKEN CUSP
A common condition I use to get patients coming to my office on an emergency basis is because a piece of their back tooth has broken. This usually involves one of the cusps or points of the tooth that became weakened and broke away taking part of the side of the tooth with it. However a cusp and corresponding side of a tooth is fractured, the tooth needs to be strengthened and reinforced. A simple filling won’t hold up over the long-haul. Time was the treatment of choice was to crown the tooth-which does a nice job at reinforcing the tooth externally. The problem is that I have always had with crowning a tooth in this situation is that, though part of the tooth is broken, there usually is a lot of good tooth structure remaining. All that is wrong is that there is a broken corner of the tooth. By placing a crown a lot of healthy tooth enamel is sacrificed in order to make room for the full-crown crown. I often said to myself, “there has to be a better way.” Then came CEREC. The CEREC system is tailor-made for a broken cusp situation. Placing a CEREC onlay reinforces the tooth internally and restores the broken cusp without sacrificing healthy enamel. An onlay is like a precision-fit, porcelain, jigsaw puzzle piece that fits inside the tooth. The onlay fits in where the filling used to be and restores the broken cusp and missing side of the tooth. The onlay restores the broken area of the tooth while preserving the healthy remaining enamel. A better way indeed.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me dssulfaro@comcast.net

RED KETTLE
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In 2009, Fenton area residents donated $50,745, only $6,000 less than Grand Blanc, accounting for about one quarter of the amount gathered by bell ringers. The Salvation Army began officially in 1878, with a Christian mission group in England. Bell ringers have been used nationally since 1897.

The Flint branch of the Salvation Army covers Flint, Burton, Fenton, Swartz Creek, Grand Blanc and Davison. The holiday bell ringer collections fund a variety of community projects through the year. Examples include after-school programs, music lessons, and summer lunch programs for at-risk youth.

To prevent theft, the kettle is actually a specially designed, locked, plastic container, that lets change and bills slip in easily. The base itself is 40 to 50 pounds, the whole assembly weighing about 80 pounds.

“You can’t just run off with it unless you’re really, really strong,” said Tom Wyatt, ministry coordinator for the Flint Citadel. Ringers are always placed in high traffic areas and do not actually handle the kettle or the money. Their timecard for the day is placed with the money in the kettle at the end of the day. Kettles are changed twice, per day. Ringers are given the red aprons, ID tag, and of course, the bell. Ringers use a paint stick to push cash down to make room for more during their shift. Checks are also in place to ensure ringers were actually at their post during their shift.

Wyatt said the bell ringer program pumps $20,000 into the local economy.

“We’re the thrift of it is when the little ones put money in the kettle.”
Char Brown, bell ringer

“Of course it is true that the Salvation Army would not exist as long as we do if it weren’t for the bell ringers, and the bell ringers would not exist as long as we do if it weren’t for the Salvation Army,” Wyatt said.

Bell ringers are paid minimum wage, and many work more than 24 hours per week. Shifts are 9 to 3, then 3 to 9. Wyatt said many of the bell ringers are unemployed, or under employed. “A lot of them are the working poor, and don’t have jobs throughout the year,” he said.

Wyatt, and his wife, Rachel, coordinate the bell ringers, 64 shifts per day out of the downtown Flint location. Rachel makes a schedule catering to each ringer’s specific transportation need. If one would rather walk, they are scheduled in their area. If they take the busses to get around, the bus line dictates which stores they cover. She even considers who has children that need to be dropped off or picked up from school. She coordinates paid employees and volunteers, and bears in mind some who need a shorter workweek.

With all these factors, Rachel schedules one week at a time, on a wall-sized dry erase, week-by-week planner. It takes her an entire workday, and revisions are made as workers call in or have other issues.

Applications for bell ringers were taken in October at the Citadel in downtown Flint. Wyatt said many of the bell ringers are men between 30 and 50, and they include many retirees. “Most people like it,” he said. “They like talking to people.
Nonprofit groups that volunteer as bell ringers include the AARP, Fenton United Methodist Church, and Community Mental Health.
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POST OFFICE
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will appear in the upper right-hand corner of greeting cards and letters mailed during the month of December.

“The holiday season isn’t just the busiest time of the year for the Postal Service — it’s our best time of year,” said Steve Forte, senior vice president, operations. “We’re the holiday mailing and shipping experts.”

Results of the recent experiment conducted by Popular Mechanics indicate that the U.S. Postal Service was at the top for gentle carrier service.

Popular Mechanics had a team of engineers rig up a sensor that could tell when a package had been dropped, flipped over, heated or cooled. This package, with the sensor inside, traveled on a nationwide trip with various carriers, including the U.S. Postal Service.

Results of the modest experiment showed that the U.S. Postal Service treated the packages with the most, tender loving care. After reviewing the data and averaging the number of spikes recording by each carrier on each trip, Popular Mechanics found that the USPS had the gentlest touch, although packages were flipped numerous times.

The experiment indicated that all of the carriers did a good job at maintaining a stable temperature. At no time did a temperature register more than 80 degrees or below 47 degrees.

The experiment revealed a concern. Overall, when packages were marked “Fragile” or “This side up,” they received more abuse than other packages.

The busiest mailing day is set for Monday, Dec. 20. More than 800 million cards, letters and packages are expected to be mailed on that day alone, compared to 559 million on a typical day.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, will be the busiest delivery day. Staff at the National Operations Center will work around the clock, to help navigate mail movement around the world.

“We’ve been delivering the holidays for the past 235 years, and we’re proud to deliver excellent service to our customers, especially during this busy time of year,” added Forte.

Laura Groat, postmaster of the Linden Post Office, has already seen an increase in mail. “It’s just starting,” she said. The post office sent out envelopes that customers could use to order stamps from home. “We had a huge response on that,” said Groat.

As far as costs, Groat said their prices are comparable to other carrier services, but typically less expensive on international deliveries and packages weighing less than 10 pounds.

People who plan to mail a package are asked not to attach any paper or string to it. Groat asks that the package have the address written on only one side to avoid any confusion. In the event that a package opens, she recommends the person mailing it place an additional address inside.

Customers have the option to purchase insurance up to $5,000 and the post office provides registered mail for extremely valuable packages, said Groat. Customers can also track their packages online, and receive confirmation that the package was delivered.

Kathi Frasier, a Linden mail carrier for 21 years, believes this is the best time of year. She and her co-workers put in extra hours and know their customers appreciate the service. “They’re glad to see you,” she said.

Getting to know customers on a mail route takes a long time. Frasier said she knows the names at all 650 stops on her route. She keeps track of the mixed families and kids who receive mail.

Despite a mail truck filled to the brim with packages and cards and longer hours on the road, Frasier said she and the all-woman crew at the Linden Post Office make every effort to provide the best service. “It’s great a group of women here,” she said.

Tipping
U.S. Postal Service workers cannot accept cash as a tip. They are only allowed to accept gift cards for less than $20, as well as snacks or small tokens of appreciation.

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Named the “Most Trusted Government Agency” for consecutive years and the sixth “Most Trusted Business” in the nation by the Ponemon Institute, the postal service has annual revenue of more than $68 billion and delivers nearly half the world’s mail.

If it were a private sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 28th in the 2009 Fortune 500.
Hey kids! Enter our Christmas Coloring Contest

Three winners will be selected from three age groups: 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11. These winners will receive a Christmas stocking filled with treats and age appropriate surprises.

Drop off your entry at the Tri-County Times or mail it to: Tri-County Times Christmas Coloring Contest, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, MI 48430

COLORING CONTEST RULES: Children must be 3-11 years old to enter. All entries are due by 5pm, Friday, Dec. 17th and will be published on Sunday, Dec. 26th. Nine lucky winners will be selected and contacted the week of Dec. 20 for a photo and prize pickup. Tri-County Times, Alliedmedia.net and Rockman and Sons Publishing employees and their relatives are not eligible.

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Judson Hewitt and Peggy Judson of Fenton are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. The Rev. Donald Neuville of the Linden Presbyterian Church married Judson and the former Peggy Miller on Dec. 5, 1970. The couple has three children, Jennifer (Brad) Wright of Fenton, Jeffrey of Fenton, and Julie Jo (Christopher) Phillips of Fenton. They have seven grandchildren. Hewitt is a retired teacher and Peggy is retired from her in-home day care. The couple is planning to celebrate on an Alaskan cruise next summer.

Blue Heron Theatre Company to hold auditions

Holly’s Blue Heron Theatre Company will hold auditions for its first production, “Love is Murder,” by Tim Kelly. Auditions will be Dec. 13 and 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Richter Campus Auditorium in Holly. Directing the production is Joe Mishler. Rehearsals will take place through the holiday season. The group is also looking for people who are interested in other aspects of the production, including stage management, set construction, props, costumes, publicity, light and sound, etc. If interested, please come to auditions. “Love is Murder” will be performed Feb. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 20 and 27 at 2 p.m., at the Richter Campus Auditorium, 920 E. Baird St. For more information, call (810) 931-7108.

What is your best selling gift for Christmas?

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Buying for that ‘hard to buy for’ person

Not everyone would be thrilled to get a “muck bucket” and a manure fork for Christmas, but that’s what one area woman found under the Christmas tree last year.

“Her husband knew that’s what she needed for her horses, so that’s what he bought,” said Tractor Supply Company (TSC) assistant manager Bonnie Martin. “What other people might think is an unusual gift to us seems pretty ‘normal’ at TSC.”

TSC in Fenton is thought of as a “farm store,” but they actually sell just about anything under the sun, especially at Christmas time. “This year, we’ve got BB guns and sling shots as part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the classic holiday movie, ‘A Christmas Story,’” said Martin. “That’s a gift you won’t find at many other places. We also offer a ‘Western twist’ on common Christmas gift See GIFT on 7B

The oddest Christmas gifts, ever

The most unusual gift that Michelle Curtis recalls selling as a Christmas gift at Tri-City Trading Post in Fenton was a gun, given in love by a son for his mother, who lived in a neighborhood that bordered on violence. He also gave her the gift of a concealed weapons class so that she could learn how to use it properly.

“While a gun is not your typical Christmas gift, in this case it was given out of love and concern,” said Curtis, who more typically sells vintage jewelry, electronics, video games, etc. over the holiday season. Sometimes, the unexpected turns

Top 10 list of extravagant gifts from the 2010 Neiman-Marcus Christmas Gift Book

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Volunteers carry on Stockham’s Community Wrap-In

By Sharon Stone

Stockham’s Community members are holding the 60th annual Community Wrap-In from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9. Stockham worked tirelessly as a local social worker until her death in May 2009, at the age of 78. Stockham, credited for starting the wrap-in 60 years ago, dedicated her entire life to helping others and it is the desire of many to carry on this ministry in her honor.

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ITEMS NEEDED FOR WRAP-IN

- Arts and crafts — all types of paint-by-number sets, puzzles, word searches, and crosswords
- Dental supplies — denture cups, toothpaste and powder, regular and denture brushes, mouthwash
- Books — for adults and children
- Large print for elderly readers
- New toys for all ages — boys/girls, including teens. Gift cards, perfume, hand-held games, etc.
- Candy and cookies — regular and diabetic
- Adult feeder bibs — made from bath towels
- Christmas and all-occasion cards
- Writing supplies for senior citizens — stamps, pencils, pens, erasers, stationery, note paper, tablets, cards and envelopes
- New clothing — gloves, caps, socks, lap robes, sweaters, etc. Inside and outside clothing for infants, children and adults.
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- Coloring books and crayons — new crayons
- Scrapbooks
- Playing cards
- Yarn
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- Miscellaneous items — hankies, aftershave, shaving cream, antiperspirant/deodorant, cologne, wallets, slippers, socks, sweaters, briefs and boxes.

Special request
Organizers need each person attending the wrap-in to bring a box of tissues and/or canned food/boxed food.

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Item needed to make it happen
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All items dropped off must be sorted for proper distribution. Cash donations, which are tax-deductible, are also needed to cover expenses of this project. Checks can be made to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, c/o Community Wrap-In.

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At the call of the office receptionist, I made my way into a small, sterile, suspense room to wait again, this time for the doctor himself — the man who, with one educated look, would be able to give me a good idea of what was ahead. Thankfully, when the man of the moment arrived and examined me, his verdict was one of good news.

“This is just a little weed in the garden of your life,” he said, adding four wonderful words, ‘Nothing to worry about.’ Less then 30 minutes later, I was on my way home, absent my dark sidestream spot, with only a next appointment check-up remaining to be sure I was home free.

There was a time when worry, like an old friend, traveled with me every day, ever keeping me occupied with another fearful possibility of what might be ahead.

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I listened, amazed, as a man described the limits fear had placed on him. He had lived and raised his family in a large metropolitan area but, for some reason, had drawn a 12-mile radius around his home as his ‘safe zone.’ Outside those borders, panic set in.

He was afraid to travel beyond that imaginary boundary, even to work. Traffic jams were so terrifying to him that he kept a small motorcycle in his van on which to escape, in the event he was boxed in by surrounding vehicles. He was a captive on an island of his own making. And, the guards keeping him in were his fears.

A man from Southwest Africa once wrote to tell me how, after reading one of my books, he had moved from panic to peace, even though he had a large family to support and lived in a perilous place. He said he had learned to start each day giving thanks that he is alive and able to enjoy the beauty of the morning, instead of worrying about what might happen to him that day.

Our Lord called for living by faith one day at a time (Matthew 6:34). Still, millions will spoil today being occupied with fears about imagined events that won’t happen. Most things that make us fear and fret are those that have happened yet.

No one has enough information about the future to worry intelligently about tomorrow, so why not trust God for today and enjoy it? What are you anxious about that you’re not sure will happen? If you’re not sure the worst will happen, don’t waste your time worrying about it.

I start each day quoting a Bible prescription for overcoming worry and experiencing peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:6-8).

Why not join me, and my African correspondent, as we reject worry and thank God for the basic blessings of the moment? If you do, you’re sure to have a better day.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for twenty-two years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

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Storyteller to visit Holly library

Joe Mishler, a retired HHS teacher, brings his Santa, Claus, Chronicles to the Holly Township Library on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. The free event is sponsored by Holly Township Library and is open to the public.

The Santa, Claus Chronicles is a collection of stories Mishler wrote. He takes his stories from life and myth, combining both. His stories touch everyone from 10 to 100-plus years old.

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Tips for protecting your home in cold weather

With winter falling upon this area already, the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) is offering guidance on how businesses and homeowners can protect their property from winter weather-related perils.

Winter storms cost $770 million in 2009, according to insurance industry data.

“Last year we saw just how dangerous and damaging winter weather can be,” said Julie Roehman, CEO and president of the IBHS.

“Taking steps to prepare your home or business to resist the effects of winter storms will help you avoid costly losses.”

**Ice dams**

An ice dam is an accumulation of ice at the lower edge of a sloped roof, usually at the gutter. Keeping the attic well ventilated and attic floor well insulated will help. The colder the attic, the less melting and refreezing on the roof.

**Frozen pipes**

Frozen water in pipes can cause water pressure buildup between the ice blockage and the closed faucet at the end of a pipe, which leads to pipes bursting at their weakest point. Pipes in attics, crawl spaces and outside walls are particularly vulnerable to freezing in extremely cold weather.

To keep water in pipes from freezing, homeowners should fit exposed pipes with insulation sleeves or wrapping to slow the heat transfer. The more insulation, the better. Sealing cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations near water pipes with caulk will also help.

Keeping cabinet doors open during cold spells will allow warm air to circulate around pipes. Some homeowners have found that keeping a slow drip of water flowing through faucets connected to pipes that run through an unheated or unprotected space works well. Draining the entire water system is another option if the home is vacant for an extended amount of time.

**Snow and ice removal from roofs**

IBHS recommends that property owners not attempt to climb on their roof to remove snow. A safer alternative is to use a snow rake while standing at ground level.

**ODDEST Christmas gift**

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Out to be a valued gift after all. Marissa Parks, of Fenton, was excited to open up a large package under the Christmas tree last year, given to her by her father. Tearing open the wrapping paper, her eyes were wide with anticipation until she saw the contents — a file cabinet.

“It wasn’t anything I asked for or was expecting,” said Parks, who was a “slightly disappointed” 17-year-old high school student at the time, and is now an 18-year-old, more mature college student and aspiring journalist. “But I use it, so I guess it wasn’t such a bad gift after all.”

Chip Beltinck, of Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton, got an early Christmas gift this year from his mom, and he uses it every day, “laughing all the way.” It’s a mug with his adult face in a photo-shopped image of a baby in a high chair. While the gift didn’t cost much, it has been a good conversation piece at Sawyer Jewelers, and never fails to bring a smile to Beltinck when he takes a sip from it.

The element of surprise certainly played a part in this most memorable gift, Carol Schuler, of Sweet Variations in Fenton, was asked by a customer last Christmas to create an edible chocolate confection in the shape of “a huge pile of dog poop.”

“‘I must admit that I amazed myself, it was so perfect, right down to the last detail,’” quipped Schuler. She wonders to this day, what the reaction was from the “lucky” recipient.

While most Christmas gifts opened this year won’t likely be as unique as a gun, file cabinet or unusually shaped chocolate, there’s room on everybody’s list for a little creativity when thinking about a holiday present for someone special.

The most memorable gift Michelle Curtis recalls receiving, was from her husband, Dave. “He always comes up with something ‘outside the box,’” she said. “A few years ago, he talked with my brother in Arizona whom I hadn’t seen for years and arranged for him to come home with his young family over the holidays. It was the most thoughtful gift ever.”
GIFT
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Even bird-
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especially as an add-on
to a more
generous,
thoughtful
gift of a new
birdfeeder.

Gifts
like these
picked out with
love for a person
“who has every-
thing” — can be as
much an expression of
love as a traditional gift of
jewelry, slippers, etc. It’s a much
more personal approach than a gift
or card of money, because the
giver took the time to think about a
loved one’s hobbies or interests to
tailor a gift just for them.

“Last year, I got a gift of Peen
(garden-weed-killer) and garden
gloves from one of my employees,”
said John Schuler, owner of Sweet
Variations in Fenton. “Believe
it or not, it was exactly
what I wanted.”

A gift of art can be a
treasured Christmas
present, even if you
don’t know how to
draw or paint.

A keepsake pic-
ture of one’s tri-
county hometown, a
favorite historic building,
or even an original piece of
art that somehow “connects”
the giver and the recipient would be a
“much appreciated” gift. Check out
a local art gallery like The Edge in
downtown Fenton to see how a local
artist may present you with a perfect
gift idea for a hard-to-buy-for person
on your gift list.

Family portraits are also a per-
sonal gift that celebrates treasured
relationships.

“Our most popular gift this time

of year at Hicks Studio is the fam-
ily portrait, especially during the
holidays when families are all getting
together,” said Brad Hawkes, master
photographer and owner. “But you
can also think beyond just the portrait
when planning gifts, and give a gift
that will really stand out. We offer
so many customized options, from
purses to blankets, greeting cards,
jewelry and more. There’s
still time between now and
Christmas to make a per-
sonalized gift.”

If you’ve got a hunter
or sportsman at your
house and don’t know
what to buy him or her
for Christmas this year,
a personalized Zippo hand
warmer from Sawyer Jewelers
would be an unusual, yet personal
gift. “People really appreciate
the permanence and practicality of a gift
like this,” said Chip Beltinick, owner.
At Tri-City Trading Post in Fent-
on, Zippo lighters, including vin-
tage varieties, are a huge seller for
Christmas. So are coins, especially as
the price of silver continues to rise,
according to owner Michelle Curtis.

Old coins, U.S. Mint sets and proof
sets are especially popular gifts for
grandparents to give to “kids
who have everything.”

“Let’s face it, most kids
today don’t really need a
whole lot. They’ve al-
ready got it,” said Curtis.

For “kids” of all ages
who grew up with video
games, retro systems and
games are extremely popular
this year. “Older video games
that bring back
memories,
hard-
to-find consoles,
these are all sell-
ing well,” said Curtis.

One thing is for sure, when you’re
thinking about a gift for someone
special this Christmas, you’ll want
to think twice before buying a gift
that represents “work” for the recipi-
ent — as you know which “list” you
may be on after Christmas morning.

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials

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BY SAM MAZZOTA

paw’s CORNER

Fleas aren’t only cause of itching

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: My Pom/Pekingese mix, “Debbie,” really scratches and bites at her fur a lot, but when I inspect her, there are no fleas that I can see — nor even the flea “dust” you described in a previous column. I bathe her regularly, but it doesn’t seem to help. My husband thinks she scratches just to spite us. Do you have a solution? — Dottie K., Irving, N.Y.

DEAR DOTTIE: Debbie’s not scratching to “spite” you; she’s scratching because she itches. The cause of her itch doesn’t have to be fleas. She may have allergies or dry skin.

Scratching and biting at areas that are bothering her can make the problem worse, not better, especially in the case of dry skin (or even a skin disease that’s developing, unseen).

The first thing I would recommend is to stop bathing her so frequently, at least for a while. When you do bathe her, use a bath soap specifically made for dogs, and ideally for dogs with sensitive skin. The soap should be unscented — perfumes can cause all sorts of misery for a dog with dry skin. You also should take Debbie to the veterinary and have her checked out not just for fleas, but any possible allergic reaction, dry skin or skin disease.

Foods can be a culprit in skin problems caused by allergies. It’s sometimes hard to pinpoint exactly which food is causing Debbie’s problem, but your vet can provide information on how to narrow down the possibilities so you can adjust her diet accordingly.

Looking for more pet advice and information? Check out pawson.com online! Send your pet questions to ask@pawson.com, or write to Paw’s Corner c/o King Features Weekly Service, PO. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

BY JOANN DERSON

Now here’s a TIP

E.B. in Mississippi writes: “I have a hint on how to lasten. Put it around your wrist, lay your arm on your lap or a table, and tape one end down, with clear packing tape. Hold the other loose side and lasten. It’s much easier when you don’t have someone to hold it.”

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Too many cookies? Line berry baskets with festive paper, arrange with an assortment of cookies, wrap in plastic wrap and deliver to neighbors who may appreciate a cookie or two.

Mix up pancake batter in a squat bottle. You can spill out letters and make ABC pancakes, or even doodle different shapes, which the kids can have fun arranging before they eat them up.

To store loose plastic baggies for reuse, label a paper towel-size cardboard tube with the size of the baggie (sandwich, quart, snack, etc.), and stuff the bags in the tube. It can be stored in a drawer, and the label makes it easy to see which kind you need.

BY SAMANTHA WEAVER

Strange but TRUE

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My name is: Taylor Clark.
I am: 18 years old.
My parents are: Terri Rogers and Mike Clark.
What I like most about my friends is: My friends are all older than me, and they're mature. I can't stand childishness, so they're perfect.
In my spare time, I enjoy: singing, dancing and acting. Our last play was 'Seussical the Musical,' and I played the part of 'Sour Bear.' I love my drama group. We're all like the same person. When it's nice out, I go for nature walks, mostly for the exercise, but in the fall with all the leaves changing, it's really pretty just to look, too.
My favorite winter activity is: hibernation, nothing. I don't like winter and I hate the cold. I will just sit

and I don't leave until around 6 p.m. at night, so it really fills up my schedule on its own. But, it (drama) is the best.
My advice I have for younger students is: Freshmen, be respectful. Seriously, maturity is the way to go.
My favorite book is: James Patterson. It's a science fiction series, about kids with wings and stuff. It's just a really good book series.
My favorite movie is: 'Land of The Lost.' Will Ferrell is hilarious, I love him.
Ten years from now: I will be married, with two kids, and a cat and a dog. I really hope I'm married, at least.
My postgraduate plans are: I plan to focus on my therapy at Oakland Community College. My friends have told me about some other schools, but OCC is the only one I've looked into. Ever since I was young, people have had me give them back rubs. I figured since I'm older, I might as well be paid to do it.
By David Troppens
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Hartland — Questions surrounding where the Fenton varsity hockey team’s offense is going to come from were answered on Wednesday.

At least for one night.

The Tigers had three players score at least two goals, and saw senior forward Hackney score a hat trick, in the Tigers’ 8-0 home-opening victory against Metro League foes Lapeer East at Hartland Sports Center.

“Last year we had a lot of players that didn’t get a chance to show their full potential. This year, I think it will be a coming out year for a lot of guys, hopefully including me,” Hackney said. “We just wanted to play three full periods. We hoped it would end sooner than that, but their goalie was playing pretty good in the first period.”

Hackney wasn’t the only scoring threat that surfaced. Fellow starter Jake Foguth scored two goals, as did Kyle Lixie. Tyler DeLong provided the eighth goal.

“It’s good for these guys to understand if they play within the system, the system works,” Fenton coach Matt Krusnik said.

“They will get their opportunities and that they are able to get the puck in the net.

“It is encouraging to see them starting to get the puck in the net. I call it the ‘knack.’ You have to gain the ‘knack of scoring.’ You can practice shots and all that, but until you get in a game situation and get the puck in the net, it’s not the same.”

The Tigers took control of the game from the opening period, outshooting Lapeer East 22-2 in the first period. The Tigers broke the scoreless tie with 12:41 remaining in the first period. Foguth scored on

See HOCKEY on 14B

Fenton girls basketball opens with win vs. Utica

By Al Zipsie
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Fenton — It’s been a tradition for Fenton to face off against Utica in a non-league season opener.

Last year, Utica won in overtime. This season, the Lady Tigers came up big at the end of the game, earning a 39-33 victory. The game was tied at 33-all when Fenton’s Jaiden Judson stepped up with her first bucket of the game on a jumper. Fenton led 35-33 with 2:05 left in the game. Alyssa Ostrowski then scored on a putback hoop, giving Fenton a 37-33 lead with 1:15 remaining. Judson then iced the game with two free throws with 15.6 seconds left. Judson scored four of her points at crunch time.

“I wasn’t hitting the shots early,” Judson said. “I did feel I would hit that shot. It was nice to come up with a shot when it counts.”

“We have a good, deep team, and our post players came up strong when we needed it.”

“It was a great start to the season,” Fenton coach Brad DeWitt said. “Last year we lost to them at their place in overtime. It’s all about timing with Kailen at the end. We had the advantage of inside play and that is where we went to put the game away.”

Fenton was led by seniors Ostrowski with 13 points, Gabriele Rivette with 11 and Samantha Granger with nine. Fenton led 12-9 after the first quarter. A technical on Utica coach Tom McDonald was followed by 9-0 run by his team, who surged ahead 21-14. The run started with a three-pointer from Eryn Maday, who had 13 first-half points, to lead her team to a 21-16 lead at halftime. Maday had a game-high 21 points.

“The two guards (Maday and Sarah Miller) are so quick and they jumped out and took the lead with outside shooting,” DeWitt said. “Teams may think they can key in on Gabriele (Rivette), but our seniors’ strength is we are not just one player-team. The others can step up when we need them.”

Granger cut the lead to 28-27 late in the third quarter. With 25 seconds left in the period, Ostrowski scored inside to put the Tigers ahead 29-28 going into the last quarter. It was their first lead since early in the second quarter. Granger sparked the team with seven of the last nine points in the quarter. A Maday hoop put Utica back in the lead 32-29 early in the fourth quarter. With 5:23 left, Rivette had a steal and was fouled on the layup. She hit both free throws to cut the lead to 32-31. With 4:49 to go, Ostrowski scored inside on a Granger assist, giving Fenton a 33-32 lead.

Mady hit a free throw, tying it at 33-all. That is when Judson stepped up with four of the last six points to seal the win as Fenton outscored Utica 23-12 in the second half.

The Lady Tigers had another tuneup with Hartland Friday before opening defense of their Metro League title, hosting Clio Monday at 7 p.m.

LF wrestling starts 2-0, defeats Davison

By Al Zipsie
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Davison — Lake Fenton, ranked fourth in the state in Division 3, had a head-turning effort in the season opener Thursday.

With the lights dimmed, the Blue Devils knocked off Davison 42-29, ranked eighth in Division 1, capping off an undefeated night at Davison High School. The Blue Devils also defeated Rochester, 48-34 earlier that night.

The Blue Devils trailed Rochester 24-0 at one time, and still trailed 28-6 before they scored six pins in a row. The Davison match featured two thrillers that went into overtime. The Blue Devils looked every bit like one of the top teams in the state.

“Some people have said we have not beat anybody yet,” Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. “It was a great start to the season, and we did it with three (transfers) missing from our lineup, who will be eligible in January. “Davison has been a powerhouse for years, and, the night before, they beat the second-ranked team in the state (in Division 1), Oxford. We knew it would be a tough match. It was a great start to the season. Some people say with the new guys, we might not feel like a team. In fact, you can’t get a closer-knit group of people. People think they are a gang at school because they always hang together on and off the mat. They won the team National Championship (in May) as a travel team at the Border Wars tournament. These kids just want to have fun. They push themselves and help others around them get better.”

“We are just a bunch of buddies that are getting together, looking for an awesome experience on a high school team,” Zach Corcoran said. “We were already a team that wrestles together, having an awesome experience.”

Lake Fenton that won a national championship.

See LF on 15B
Holly, LF girls basketball win season openers
By David Troppens
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It’s been awhile since the Holly varsity girls basketball team has beaten Milford.

So it’s probably fitting it took two overtimes to finally do it when they did.

The Bronchos’ Delaney Serra hit two free throws late in the second overtime, leading the Bronchos to a 51-48 double-overtime victory against the Lady Mavericks Monday in both teams’ season-opening contest.

“It was an exciting game,” Holly coach David Hall said. “It was a shame someone had to lose. Both teams fought really hard. Our kids fought hard and their kids fought hard. We happened to make a couple of more plays than Milford did.”

The Bronchos trailed 21-15 at the half, but that deficit represented the largest gap between the two teams the entire night. Holly had a two-point lead late in regulation, but Milford’s Lauren Smith netted a hoop at the buzzer, tying the game at 38-38.

In the first OT, both teams scored six points. Milford had a chance to break the tie late, but Jessica Beeler blocked a shot, forcing a second overtime.

During it, the Bronchos earned the victory with the aid of Serra’s two free throws. Later on, after those two free throws, Alyssa Copley converted on one of two free throws, giving the Bronchos a three-point lead. Milford had a See BRONCHOS on 15B

Holly, Linden open season with two wins
By David Troppens
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The seventh-ranked Holly varsity wrestling team got off to a pretty good start on Wednesday.

The squad earned two victories, dominating Birmingham Groves 76-3 and Waterford Kettering 63-9.

“Groves has been down awhile, and we usually beat them pretty handily. But, with Kettering, it’s usually a 20 to 24 point differential,” Holly coach Don Pluta said. “They have some young kids and we took it to them. It was a good start.”

The Bronchos, who are ranked seventh overall in Division 2 according to michiganwrestling.com, had nine wrestlers that finished with 2-0 records. They were Dominic Russ (112), Anthony Gonzales (125), Esteban Gonzales (130), Zack Jones (135), Mike Spencer (145), Joe Spencer (152), Mike Neal (160), Shawn Scott (189) and Joe Prowadowski (215).

Mason Cleaver and Tyler Gibson each had a win at 119 pounds, while Lance Mills earned a win at heavyweight.

Now, the Bronchos prepare for some tougher competition coming up in the next week. Holly travels to the Dragon Duals on Saturday and then competes in the Howell quad on Wednesday.

“I’m looking forward to Saturday when we see Lake Orion, Holt and Hartland, and then to next week when we see Dundee and Addison at Howell,” Pluta said.

“This was a good start, but I’m looking forward to wrestling better schools to get a better judge of where we are at.”

Holly competed at the Dragon Duals on Saturday.

Linden’s Alex Neal (right) works on taking down an opponent during Wednesday’s season-opening double-dual at Linden High School. Linden won both matches.

LINDEN VS. SUMMIT ACADEMY & BEECHER

The Eagles opened their season with convincing wins against Summit Academy 45-24 and then Beecher 53-27.

The Eagles had three double-winners. They were Kyle Fisher (189), Dave Stevens (152) and Cliff Coleman (HWT).

Against Summit, the Eagles also got wins from Zach Shaw (119), Danny Fisher (160) and Josh Brost (171).

Against Beecher, Brenden Davis (140) also had a victory.

The Eagles went to the Adrian Duals on Saturday.
Linden basketball starts strong, drops non-league game vs. Reese.

By Al Zipple

Linden — Reese spoiled the season opener for the Eagles girls basketball team with a 63-27 non-league win Tuesday.

It was the debut for Linden head coach Ben Varner, who came from Bendle to replace Becky Moore. Varner has several players back from last season’s team that won a Class B District championship.

However, they did lose two players. Madi-son Nosokey transferred to Lake Fenton and Mary-Kathryn Fiehmel is concentrat-ing on the upcoming soccer season. Lind-en started four juniors — Sabrina Kinney, Megan Hart, Jordan Sargent, Brodie Thomas — and sophomore Majka Satkow- iak. So far, the team’s biggest problem has been scoring.

“We have been having trouble scoring in scrimmage. These players did not do a lot of scoring last year,” said Varner.

“More of the kids have to score. Part of it is to get the confidence to want to shoot and score. My job is to get this scoring to happen.”

Kinney and Satkowiak led the Lady Eagles with 12 and 10 points each. Satkowiak added eight rebounds as well. Hart added five points. The trio combined for 19 of the team’s total 24 points.

“(Satkowiak) had a great game, and the points will come for her,” Varner said.

“She is hustling and playing hard as she showed tonight, diving for a ball on the sidelines.”

Linden came out scoring 13 of its points in the first quarter. Thomas scored on an old-fashioned three-point play with a hoop and a free throw, putting Linden ahead early. Hart hit a pair of free throws for a 5-3 Eagles’ lead, and Kinney hit a corner jumper for a 7-4 lead. The Rockets then went on a seven-point run. Satkowiak came up with a rebound on the defensive line and that lead was never surrendered.

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a shot from the top of one of the faceoff circles. Just over three minutes later, Ja- cob Blackburn’s initial shot was saved but the rebound came to Kyle Lixie, who put the puck in the open far side corner. Then, with 1:43 remaining in the open-ing half, Jeff Moran’s initial slap shot was deflected by Hackney for his first goal. Fenton led 3-0 after one period.

The Tigers scored their first of two second-period goals on the power play. Hackney scored on a wraparound shot. Then, with 3:22 left in the period, Lixie scored on a lead pass to him for his sec- ond goal. Only two questions really remained entering the third period. The first was if the Tigers would win by the eight-goal mercy and the second one was if the team would get their shutout.

The answer to both questions was yes. The Tigers scored three goals in a mat- ter of 3:17, getting a power-play goal from Foguth with 13:53 remaining in the game to start the run. Hackney got his third goal off a rebound. Finally, on a delayed penalty call, DeLong scored, taking the game with 10:36 still left on the clock.

The shutout? Fenton’s second-year keeper Joe Foguth eight saves to earn the shutout. “The team played good,” Foguth said.

“They didn’t have a lot of shots. We controlled the puck pretty good.

“It feels good, but it’s kind of tough because when you get so few shots, you can’t stay in the game. You have to skate around and do stuff like that.”

The Tigers (1-1) now have their first win in their quest to defend their league title.

“One of our goals at the beginning of the season was to come out and win Metro League games, and this was a good start,” Hackney said. “That’s our goal, so I guess this game was impor-tant. We wanted to come out and set the tone for the rest of the year.”

“I think we have a good chance to win it again this year,” Foguth said. “It’s going to take solid play and we need to play as a team.”

Fenton hosted Clio on Saturday. The Tigers also face Walled Lake Northern on Wednesday at Lakeview Ice Arena at 7:20 p.m.
end and then scored on a breakaway lay-up on the other end as Melick trailed 13-11. Sarah Spekerman, a 6-foot force who led Reese with 15 points, scored inside for a 16-13 Reese lead at the end of the first quarter.

Satkowski scored the only three points of the second quarter for the Eagles. They trailed 23-16 at halftime. A scoring drought was ended with a Kinney three-pointer late in the third quarter. The Rockets pulled away outsourcing Linden 24-8 in the second half. Linden had only one hoop, coming from Kinney, in the final quarter.

Reese had good ball handlers and got inside for easy scores as the Eagles had cold shooting and turnovers from the Rockets’ full-court press.

Linden hurt itself at the free-throw line. After hitting all five charity tosses in the opening quarter, the Eagles only hit 2 of 13 free throws the last three quarters, including missing all seven attempts in the final frame.

“We made some good passes but need to complete our scoring chances,” said Harp. “We need to have some good practices and work hard to get better.”

Linden opens the Metro League season next Tuesday at Lapere West.

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three-point shot chance to tie it, but missed the shot.

“We haven’t beaten Milford in a long time,” Hall said. “In 15 years, I can’t remember beating them. We beat them in 1993 when we had a team go to the regional finals.”

The Bronchos were paced by senior Ashley Xiong, who had 14 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. She was aided by Copley’s shared team-high 14 points. Lauren Maher had nine points. Beeler had a strong contest, earning 16 rebounds and some strong defensive play.

“Beeler played well. She got in the passing lanes and knocked some balls down,” Hall said. “Audrey Coons defended their best player (Lindsey Bandycy). She had 12 points, but Audrey did a great job on her, forcing her to work for those points.”

**LAKE FENTON 62, WHITMORE LAKE 29**

The Blue Devils outscored Whitmore Lake 37-12 in the first half, eventually earning a pretty impressive season-opening victory at home.

The offense provided at least 17 points in each of the first three quarters, while the defense never allowed Whitmore Lake to score double-digits in any period.

The Blue Devils were balanced. Karlie Dieck scored a team-high 15 points, while Mckenzie Gottron had 14 points. Jordan Newman chipped in 12 points, while Paige Stafford and Sidney Scott had six each.

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“I am looking to get my first individual state title and I think we have seven or eight kids that all have a shot at winning state in their weight class as well. We broke some school records last year, and now this team is just nuts. We are hoping to win the team state title also.”

Against Rochester, the Blue Devils had to overcome a 24-0 deficit. They did so with pinfall wins by Todd Melick (119), Buddy Poyner (130), Joe Gerow (135), Corcoran (140), Christian O’Quinn (145), Justin Melick (152), Connor Brancheau (160) and Drew Morris (180).

Gerow’s pin was big, earning it 31 seconds into the second period.

“I just felt right and put on a headlock,” Gerow said. “He almost turned me, but I got it to stick and it was just motivation to keep things rolling.”

Against Davison, the Cardinals got off to a 9-0 lead before Todd Melick (119) earned a pin. Bryce Hopkins (125) followed with a decision win. A forfeit at 130 was the end of the Blue Devils’ troubles. Poyner (135) won by pin, followed by Corcoran’s (140) tech fall win. O’Quinn (145) lost a thriller 3-2 in four overtimes, but Justin Melick (152) had a fall win, followed by a Connor Branch (160) major decision win. Drew Morris (171) earned a pin, clinching the win. Nate Franks (215) also had a second-round pinfall win.

Lake Fenton took part in the tough Lansing East Invitational Saturday. They are at the Carrollton quad Wednesday at 6 p.m.
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