

STORY: **NEXT
GENERATION 911**

“This article was really great in covering the need for text capability for 911 calls. One group that would also benefit greatly from this



program would be the deaf. Right now, if a deaf person wants to dial 911, they have the option of using a video relay service or a TTY device, neither of which are quick. When the 911 system can accept text messages, it will be a great benefit to many.”

— ASL Interpreter

STORY: **OUTDATED
PATERNITY LAW**

“Yes, these paternity laws need changing to reflect the truth of things. How on earth can a child be denied his or her father based on some state law?”

— Robert G.

STORY: **TOWNSHIP
GARBAGE SERVICE**

“You are wrong, Trash man, there are two on Torrey Road.”

— Wrong

FOSTER CHILDS:
**MY ‘SENSIBILITIES’
ARE OFFENDED**

“I can’t understand Foster Childs’ hatred for the left. He’s actually more liberal than he thinks. I mean, he’s the type that says, ‘My car broke down this morning, so it’s Obama’s fault.’”

— Proud Left Wing
ExtremistSee **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.”



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**Fenton area
residents donate
more than \$60,000
to Salvation Army**

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Food Bank feeds needy for 16¢ per meal

►Ninety-eight percent
of all donations go
directly to programs

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — Patrons at branches of The State Bank are adding their names to paper Christmas tree ornaments, helping feed the hungry.

“We like to give
back to the
community, and
this is a direct
way to do that.”

Kristy Premo
*The State Bank, director
of human resources*

But how
does a \$1
donation to
Food Bank of Eastern
Michigan
feed six people
at a cost
of 16 cents
per meal?

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

See **FOOD** on 15A

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
St. John School student Alyssa Tomczak, 12, of Fenton Township, volunteers at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint Wednesday morning during the busy lunch hour.

Friends of the library seeking donations

►**Board: Fenton’s
current library
building inadequate**

By Anna Troppens

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Fenton — The Friends of the Fenton Library are accepting Christmas donations for a new or improved library, with changes made sometime in the future. There is a fund the city already has for donations, said JoAnn Gavey, vice president of the Friends of the

See **LIBRARY** on 9A

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

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

Tax abatement will help keep a local business in Fenton

►Creative Foam
expanding, to help
produce turbines for
wind energy market

By Anna Troppens

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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

See **ABATEMENT** on 10A

Learn about what your kids are doing on the Internet

►Fenton schools
offer seminar

Fenton — Fenton Area Public Schools is hosting a Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI) Community Seminar, for adults.

Parents will learn how to access the Michigan Sex Offender Registry, and sign up for e-mail updates. They will receive reliable information on parental control software.

In addition, instructions for using online tutorials will be included, See **SEMINAR** on 10A

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.

Congress fails to extend emergency unemployment compensation

►181,500 people
in Michigan will
lose benefits

By Tim Jagielo

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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.

See **LOSE** on 6A

“We’re definitely not living the high life. Basically we’re on survival mode.”

Jeff Archambault
unemployed carpenter

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2 Stay warm safely

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Behind the red kettle

Summary

► The Flint Salvation Army bell-ringer program brings in more than \$200,000. Fenton area residents account for about 25 percent of the donations, with \$60,745 donated at six Fenton locations last year.

► Area residents account for a quarter of local donations

By Tim Jagielo
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On a cold, gray, and wet Wednesday afternoon, Harry Hunter, 7, of Fenton, stops with his mom and his brother outside of Wal-Mart on Silver

Parkway, to drop some cash into the red kettle. Char Brown, a committed bell ringer from Grand Blanc, gives him a high-five.

"For me, the thrill of it is when the little ones put money in the kettle," said Brown. "I know their parents are teaching them about giving."

Starting two weeks ago, bell ringers, like Brown, are seen everywhere. You see them



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Harold Brown, of Fenton Township, makes a red-kettle donation at Wal-Mart in Fenton, Char Brown, of Grand Blanc, is the bell ringer.

at entrances to every large store in the area, ringing bells with a smile, standing beside the familiar, red Salvation Army "kettle." A dollar or two, or a quarter for

each person adds up to more \$200,000, for just the Flint Salvation Army branch, called "Citadel."

See **RED KETTLE** on 24A

USPS: Three billion deliveries this holiday season



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Kathi Frasier delivers mail and parcel packages in Linden on Thursday. The United States Postal Service has recently been named one of the most-gentle handlers of holiday packages.

► U.S. Postal Service at top of Popular Mechanics 'gentle' test

By Sharon Stone
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With its 235-year track record, the U.S. Postal Service (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"

See **POST OFFICE** on 26A

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We already have the 'good life'

We Americans expend a lot of time and effort chasing the 'good life.' And thanks to Madison Avenue, we have no problem identifying what the good life consists of — homes with state-of-the-art technology and high-definition, big screen televisions, garages filled with luxury automobiles, closets full of designer clothing, a healthy portfolio that we obsessively check several times each day in order to gauge our overall comfort level, a good job with enviable benefits (which we most certainly deserve)...and, as Sonny and Cher used to say — the list goes on. In a nutshell, the 'good life'

consists of feeling good, looking good, and having lots of good stuff in order to reassure ourselves, and our friends and neighbors, that we are doing good.

So what's the problem? Easy. It's never enough.

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 puppeteers 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 promo-

tion-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 — whether we are struggling financially or not — are rich.

We already have the 'good life.'

We just don't realize it.

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SUMMER GREEN LAWN now all gone. Winter white now the common sight.

TO THE FRATZ customer, who helped the woman load and deliver her couch, you are the best. Her fiancé is still serving in Afghanistan. She is planning for his return home and their marriage. Your kindness was so special. There are many ways to show our soldiers that we appreciate their service and sacrifice. Small acts of kindness make a difference.

IN RESPONSE ABOUT the teacher of 16 years, people please learn to read. When I read the Hot line, I read that the teacher is opposed to being held responsible for not recognizing bullies. It didn't say that the teacher would not stop bullying if they saw it happening. Parents, stop spoiling your kids, and you teach them how to act in public. That is not the schools' job. Bring back corporal punishment.

AFTER OBAMA WAS elected, the TEA Party was founded, the most clueless political organization I've ever heard of. And thanks to you, we now have a split Congress. Now, for the next four years, we won't get anything done, because Republicans hate to see Democrats do anything right, like they have for the last four years.

WHO REALLY WANTS to send 911 a text in an emergency? And, what will the dispatcher do, send a text back? That seems less than efficient for emergencies. I'm all for technology to make things more efficient, but I don't see how it does in this case.

I BUMPED INTO Jeff, Jesse and Hope at Zanie Janie's Simply Coffee Shop the other day. This is one reader who is very confident Holly is headed in the right direction. Open communication is a staple of good leadership. Keep up the good work.

GOOGLE SENATE BILL 510 (\$510) and read what the future holds for your food.

JUST AN ANSWER to ponder. If Sarah Palin were elected president, she would quit, just like she has become accustomed to doing.

NO MATTER WHERE the deer found in Fenton was shot, if it was shot before season that would be the point, not where it may have wandered in from.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Readers write

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Opinion of roundabouts improves with experience

Dear editor,

I guess the issue of the roundabouts is behind us now, at least in the near term. Yet, I couldn't help but notice the negative comments regarding roundabouts that have been appearing in the Tri-County Times Hot lines. I wonder if these were influenced by the infamous double roundabout at U.S. 23 and Lee Road in Brighton. I wish the authors would visit the roundabout on Main Street, west of Grand River Avenue in Brighton, as this is more representative of a roundabout that was being considered for the Shiawassee and Adelaide streets intersection.

Quoting an article in Wikipedia on roundabouts, 'In the United States, municipalities introducing new roundabouts often are met with some degree of public resistance. Drivers may be unfamiliar with roundabouts initially. However, surveys show that public opinion improves as drivers gain more experience with roundabouts. A 1998 survey of municipalities that built roundabouts found public opinion prior to construction as 68 percent opposed. Afterwards it was 73 percent in favor. A 2007 survey of citizens found public support at 22 percent to 44 percent prior to construction, and several years after it was 57 percent to 87 percent.'

See **ROUNDAABOUTS** on 6A

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Do you think unemployment benefits should be extended, again?

streettalk



"I think they should temporarily be extended, not for a long time, though."

— Judy Hogan
Fenton



"No I don't, but if someone just joined today, they should get the same benefits for the same length of time as everyone else did."

— Bill Dolliver,
Fenton



"Yes, with the economy and all the people out of work, they just need more time."

— Lois Price
Fenton



"I'm for it, especially living in Michigan."

— Patty Kaleal
Fenton



"Yes, because they just need a chance."

— Ed Powell
Fenton



"Yes, definitely, people are hurting right now with the economy. It's just not the right time to cut that."

— Rebecca Pitonyak
Holly

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 vil-

lage 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.

Summary

► Each Holly Village council member has narrowed their choices for village manager down to five.

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.

See **GINGERBREAD** on 16A

— **TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | ANNA TROPPENS
Discovery Day students Cassie Sylvester and Lucas Lanning work together on a gingerbread house at Argentine Elementary School.

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LOSE

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"I know it's gonna be awful tough to make the mortgage payment without unemployment," said Archambault, 49, an out-of-work carpenter.

The U.S. Congress had until midnight on Tuesday Nov. 30, to pass an extension to the Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008, which gave the unemployed up to 99 weeks of unemployment, on top of state unemployment. The deadline passed, and no action was taken.

Congress failed to get the two-thirds majority to pass an extension on Nov. 19, with Republican representatives saying they wanted the \$12 billion price tag to be compensated for elsewhere.

The Emergency Unemployment Extension Act of 2008 had already been extended though its lifetime, and had added payment tiers. In the first tier, an unemployed worker could claim 20 weeks of compensation, up to \$362 per week. After 20 weeks, they could move to another tier — up to four — each tier

Summary

►Emergency federal unemployment expired Nov. 30. Thousands of area residents will run out of unemployment benefits, and will have to turn to community groups for aid.

with fewer weeks of compensation.

For thousands of Genesee County residents, emergency unemployment payments will begin running out in the coming weeks.

Norm Isotalo, of the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (MUIA), said 10,026 residents would be exhausting their state and federal unemployment benefits by April. Statewide, 181,500 will lose benefits.

For Archambault, he is looking forward to one to four weeks of carpentry work at the Detroit International Auto Show, his only real income in the past few years.

He is one of the 13.7 percent of unemployed workers in Genesee County, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Livingston is at 10.9 percent, and Oakland is at 12.2 percent. These rates are for unemployed members of the labor force, and may not include disabled, or those not seeking work.

The MUIA phone line, an automated message, tells clients to keep reporting as usual to the system, and their payment tier will end when funds are depleted.

Without state or federal unemployment, Isotalo said community nonprofit agencies would begin to bear the brunt of the need.

"They're gonna be swamped with people seeking help," he said.

COMMENTS

Continued from Front Page

FOSTER CHILDS: **MY 'SENSIBILITIES' ARE OFFENDED**

"So, Muslim women are exempt from the TSA pat downs or full-body scans. You have to be kidding me. It might offend them, and it's against their religion, what?"

— Kate

STORY: **FENTON PARKS PLAN**

"It's time for a Flint-area concrete skate park. Find the money to build one in the Fenton area, and it will be used more than all the other things under consideration in this article. It stinks that skateboarders are always expected to help raise funds for the parks, but tennis and basketball players never have to do this. Come on, Fenton, I know you can do it."

— Jeff T.

STORY: **FENTON SIDEWALKS**

"It truly would be nice if Fenton could become much more of a walker/biker friendly community, which would significantly reduce traffic woes, by adding new sidewalks as well as repairing the older ones. This also gets people out moving. We could achieve this, with well thought out, sensible suggestions. We have a great community to promote."

— WS

ROUNABOUTS

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You are going to see more and more of them being constructed, because they have proven to reduce accidents, traffic delays, fuel consumption, air pollution and construction costs, while increasing capacity and enhancing intersection appearance.

I'm not sure if Fenton will eventually have a roundabout constructed, but I hope we are able to base our decision on the facts rather than misinformation or just not willing to accept change.

— Jim Saule, Fenton

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Police&Fire report

FAMILY TROUBLE

A Holly police officer was dispatched to an apartment in the 100 block of College Street at 9:50 p.m. on Nov. 27 to investigate a complaint of family trouble. The complainant said her son had been out of control and was hitting her. The responding officer did not observe any marks or cuts; however, he smelled intoxicants on the woman. The woman's son told the officer that he and his mother had been watching TV and she had been drinking. He said she began hitting him. A preliminary breath test revealed the mother to have a blood alcohol content of .401. The officer arranged to have the woman's son spend the night elsewhere. A copy of the police report was forwarded to child protective services.

DRIVING WITH RESTRICTED LICENSE

At 12:10 a.m. on Nov. 21, a Holly police officer observed a red 2010 Jeep exit a business on North Saginaw Street. The officer became suspicious and initiated a traffic stop. The officer learned the driver was 15 years old and from Davisburg. The teen said he was just turning around so he and his two passengers, a 16-year-old male and 16-year-old female, could go to a party. The driver said he used his parents' vehicle without their permission. All three teens were taken to the police station and their parents were contacted. The driver was charged with violating his restricted license. Juvenile court will be contacting the teen.

URINATING ON THE LAWN

At 3:15 a.m. on Nov. 21, a Holly police officer was dispatched to the area of Grange Hall and North Holly roads to investigate a report of a man urinating on a front lawn. The unknown man was seen entering a vehicle and driving away. The officer initiated a traffic stop after noticing a defective headlight and loud exhaust. When the vehicle stopped, the passenger jumped out of the car, but stopped. The driver fled on foot toward nearby apartments. The passenger smelled of intoxicants and was verbally abusive with the officer. The officer observed a bottle of peppermint schnapps in the backseat. The 22-year-old passenger admitted the bottle belonged to him. He was arrested for having open intoxicants in the vehicle. He was transported to the police station for processing and the vehicle was impounded.

ITEMS RECOVERED AT TRAFFIC STOP

At 6:34 p.m. on Nov. 16, a Holly police officer was sent to the area of Deer Valley

to investigate a suspicious vehicle. The caller described the parked vehicle as light colored with one lone occupant talking on a cell phone. The responding police officer located the vehicle and made contact with the driver. The officer observed a claw hammer and knife on the floor of the vehicle. A computer check revealed the driver had an outstanding arrest warrant. The driver was taken to the police station for processing. Police recovered knives, a camera, iPod, field glasses, a GPS and GPS equipment and three memory cards from the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing and police are attempting to locate the owners of the recovered items.

WHEEL CAPS STOLEN

At 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, a Fenton police officer was sent to a business parking lot in the 3200 block of Owen Road to investigate a larceny complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said a 30-year-old Linden woman said she had parked her 2008 Cadillac Escalade in the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. When she returned at 11:30 a.m., she noticed that two of the center caps had been stolen from the wheels. The caps are valued at \$120 each. The store manager is reviewing video footage from an outside security camera to identify a suspect.

UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS

At 10:50 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, a 58-year-old Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that she learned there had been two unauthorized transactions on her VISA debit card. Two transactions that she did not make occurred on Nov. 24 and Nov. 26, for a total of \$40.35. A transaction involved a cell phone support site located off the coast of Africa. The woman will be reimbursed for her loss.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING

To prevent being ticketed, residents and visitors to the city of Fenton must remove their vehicles from all city streets and municipal parking lots between the hours of 2 and 5 a.m. Lt. Jason Slater said Fenton police have been issuing tickets to enforce the city ordinance. From November through March, parking on streets and in the parking lots is prohibited to allow for snow removal. Violators will be ticketed.

STUDENT LOAN MONEY STOLEN

At 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, a Fenton police officer responded to an apartment near Jennings and Silver Lake roads to investigate a fraud complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said a 29-year-old Fenton man said he had student loan money in his bank account. He uses his debit card to pay for classes and books at a local college. On Nov. 27, he attempted to make a withdrawal and learned that his account had a negative balance.

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Argentine Township Fire Department seeks Explorers

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Twp. — The Argentine Township Fire Department is attempting to reactivate its Explorer program. To see if there is enough interest, invitations to an exploratory meeting have been sent out to students in Linden, Byron and Gaines.

This meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6 at the fire hall.

Duane Kemp, engineer for the fire department, has been researching the prospect of reactivating the program, and has lined up advisors and a representative from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), which sponsors the Explorer Program, to be on hand to answer any questions.

The Explorer Program is for males and females between the ages of 14 and 20, who are interested in firefighting. The BSA provides the training guidelines and

insurance for the program.

Fire Chief Jim Reid said the department would need a minimum of five people signing up for the program for it to begin. "We'll see what we get," he said. "We hope it goes forward."

Those enrolled in the Explorer Program would take part in the identical training as the older firefighters. "They can do anything, but go on fire ground," said the fire chief.

The fire department would benefit by having these Explorer Program members. Reid said having Explorers on hand would free the certified firefighters from the smaller tasks, such as moving equipment. When the Explorers finish their training, they would receive a certificate of attendance. When they turn 18, they could go on to get their certification as a firefighter.



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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



(Right) Chase Hummel, 19, Justin Broecker, 14, and Maddelyn Parziale, 9, help make blankets with family last Sunday in Tyrone Township. The blankets will be given to Genesys Regional Medical Center dialysis and chemo patients to use during treatments.

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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Domonic Parziale, of Tyrone Township (center), concentrates as he ties blanket fringes with his family last Sunday, beside cousin West Fescura, (left) and brother Jared Parziale, 14.

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Linden Holiday Happening has first 'Snow Queen'

By Sharon Stone

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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.

As a way of breaking out of her comfort zone, Frabotta said she sent in her application hoping to be named



Jessica Frabotta

Snow Queen. "I'm really happy I won."

Despite the chilly weather expected for the parade, Frabotta said Thursday that she was excited to be a part of the annual tradition.

The Linden Holiday Happening, hosted by the Parks & Recreation and the Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA), was this Friday and Saturday. Breakfast with Santa, Santa's workshop at Linden Elementary School and parade took place on Saturday. Also featured were pictures with Santa and tours of the museum.

LIBRARY

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Fenton Library and a library board member.

"The community has the opportunity to enhance itself by working together to come up with 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 members," Gavey said.

Future donations 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 they really see

Positions available for volunteers

To apply for a seat on the Fenton Jack R. Winegarden Library Board, applications are available at Fenton City Hall. City council approves these positions. In addition, the Friends of the Fenton Library accept new members. Forms are available at the Fenton library.

the library has needs. I think they're trying to find an answer for us."

Assistant City Manager Michael Burns said Fenton is looking into creating a fund for charitable contributions for the development of the

library. "We are still considering it. I don't know what will happen. It's something we are really interested in doing."

Board members are not telling the city where the library should be, what improvements to make and how to do the improvements, Sweetman said.

The board's goal is to improve the library facility. "Who knows down the road what comes next," she said. "It's not the library board's place to suggest what we want to come next."

"We need a better library facility for Fenton, and how we go about getting it is up to the city council."

Friends of the Fenton Library are ready and able to fund-raise for the cause and would like donations to be tax-deductible for the donors.

"I think the community will support this idea," she said.

The library is an important facet of the community, with 12,000-15,000 visiting it each month.

"The library is very important to this community," Sweetman said. "I feel very confident anyone in city government is supportive of making the library better as soon as possible."

It will take time to set up the 501(c)3 fund for donations, collect money to improve the library and carry out the improvements, Sweetman said.

BACKGROUND ON THE JACK R. WINEGARDEN LIBRARY

The library board oversees the care of the building for the city, reporting to Fenton if or when the building isn't adequately meeting the community's needs. The board has informed the city that the 1943 building no longer meets the needs, said library board President Bobbie Sweetman.

The building once served as the city's post office. The first official public library, opened at the current A. J. Phillips Fenton Museum. Upon his death in 1904, Phillips donated his office building to the city of Fenton, and it became the city's library.

Fenton established a library-building fund in 1939, as it outgrew the A. J. Phillips location.

The money paid to add onto the A. J. Phillips building, and the library moved to the old post office in 1987. The old post office building, at 200 E. Caroline St., met the library's needs, then, but has become inadequate. It has limited space for programs, constricted aisles, limited seating and table space, sub-par handicap accessibility, outmoded technology and limited parking, she has said. There are eight parking spaces, with two "awkward" handicap spaces. On-street parking adds a couple more spaces. And, the building leaks when it rains.

The library board envisions open space, good lighting, comfortable seating, a friendly atmosphere, quiet workstations, the latest technology, great parking and up-to-date handicap accessibility.

The current building is a wonderful, historic structure, but officials need to find out whether it's feasible to add onto it, said Vice President JoAnn Gavey, of the Friends of the Fenton Library, also a library board member. Other options include obtaining property and constructing a new building.

— Anna Troppens

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 when speaking 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.

BLAZER 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 AUTOS

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 victim's debit card had been used. The case remains under investigation.

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ABATEMENT

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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. worksession, 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.

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Michael Burns

Fenton assistant city manager

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 high tolerance 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. These 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 retool 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.

— Anna Troppens

SEMINAR

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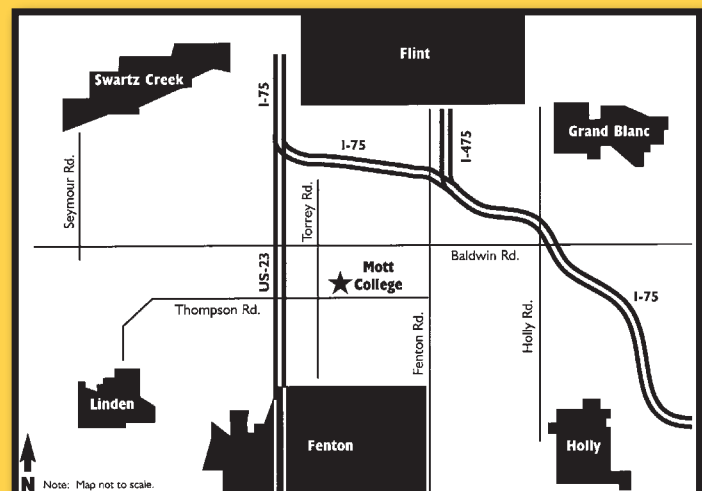
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(The full story appeared in the Wednesday, Dec. 1 Midweek edition)



Family photos printed on mugs and purses make great personalized Christmas gifts. (Top, center) Pewter ornaments from Sawyer Jewelers can be engraved with a personalized message.

Personalized Christmas gifts

The most thoughtful ones to give and receive

A family portrait isn't just for hanging on the wall. Family photos can turn into thoughtful and personalized ornaments, mugs, jewelry, calendars — even purses, blankets and chocolates. Now is the time to do something special with the photos that you have stored away in albums or kept hidden in your digital library, for a personal gift this Christmas.

■ See complete story at www.tctimes.com

NATIONWIDE

Get ready for the next generation of 911 calls

The Federal Trade Commission has announced steps to bring the nation's 911 system into the 21st century. Utilizing today's technology, the proposed new system would be able to handle incoming texts, photos and videos from those calling 911.

■ See complete story at www.tctimes.com

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.

■ See complete story at www.tctimes.com

MOST POPULAR MIDWEEK

ONLINE COMMENT

“I DON'T LIKE the tag line. I tried to 'get closer' with my neighbor, and she slapped the crap out of me.”

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

Holiday

FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

Thursday, DEC 16 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (\$25)

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LANDLINE... Ditch it or keep it?

It may surprise you, but 25 percent of U.S. households do not have home telephone service anymore. However, one attraction to keeping the landline is the cost. More than 90 percent of households now use mobile phones.

■ See complete story at www.tctimes.com

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Compiled by Marissa Parks, Intern



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MARKETPLACE

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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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FOOD

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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 distribute 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 distributions 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 Campaign and direct mail.

During the seven years it has participated in the Ornament Campaign, The State Bank has raised more than \$54,000 for the food bank. Kristy Premo, director of Human Resources for The State Bank, said different branches of the bank also hold their own fundraisers for the food bank. Employees pay \$5 each to wear jeans on Fridays, and some branches have bake sales. A coupon

GET ONLINE

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
www.fbem.org



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

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.

class, for a \$7 donation per participant, took place at one of the branches.

"They have some unique fundraisers," Premo said.

Customers like to give, knowing every \$1 feeds six people. Employees at different branches compete against each other, to see which branch increases 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

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.fbem.org.

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.

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Military milestones



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 fundraiser, 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 the last seven years, Discovery Day students have raised around \$2,000 for the cause. 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.



Focus on Vision

By: Dr. Juan Alvarado

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 postpartum, 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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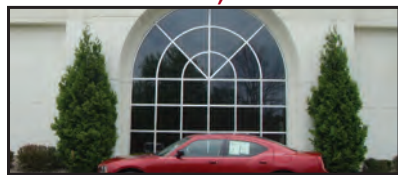
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FENTON TWP. - 12 apartments on 2.5 acres, discounted \$250,000, **NOW** - \$325,000. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

Vacant Land For Sale 16

FENTON - LOON waterfront and wooded lots. \$1,600 and up. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

OLD GRAVEL TRUCK ROAD, starts at Hartland Road and runs to Genesee County line. Total acreage 9.5 acres. Road is 80' in width with an additional split off towards Parkin Lane. \$6,100 per acre. Can call on this property between 7:30-5p.m., Monday-Friday, phone 810-459-9190, ask for Vaughn.

Manufactured Homes 17

BE HOME for the Holidays. Great 1,568 sq.ft. home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace. \$750/month. 810-714-1200.

GREAT 1,248 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, only 1 available. \$599/month. 810-714-1200.

NO RENT UNTIL JANUARY 1ST! 1,344 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath, remodeled home. \$650/month. 810-714-1200.

Real Estate For Rent 21

LINDEN - 2 bedroom, all new interior, pole barn, 2 car garage, 1,000 sq. ft. \$675/month. 810-241-9675.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2010 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

ZBA10-021 Lendon Chambers 5481 Dooley Dr. requesting variance to allow accessory building on vacant property across street from residence. Parcel 06-29-501-008

COPIES OF THE ABOVE LISTED APPLICATIONS AND THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR YOUR REVIEW. YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE APPEALS.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537.

Ordinances, meeting schedules and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

Real Estate For Rent 21

FENTON - 1,800 SQ. FT. upper level duplex, 3 bedrooms, oversized 2.5 car garage, 5 acres \$1,175; **Holly Waterfront** - 1,500 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, \$995. Both are must see to believe. Call for details, 810-223-5854.

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BYRON - 2 bedroom, \$450 + gas/electric, newly remodeled with storage, laundry hookup, central air, pets OK. 989-225-1197.

FENTON - **BEAUTIFUL**, all sports Bennett lakefront, 3 bedroom, 1,200 sq. ft., fenced. Available. \$975. 810-252-4364.

GREAT 1,248 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, only 1 available. \$599/month. 810-714-1200.

HOLLY - DUPLEX, 2 bedroom, private basement, fenced yard, \$600 month plus deposit, available immediately. 810-252-3935.

LAKE FENTON access, small, attractive, well-maintained house with garage. References. \$625 lease. 810-629-8650.

LINDEN 3 BEDROOM, 1 bath, full basement, 2 car attached garage, deck, shed. Prefer non-smoking. \$875 plus deposit. 248-505-8529.

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UPPER UNIT - near downtown Fenton. \$425 per month, 1st and last month required. 810-629-0068.

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U- Store, L.P. - Holly will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are **cash only**. U-Store, L.P. - Holly reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

This Sale will be held on:
December 13, 2010
on or around **9:30 am** at the following location:
U-Store, L.P. - Holly,
located at 4228 Grange Hall Rd.,
Holly, MI 48442
248-634-7012

Christine Dutton	Unit 267 & 332	Household items
David Frost	Unit 205	Household items
Kimberly Noggle	Unit 264	Household items

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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
102 Civic Drive
Holly, Michigan 48442
248-634-9331 Ext. 304

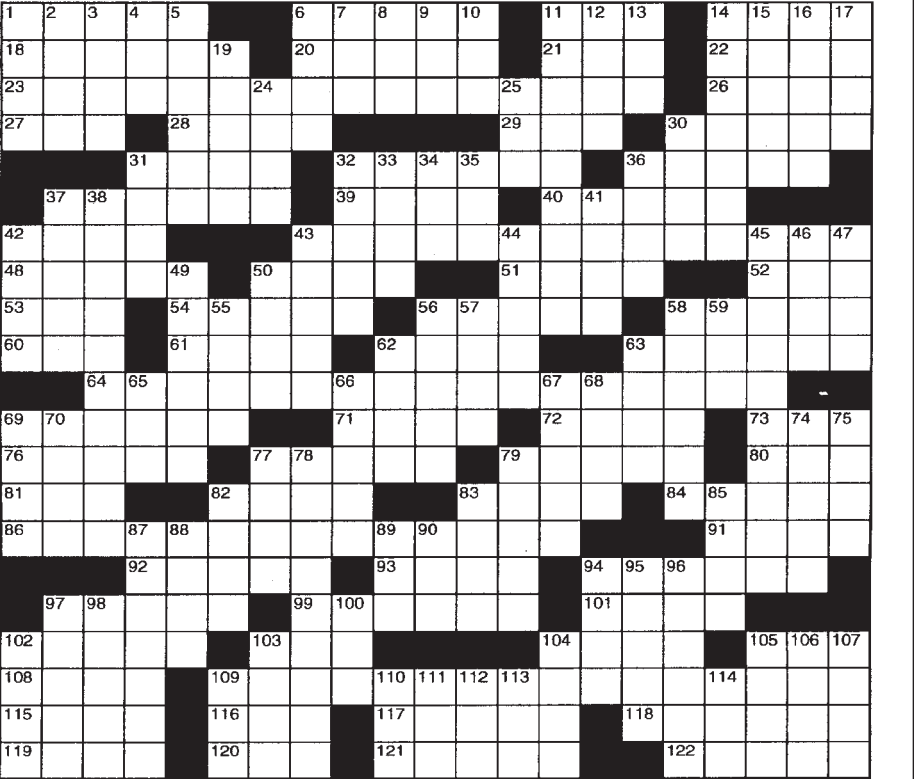
PURPOSE: To correct any of the following errors in assessments, and tax rates:

- 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

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
DECEMBER 7, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.
(810) 629-8631

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

- #1 Livingston County Sheriff's Report – October 2010.
- #2 Zoning Administrator's Report – November 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

- #1 Tetra Tech proposal to prepare response to MDNRE comments of sewer lagoon closure plan.
- #2 Initial budget discussion.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham Clerk Keith L. Kremer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: November 29, 2010
Permit No. GW1010298
Fenton Water Treatment Plant

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment proposes to reissue a discharge permit authorization for a wastewater discharge to the ground or groundwater pursuant to Rule 2210y 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 there under, 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), 8,330,000 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 by 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 Permits Section, 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/owis> - 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: 517-780-7915.

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BY DAVID UFFINGTON
Dollars & SENSE

GETTING A HANDLE ON HOLIDAY DEBT
Overheard in a mall when a weary child asked his package-laden mother: "Mom, can we stop shopping yet?"
Smart kid.
Is your holiday shopping completed? Did you stick to your budget and use saved cash, or are you afraid to look at the stack of credit-card receipts you've accumulated? If you've reached the end of your budgeted money, yes ... you can stop shopping. Don't buy another thing, even if you see a super sale.
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If you've stayed under that 50 percent amount, break the balance into three payments and pay it off quickly. If you can't clear the balance in three payments, at least make more than the minimum payment. There's a place on your

BY LINDA THISTLE
letter box

Place a letter in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the letters listed above the diagram. When completed, the row indicated will spell out a word or words.

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ANSWERS BELOW

credit report that indicates whether you make more than the minimum payments, and that helps your credit score. If your credit card statement after the holidays offers you a month of no payment, send a payment anyway. The interest meter never stops running, and the cost of your gifts will continue to rise.
If you haven't started your shopping yet, reconsider how much you'll spend. Decide whether it's possible to go all-cash this year, perhaps by not sending gifts to people outside your immediate family.
Idea: Start a Christmas

Club account at your bank or credit union for next year. Every month you'll deposit a set amount, and by the next shopping season all of your holiday money will be waiting for you. The interest paid will be minimal, but you'll have the satisfaction of having no credit-card debt after the holidays.
David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columreply@gmail.com.

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MEATY ZEE ICON EPA
RASH TURKEY IN THE STRAW
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4 6 1 2 7 8 5 9 3
9 7 3 5 4 1 8 6 2
6 2 9 7 8 4 3 5 1
7 5 4 3 1 9 6 2 8
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NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESCHEDULED MEETING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a rescheduled Meeting on Monday, December 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lk Rd, to consider the following:

Laura Capua, 14424 Cole Rd. is requesting a Special Use to operate a photo studio from her home. Described as 01-23-300-026. also tabled Special Use for Karen Spring.

A complete copy of these tax descriptions may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

Synopsis of The Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting November 29, 2010

Call to Order @ 7:02 p.m.
Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Hallman, present, Graves, present, Ciesielski, present, Cole, present. Schmidt, present. Absent- none.
A moment of silence was observed for the Ron Humitz Jr., Richard Bidelman, and Robert Cutler families.
Motion to approve meeting minutes of the 10- 25-2010 Board Meeting. Motion passed.
Motion to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.
Motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$240,216.32 Motion passed.
Police Department: A written report was submitted.
Fire Department: A written report was submitted.
Building Department: 10 permits were issued that total \$ 4,969.00.
Planning Commission: Trustee Ciesielski gave an oral report.
Attorney Lattie gave an oral report.
Old Business: Motion to re-appoint Judy Grubb to fill the remainder of the term ending January 1, 2011. Motion passed.
New Business: Motion to approve the contract with Fleis & Vanderbrink Engeneering Inc. to survey the property for the McCaslin Lake Road Canoe Launch. Motion passed.
Motion to issue a 3-year extension to At&T for the AT&T-Metro Right of Way Extension agreement ending 12/31/2013. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves, Argentine Township Clerk

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

BROKEN CUSP

A common condition I see in 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 as well. Whenever 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 that the treatment of choice was to crown the tooth which does a nice job at reinforcing the tooth externally. The problem 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-coverage 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, jig-saw puzzle piece that fits inside the tooth. The onlay fills 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.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

HOW IS IT David Foerster was nominated by the Lake Fenton school board to fill the recent opening? Didn't the taxpayers just vote him out in the last election? Apparently, our opinions don't matter to the board, which will be remembered at the next election.

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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 fact of life. Remember, 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me.'

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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.

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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.

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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.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Rachel Wyatt spends an entire day in her office at the Salvation Army Citadel in Flint working on the complex bell ringer wall schedule. She coordinates more than 70 workers and volunteers, with 32 kettles out at 29 locations each day.

RED KETTLE

Continued from Page 3A

In 2009, Fenton area residents donated \$60,745, 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.

"For me, the thrill of it is when the little ones put money in the kettle."

Char Brown
bell ringer

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 buses 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 work-week.

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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This 3 bedroom ranch is close to Shopping, Schools & US-23. Open floor plan, gas log fireplace in living room, central air, 2 full baths, 1st floor laundry, 1606 sq. ft., full basement, deck, 2 car garage & professional landscaped.

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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."

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Holiday

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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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Kathi Frasier delivers mail and parcel packages in Linden on Thursday.

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 recom-

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.

mends 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 a great group of women here," she said.

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Look for Jesus Walk Sign and Parking Attendants



U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 150 million residences, businesses and post office boxes.

The postal service receives no direct support from taxpayers. With 36,000 retail locations and the most frequently visited website in the federal government, the postal service relies on the sale of postage, products and services to pay for operating expenses.

Named the "Most Trusted Government Agency" five 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

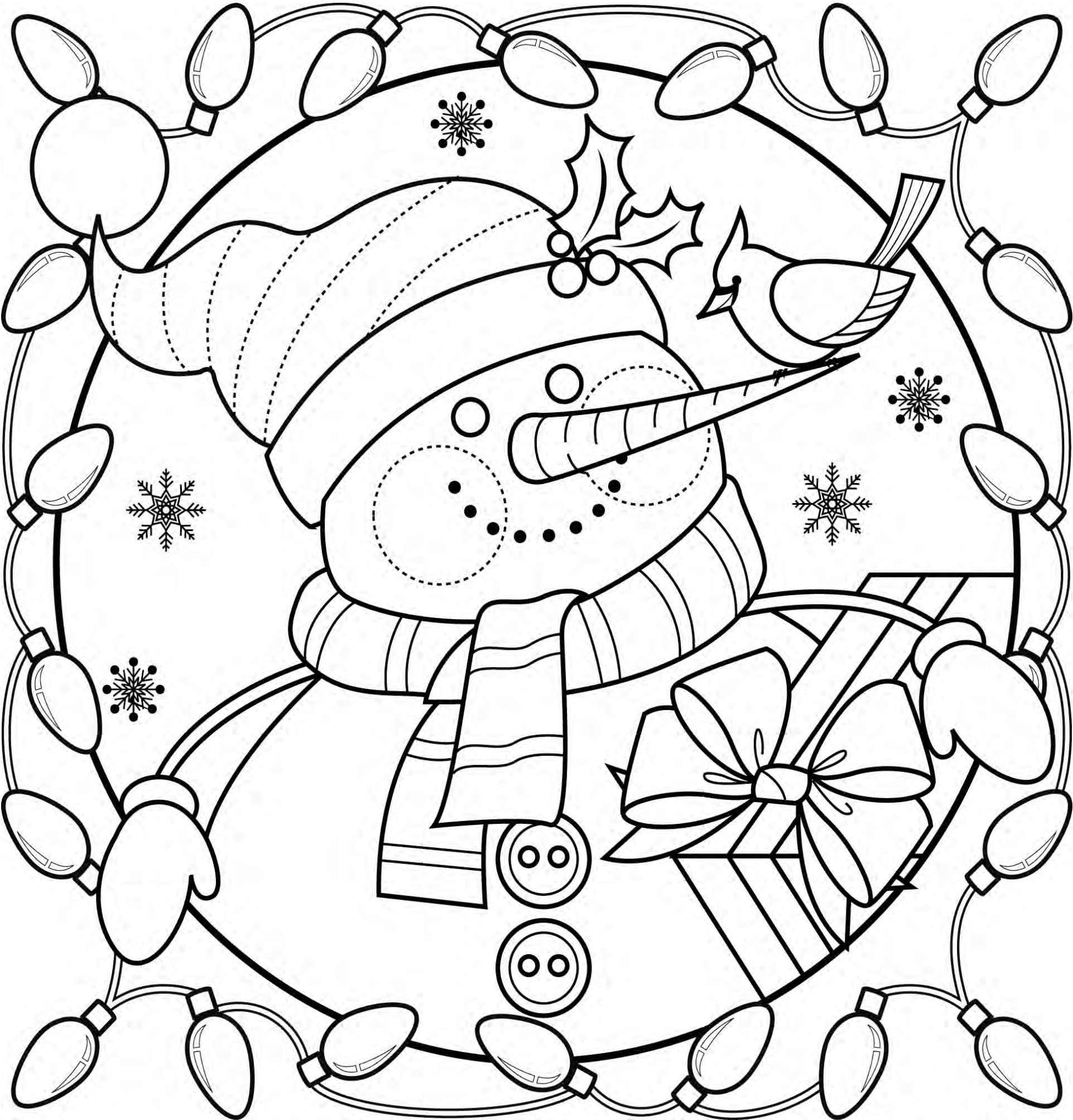
Christmas Coloring Contest

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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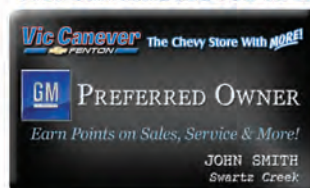
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Judson

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, Jeffery 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.

News briefs

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?

Compiled by Marissa Parks, Intern



"A nine-piece living room collection. A lot of couples come in and are buying it for themselves for Christmas."

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Buying for that 'hard to buy for' person

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

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

photo dog tags

My wife told me on our first Christmas together...
"any gift under the tree with a plug attached had better not be for me."
— Foster —

BB gun

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hand warmer

The oddest Christmas gifts, ever

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282



The MetroShip Luxury Houseboat sells for around \$250,000.

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

See ODDDEST on 6B

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

MetroShip Luxury Houseboat.....	\$250,000
Handmade Ukulele.....	\$6,000
Avion Tequila Party for 75 guests.....	\$125,000
2011 Chevrolet Camaro.....	\$75,000
Tory Burch-style Workman Tricycle.....	\$4,500
Edible Life-Sized Gingerbread Home.....	\$15,000
Trip for Two to Marfa, TX.....	\$9,500
Charm Bracelet.....	\$248,000
Leica Digital Camera.....	\$17,500
Dale Chihuly Swimming Pool Floor.....	\$1.5 million

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Volunteers carry on Stockham's Community Wrap-In

By Sharon Stone

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Supporters of the late Nancy Stockham are working feverishly to carry on the tradition of her annual Community Wrap-In, to share a little Christmas joy with area residents who are facing hardships.

In Stockham's honor, 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.

Jan Miller of Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church is attempting to collect needed items and monetary donations to put gift baskets together for the needy.

This year's organizers are concerned that the need remains great with so many families struggling without jobs. They are hopeful that everyone in the community will pull together and do their part to help those less fortunate.

Those interested in helping at the wrap-in can just show up on that day. Miller is hoping to help as many families as they can this year, based on the amount of donations received. She also hopes to help some residents living in local nursing homes, who she has been told do not have much money.

As monetary donations come in, Miller has volunteers who shop for the older men and woman. Buying clothing items for the teens is difficult and she suggests gift cards that can be used anywhere.

Miller has been praying that she can pull this event off for her good friend, Stockham. "I took care of Nancy for a long time and was with her when she passed. I've got big shoes to fill. She was such a wonderful woman."

Donations will be accepted at Linden Presbyterian Church, 119 West Broad St., Linden, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The church can be reached by calling (810) 735-5755.

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**
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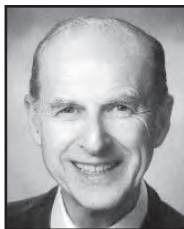


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Four wonderful words

There I was, sitting in a medical reception area awaiting my call into the office of a dermatologist.

I've sometimes been troubled by precancerous conditions that have required treatment or removal, so when an irritation developed around a dark spot hiding beneath my left sideburn, I made an appointment with my doctor to see what it was all about.

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 than 30 minutes later, I was on my way home, absent my dark sideburn 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.

No more. Life's too short to be imprisoned by imaginary fears.

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 haven't 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 take place? If you're not sure the worst will happen, don't waste your time worrying about it.

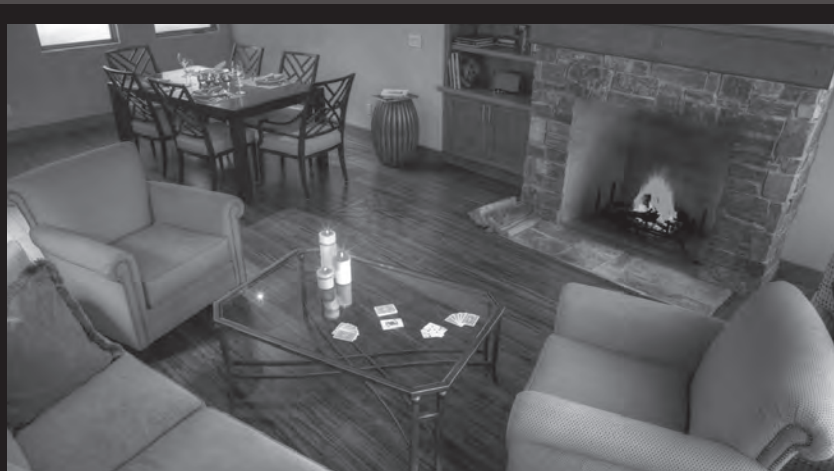
I start each day quoting a Bible prescription for overcoming worry and experiencing peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:6-8).

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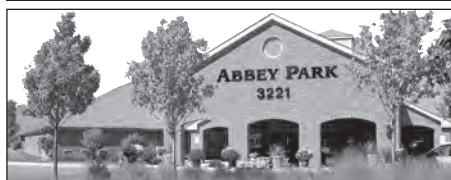
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Winter storms cost \$770 million in 2009, according to insurance industry data.

"Last year we saw just how dangerous and damaging winter weather can be," said Julie Rochman, 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 caulking also helps.

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

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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."

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items like jewelry and cowboy slippers.”

Even birdseed can be a practical, albeit unusual, Christmas gift, 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 everything” — 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 card or gift 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 Preen (garden weed-killer) and garden gloves from one of my employees,” said Carol 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 picture 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.

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Tractor Supply Company assistant manager Bonnie Martin sees many unusual gift purchases — from manure buckets to birdseed.

of year at Hicks Studio is the family 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 personalized gift.”

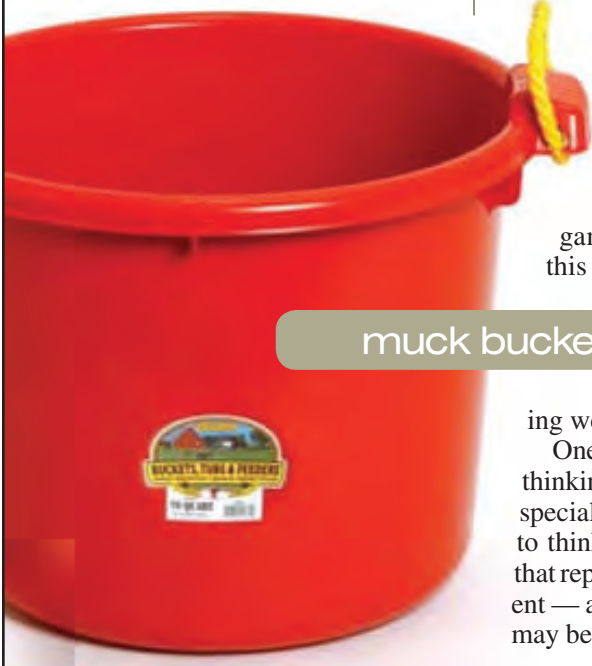
If you’ve got a hunter or sportsman at your house and don’t know what to buy him or her for Christmas this year, a personalized Zippos hand warmer from Sawyer Jewelers would be an unusual, yet personal gift. “People really appreciate the permanence and practicality of a gift like this,” said Chip Belinck, owner.

At Tri-City Trading Post in Fenton, Zippos lighters, including vintage 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 already 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 selling 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 recipient — as you know which “list” you may be on after Christmas morning.



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Cathaleen Marguerite Sortman

1918-2010

Cathaleen Marguerite Sortman - age 92, of Ducktown, TN, formerly of Fenton, died Thursday, October 14, 2010. Cathaleen was born July 5, 1918 in Flint. Raised and lived in Michigan as a homemaker and mother with a 2nd career of 15 years with Hamady Brothers, from where she retired and moved to Florida in 1981. She loved cooking, dancing, church activities, reading, sewing and crocheting. Surviving are: sons, Louis, Edward, Hanks, George, Michael, Hanks; daughter, Mary Ann, Macy, Carawan (John); 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were parents Hazel Gittens Herfurth and Edward Gustov Herfurth, husband Louis Vincent Hanks, husband Paul Sortman, sister Thelma Rill, and brother Edward Herfurth. Cathaleen's funeral was held November 7, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church in McCaysville, GA.

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1921-2010

Paul Kushiner - age 89, of Linden, died December 1, 2010 at Caretel Inn, Linden.



Funeral Services will be 11 AM Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Sharp.

Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, Pastor Joshua Gates officiating. Interment in Highland Cemetery. Visitation was held 2-8 PM Friday. Those desiring may make contributions to the First Baptist Church of Fenton. Mr. Kushiner was born June 7, 1921 in Hamtramck the son of Philip and Katherine Kushiner. He married Margaret McNie on January 31, 1942. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in WWII. Mr. Kushiner retired from Ford Motor Company. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fenton. Surviving are: wife of 68 years Margaret; sons, Paul, Glenn, Kushiner and wife Dawn, James Mark, Kushiner and wife Pat, Donald, Paul, Kushiner and wife Judy, Thomas Gordon, Kushiner; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; four siblings; daughters, Nancy, Sandy, and Janice. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



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Geraldine R. Hard

1922-2010

Geraldine R. Hard - of Fenton, born April 20, 1922 in Wyandotte, OK, to Ora and



George Harmon and passed on November 30, 2010. Sister to Betty.

Lou Small of Fenton and Claude A. Harmon of Flint deceased in WWII. Geri retired from the Fenton Area Schools Superintendents office in 1976 after 20 years to travel with her husband. Robert Geri was active in both the summer and winter Special Olympics and many other volunteer groups. She and Bob were volunteer superstars. She was preceded by her loving husband of 67 years, Bob and is mourned by her son David of Maricopa, AZ, daughters Janice Cook of Fife Lake, MI and Victoria Hard of New Port Richey, FL, beloved grandmother of 10, great-grandmother of 18 and great-great-grandmother of 1. Geri and Bob traveled extensively to Europe, Africa, Asia, and Central America, Australia and most of North America and Mexico often taking grandchildren with them. Visitation will be at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, from 2-4 and 6-8 PM on Tuesday, December 7, 2010. Funeral Services will be 11 AM Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Special Olympics area 13, Munson Health Care Hospice of Traverse City, MI or any hospice. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Robert Heiser,

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Carol Eichhorn,

Carol Eichhorn - age 71, died December 1, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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Katherine Perry - age 101, died November 29, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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Donald Roy Hennagir

1921-2010

Donald Roy Hennagir - age 89, of Linden, died



Friday, November 26, 2010 at Brian's House. Funeral services were

held 11 AM Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Linden United Methodist Church, 201 S. Bridge St., Linden. Pastor Margo Kivisto officiated. Burial followed in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was held 1-4 and 6-8 PM Tuesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden and also was held from 10 AM until the time of service Wednesday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to Linden United Methodist Church. Donald was born April 18, 1921 in Oakville, CA the son of Clarence D. and Lena Mae (Klieser) Hennagir and was a 1941 graduate of Beecher High School. He served in the U.S. Army 89th Division, Military Police in Germany during WWII. He was married to Marylee Helms on April 23, 1943 in Colorado Springs, CO. Mr. Hennagir retired from General Motors in 1977 with over 30 years of service. He was a member of UAW Local #569, Linden United Methodist Church, Loose Senior Center and the American Legion. Surviving are: wife, Marylee; daughters, Donna and husband Ronald, Baumbach, Judith and husband George, Haggerty all of Linden; five grandchildren, Linnea (K.C.) Truby, Christopher Baumbach, Todd (Marcy) Haggerty, Lea (Darrell) Collins, Shane (Katie) Haggerty; eight great-grandchildren, Derek, Daniel, Dylan, Kory, Ryan, Lilly, Colton and Logan; brother, Larrie (Janith) Hennagir; sisters-in-law, Verna Hennagir and Muriel Helms. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Bondie and Garrie; sister, Devota. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



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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 veterinarian 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 pawscorner.com online! Send your pet questions to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. 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 fasten a bracelet. 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 fasten. It's much easier when you don't have someone to hold it."

• **"If you wear glasses** and

are coloring your hair, wrap the earpiece in aluminum foil or plastic wrap before you start. Then you can wear your glasses safely without worrying about the dye transferring to your glasses and coloring them." — R.U., in Alabama

• **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 squirt bottle. You can spell 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

• **It was 20th-century**

British author and Anglican priest William Ralph Inge, who made the following sage observation: "Events in the past may be roughly divided into those which probably never happened and those which do not matter."

• **Consider your age,**

then consider the following tidbit: In the 1700s, the average human lifespan was about 30 years. Sobering thought, isn't it?

• **According to a survey** conducted by the

Pew Research Center, the home appliances Americans consider to be the most essential are clothes washers and dryers, followed by air conditioners. Obviously, the majority of the survey's respondents weren't residents of Florida or Texas.

• **Historians report that**

Napoleon Bonaparte, when he wasn't busy conquering, enjoyed ice skating.

• **If you're frightened of bugs**, you might not want to know the following tidbit: There are 10 quintillion insects alive on the planet.

• **A study published in 2008** showed that the

price of a pain medication had an effect on its efficacy. In the study, people were given placebo pills, some at the regular price and some at a discounted price. Those who paid full price for the medication reported more relief than those who paid less.

• **Half of all cookies**

baked in the United States are of the chocolate-chip variety.

• **If you're planning to be**

in the San Francisco area in June, you might want to plan a stop in the nearby town of Petaluma for the Sonoma-Marin Fair. This is where the competition to determine the world's ugliest dog is held every year. In addition to earning bragging rights, the owner of the winning pooch is awarded a prize of \$1,000.

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Look Who's Talking

By Marissa Parks,
Tri-County Times Intern

TAYLOR CLARK

18-year-old senior at
HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL

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 sport is: I don't play any sports, but I am a spectator. I watch baseball, hockey, and the Detroit Lions. I keep up with State for college football.

My favorite winter activity is: hibernation, nothing. I don't like winter and I hate the cold. I will just sit on one spot and let everyone come to me. I'm not going anywhere.

I am involved in school activities such as: really, it's only drama. I get to school at 7 a.m. in the morning



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.

The advice I have for younger students is: Freshmen, be respectful. Seriously, maturity is the way to go.

My favorite book is: the series, 'Maximum Ride,' by James Patterson. It's a science fiction series, about kids with wings and stuff. It's just a really good book series.

I want to be remembered as: I'm a princess; I will let people get me things if they're willing to.

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 classes to graduate, then going to college for massage 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.

student body

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"In 10 years, I'll be in Michigan, with a family, working as a pediatrician."

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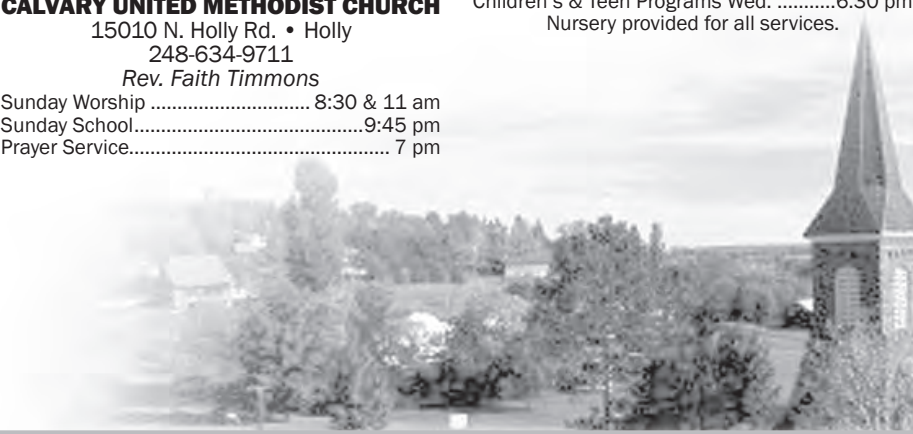
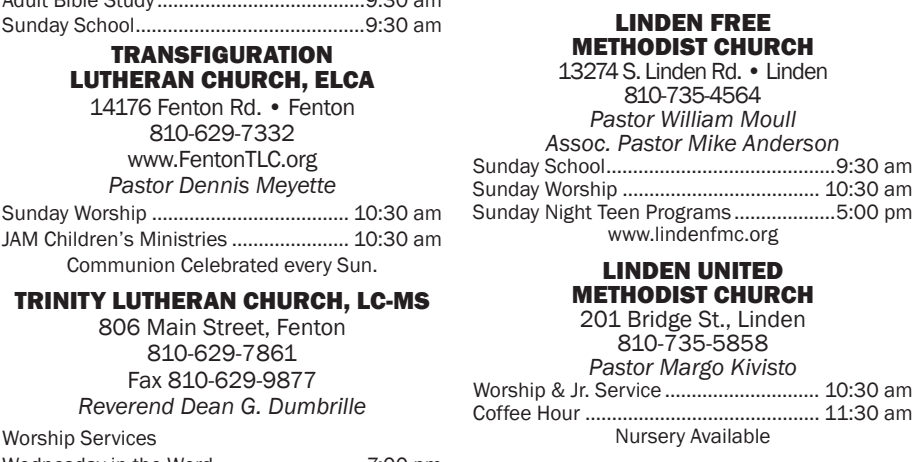
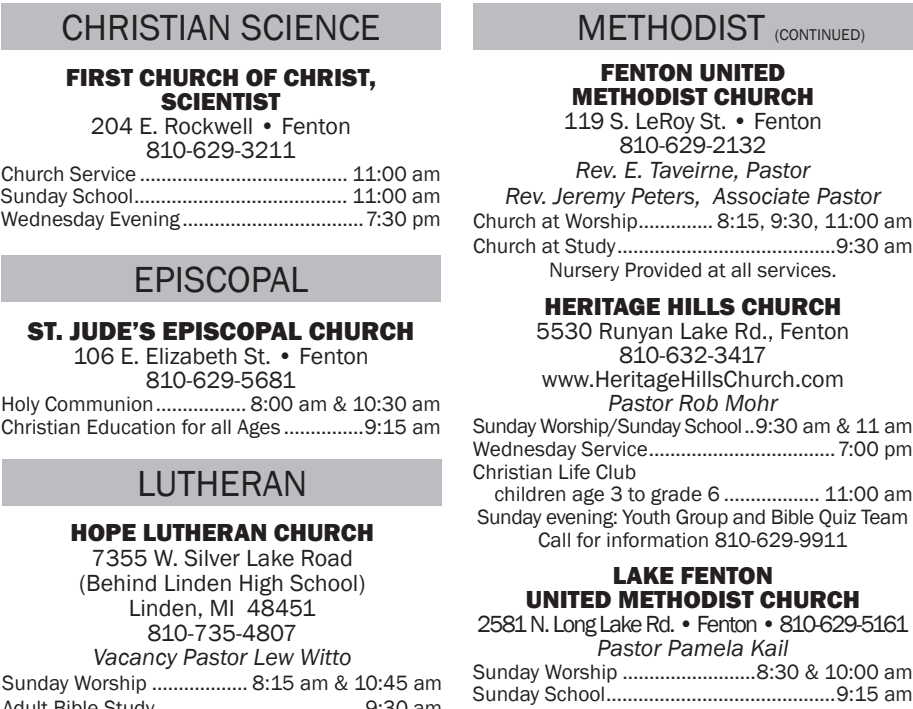
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Fenton's
Tyler DeLong

Fenton hockey opens Metro season with 8-0 win vs. East

By David Troppens
dtroppens@tctimes.com

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 Ben 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 Krusniak 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

SPORTS TRIVIA

Q Lake Fenton has had two two-time individual wrestling state champions in school history. Name them.

A Vance Corcoran won state titles in 1987 and 1988 for the Blue Devils, while Ryan Ruddy won back-to-back titles in 1996 and 1997.

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Fenton girls basketball opens with win vs. Utica

By Al Zipsie

dtroppens@tctimes.com

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 Jailen Judson stepped up with her first bucket of the game on a jumper. Fenton led 35-33 lead 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 all 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, Gabrielle 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 Gabrielle (Rivette), but our seniors' strength is we are not just a 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.

Maday 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.



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Fenton's Samantha Granger (left) works the ball inside the paint during the Tigers' 39-33 season-opening victory against the Utica Chieftains on Wednesday.

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.

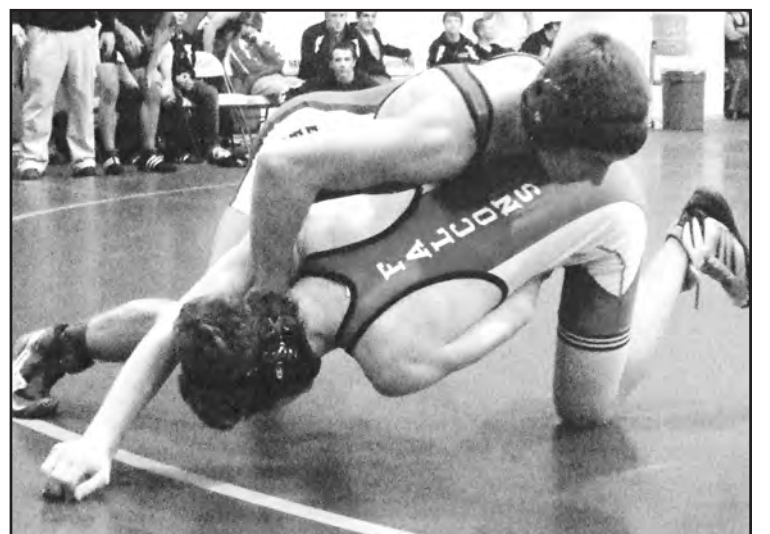
"Some people have said we have not beat anybody yet," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "It was a great start to the season, and we did it with three (transfers) missing from our lineup, who will be eligible in January.

"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 guys. 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 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 on a travel team, based out of Lake Fenton that won a national championship.

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Lake Fenton's Zach Corcoran (top) works on taking down one of his opponents Thursday. The Blue Devils defeated Rochester and Davison in a double-dual.

did you know?

Lake Fenton's most recent individual wrestling state champion was Troy Smith in 2007.

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 Holly 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-all.

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, Allyssa Copley converted on one-of-two free throws, giving the Bronchos a three-point lead. Milford had a

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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 michigangrappler.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 Piwowarski (215).

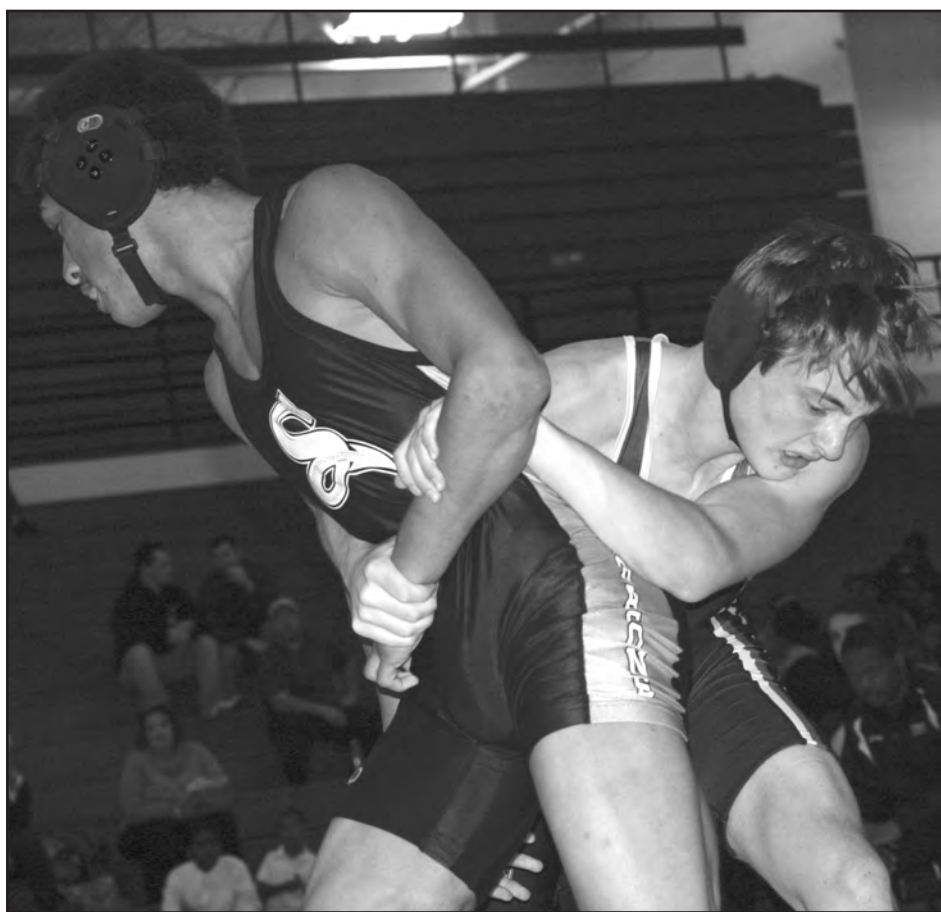
Mason Cleaver and Tyler Gibson each had a win at 119 pounds, while Lance Mills earned a win at heavyweight.

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.



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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), Shane 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.

What's On Television?

SATURDAY

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

(ABC).....Rutgers at West Virginia.....Noon
(ESPN2)....USA Conference championship.....Noon
(ESPN).....Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.....Noon
(ABC).....Oregon at Oregon State.....3:30 pm
(CBS).....Auburn vs. South Carolina.....4 pm
(VS).....Washington at Washington State.....7 pm
(ESPN).....Florida State vs. Virginia Tech.....7:45 pm
(ABC).....Nebraska vs. Oklahoma.....8 pm
(ESPN2)....U-Conn at South Florida.....8 pm

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

(FSD).....Wright State at Detroit Mercy.....Noon
(CBS).....Kentucky at North Carolina.....12:30 pm
(B10).....Harvard at Michigan.....1 pm
(FSD).....California at Iowa State.....2 pm

SATURDAY

(ESPN).....Butler vs. Duke.....3:30 pm
(ESPN2)....Alabama at Purdue.....3:30 pm
(FSD).....Texas Tech at Washington.....4 pm
(ESPN).....Illinois at Gonzaga.....5:15 pm
(ESPN2)....North Carolina State at Syracuse.....5:30 pm
GOLF
(NBC).....Chevron World Challenge.....3 pm
(GOLF).....LPGA Tour Championship.....7:30 pm
HOCKEY
(FSD).....Ferris State at Michigan State.....7 pm
(FSD).....Detroit at Los Angeles.....10:30 pm

SUNDAY

NBA BASKETBALL

(FSD).....Cleveland at Detroit.....6 pm

NFL FOOTBALL

(FOX).....Detroit at Chicago.....1 pm
(FOX).....Dallas At Indianapolis.....4:15 pm
(CBS).....Oakland at San Diego.....4:15 pm
(NBC).....Pittsburgh at Baltimore.....8:30 pm

GOLF

(NBC).....Chevron World Challenge.....3 pm
(GOLF).....LPGA Tour Championship.....7:30 pm

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

(B10).....Women's: Texas at Michigan State...4 pm
(FSD).....Maryland vs. Temple.....9 pm
(B10).....Bowling Green at Michigan State....10 pm
(FSD).....Texas at Southern California.....10:30 pm



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Linden's Sabrina Kinney (left) looks toward the basket in the Eagles' 47-24 loss to Reese on Tuesday.

Linden basketball starts strong, drops non-league game vs. Reese

By Al Zipsie

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Linden — Reese spoiled the season opener for the Eagles girls basketball team with a 47-24 non-league win Tuesday.

It was the debut for Linden head coach Ben Varner, who came from Bendle to replace Becki Moore. Varner has several players back from last season's team that won a Class B District championship. However, they did lose two players. Madison Nosek transferred to Lake Fenton and Mary-Kathryn Fiebertz is concentrating on the upcoming soccer season. Linden started four juniors — Sabrina Kinney, Megan Harp, Jordan Sargent, Brodie Thomas — and sophomore Maija Satkowiak. So far, the team's biggest problem has been scoring.

"We have been having trouble scoring in scrimmages. 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 seven points each. Satkowiak added eight rebounds as well. Harp 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. Harp 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

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David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.



WHAT IS PROGRESS?

Sometimes in this incredibly high-tech world where nothing seems to stay the same for much longer than two weeks, it's amazing how some things never change.

Look at the Detroit Lions.

Yes, the season has gone beyond Thanksgiving, and once again the Lions have presented their fans with little to cheer for during another season, just as they have done the nine before this one.

Certainly, there were reasons why the Lions are now 2-9. They have had QB injuries, had strange calls made against them on apparent touchdowns, had their longtime placekicker get hurt and had their two expected top running backs get hurt or play hurt throughout the season.

However, as it stands, regardless of the reasons, the Lions remain solidified as one of the laughingstocks of the NFL at 2-9.

One train of thought I hear a lot about this season is this one — "but, hey, they've shown progress." In some respects that is true. For a period this season, the offense was ranked as one of the best in the NFC. And now for the first time in a long time, the defense actually has a strength. The defensive line has put pressure on opposing QBs, making the secondary perform better than expected. And when he's played, Matt Stafford has been reasonably impressive at QB.

However, there's one issue I have with that thought process. Shouldn't progress result in more wins as well? Most people expected about five to six wins this season. That wasn't an unrealistic expectation. After all, teams jump from the pits of despair to 7-9 or even playoff records in one season on a routine basis in the NFL. In fact, look at the St. Louis Rams. Entering this season, the Lions had won just one less game than the Rams over the last two seasons (2 vs. 3), and the Lions actually held a better point differential between the two teams by 13 points over that period. Despite the Lions' 0-16 record two seasons ago, the Rams measure quite well with the Lions entering this year. However, while the Lions remain floundering at 2-9 and bickering among themselves in the locker room, the Rams are now a modestly reasonable team at 5-6, actually leading their division.

Asking an organization in its second year of rebuilding to win just five or six games, isn't asking much. In fact, it's what should be expected. And yet, the Lions appear on pace to fail on accomplishing that task pretty miserably this season.

As I mentioned, I do see areas that the team has improved beyond the record. But eventually, it has to be reflected in the standings, otherwise a team with the losing credentials the Lions have will find it a tougher road to travel a year later. What have the Lions accomplished this year? So far they've increased their road losing streak to 26 games, and have yet to win a division game, a streak that is at 18 games entering Sunday's game against Chicago. They've managed to lose six of their games by a combined 15 points, failed to beat a quality team they led by 10 points late in the fourth quarter at home, failed to beat a team that was 0-8 entering that contest and failed to lose again on what used to be a day of pride for Lions fans — Thanksgiving.

Looking at it that way, there's been little to be thankful for this year. Is that progress? In one respect, it is — in futility.

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Linden's Megan Harp (left) tries to defend a Reese player during the Eagles' loss to Reese on Tuesday night.

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end and then scored on a breakaway lay-up on the other end as Linden trailed 13-11. Sarah Spiekerman, 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.

Satkowiak 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 outscoring Linden 24-8 in the second half. Linden had only one hoop, coming from Kinney, in the final quarter.

BRONCHOS

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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 Broncos 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

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 Lapeer West.

best player (Lindsey Bandyck). 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 (189).

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'Guinn (145) lost a thriller 3-2 in four overtimes, but Justin Melick (152) had a fall win, followed by a Connor Brancheau (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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