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OT LINES: OBAMA **44 I would like** to suggest that everyone reading this take the time to listen to NPR if



papers and the talking heads on TV. NPR will explain to you why President Obama is actually the best thing that ever happened to our country. They support the OWS movement, and even interviewed several of these patriots to get their side of the story."

#### HOT LINE: FENTON **44**I recently moved

here and enjoy the Times and the Hot lines immensely. I just want to say that Fenton is a jewel of a community. Nearly everyone I meet is friendly, helpful and polite. It reminds me of the small, genteel town I grew up down South where everyone looked out for everyone else. Thank you, Fenton, for all your wonderful attributes



### Home for the Holidays **Check out this** special section filled with articles and advertisements

related to the holiday season

### HOT LINE **OF THE WEEK**

### **66**BUYING

AMERICAN-MADE goods and services is an act of patriotism. Canadians understand this, why can't we? When you spend money that stays in your own economy, you create jobs here and everyone prospers. It's the same principle that the chamber of commerce and Rotarians preach. Be a patriot. 99





### **Charges dismissed against principal and husband**

Couple off the hook for party where underage drinking occurred

### **By Sharon Stone**

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Argentine Twp. — Charges against an Argentine Township couple, who

were ticketed for hosting a party in June at their home where underage drinking occurred,

were dismissed this week. Tracey Sahouri, who was principal at Creekside Elementary School in the Hartland school district



Tracey Sahouri

Argentine Township police responded to the couple's home on Rolston Road at 12:37 a.m. on Sunday, June 10 after receiving a 911 call from them say-

ing that there was an unresponsive teenage See DISMISSED on 24A

and her husband, Raed Sahouri, pleaded

not guilty after being charged with the

30-day misdemeanor count. Pending

the case, Tracey was reassigned to an-

their trial was set to begin on Thursday

in Genesee County District Court.

Had the case not been dismissed,

other school within the district.

### Sheriff seizes \$115,000 worth of marijuana



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

On Thursday afternoon, deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Department raided a home on North Fenton Road in Fenton Township, south of North Long Lake Road. Removed from the home were several large bags of marijuana plants. See story on Page 7A.

### Local bell ringer's kettle is always full

Generous Fenton givers big part of Salvation Army's \$840,000 goal

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SHARON STONE

Jim Brayak, a water treatment plant oper-

ator, walks upstairs to check on the mas-

sive water tanks at Fenton's water plant.

Fenton might search

Better water would require

Fenton — Workers most familiar

See WATER on 10A

with the city's water treatment plant

are proposing that Fenton City Council allow them to pursue the idea of searching for better quality municipal water for residents. This idea was prompted by city council's' continued concerns

Schools to amend policies to meet anti-bullying law

Governor signs 'Matt's

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**By Sharon Stone** 

Safe School Law' Tuesday

Michigan has become the 48th state to

require schools to develop and enforce

policies to protect students from harass-

ment, intimidation and physical violence

under anti-bullying legislation signed by

See ANTI-BULLYING on 8A

Gov. Rick Snyder on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

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fewer costly chemicals

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about the quality of water.

water source

**By Sharon Stone** 

### By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 On Wednesday, below freezing temperatures prompt customers to enter the doors of VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway a little faster. But it didn't stop Salvation Summary Salvation Army Army Bell Ringer Frankie bell ringers make Walworth, of Flint, from a difference by smiling warmly and greetgreeting and talking to people, being ing every customer, while gently ringing the small kind, and ringing brass bell at her side. their bell.

"It makes me feel good, that I'm doing my job right," said the 11-year, bellringer veteran, who will spend six hours greeting people and smiling that day. She said she prefers to work in Fenton.

Walworth is one of 60 bell ringers deployed throughout Genesee County, from Nov. 11 to Dec. 24, with 10 bell ringers in Fenton alone.

> Salvation Army of Flint Development Director Connie Peters said the goal for 2011 is \$840,500. A large portion of the giving comes from Fenton, and at the moment, bell ringers See BELL RINGER on 22A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Salvation Army Bell Ringer Frankie Walworth works in front of VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway in Fenton Wednesday morning. She fills the kettle most days. "Every penny is a thought. It all helps," she said.





# **FEATURES**AND**NEWS**

### SMART SOLUTIONS



### New lightbulbs

Rub a dime-sized dab of petroleum jelly over a new lightbulb's metal threads before twisting it into an outdoor fixture. The oil in the jelly forms a waterproof barrier that keeps the elements out and prevents rust from forming and metal from expanding (meaning the bulb won't be stuck when it comes time to change it again).



Instead of throwing away a vacuum bag once it's full, hang on to it! Most bags are durable enough to be reused three or four times. Simply clip off the top of the full bag, dump out the debris, fold the top edge over once, then staple it closed.

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Show the women in your life how much they are loved with a gift from the heart.

### 'It better not come with an electric cord'

for women

&

what

NOT to

buy

See Page 14A

### By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 cause For as far back as anyone can remember, women have been the caregivers, nurturers, meal planners, organizers and decorators of the family household. Typically, they put the rest of the family's needs before theirs and **Gift ideas** 

they are happy to be in that position. When it comes to their birthday and Christmas every year, oftentimes they

every year, oftentimes they say they don't need anything and it can be difficult to think of a gift that expresses just how much they are loved.

Although they had good intentions, men have gone down that lonely road after they gifted the love of their life with a new blender or vacuum, because they believed a shiny, high-tech appliance would have been more welcome than a sparkly piece of jewelry or a day at the spa.

for Christmas

On Wednesday, the Times published an article about what men want,

> and don't want for Christmas. Now, it's the women's turn to reveal their wishes. Aside from any homemade gift from their children, some local women open up about what is on their Christmas wish list.

Beth Redmond, Fenton Township assessor said, "The girls at Fenton Township are very practical.

"They do not want Christmas decorations or appliances.

See WOMEN on 14A

# To tip or not to tip

Remember to show your appreciation this holiday season

### **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 When you've crossed the last person off your gift-buying list, don't

Summary When you're

done buying gifts for family and friends, don't forget your year-long service providers with a special tip of gratitude during the holidays. put your wallet away just yet. You still have some money to spend by offering holiday tips to people who provide services for you all year long.

Kipplinger Personal Finance suggests 10 different people who may provide services in your life — from your hair stylist to your garbage See APPRECIATION on 7A



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### Random royal thoughts

**By Foster Childs** 

If I Were

Quit worrying about the people who believe they are proudly parading their

agnosticism when they say 'happy holidays.' Truth be told, holiday is actually a contracted term for Holy Day. So, in effect, they are blissfully unaware hypocrites.

■ If Superman has X-ray vision and can see through anything, wouldn't he see through everything and thus, actually see nothing? ■ I agree with James

Madison who, in 1794, stated 'charity is not part of the legislative duty of the government.'

• Why would a sore thumb stick out in the first place?



RUDOLF THE BULLIED reindeer, seriously? I see some professor rewrote the story because Rudolf was bullied by other reindeer and Santa. How tragic. Seems Rudolf turned out just fine in the end.

ANOTHER FINE CONCERT performed by the Fenton High School Jazz Orchestra and the Fenton Community Orchestra on Tuesday evening. What a treat.

#### 

ITHINK IT would have been money better spent if the DDA would have sprung for some Christmas decorations and lights for the downtown area. Be closer?

FOSTER CHILDS HIT the nail on the head in his 'Time to take off the gloves' article. I believe his thoughts are what the majority of us are also thinking and questioning.

LINDEN HOLIDAY HAPPENING, HELLO? Pastries, hot cocoa after the parade? I guess I'll go to Fenton festivities. I'm worried about our adorable little town's reputation.

Compiled by Angel Rynearson, Intern

Politicians demand high tax rates on 'the rich' to win votes — and

> then get financial support from 'the rich' to create loopholes that enable 'the rich' to avoid paying those same taxes.

■ So Lady Gaga is now counseling the president of the United States on the issue of bullying? Are you sh!++!ng me? Was Amy Winehouse not available? Oops...never mind. How much lower into the

whacko cesspool can the office of the presidency sink?

**Good bumper sticker:** A drunken man's words are a sober man's thoughts. **Received several e-mails** informing me

DO NOT BUY the Obama Administration head's fake 8.6 percent unemployment rate. This is the U3 unemployment rate. The U6 unemployment rate includes all unemployed and under employed and tells the truth. November 2012 is our chance to right this wrong. Vote him out.

FENTON POLICE, PLEASE get a patrol car out in front of North Road Elementary School at dismissal time. Someone is going to be killed.

#### 

TO THE PERSON who wrote to the unionhating guy, when will you come to the realization that unions do not save or create



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BS. The retailer is actually 'capturing' your data and profiling you and your lifestyle. If you let them scan your license, you are a spineless fool. You are the customer. Take your business elsewhere. If we stand up together, we can put a stop to this brazen invasion of privacy. Are you listening Bulls eye? Frankly, I'd rather have a pair of bulletproof pants.

■ Why do we say "bye bye" but not "hi hi?"

• How stupid is it for Republicans to hold public 'debates' where they trash each other and provide fodder for upcoming Democratic commercials that will show whatever candidate they choose being trashed by his own party members?

• Wouldn't it be impossible to decide that you're indecisive?

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word, consistency? Perhaps it is you that needs to be replaced. Maybe it is the newest educational theory revolving teachers. Well, how about revolving principals?

WINTER IS HERE, again. A driver's visibility is seriously impaired by frost, snow, and ice on their car. Please plan for a few extra minutes each morning to let your car defrost, and actually scrape all of the windows. The life you save could be your own.

### ITHINK FOSTER Childs should be the replacement for Dianne North on

the city council, because his Dec. 4 column was perfect. Out of everyone I've talked to, it was the same subjects all the way through, and it was brilliant.

MY CHILD ATTENDS Linden High School where the music and band program is supposed to be so excellent. If so, why doesn't the high school band director allow more children, students into the band program, especially the jazz band.

OBAMA IS A decent man, a devoted husband and father, a good listener, a light debater, and a gentleman. He does not get personal with opponents and never resorts to name-calling. He never questions anyone's birth, religion, or race. His opponents have nothing on him or his agenda and nothing to offer.

REPUBLICANS ARE THE party of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich. They refuse to let the tax giveaway to the wealthy expire, even though they stipulated a 10-year expiration. They favor zero inheritance tax on millionaires' estates and lower rates for capitol game tax and personal income tax. Think about it.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

### streettalk What is your favorite family recipe served during the holidays?



"Spinach dip made with sour cream, spinach, water chestnuts, and vegetable soup."





meat and rice in them and bake them in tomato juice."





"I make artichoke dip with spinach, artichoke, cream cheese, garlic, and mayonnaise."





"Hillbilly beans, it's pork and beans with brown sugar, onions, carrots, and hamburger." — Bev Ritchey Fenton



"I make rock candy. I boil sugar and flavoring on the stove and pour it on powdered sugar. Then, cut it with scissors." — Barb Burrell, Fenton





**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** 

that 'Be Closer' makes you 'think.' As any first year marketing student could tell you, the defining and fundamental characteristic of any successful tagline is that it must be instantly understandable. This isn't something debatable, it is industry standards. 'Be Closer' is befuddling and ambiguous. We are spending a lot of money to perplex people. That's a senseless waste of our money.

■ Have you ever noticed that British people never sound British when they sing?

■ The day Obama took office there were under 31 million Americans receiving food stamps. Today, less than three years later, that number is over 46 million.

■ Sharpening a pencil with a knife makes men feel really manly.

Demanding to scan your driver's license to prove your age is complete

jobs? Well-run competitive companies do. Unions may force job retention short term. But if companies cannot stay competitive, they just close. Total job loss.

### 

I LAUGH AT the person who called college students 'easily brainwashed idiots and stupid.' I hope you realize that college students are the future. Also, thank you for giving me a chance to prove how wrong you are. That will be your karma.

WHAT ARE YOU doing to our school? different social studies teachers in less than one year. Do you understand the

Four different science teachers and three It's time to have your furnace **UP &** 

### Holly couple charged with pot-growing operation

► More than 50 firearms confiscated from home

### **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Holly — A Holly couple was arraigned

on Dec. 8 in Oakland County's 52-2 District Court stemming from a search warrant that Holly police conducted at their home on Oct. 1.

David Coleman, 52, was charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a felon and one count of felony firearms. Candace Taylor-Coleman, 45, was charged with manufacturing marijuana. During the execu-

tion of the search warrant in October, Holly police seized



David Coleman



Candace Taylor-Coleman

### News briefs

#### City Council packets to go online

Fenton City Council members unanimously agreed to post its council packets on the city's website. Aside from sensitive or confidential material that would be discussed in closed sessions, information on meeting agenda items will be available for residents to view online.

### Hearing date set for unsafe building

Because of the unsafe condition of the Waterworks Building at Waterworks Park on Saginaw Street across from the Mill Pond in Holly, the Holly Village Council has set a date for a public hearing to discuss tearing it down. Council president Jeff Miller said preserving the apparatus, which includes a waterwheel under the building, was a possibility. The date for the hearing is Tuesday, Jan 10 in the council chambers.

### Guidelines adopted for archery in residential areas

Following complaints from residents concerning archery in residential areas, the Holly Village Council has adopted through unanimous vote, archery guidelines for the village of Holly. The guidelines restrict archery inside the village of Holly. Someone wishing to shoot in their backyard must conform to the guidelines that fit the definition of an "approved range," or shoot at ranges provided by Holly Parks and Recre-



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I SUBMITTED PHOTO Pictured here are the firearms that were removed from the couple's home in October.

numerous weapons, ammunition, marijuana plants and money from their home on Grange Hall Road.

David Coleman was released on \$10,000 personal bond and Candace Taylor-Coleman was released on \$5,000 personal bond.

ation at Sorensen Park. The guidelines will be available on the Holly Village website, and on hard copies at the village offices.

### 'Chasing the Dragon' set for Wednesday

Parents of Torrey Hill Intermediate School students and ninth-graders are invited to attend a presentation of "Chasing the Dragon," at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Lake Fenton High School auditorium. Sixth-graders and their parents are also invited if the parents request that their child attend. Chasing the Dragon is a presentation for students to make them aware of the dangers of using drugs with an emphasis on the increasing number of deaths by heroin use. If any parent wishes that their son or daughter not attend, they are advised to call attendance clerk, Terry Zalewski at (810) 591-2266 or e-mail her at tzalewski@lakefentonschools.org to request an alternative instruction. Principal Dan Ferguson sent a letter to parents explaining the program.

#### Holly Village attorney to attend quarterly council meetings

On Tuesday, the council voted unanimously to retain village attorney Richard Figura for one meeting per quarter, at the cost of \$2,000 annually, or \$500 per meeting. Figura normally attends council meetings upon request as a cost-saving measure. Village Manager Jerry Walker said quarterly meetings would help Figura keep abreast of issues in the village. They also discussed office hours before meetings, where Figura could be available for certain appointments.





No driveways will be added to our plowing list during a storm or 48 hours prior to a storm. No exceptions!

### **VISION THERAPY**

Resolve Vision Problems that Interfere with Your Child's Education Now is the perfect time to continue to enhance your child's

education. Does your child have difficulty reading or comprehending material? Has your child been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD? Fenton Vision Center offers a vision therapy program specifically designed to help resolve visual problems that interfere with reading, learning, and educational instruction. All vision therapy sessions are run on site at Fenton Vision Center Therapy Clinic. For more information regarding vision therapy, see our website at www.fentonvisioncenter.com or call us at 810-629-3070.

Vision Therapy has been extremely beneficial for our child. He has become self-sufficient in school and at home. Homework is more enjoyable and takes less time. He can focus and concentrate better, and is more productive. His grades have improved significantly, he strives for and is on the honor roll, and teachers have seen an incredible improvement in him as a student. Athan's reading scores have risen three grade levels in a little over a year's time. We have also seen great improvement in things such as math and other areas where tracking was a problem. Nathan also learned about some of his limitations and strategies to help him in school. He enjoyed going to vision therapy because Dr. Alvarado and his associates made everything so much fun! Everyone at Fenton Vision Center made us feel welcome each time we arrived for an appointment. They showed genuine care for Nathan and our entire family.











### Tip leads to discovery of 96 marijuana plants

**Summary** 

The Genesee

County Sheriff's

makes a major

drug bust at a

home on North

Fenton Road, in

Fenton Township.

Department

Sheriff's department seizes \$115,000 worth of pot

#### **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Fenton Twp. — A tip from a property

owner led to the discovery of an elaborate marijuana growing operation Thursday afternoon. More than 90 marijuana plants, valued at \$115,000 were confiscated and arrest warrants are pending.

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said a property owner contacted the sheriff's department with suspicions that a tenant renting a home they own at 12391 North Fenton Road was growing

marijuana.

Thursday afternoon, a sheriff's deputy responded to the home to investigate. Upon knocking on the front door, an individual opened the

door and spoke with the deputy. The tenant was not there, however, five of his friends were.

The people at the house provided their

### APPRECIATION

### **Continued from Page 3A**

collector - who would appreciate a holiday tip at the end of the year. However, every household needs to consider their own personal circumstances, the relationships they have with each individual, etc.

Lizzie Post, great-great-granddaughter of manner mayen Emily Post, suggests writing a personal thank you for individuals whom you want to thank, but can't afford to tip. That way, they'll know it's not their services, just your circumstances that are keeping you from presenting a tip.

For people you are tipping, it's better to hand the recipient a card or envelope, with the cash or check inside.

### Here are 10 people you may want to include on your holiday tip list:

#### **Babysitter**

Suggested tip: one to two nights' pay is about right for a baby sitter you've used frequently throughout the year or for last-minute emergencies. For a nanny or au pair, consider giving one-week's pay and a small gift from the child. A day-care provider might deserve \$25 to \$70, according to Kipplinger Personal Finance. **Cleaning person** 

Suggested tip: the cost of one visit is considered appropriate, if he or she visits weekly or biweekly, Increase the amount for someone who works more often. If you use a cleaning service that works as a team, a box of candy for the team is a thoughtful gesture.

#### Dog groomer/walker

Suggested tip: tip your regular dog walker up to a week's pay. Or you can substitute a gift for a cash tip, according to the Emily Post Institute. If you bring your pet to the same person year-round for grooming, you might consider tipping half the cost of a session or giving a gift. Hairstylist

Suggested tip: the normal cost of a visit would be a nice tip for a stylist you see regularly. If you don't require as much attention from your stylist or barber, you identification and gave the deputy permission to enter. As the deputy walked in, he detected a strong odor of marijuana and growing supplies in the living room. The deputy heard a humming sound coming from the basement and saw numerous extension cords. "There were

signs of a growing operation," said the sheriff.

As the deputy entered the basement, he discovered an elaborate marijuana growing operation. In all, 96 marijuana plants, which were ready to be harvested and sold, were recovered from the basement.

The sheriff said one marijuana plant typically yields one pound of marijuana and each pound sells anywhere

from \$1,000 to \$1,300, "There were signs of a depending on the quality. Estimating that each pound was valued at \$1,200, the sheriff said the marijuana seized was

> The five individuals at the house were taken into custody and arrest warrants are being sought on them, as well as the tenant.

may prefer to give about \$20 as a tip during your December visit.

#### **Letter carrier**

Suggested tip: The U.S. Postal Service forbids mail carriers from accepting cash, and says gifts must be under \$20 in value. A gift card or a basket of fruit, nuts or chocolates that could serve as an off-duty snack is acceptable. A letter to a carrier's supervisor praising a carrier who was undeterred by bad weather conditions or circumstances would also be a welcome gesture.

#### **Newspaper carrier**

Suggested tip: consider giving \$10 to \$30, unless you tip regularly throughout the year. Then, you can give a smaller gift of a few dollars.

#### Nursing home worker

Suggested tip: a personal gift such as homemade cookies or fudge is a good way to thank someone who has been exceptionally kind and attentive. Check the gift policy at the facility before taking in a tip or gift.

#### **Personal trainer**

Suggested tip: if you have an ongoing relationship with the professional and want to thank him or her for excellent service, a tip of \$50 or up to the cost of a session would be a nice thank-you around the holidays.

#### Teacher

Suggested tip: consider giving a small gift or gift card, accompanied by a note or drawing by your child. A note of appreciation is always appropriate.

#### **Trash Collectors**

Suggested tip: you should tip each of your trash or recycling collectors \$10 to \$30, according to Kipplinger Personal Finance. You can hand them the envelope directly when they make their rounds during the holiday season.

Joyce King, CPA, of Fenton, reminds people that monetary tips are considered taxable income, and are supposed to be reported to the IRS. However, year-end gifts of thanks, such as candy, flowers and other tokens of appreciation aren't considered tips, and don't need to be reported.



### **Purse stolen from vehicle**

Argentine Township police received a larceny from an automobile (LFA) complaint on Dec. 5. A 47-year-old Fenton woman parked her car in the 8300 block of Pine View Lake and left it running while she went in the home for a moment. When she returned to her vehicle, her purse, containing credit cards and personal ID was missing. Her daughter's backpack, containing schools book and cash was also missing. There are no suspects at this time.

#### Lahring Road break-in

The Argentine Township Police Department is investigating a breaking and entering, which occurred in the 7000 block of Lahring Road. The homeowner told police that on Tuesday, Nov. 29, when he returned from work at 3:15 p.m., he noticed several items missing, including a 40-inch Samsung TV, Xbox 360 and controllers, and a Dell laptop computer. No forced entry was observed, as the garage door and service door were unlocked. There are no suspects at this time.

### **Vandalism reported on Silver Cove**

On Sunday, Dec. 4, Argentine Township police responded to a home in the 7300 block of Silver Cove to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The 50-year-old resident reported that someone had just vandalized her Chevy Malibu. She suspected her neighbor's 15-year-old daughter. The officer observed salad dressing, broken eggshells and cottage cheese on the driveway. The officer contacted the neighbor, who said her daughter was at a school dance and came home afterward. The case remains under investigation.

#### Pick-up window shattered from gun

On Dec. 4, an Argentine Township police officer responded to the 7000 block of Lobdell Lake Road to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The homeowner said someone had shot his father's Ford F-150 with a BB gun, shattering the back window. The damage likely occurred between 3 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 1 p.m. on Dec. 4. The case remains under investigation.

#### Holly man arrested on warrant

On Dec. 3, Holly police were dispatched to the 3300 block of Herrington to investigate a possible domestic fight. After no response to knocking on the door, police entered the home through the front door, which was unlocked. Once inside, police saw the woman, who appeared to be in distress. The woman's 29-year-old husband was hiding in the basement. After interviewing the man and woman, police determined that they simply had a very heated verbal argument. A computer check of the man, however, revealed that he had a warrant for his arrest from Flint Township. He was transported to the police station for processing and released when bond was posted.

#### **Car scratched**

On Dec. 1, a 75-year-old Holly woman reported to Holly police that someone had damaged her vehicle by making scratch marks with a key. The woman told police she had no idea who might have caused the damage; however, she said it might have occurred while her car was parked in the back lot by the library on Nov. 30. The case remains under investigation.





growing operation." **Robert Pickell** worth about \$115,000.

Genesee County sheriff

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND** the war, by far, are the top drain on our national debt and economy. Interesting enough, 76 percent of the TEA Party people don't want Medicare touched in any way, I guess you want big government when it serves you and not anybody else.

#### 

I WAS VERY disappointed in the Tri-County Times for publishing such a toxic and venomous column by Thomas Sowell. Besides hate-filled, it was inaccurate and inarticulate. Shame on you.

#### 

I JUST TOOK a walk by Freedom Park and was so disappointed that the charming, full-of-character sign is now replaced by a cheap-looking cement pylon.

**TO THE HARD-WORKING** businessperson defending his turf, please be assured that you are admired and needed, not hated. But if you accumulated your wealth by taking advantage of others because you were clever enough or powerful enough to get away with it, then you are a financial flimflammer and deserve every flam of hatred that is aimed at your soul.

**GOD BLESS THE** Tressel family. I will be praying for Ryans's continued recovery. Congratulations on Saginaw Valley State, Ryan, and Merry Christmas!



**IN RESPONSE TO** the family needing a job/money to provide Christmas presents for their children. I didn't see where the person's response was cruel. It was reality. I'm sure lots of people are or have been down and out. You do what you have to do.

I AM A disabled veteran and I get calls from solicitors and am bombarded by peddlers and panhandlers. There is one on every corner. I can't afford to give any money to these people. It would be nice to get my COLA back, but I don't see that happening.

#### 

I AM AN American and a Christian. I tell it like it is. If you don't like it, too bad, I don't need to be politically correct. That was one of the reasons why I quit my lifelong love of a job I had. I was told to be politically correct.

MICHIGAN VERSUS VIRGINIA Tech in a BCS Sugar Bowl game? You must be joking. Look at the soft schedules these two teams played. Collectively, their 'big' wins were over Virginia, Georgia Tech, Notre Dame (three 8-4 teams) and Nebraska (9-3). This JV game should be renamed The Cream Puff Bowl.

**PLEASE HELP ME** understand how Fenton schools say that they are trying to try to stop bullying but in fact its own staff demeans, degrades and embarrasses our students in front of their peers. Is that bullying? No wonder we have a problem.

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WHAT IS IT with Republicans? They want deficit deductions but don't want to raise revenue. They want low taxes and vote against reductions. They pretend to support seniors, but want to eliminate Social Security. They're against health care for every citizen. They want peace but oppose military withdrawal. They talk job creation but are against legislation that will increase employment.

#### **PEOPLE RIDICULED WARREN** Buffet's recommendation that millionaires should pay more tax in order to reduce the deficit. Their reply, he should write a check, is nonsense. That would simply be throwing money away. One rich man cannot eliminate the deficit, but if they all pay more, his suggestion is pragmatic and will certainly help the budget.

### ATTENTION Linden Residents!

#### Dear City of Linden Resident,

Effective the week of January 1, 2012, Republic Services will be your new solid waste, recycling and yard waste provider. Republic is pleased to have this opportunity and we look forward to being a part of your community. With Republic becoming your new hauler there will be a couple changes you need to know; first we will be changing your waste removal and recycle pick-up day from MONDAY to the new day of FRIDAY. Second we will be offering more items for you to recycle. You can find out more by going to the city's web site to see the new list. Last, Republic will not be changing the level of service that you are currently receiving, simply place all your trash and recycling at the curb on Friday January 6th by 6:00am and we will collect it. Yard waste will restart in April. Republic will however be collecting Christmas Trees the first 3 weeks in January. We are committed to providing our customers with the best, most cost efficient service and we look forward to working with the City of Linden.

Your first collection will be Saturday January 7, 2012 because of the New Year Holiday and then the following week January 13, 2012 your new service day will be Friday.

If you have any questions regarding your new service provider or day change, please call our Customer Service department at 1-800-438-0966.

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ANTI-BULLYING Continued from Front Page

Although it is now state law, the four area school districts, Lake Fenton Community Schools, Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools and Holly Area Schools already have anti-bullying policies in place.

Because of differences between policies and the new law, school boards will begin the task of reviewing their policies to ensure they meet state requirements.

"This legislation sends a clear message that bullying is wrong in

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all its forms and will not be tolerated," Snyder said. "No child should feel intimidated or afraid to come to school."

The governor said having a clear policy in place would give teachers and administrators the tools they need to deal with bullies, but he added that parents could help by ensuring their own children do not engage in or encourage others to bully.

The bill is known as "Matt's Safe School Law" in honor of

Matt Epling, a Michigan teen who ended his life in 2002 after enduring severe bullying.

#### Lake Fenton

The Lake Fenton Board of Education adopted an anti-bullying policy in 2003. Bullying, as defined by the board, may include, but not be limited to, actions such as verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, including ethnically based or gender-based verbal put-downs, extortion of money or possessions, and exclusion from peer groups within school.

Bullying is disruptive of the educational process and, therefore, is

"As lor report it we can to school function, in connection to or with any district sponsored activity or event, or while en route to or from school are subject to disciplinary action, up

to and including suspension or expulsion. Superintendent Wayne Wright said

the high school and elementary and each time, school officials have reacted. "Alot of the times, we don't know about it," he said. "As long as they report it, we can react to it."

The district has been proactive by providing education about the consequences



of bullying. Wright said the powerful Bullycide project has been presented at all of the area high schools and numerous speakers have offered insight in to the subject at Lake Fenton's lower grades.

Wright said state trooper Scott Nichols has visited all 15 classrooms at Torrey Hill Intermediate School to present an age-appropriate anti-bullying program. "We're cognizant that it's there and

the principals are up on it," he said. **Linden** 

The Linden Board of Education adopted an anti-bullying policy in 2005.

The board is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all of its students.

Aggressive behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. This prohibition includes physical, verbal, and psychological abuse such as bullying and hazing. The board will not tolerate any gestures, comments, threats, or actions to a student, which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety, or personal

degradation. Ed Koledo, superintendent, agrees with Wright and said they, too, will have to review their policies to ensure they are

in line with the new law. When asked if there are many complaints of bullying, Koledo said it ebbs and flows and varies from building to building. They do notice that the number of complaints increase following a presentation on anti-bullying awareness. Koledo suspects this could be from stu-

dents becoming more aware of bullying and feeling more comfortable talking about it. More reporting also

means that adults at the school have more opportunities to address the issue. Koledo expressed his grati-

tude for Lady Gaga speaking out against bullying. He believes it's helpful for the kids to see that someone as "cool" as Lady Gaga once endured bullying. **Fenton** 

The Fenton Board of Education has had an anti-bullying policy in place and last revised it in 2007. The board believes that a safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards.

It is the policy of the district to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. This policy applies to all activities on school property and to all school sponsored activities whether on or off school property. **Holly** 

The Holly Board of Education adopted an anti-bullying policy in 2005. Bullying is classified as repeated intimidation of others by the real or threatened infliction of physical, verbal, written, electronically transmitted, or emotional abuse, or through attacks on the property of another.

Students, or employees, who engage in any act of bullying while at school, at any school function, in connection to or with any district sponsored activity or event, or while en route to or from school are subject to disciplinary action, that may include for students suspension or expulsion.



### **Continued from Front Page**

Locating better quality water would reduce the need and costs of chemical treatments and less sludge, according to Daniel Czarnecki, director of the Fenton Department of Public Works. He added that savings would be realized in operations on a long-term basis.

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Sweatman,

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Steve Guy, director of the water plant, explained to council members that locating a new water source involves two tasks, with the first being screening possible sites for a new well.

Mark Sweatman, a certified professional geologist for AMEC BCI Engineering &

Scientists, Inc. (AMEC) was on hand to help explain the process at the council's work session on Monday. If City Council gives the go ahead on this plan, AMEC would provide its professional services and attend two project meetings for a cost not to exceed \$10,970. This task would take approximately two to four months to complete.

The city's current wells provide an adequate quantity of water; however, based on ongoing complaints from residents, Czarnecki and Guy would like to find out if there is a source of higher quality water within city limits.

Because of the hardness of the water currently piped into the plant, the treatment plants spends about \$70,000 annually to make the water softer. If better quality water were found, and less treatment was needed, this cost would decrease.

Les Bland expressed concerns over the cost of a new well, which could range from \$150,000 to more than \$200,000, with no guarantee of higher quality water.

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Sweatman told Bland that his main goal is to conduct a water supply evaluation, with the option of stopping at every step, if better quality water is unavailable or cost prohibitive. If quality water were located, studies would have to be done to determine the cost of trans-

"There might be something

"There might be something better out there," said Sweatman. He believes a drilling location in Silver Lake Park might provide softer and better quality water.

C Sweatman said there are numerous variables and they'd like to look into the situation to see if the idea is even feasible. As the engineers near the end of the first task, they expect to have a better idea of costs.

Bland was concerned about the city's budget. "I'd hate to spend \$10,000, \$20,000 or \$30,000 and come up with nothing," he said.

City Manager Lynn Markland would have budget information prepared for Monday.

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood told other council members that this was a good start. She also suggested they look at administrative changes that might make water bills less painful, such as monthly bills rather than quarterly. Oftentimes families have monthly budgets and a monthly water bill might be more convenient.

This topic will be discussed at Fenton City Council's meeting on Monday and action might be taken.



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If you're in the tri-county area, there's a possibility that the carpet or vinyl flooring you stand on was installed by Lil' House of Carpet, Inc. The business has been a fixture in Fenton for nearly 40 years,

and wood floor coverings at Lil' House of Carpet, Inc.

and continues to provide top-notch service for customers who need carpet, vinyl flooring, ceramic and wood floor covering. The business also offers repairs, in-house estimates and installations.

Gary Messenger, employee of Lil' House of Carpet, Inc., said it's the price and availability of their products, and personal service that retains customers over the years. His favorite part of the job is working with his guests. "You meet different people every day, so there's a variety," he said.

The business is currently owned by Mike and Candy Jordan. Mike grew up in the flooring business. At a young age, he would watch his father install flooring. He began installing flooring and eventually advanced to managing the business.

Mike bought the business from his parents, Harry and JoAnn Collard, 17 years ago. Candy was no stranger to flooring, having worked for a flooring distributor before co-owning Lil' House of Carpet with her husband. Messenger has been employed with the business for more than 30 years.

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Now, the Jordans have been in business for 40 years. The family decided to settle in Fenton to stay close to home. "They thought they should start a business where they live," said Candy.

> Their favorite part of the business is helping customers make decisions for decorating their homes, and helping them pick what fits their needs and budget. "What works best for them," said Candy.

Whether it's carpet, vinyl, ceramic, or wood flooring, the knowledgeable staff is free to help customers with installations, repairs and in-home estimates.

Messenger said it's the price, product availability and service that keeps customers coming back, and the personal service and customer care sets them apart from the competition.

"We are here to serve you and your needs," said Candy. "Honesty is the best policy."

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### **WOMEN** Continued from Page 3A

"They do want white fluffy snow, lots of gifts and joy for the children, family peace and harmony, never having to ask someone what they want as a gift — you should know, and my beloved son-in-law home from Afghanistan."

Alison Kalcec, Rose Township supervisor had a simple answer. She said, "I want time with my family more than any other gift. As busy as everyone is, time given to me is the most precious gift."

Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce said, "The best Christmas gift for me has always been being with family.

"My wish for Christmas this year would be to have my son Matt with us in person on Christmas Day. I know it's not possible because he has an internship at Disney World and can't come home. It's the first time our whole family won't be together. We will do the next best thing though and Skype. It is a blessing that we can see him while we talk and he can see the whole family.

"What I don't want this year is for one of the men in my family to get the 'ambiguously ugly sweater.' The Day boys

### Five things not to get her for Christmas

• Small kitchen appliances or a fancy vacuum, or for that matter — any item that cleans spit-up, tinkle, and/or poop.

• A star. Despite being sentimental and romantic, women are usually too practical for this. Diamonds that sparkle like stars will suffice.

• A **weight-loss system** or gym membership.

• Anything from the **"As Seen on TV"** department.

• Clothing in a size too large. Always underestimate.

Source: Marythekaytheblog.com

have been passing the 'ambiguously ugly sweater' around for at least the past five years and if Rod or Matt get it, I usually have to be the one to store it, remember where I put it and remember to wrap it up and take it Christmas Eve for the next victim."

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn said, "I want to attend Christmas Mass with my granddaughter Payton Suszek and share the entire Christmas Day with her.

"It is so much fun watching her un-

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wrap her presents and see the joy and enthusiasm she exhibits. It pleases me that she understands the true meaning of Christmas and is so willing to share not only herself with others but her gifts also. She is one of the best gifts God has given me and she always makes me smile."

Osborn added that she does not want presents for Christmas only the love and joy of her family. "It would please me though to see more of the underprivileged be remembered all year not just during the holidays.

"I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year."

Holly Police Chief Elena Danishevskaya said family and loved ones getting together for Christmas is the best gift she could ask for. If she were to be more specific, she would like to receive something creative and something that she would like to keep.

"One that makes me think of the person who gave it, with fond memories," she said. "It doesn't have to be anything expensive." She finds whimsical gifts that tell her that the gift giver put a lot of thought into the gift meaningful.

### **Gift Ideas for women**

Kindle Fire electronic book reader, for the woman that is drawn to electronics.
A traditional **book** by her favorite author or one on her favorite topic. Money-conscious women might even like a particular series of older books from a used bookstore.

• **Perfume** or cologne in a scent that you know they like. Perfume is more costly; however, the scent does last longer. Choosing the right scent is vital, as scent is a powerful trigger for memories and emotions. Take note of when she's mentioned that she liked a particular brand.

• A luxurious **scarf** to match her favorite coat.

• Leather **gloves** to coordinate with her favorite coat.

• A **box set** of her favorite television series.

Tickets to an upcoming concert, play or game of her favorite sports team.
An Apple iPad 2. From reading their favorite websites, to downloading their favorite books or music, she will love this.

• A stylish **cover** for her new iPad 2.

A digital camera. Golf clubs.

• An **iPod Touch**. As a surprise, download her favorite tunes, as well as a few romantic songs that are special to her.

Heart-shaped jewelry. It will be a constant reminder of how much she is loved.
A meaningful glass, silver or gold bead to add to her Brighton, Pandora or Troll-beads bracelet.

• **Diamond** earrings, diamond ring, diamond pendant, diamond bracelet, etc... you get the point.

• **Plane tickets** for a weekend getaway to her favorite city.

• A magazine **subscription** or renew one she already receives.

• A red leather **purse**. Red compliments so many outfits.

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• An **herb garden** for the woman who likes to use fresh herbs in her favorite recipes.

• A gift card for a manicure, pedicure, hair-

cut, highlights, at her regular salon.High-quality chocolate, quality is better

than quantity.

• A new piece to add to her **figurine col**lection or maybe a curio cabinet to hold her collection.

• Handwritten vouchers for a foot rub or **back massage**.

• A handwritten poem.





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The Board has the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids. Bids are required to be sealed and will be reviewed prior to the Township Board meeting.

**Denise Graves** Clerk, Argentine Township

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

At the request of the Fenton Charter Township Board, Genesee County, State of Michigan and by the authority conferred on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources by Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 419, as amended, a hearing will be held in the Fenton Charter Township Hall, lower level meeting room, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan at 7:00 pm., Thursday, December 15, 2011.

At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources will gather information from the public concerning possible problems related to hunting and the discharge of firearms on Tupper Lake, Fenton Charter Township, Genesee County.

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All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments at the public hearing. Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may, within 30 days after the hearing, submit written comments to:

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON **BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 5, 2011**

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 5, 2011 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

- 1. The members of Cub Scout Troop 111 led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 2. Approved the agenda as presented.
- З. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$197,927.21.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-25, supporting the concept of Complete 4. Streets in Genesee County.
- Conducted a public hearing on and first reading of a proposed Zoning 5. Ordinance amendment to revise PUD conditions of a previously approved PUD project, located near the intersection of Owen and Jennings Roads.
- 6. Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2012 Fenton Township Budget.
- 7. Adopted Resolution No. 2011-24, formally adopting the 2012 Fenton Township Budget.
- Conducted the first reading of a proposed new Home Occupations Ordi-8. nance
- Approved a 2012 GIS Services Agreement with North Arrow 9. Technologies, Inc.
- 10. Approved a 2012 Building Inspection Services agreement with D&G of Michigan, Inc.
- Named Ryan L. Volz as the new Fenton Township Fire Chief. 11.
- Approved revisions to the Fenton Township Committee Appoints for 2011-12.
- Approved a 5-year renewal of the METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit for 13. McLeodUSA Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a PAETEC Business Services.
- Adjourned at 9:04 p.m. 14.

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

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debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robert G Spohr aka Robert Spohr and Joanna L. Spohr aka Joanna Spohr, Husband and Wife to Concord Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 10, 2002 and recorded July 17, 2002 in Liber 3455 Page 476 , and re-recorded on October 3, 2011 in Instrument No 2011R-027817 Livingston County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc., by assignment dated July 15, 2002 and recorded July 17, 2002 in Liber 3455, Page 483, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twelve Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$138,112,81) including interest 7.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Livingston County at 10:00AM on December 21, 2011 Said premises are situated in Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 149, 150, and 151 of Brighton Country Club., Sub., as recorded in Liber 3, Pages 1 and 2 of Plats Livingston County Records. 9924 Glasgo Dr, Brighton MI 48114 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later Dated: 11/20/2011 CitiMortgage, Inc successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11 45826 Ad #17029 11/20, 11/27, 12/04,

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael J. DeMasi and Holly L. DeMasi, husband and wife as joint tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2006 and recorded May 24, 2006 in Instrument # 200605240051686 GeneseeCountyRecords,MichiganSaid mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Fannie Mae ("Federal National Mortgage Association"), by assignment dated December 29, 2010 and recorded January 5, 2011 in Instrument # 201101050000439 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$190,663.27) including interest 7.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 11, 2011 Said premises are situated in Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan and are described as: Unit 6, Stony Brook Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 200405170054541, Genesee County Records, and designated as Genesee County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 344, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 229 of the Public Acts of 1963, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as 13035 Stony Brook Pass, Linden MI 48451 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless mined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 12/11/2011 Fannie Mae ("Federal National Mortgage Association") Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-52301 Ad #17690 12/11/2011,12/ 18/2011,12/25/2011,01/01/2012

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collecto attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this pur-pose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard L Shafer, A Single Person to Guardian Mortgage Com pany, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 5,2004 and recorded March 11,2004 in Instrument # 200403110029996 Genesee County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$55,916.26) including interest 5.75% perannum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 11, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 360 of Lincoln Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 5, Page 20, Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 1106 Waldman Ave, Flint MI 48507 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600 3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 12/11/2011 Guardian Mortgage Company, Inc Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-53454 Ad #17688 12/11/2011,12/18/2011,12/2 5/2011,01/01/2012



### **TYRONE TOWNSHIP** REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD DECEMBER 6, 2011

- Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Treasurer 1. Dave Kurtz, Trustees Steve Hasbrouck, Jim Kolhoff, Colleen Ameel and Don Peitz.
- Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as 2. presented.
- Received and placed on file Communications #1-3 as presented. З.
- Denied to waive the fire run charge of John Vollmar. 4.
- Tabled the Sun Communities' consent agreement revision request in or-5. der to meet with Sun Communities and attorneys to draft an agreement.
- Approved the renewal of the traffic violation attorney contract for one 6. year.
- Accepted the Public Safety Committee's recommended two revisions to 7 the 911 protocol.
  - Adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at <u>www.tyrone-</u> township.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham

Clerk Keith L. Kremer

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2011. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 information may

be faxed to (248)267-3004, Attention: Loss Mitigation Our File No: 11-53430 Ad #17647 12/11/2011 NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military please contact our office at the number isted below. Notwithstanding, if the deb secured by this property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. You are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loar modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below. Attention: The following notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc. Attention Jeffrey B. Stevens and Karen A. Stevens regarding the property at 4270 South Genesee Road Grand Blanc, MI 48439 The following notice does not apply you have previously agreed to modify the mortgage loan under section 3205b 3205a, 3205b and 3205c do not apply loan entered into were complied with for one year after the date of the modification. One year after the date of the modification. You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Bird., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123. You may also contact a housing counselor. Fo more information, contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan. gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432. If you request a meeting with Potestivo & Associates, P.C. within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600 3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. I an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed. You have the right to contact an attorney and can obtair contact information through the State Bai of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738. Dated: December 11, 2011. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 information may be faxed to (248)267-3004 Attention Loss Mitigation Our File No: 11-53431 Ad #17648 12/11/2011

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have less than two weeks to close more than half the gap. This puts a lot of weight on the shoulders of dedicated bell ringers like Walworth.

But she said she doesn't worry about the goal, and she doesn't worry about the cold, either. Walworth is effective because she is kind to everyone, and

her kettle is always full at the end of her shift. The Salvation Army picks the kettle up, each day. It is kept locked and electronically tracked.

Walworth said about half the people

my job right."

**Frankie Walworth** 

Salvation Army bell ringer



s a lot of a bell ringer. "It's hard when the 24<sup>th</sup> dedicated (Dec.) is over with, because I know it's my last day," she said. "It makes me feel good, that I'm doing on time. She shows up, on time. She smiles at

on time. She smiles at people, greets them, and rings her bell. Bell ringers are not

allowed to smoke or use their phones during a shift. They get a five-minute break every hour, and 20 minutes for lunch. New ringers are checked on by managers from the Flint Salvation Army to make sure they're



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I TIM JAGIELO Smiling and greeting customers is Salvation Army Bell Ringer Frankie Walworth's job. She's been a bell ringer for 11 years.



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doing the job.

Walworth said she talks to around 1,000 people every day, and she enjoys sharing their stories. She met an elderly veteran who had used some of the veteran's services from the Salvation Army. "It's wonderful to talk to him," she said. "He's just a sweetheart."

Another elderly man calls Walworth his granddaughter, because she was so kind to him, even though he couldn't give at the time. Now, he donates frequently. Another retired gentleman stops by four of five times a day. "It's so enjoyable, I like the people."

Being so approachable led Walworth to a serious intervention with a person contemplating suicide. "I just took time out and talked with him," she said. "I told him it wasn't worth dying." She talked him out of intentionally overdosing. Another man lost his wife six years ago over Thanksgiving. "We talked, he cried," she said. "You get to know people."

Even though she gives every single person a smile and warm greeting, Walworth said it's just her job. This is the attitude that fills her kettle everyday. She said passerbys are always kind, or at least respectful.

Early in her career though, she stopped a robbery from happening at the Fenton Wal-Mart. She was outside ringing her bell, and a man parked repeatedly near the entrance. He went back and forth several times, and she knew something wasn't right. "I'm like, 'this ain't right!""

Walworth said giving is steady throughout the day, and this season, people have been generous. "The kettle helps a lot of families," she said. People make it clear they are contributing because they know it's going to a good cause.

Not every bell ringer's heart is in it, like Walworth's. She has seen other bell ringers who are rude or are working solely for the money. "That's not what the job's all about. It's about helping the community," she said.

For Walworth, being a bell ringer is personal. One year, the Salvation Army helped her give presents to her children one Christmas. There wouldn't have been presents without them, she said.

Every so often, Walworth thinks about working somewhere else, but she keeps coming back. "I just love my job, I look forward to it every year."







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### DISMISSED

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girl passed out on their driveway. Alcohol was suspected and the girl was taken to the hospital and later released.

More than 100 young people were reportedly at the Sahouris' home in the evening, many of whom scattered when police and emergency responders arrived.

The couple maintained that they did not know individuals under the age of 21 were drinking during the party until the incident with the unconscious 16-yearold girl. Based on their investigation, Argentine Township issued the couple citations in August for allowing the drinking to take place on their property.

Attorney Mike Manley took over the couple's case in October and was determined to contest the charge.

Manley said his office conducted their own investigation and gathered witness statements, which they then turned over to the prosecutor's office. Prosecutor David Leyton reviewed the evidence that Manley presented as well as what investigators submitted. There was a sharing of evidence.

After reviewing everything, Manley said the prosecutor's office indicated it did not have enough evidence for a conviction. "It shows the integrity of David Leyton," Manley said. "We commend the prosecutor's office for handling this in an ethical and professional way.

"It's the way the court system should work."

Manley acknowledges that teen drinking is a very big issue, but that it was his job within the legal system to defend the Sahouris. "I never felt they were guilty and after getting to know them, justice was served.

"I can tell you they are elated with the decision and they look forward to moving on with their lives."

John Potbury, special assistant prosecuting attorney said, "After reviewing all available evidence, we have determined we cannot sustain our burden of proof."

### THIS WEEK'S INSERTS

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### Christmas recipes and traditions passed on through generations

### By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Because food is at the heart of most holiday celebrations, more Christmas traditions come out of the kitchen than any other room in the house. Many families pass recipes down from generations, keeping a Christmas tradition alive for decades. Some plan an entire celebration around a particularly loved food, es-

pecially on Christmas Eve,

### **Summary**

Special Christmas foods bind families together for generations, creating memories and traditions.

when many families begin their holiday festivities.

Stan and Madeline Smith, of Linden, remain true to their roots with a treasured family recipe that actually dates back to the early 1900s. Madeline's recipe for her Grandma Mary Salvatore's Italian cutout cookies goes back to the Old Country of her Italian ancestry. "We make these cookies every Christmas," said Smith. "Now our daughter, Karen Herdman, and grandson, Luke, 17, carry on this family tradition. Luke realized that there aren't any granddaughters in the family to pass these recipes to, so he has begun his own collection to pass on as a family heirloom."

See TRADITIONS on 7B

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** ISUBMITTED PHOTO Local sisters Cindy Colangelo and Sue Hobson and their families have a decade-long tradition of preparing fondue on Christmas Eve for their kids and extended family.

### Holiday favorites Some traditions are holiday staples,

Some traditions are holiday staples, including the green bean casserole, which debuted in 1955 by Campbell Soup Company to promote its cream soups. Another holiday snack tradition that debuted in 1955 was Chex Party Mix, a combination of Wheat Chex, Rice Chex, and Corn Chex, nuts, pretzels and a dressing of melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, and onion and garlic powders. The treat remains a popular holiday snack today.



### Family-traditions CHRISTMAS **TECIDES**

### Orange Mimosas

**INGREDIENTS:** 1 bottle champagne 1 carton orange juice

**PREPARATION:** Fill half of a champagne flute with chilled cham-

pagne (about 2 ozs.) and top off with chilled orange juice (about 2 ozs.), gently stir. For added flare, slice up a strawberry to decorate the rim of each flute. This can also be served over ice. A favorite Christmas Day tradition

of the Opatik family

Shortbread Stars

INGREDIENTS:

1 c. butter <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> c. sugar 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> c. sifted all purpose flour

### PREPARATION:

In large bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat butter with sugar until light and fluffy. Dough will be stiff. Cover dough and refrigerate for several hours. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Divide dough into two parts. Refrigerate until ready to roll out. On lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/3-inch thick. Using 2-inch star cookie cutter, cut out shapes. Place 1-inch apart on un-greased cookie sheet. Bake cookies 25 minutes or until light golden. Cool on wire rack. Yield: About 5 dozen. Recipe note: These can be frozen and used as needed. Let stand at room temperature about 15 minutes before serving

A favorite Christmas tradition of the Leaman family

Grandma Mary Salvatore's Italian cut out cookies

### INGREDIENTS:

6 eggs 2 t. lemon or orange peel 1 c. sugar 2 t. vanilla 4 c. flour 2 t. lemon or orange extract <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> t. salt 4 t. (rounded) baking powder <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c. melted margarine, cooled See RECIPES on 2B





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### Social News

### WEDDINGS



### SHOUSE-SMITH

Michelle LuRena Shouse of Fenton became the bride of Richard Patrick Smith of Linden on Nov. 19, 2011.

The ceremony, held at the Saline County Courthouse in Benton, Ariz., was performed by Justice of the Peace J. R. Walters.

Attending the couple were their three children, Justin Smith, Katelyn Smith and Kelsie Smith.

The bride is the daughter of Virgil and Haney Shouse of Fenton. The groom is the son of Wayne Smith of Fenton and Susan Taylor of Sand Point.

The reception is planned for summer of 2012 in Fenton.

The couple resides in Benton, Ariz.

### BIRTH



### RITTER

Douglas and Elizabeth Ritter of Fenton have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, Addison Lou Ritter.

She was born on Nov. 15, 2011 at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township at 11:57 a.m. Her weight was 8 lbs., 14 ozs.

Her grandparents are Jan and Lou Ritter of Fenton, and Patti and Dennis Spurlock of Ortonville.

### RECIPES Continued from Page 1B

### PREPARATION:

Sift flour, salt and baking powder together. Make a well in dry ingredients, add eggs, sugar, margarine, flavorings to well and mix. Add extra flour as needed to make dough soft but not sticky. NOTE: After mixing dough, let stand a few minutes before adding more flour. Roll on floured board and cut into desired shapes. Makes about 7 dozen, depending on size of cookie cutters. Bake 350 degrees 10 to 12 minutes.

#### **ICING** 4 T. margarine

- 2 c. confectioner's sugar
- 3 T. warm milk 1 t. vanilla and lemon (or orange) extract
- Decorate with sprinkles.

A Christmas tradition from Stan and Madeline Smith



### **BERRY-WARNER**

Kristen Berry of Gainesville, Va. became the bride of 1st Lt. Steven Warner, U.S. Marine Corps, of Jacksonville, N.C. on July 3, 2011. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Tim Brown.

Attending the couple were Lara Gonzalez as matron of honor and Lt. Andrew Warner, U.S. Navy, and Zac Warner as best men. Bridesmaids were Tamara DiPaulo, Jeanette Warner, and Paula Combs. Groomsmen were Kamal Safa, and Brad Carson. Junior bridesmaid was Kristen Blaty, and ring bearer was Dominic Gonzalez.

A reception followed at the Brentwood Gold Club. The couple resides in Jacksonville, N.C.



### Thursday, Dec. 15

Support the Fenton High School Art Department during Fenton 3rd Thursday, on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m. in downtown Fenton. Enter to win a \$100 Fenton gift card by shopping at participating stores. Free pictures with Santa. Enjoy live Christmas music, candy canes give-away. Have your gifts wrapped by Fenton High School art students in handmade wrapping paper. Painted gift bags, holiday ornaments and wrapping paper for sale.

### Oriental Beef Broth Fondue

### INGREDIENTS:

1/3 to 1/2 lbs. sirloin or flank steak per person

1 (14 oz.) can beef broth <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c. soy sauce <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c. sherry 3 green onions, sliced 1 clove garlic, minced <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> t. ground ginger

### **PREPARATION:**

Slice beef thinly into bite-size pieces. Set at room temperature for 30 minutes. Blot dry with paper towel. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour into fondue pot. Set at 350 degrees and bring broth to a boil. For serving, spear a slice of beef and place in boiling liquid, cooking for 2-3 minutes or until desired doneness.

until desired doneness. A favorite Christmas tradition of Cindy Colangelo and Sue Hobson





### Utah home inspired by Pixar's 'Up' sold

SALT LAKE CITY - Two selfdescribed Disney "fanatics" have purchased a house in Utah modeled after the colorful home featured in the animated movie "Up.'

Discovering the house in the Salt Lake City suburb of Herriman, Utah, was a dream come true for Clinton and Lynette Hamblin of Petaluma, Calif. They initially looked in California until they saw news reports about the house in Utah that included every possible detail from the movie and was even officially recognized as the "Up" house by Disney. Even more surprising was the \$400,000 price tag, which was less than homes they looked at in California.



### Coke secret formula gets new home

ATLANTA (AP) — The Coca-Cola Co. has made its secret formula the centerpiece of a new exhibit at its corporate museum, ditching the confines of the bank vault where the list of ingredients had been stored since 1925.

The world's largest beverage maker said Thursday a new vault containing the formula will be on display for visitors to its World of Coca-Cola museum in downtown Atlanta. However, the formula itself, which dates back to 1886, will remain hidden from view.

### Around THE World Best and worst of international news and media

### Shoplifter attacks security guard with baby

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baby and began to

According to the Or-

lando Sentinel, Willis

is being charged with

strong-arm robbery,

swing it at security.

Attack security guards by swinging baby in car seat at them

Two Florida shopgrabbed the car seat lifters are facing multiple charges after using a baby to get away from security officers. Yep, a real baby.

Jodie Willis and Megan Kelley were approached by security after shoplifting in a Walmart. The pair tried to push past security, when that did not work, Willis allegedly

### Dog steps on gun, shoots hunter in butt

A Utah bird hunter was shot in the buttocks after his dog stepped on a shotgun laid across the bow of the boat. Potter says the man left his 12-gauge shotgun in the boat while he went ashore and the dog stepped on it, causing it to fire. It wasn't clear whether the safety on the gun was on at the time.

Potter says the man was hit from about 10 feet away with 27 pellets of birdshot. He says the man wasn't seriously injured, in part because he was wearing waders. The man was treated at a nearby hospital.

battery, child neglect, resisting an officer with violence and assault on a law enforcement officer, according to arresting documents. Man has big toe for thumb



Her cohort, Megan Kelley faces charges of strong-arm robbery and child neglect. Both were booked into the Orange County

Jail. The baby was released to its father. Walmart may have better prices, but they sure have some stupid customers.

### kittens trapped inside bag

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A yellow Labrador Retriever named Reagan is in the news after rescuing a pair of kittens trapped inside a bag on the side of a rural lowa highway. Someone

dumped a bag of Meow Mix on the side of the road, with several kittens inside. The bag was run over, leaving only two of the kittens inside alive.

Reagan, a yellow Labrador, found the sealed bag and pointed them out to his owner. After whining until the owner opened the bag, the owner heard the cries of "Tipper" and "Skipper" inside.

For the past three months, the kittens have been nursed back to health and are now ready to be adopted.



#### Life-sized Barbie illustrates anorexia

Galia Slaven created a 6-foot-tall model of a Barbie doll to raise awareness of eating disorders. Slayen's creation proportionally turned a Barbie doll into what she would look like if she were a real woman. The doll stands 6-foot-tall with a 39-inch bust, 18-inch waist and 33-inch hips.

A dad who accidentally sawed off his thumb and had it replaced with his big toe has proudly shown off his new digit for the first time. DIY nut James Byrne, 29,

underwent a complex eight hour operation two months ago to attach the toe following the accident cutting up wood.

People have different reactions, some think it's really funny while others are a bit disgusted by it. They ask, what did you do to your thumb, it's so big and swollen. I can't bend it yet but I hope to be able to do so soon. It rotates and I can give it a good wiggle.

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WISDOM



"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." — G.K. Chesterton

Police: Burglar steals \$1,125 in sex enhancer products

thing that can exist is an

uninterested person."

G.K. Chesterton in Heretics

**LEOLA**, **Pa.**, Dec. 8 — Pennsylvania police said they arrested a man accused of breaking into a convenience store and stealing \$1,125 worth of sexual-performance enhancement products.

Leola police said officers responded to a call about a burglary at a Stop N Go Mini Market at 2:49 a.m. Monday and discovered a front glass window had been broken and 63 packets of sexual-performance enhancement products had been stolen, the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal reported Wednesday.

"The packets have interesting names like Kaotic, Kryptonite, 8 Balls and Bangkok Chill," police Lt. Todd Umstead said. "Many of them list 'Horny Goat Weed Extract'



as an ingredient.

"You can't make this up." Robert Elmer Kieta, 29, was pulled over a short time later while driving in a Ford Explorer, the same type of vehicle seen driving away from the scene. Police said his hand was bleeding and they noticed shards of safety glass and a hammer in the vehicle.

A backpack in the sportutility vehicle was found to contain the stolen products, police said. Kieta was arrested on a burglary charge and was jailed in lieu of \$200,000 bail.



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### business profiles

### 'Spoiled Rotten' is Fenton's newest resale shop

#### **By Sally Rummel**

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Spoiled Rotten is the newest resale shop to open in Fenton, joining the north end cluster of resale businesses that have created a destination for second-hand shoppers.

Located at 1507 N. LeRoy St., next to Village Vacuum, Spoiled Rotten sells

Summary ►Spoiled Rotten

Spoiled Rotten is the newest children's resale shop to open in Fenton, with sizes from preemie to size 8.

Spoiled Rotten sells quality, used clothing for children from preemie size up to size 8. Owner Julie Herrick believes that her careful selection of used items has made her stores successful. She and her hus-

band, Mark, also own Spoiled Rotten at 5349 Fenton Rd. in Flint and children's boutique Tutu Cute in downtown Grand Blanc, which sells brand-new clothes for kids.

"I'm very particular about the clothing I buy to re-sell in my two Spoiled Rotten locations," said Herrick. "That's why our stores are so popular. People know that they are buying good, quality clothing, baby gear and toys for their kids. We aren't as concerned about the brand as we are the quality care and condition of the item itself."

Shoppers will find a well-organized shop when they stop in at Fenton's new Spoiled Rotten location. Boys and girls clothing are separated into groups by gender, size, and type of clothing. There is a play area for kids to enjoy while parents are shopping.

All gear and toys have to be in topnotch condition with all of their pieces intact, in order to qualify for resale at Spoiled Rotten. "We have a waiting list





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Store manager Bobbi Anne Green shows the racks of baby and children's clothes, neatly organized by gender, size and style at Spoiled Rotten.

of people who want to sell their gently used baby and children's items to us," said Herrick.

Spoiled Rotten buys children's clothing by appointment only, and gear and toys can be brought in to the store Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Phone: 810-208-7480

The store is closed on Sunday.

The store is currently collecting new toys for Toys for Tots for Christmas, with drop-off until Dec. 22. "We welcome all new, unwrapped toys to be given to needy local families," said Herrick.

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### Wireless Zone hosts toy drive

Joe Bommarito and his wife Laura are hosting their fourth annual toy drive, at all three of their Wireless Zone stores in Ortonville, Frankenmuth, and Fenton. Every family that donates an unwrapped toy in its original packaging, worth \$10 or more gets one free Bluetooth headset. The toy drive will go through Dec. 20.

"We're excited about the fact that with each new store, we've been able to exponentially increase our ability to give back," said Bommarito. "The past three years have been hugely successful. We now have three stores to collect toys for three different local charities."

Bommarito said the charity doesn't stop at the toy drive for his Wireless Zones. A portion of the stores' commission goes to a special foundation run by Wireless Zone's corporate offices called the "Wireless Zone Foundation for Giving."

Bommarito's Wireless Zones are at 250 N. Ortonville Rd., Ortonville, 223 N. Main St., Frankenmuth and 1288 N. Leroy St., Fenton.





**TREVOR JONES** 

**18-year-old senior** 

**Lake Fenton High School** 

### FAMILY:

Chris and Robin George.

**MY DREAM CAR IS:** 

An orange General Lee with black leather interior.



### By Angel Rynearson, Intern

### **Trevor Jones**

- If you could do anything over in high school what would it be?: Take school more seriously and do less slacking off.
- What do you do outside of school?: I work out, play basketball, and scrap.
- My greatest high school regret is?: not applying myself as much as I could of.
- My most embarrassing moment in high school was?: I slipped on ice in front of a bunch of people.
- If you could have one super power what would **it be?:** To fly, because it would be awesome to get somewhere without any traffic.
- If you were principal for a day what changes would you make at your school?: I would make lunch cheaper, open campus, and pay to play would be cheaper so all kids could afford to play sports.
- What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?: Christmas break, so I can see my cousin.
- If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign what would it say?: 'It's better to be dead and cool, then alive and un-cool.'
- Front row seats and back stage passes, whom are you seeing?: Kid Rock
- Best day in your life so far?: When I got my first paycheck, because it made me feel more independent.

What are your plans after graduation?: I want to go to college and become an occupational therapist.

Where will you be and what will you be doing 10 years from now?: I will be an occupational therapist, making great money and living in a huge house.

### Student Body asked at Lake Fenton High School

### What do you want for Christmas this year? Compiled by Angel Rynearson

**ANGELA YOUNG, JUNIOR** 



"A pillow pet, I want the panda because it's so cute."

### **JAMES PABST, JUNIOR**



"I want a car. I don't have one, so I just want anything that runs."

### **GREGORY HECHT, SENIOR**



"I want a 32-inch flat-screen TV."

### TYLER BARD, JUNIOR



"A Nerf gun, because they are collectables and fun to play with, especially with friends."

### **BRENT RINGES, SENIOR**



"An Eric Clapton Fender Strat guitar."



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### God meets us where we are

'How many hours do you expect to spend fighting during your life together?' I asked the prospective bride and groom sitting across the desk from me.

Surprised, they laughed. Not many who plan for marriage talk about the time they may lose in coming battles. Perhaps if they did, there would be fewer home breakups.

A woman speaking to me on the phone blurted, 'I'm disgusted with you.'

'That's a terrible waste of time,' I replied, kindly, in an effort to remind her that time is too precious to waste in useless anger and conflict.

A dying queen is said to have cried, 'Millions in money for an inch of time.'

How many of your remaining hours do you expect to spend in a negative, critical or depressed mood?

Is this a needless question?

Perhaps not. You may even enjoy being down or down on others but there is a better way to live.

Positively!

'Sounds good,' you may be thinking, but how does one achieve this positive peace of mind? What's the secret of living peacefully?

I recommend simply practicing the presence of God. Start each day giving thanks for your blessings. Become active in a church and contribute to its work in your community.

In his book, 'Secrets of the Spirit,' author, Ray Stedman said, at a time when he was going through a tough time, five words of Jesus turned his life around: 'Let not your heart be troubled.'

While these words had long been familiar to him, Stedman found personal power in them to bring peace. What familiar words of wisdom lurk in your mind awaiting your application of their power to set you free from stress and sorrow?

God also meets us in times of thankfulness.

How many things can you name that make you thankful? The moment we begin thanking God for His present blessings, we are on our way out of the pits because thanksgiving cancels negativism.

When I awake in the morning knowing that my family members are well and have lived safely through the night, I can count enough blessings to keep me positive all day.

Most of us have times ahead in hospital rooms or doctor's waiting rooms. If this is not one of those times, it is a time for thanksgiving, a period to be filled with praise.

Jesus taught His disciples to be thankful for daily bread. If there is food on the table, this is a day for praise not pouting.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

TRADITIONS **Continued from Page 1B** For Marlene Leaman, of Linden, it

wouldn't be Christmas without making their family's treasured Shortbread Stars. "This is the only cookie our son, Eric, requested for

Christmas when he was growing up," she said. "Now that he's grown with a family of his own, he still wants to enjoy Shortbread Stars. If we celebrate Christmas in Boyne City

with Eric and his family, we take up a batch of cookies with us. If they're coming down here for Christmas, we make sure to have plenty of his favorite cookies on hand.'

Other traditions are created when families share favorite meals, snacks and desserts that they look forward to, year after year.

Sisters Cindy Colangelo and Sue Hobson, both of the Fenton/Linden area, came up with a unique Christmas Eve tradition a decade ago, when their kids were young and they were looking for something different to serve on this special evening of family gatherings.

Each night before Christmas, their families get together at one sister's home and gather around the fondue pot. "It's a lot of fun," said Colangelo, who celebrates the holidays with her daughter, Cassie, 19, and other extended

family. "We do meats, venison, chocolate, etc. using a fondue pot. We've had more 'hits' than 'misses,' but it's always good for a lot of laughter and fun."

One of their favorite recipes is an Oriental Beef Broth Fondue, which uses

> steak speared on a fondue skewer, then dipped into broth.

breads and cakes into a rich, deep pot of gooey chocolate. It can be a fun family tradition to enjoy at the holidays. Richard and Kathy Opatik, of Fenton, have created their own Christmas food traditions over 36 years of marriage, three grown children and six grandkids. "We used to have everyone over on Christmas Eve to spend the night and get up together on Christmas morning, but as our family grew, it got to be too much," said Kathy.

celebrate their own family time on Christmas morning, and then trek over to Grandma and Grandpa's house for a Southern breakfast — complete with biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, homemade waffles, eggs and mimosas. "It's a family tradition that we all look very forward to," said Kathy. "It wouldn't be Christmas without it."

sirloin or flank "This is the only cookie our son, Eric, requested for Christmas when he was growing up. Now

that he's grown with a family of his own, he still wants to enjoy

Shortbread Stars."

**Marlene Leaman** 

Linden

dessert, dipping small chunks of fruits,

Now, all of their kids and grandkids

YEA a flavorful, hot Fondue is more common as an appetizer before dinner, using bread cubes dipped in a cheesy mix, or as a

### Obituaries, Funeral Services Memoriums

### **Rose Butler**

Rose Butler, age 84, died December 3, 2011. Share memories at temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com



#### **Lawrence Blanton** Lawrence Blanton , age 74, died December 3, 2011. Share memories at temrowskifamilyfuneralhome



Anna M.Craft Anna M.Craft, age 98, died November 30, 2011. Share memories at temrowski-



### **Stanley Loren** Sipes 1940-2011

Stanley Loren Sipes - age 71, of Linden, died De-



at Sharp Funeral Homes. Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden, with Rev. Donald Neuville officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Monday. Stanley was born July 30, 1940 in Holly, the son of Loren R. and Marie I. (Callard) Sipes. He retired from General Motors in 1992. Surviving are: daughter, Tracy Soares; grandchildren, Damon and Jessica; great-grandson, Nathan; siblings, Janet (Ed) Austin, James (Ellen) Sipes, Roselyn Murdock, Charles (Gerri) Sipes, Loren Sipes; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Larry Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Roy Moore** Roy Moore - age 62, died

December 8, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



### **Stanley Edward Bryll** 1917-2011

Stanley Edward Bryll - age 94, of Fenton, died Monday, De-



December 9, 2011 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery. Visitation was held 3-5 and 7-9 PM Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. A rosary was prayed at 5 PM Thursday. Those desiring may make contributions to Huntington's Disease Society of America. Stanley was born April 9, 1917 in Hamtramck, the son of John and Berniece (Wrobel) Bryll. He was married to Pauline on October 12, 1940. Mr. Bryll was a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp, serving in WWII. Stanley owned and operated Supreme Tool and Gear in Roseville for 32 years. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Surviving are: wife, Pauline; children, Dennis (Doris) Bryll, Nancy (Jerry) Fitzgerald, Beverly Weiler; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Stephanie and Helen. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### John Dunn, John Dunn - age 76, died December 8, 2011. Ser-





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### **Douglas Shawn** King 1973-2011

Douglas Shawn King age 38, of Fenton, died , Saturday,

Services



held 1 PM Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 12 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Douglas Shawn King Memorial Fund. Doug was born April 29, 1973 in Pontiac. He was employed with Republic Waste Services for the last 10 years and was a member of the Teamsters. Doug was a loving husband, father, brother, and uncle. He was a great backyard mechanic. Surviving are: wife, Holly King of Fenton; three sons, Brandon Moore of Lake Orion, Trevor and Dominick King of Fenton; father, Douglas (Shirley) Hillock of Pontiac; mother, Karla (Bob) Ciecko of FL; two brothers, James (Rachelle) King of Clarkston, Charles King of FL; three stepbrothers, Jason, Phillip and Bradford Ciecko; father and mother-in-law, Ned (Reta) Carmichael; brother-in-law, Norman (Christina) Carmichael; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Josephine Andrus**, Josephine Andrus - age 93, died December 8, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



**Catherine Barnes**, Catherine Barnes - age 87, died December 3, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



**David Hicks**, David Hicks - age 51, died December 2, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



### John E. "Jack" **DeCew**

### 1935-2011 John E. "Jack" DeCew -

age 76, of Fenton, died Wednes-



2 PM Monday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Monday from 12 PM until time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Genesys Hospice or a charity of one's choice. John was born March 3, 1935 in Flint, the son of Donald B. and Ardis K. (Berkman) DeCew. He was a 1953 graduate of Flint Central High School. He married Lois E. Collins May 2, 1953 in Flint. John owned and operated Hallmark Insurance Agency in Grand Blanc. He was a member of Spring Meadows Country Club and various insurance organizations. He was an avid golfer, woodworker, fisherman, boater and a wonderful friend. He wintered in Briny Breezes, FL. John is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Lois; 2 children, Michael and wife Judy DeCew of Superior, CO and Lori and husband Brad Keller of Fenton; 4 grandchildren, Alison Keller, Emily Keller, Christine DeCew O'Neill and Kyle and wife Amanda Sanborn; 2 great-grandchildren, Abigail and Ryan; sister, Linda DeCew of Suttons Bay; sister-inlaw, Mary Foote of Grand Blanc; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Donna Maata. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sarah Adams, Sarah Adams - age 89, died December 6, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Pamala McIntyre, Pamala McIntyre - age 63, died December 4, 2011. es provided Sharp Funeral Homes.



Juanita Groom, Juanita Groom - died December 5, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



### **Norman Paul Dennert Sr.** 1931-2011

Norman Paul Dennert Sr. - age 80, of Linden, died Saturday,



Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with Pastor Seth Normington officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held 6-8 PM Sunday, 1-4 and 6-8 PM Monday and from 11 AM until the time of service Tuesday. Those desiring may make contributions to Linden Presbyterian Church. Norman was born January 24, 1931 in St. Louis, MO, the son of Henry and Marie (Engler) Dennert. He was married to Marcella E. Emich on June 4, 1950. Mr. Dennert served in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1948-1952. He retired from General Motors in 1975 with 24 years of service. He was a life member of Linden F&AM Lodge#132, life member and past Patron of Linden O.E.S. Chapter #175. Mr. Dennert served as an Elder at Linden Presbyterian Church and was a life member and past president of Fenton Lakes Sportsman Club. Surviving are: wife, Marcy; children, Linda McCready, Sharon and Phillip Sloan, Kathleen and Steve Atkinson all of Fenton; grandchildren, Norman "Skip" and Kathy Dennert III, Jennifer (Sloan) and Ryan Day, Jeremy and Ann Sloan, Rebecca (Atkinson) and Steve Pedrofti. Melissa McCready, Stephen and Amy Atkinson, Christina (Dennert) and Jeremy Alber, Michelle (McCready) and Mike Slater, Michael McCready; great-grandchildren, Norman and Molly Dennert, Brendan and Breleigh Day, Jonathan and Elizabeth Sloan, Savannah and Sydney Alber. He was preceded in death by his son, Norman "Skip" Dennert Jr. in 2004. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Shirley Slover**, Shirley Slover - age 86, died December 6, 2011. Services to be announce by Sharp Funeral Homes.



William Daunt Sr., William Daunt Sr. - age 61, died December 3, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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### **Pauline Marie** Christenson 1925-2011

Pauline Marie Christenson - age 86, of Fenton, died Decem-



ber 6, 2011 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were

cember 9, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, Pastor Michael Anderson officiated Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held 1-9 PM Thursday. Those desiring may make contributions to the Fenton Healthcare Activity Fund or Linden Free Methodist Church Love Fund. Pauline was born June 11, 1925 in Reed City, MI, the daughter of Walter R. and Sophia M. (Koch) Whaling. She married Richard P. Christenson March 31, 1951 in Flint and he preceded her in death January 10, 2004. She had resided in Fenton since 1965 spending winters in Bradenton, FL. She worked as a realtor for Realty World for 14 years. She was a member of the Fenton Church of Christ, Professional Business Women's Association of Fenton, and National Association of Realtors. She loved to golf. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother. Surviving are: three daughters, Lisa Anne and husband Timothy Welker of Fenton, Dayna Marie and husband Wain Yeung of South Lyon, Lori Sue and husband Stephen Parker of Fenton; six grandchildren, Julie Welker, Karen and husband Douglas Self, Jeffrey Welker, Matthew Parker, Scott Parker, Sophie Yeung; great-grand-son, Merrick Self; brother, Walter Whaling of Reed City; several nieces and nephews; best friend and loving companion Donald Hodges and family. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes. com.



**Thomas Page**, Thomas Page - age 43, died December 3, 2011. ervices provider hv Sharp Funeral Homes.



#### Tracy Markle, Tracy Markle - age 40, died December 5, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



### **30 Minute MEALS**



### **Quick homemade chicken** noodle soup

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 T. butter
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1/2 c. chopped celery
- 4 (14.5 oz.) cans chicken broth
- 1 (14.5 oz.) can vegetable broth
- 1/2 lb. chopped cooked chicken breast
- 1 1/2 c. egg noodles
- 1 c. sliced carrots
- 1/2 t. dried basil
- 1/2 t. dried oregano
- · salt and pepper to taste

### DIRECTIONS

In a large pot over medium heat, melt butter. Cook onion and celery in butter until just tender, 5 minutes. Pour in chicken and vegetable broths and stir in chicken, noodles, carrots, basil, oregano, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes before serving.



### **OUTING A SORE SPOT FOR NOSEY DOG**

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This weekend I took my dog "Marty," a dachshund-beagle mix, out to some property, where she sniffed and sniffed and dug and sniffed and sniffed. I think she had her nose buried in the rocky soil for so long that she gave herself a rather large (maybe the size of a nickel) blister on her upper lip. It's not puffy -- just a raw patch under her nose, and she licks at it. I saw something saying that canola oil or olive oil might help chapped lips, but this seems like a larger area. Any tips?

### Matt P., via email

**DEAR MATT:** First, I have to caution that it's always wise to consult your dog's vet. With that out of the way, I'd say the best thing to do would be to treat the raw patch like you would a blister or a raw patch on your own nose. Keep the area clean, rub a bit of Neosporin over it two or three times daily and watch it closely.

Marty probably will lick off the antibiotic ointment within a minute or two of application, but in such s quantities it isn't a problem to ingest. A Band-Aid probably will cause more discomfort and trouble than it prevents. You also can ask your vet for topical medicine to reduce any discomfort and thereby reduce her licking of the area so it can heal faster.

If it is indeed just a raw patch caused by friction, the area should heal up within a few days. But do keep a close eve on it: If the patch looks like its getting infected or otherwise changes for the worse, take Marty to the vet right away.

Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

### **Daughter's kitchen** mess strikes Mummy as crummy

DEAR AMY: I have a daughter who enjoys baking and cooking, and she is very good at it. However, when she finishes a project she leaves the kitchen for someone else to do the dishes and clean up the mess. Or she will say, "I will clean up later," when asked to do it.

How can I approach her to clean up without discouraging her from cooking?



— Mom

DEAR MOM: If you or your daughter watched any of the popular TV cooking competition shows, you'll note that the best cooks clean as they go. In fact, it can be hard to enjoy a meal when the kitchen is a disaster area looming on the other side of the dining room door.

You should suggest to your daughter that part of the cook's job is to leave the kitchen in a decent state with the cooking bowls and implements either washed or stacked neatly and with the counters wiped down.

If the cooking area is left tidy, the cook has the advantage of lingering slothlike at the end of the meal while others take care of the after-dinner dishes.

Simply tell your daughter you enjoy the fruits of her labor but that cleanup is part of cooking and no one else will do it for her.

You could give her a boost by working with her once to show her how it's done.

**DEAR AMY:** My 14-year-old daughter has a Facebook page. Recently a good friend of hers created a "fake" Facebook page using an abbreviated form of my daughter's name. My daughter found out because a search of her name turned up this other page.

By looking at the photos posted it was quite obvious who had done this. This girl used some very nasty language and said some very nasty things.

Needless to say, my daughter was very upset and hurt that her friend would do this.

I contacted the parents and the next day they brought the girl to our house to apologize. They asked me not to tell anyone.

I think they are more worried about their reputation than why their daughter would do this to a girlfriend. The girl has not been punished and is still on Facebook.

My daughter no longer talks to the girl, but our worry is that she will do it again. Any advice?

— No Fan of Facebook

**DEAR NO FAN:** Creating this fake Facebook page was hostile, malicious and bullying. So far the parents have handled this well by bringing the girl to your home and facing the issue personally.

You are not obligated to keep this silent just because they asked you to. Your response to this request should have been, "I understand your point of view, but we'll have to do what we think is best.

Many schools have extended their no-bullying policies to cover online behavior. You should take this incident to the school and say exactly what happened.

Tell the school official that the parents brought the child to your home to apologize. If you feel this apology is sincere and sufficient and think the matter should be closed, you should say so.

The school should be notified because this might be a pattern they are seeing with this child or others in her grade. If it happens again they will know it is not a first offense and can react appropriately.

(Send questions via e-mail to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Amy Dickinson's memoir, "The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them" (Hyperion), is available in bookstores.)

### Sunday Jumble



#### **DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am recuperating from a** kidney infection (pyelitis). The doctor did a culture of my urine, which showed a gram negative rod. What kind of infection is that? — S.B.

**ANSWER:** The more common urinary tract infection is infection of the bladder - cystitis. Pyelitis (PIE-uh-LITEiss), now usually called pyelonephritis, is an infection of the kidney itself. It is a much more serious infection, and one that usually makes people take to their bed.

Pyelitis causes high fever often alternating with chills. People have intense flank pain, the side area between the lowest rib and the upper part of the pelvis. The infection also might make people urinate more frequently and with pain. These two signs, however, are more apt to indicate bladder infection.

The most frequent cause of pyelitis is the bacterium E. coli. Bacteria are classified into two large groups based on how they react to a stain used to visualize them with a microscope. The stain is the Gram stain, named after the doctor who devised it. Bacteria are either gram positive or gram negative. A gram positive bacterium turns blue with the stain; a gram negative turns red

Bacteria also are classified by their shape. Some are elongated sticks — rods. Others are oval-shaped. E. coli is a gram negative rod.

Pyelitis is a situation that calls for immediate and usually intravenous antibiotic treatment. It responds promptly to such treatment. The temperature often returns to normal within two days.

The booklet on urinary tract infections describes both upper urinary tract infections (kidney — pyelitis) and lower urinary tract infections (bladder — cystitis). Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue - No. 1204W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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



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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I TIM JAGIELO After restoring their freedom, Libyans now must restore their country. Libya has both tremendous natural resources, but also a population in dire need of education, and a plan to establish a new government, repair the infrastructure and clean the garbage that plagues many cities, like Benghazi.

This is a collection of photos taken in Benghazi and Shahhat, Libya during Staff Reporter/ Photographer Tim Jagielo's trip. He returned to the United States last Saturday.









### 2010-11 TRI-COUNTY PREP WRESTLING TEAM PREVIEWS

### **OLLY BRONCHOS**

### Coach: Don Pluta

2010-11 Record: 27-6 overall, Metro League champions. Advanced to the team dual state quarterfinals.

**Top wrestlers:** Four state placers are returning. Senior Shawn Scott (189) finished 51-2 last season with his only losses coming to the eventual state champion. Fifthplace state finishers Mason Cleaver (125), Zack Jones (135/140) and Anthony Gonzales (130/135) provide talent. Also returning are state qualifier Tyler Gibson (119), Blake Cuthbert (171), Joel Schuermann (215) and Lance Millis (285). Two sophomores to

watch out for are Kyle Pepper (140/145) and Andy Scott (145/152)

Coach Pluta says: "Our goals are to win the Metro League, and we have the opportunity to get back to Battle Creek (team state) if we wrestle like we are capable. We are pretty solid 119 through 145. We are hoping some of the seniors in the upper weights step up around Shawn (Scott).'

**Prediction:** Holly has a strong chance of repeating as Metro League champions, and making it back to Battle Creek. Their toughest obstacle for the state tourney run should be St. Johns.



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INDEN EAGLES

### Coach: Todd Skinner

2010-11 Record: 26-9 overall. **Top wrestlers:** Shane Stevens (152/160), Austin Golden (135), Jeff Fisher (189), Cliff Coleman (285), Chase Gifford (171) and Alex Neal.

Coach' Skinner says: "We had the superstars last year in Kyle Fisher and Dallas Blank. This season we have a team more solid from top to bottom. Holly

### FENTON TIGERS

### Coach: Bruce Burwitz

**2010-11 Record:** 5-15 overall. Top wrestlers: James Castigilione (145), Carl Coster (HWT), Norm Golden (103), Charlie Jones (130), Chase Roney (125), Preston Wetzel (152) and Jacob Wykes (135).

Coach Burwitz says: "The team will be much improved with our record last year. With good returning talent, we should be able to hold our own in the league. We have a good group of freshmen, and some other new wrestlers who will be filling in the open weight classes."

will be difficult, but our goal is to be right

at the top of the Metro. We have the nic-

est group of kids this year which makes

coaching fun. Shane Stevens was a Cadet

Freestyle champion and wrestled for the

Prediction: With its depth and tal-

ent, Linden will finish high in the Metro

League and hopes to make a run at a

national team at Disney."

team state berth.

Prediction: The Tigers have lots of young wrestlers back and good numbers (34). The Tigers still only have five seniors, but they should start to climb the ladder, at least a little bit, in the always tough Metro League.

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### **AKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS**

**Coach:** Vance Corcoran 2010-11 Record: State runnerup in Division 3 with a 28-6 overall record. **Top wrestlers:** Todd Melick (125), James Demember (119) and Ray Denam (189) return. Also in the mix will be Jared Corcoran (112), Chase Hull (171), D.J. Melton (152), Cody Sanders, Tyler Sanders and Mike Connelly (285).

Coach Corcoran says: "Obviously last season was incredible. Of course with losing nine seniors, our numbers are down this year. With only two incoming freshmen, it will be tough. Our goal is to work as hard as we can and just see what happens. I hope the work ethic and team chemistry can spill over into this season. ... The kids that are on this team are working harder than any team I've been involved with in the last five years."

**Prediction:** Last year's season will be a hard act to follow, but this team could gel and surprise. Corcoran says it's a new program being built from the bottom up with a youth program of 45 kids in it and a middle school program with 34 kids in it. The Blue Devils should be respectable this year.

### Young LF squad drops opener to Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 46-42

### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Lake Fenton's varsity boys basketball team, which only returns one player from last year's team, had its roster get some varsity experience on Monday.

In its season opening game, Lake Fenton trailed early but then put together a pretty nice rally in the fourth quarter before losing 46-42 to Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker Tuesday night.

Lake Fenton trailed 22-13 at the half, and only saw the deficit get larger when Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker outscored the Blue Devils 17-14 in the third quarter. However, in the fourth quarter the Blue Devils cut into that 39-27 gap. A 12-2 Lake Fenton run put the Blue Devils down just 41-39 with about four minutes left. However, that's as close as the Blue Devils got.

"We came out a little scattered in the rst half, but settled down in the second and played solid basketball," Lake Fenton coach Matt Furey said. "We had a lot of one and out possessions. We sat a couple of our big guys because of foul trouble in the second half and consequently took a hit on our rebounding. We played hard, got after them and tightened up in the fourth quarter as our defense was our best offense.'

Darian Welch had a big first game, scoring a game-high 19 points for Lake Fenton. He also had four assists. Kaleb Nealy had nine points and Jeff Burke had seven points. Lake Fenton hit a solid 13-for-25 from the field from two-point range, but made just 3-of-20 three-pointers.

Kyle Binder led the home team with 17 points

#### Lapeer West 73, Linden 49

The Eagles were outscored 27-6 in the third quarter, breaking open what was a 27-all tie at halftime.

Kevin Baker led Linden with 16 points, while Taylor Anderson had six points. Max Belbot, Josh Hoeberling and Colin Hoeberling had five points each.

### **Girls Basketball**

### Lapeer West 49, Linden 33

The Eagles only trailed 36-31 entering the fourth quarter, but only scored two points in the final eight minutes, resulting in the loss.

Madisen Nosek led Linden with 14 points and six rebounds, while Megan Harp had six points and six rebounds. Kelsey Brecht had five points and three assists.

### Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 50, Lake Fenton 32

The Blue Devils were tied 18-all at the half, but Gabriel Richard outscored Lake Fenton 20-10 in the third quarter, helping spark the win.

Sidney Scott led Lake Fenton with 10 points, while Mackenzie Gottron had eight points. Gabriel Richard had three doubledigit scorers with Taylor Hinkson leading the way with 14 points.



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### Fenton wrestlers open season with two wins

### **By AI Zipsie**

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dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Fenton — The Fenton varsity wrestling team had five wins all of last season.

The Tigers already have two wins this year after an impressive season opener, defeating Port Huron 51-30 and Fordson 63-12.

"We are a pretty good young team. Starting at home, it was good to see emotion from the crowd," said Fenton coach Bruce Burwitz. "Enthusiasm creates momentum. We have some good numbers. Everybody teaching them the same (things) from youth to high school has helped. We are getting ready for the Metro League season, which has no easy matches and some quality wrestlers."

Eight grapplers were double-winners for the Tigers on Wednesday. They were Matt Acton (125), Chase Roney (130), Bryce Roney (145), Jacob Wykes (135), Bo Brancheau (140), Conner Kovacs (152), Preston Wetzel (160) and Logan Bowlby (171).

The opening match with Port Huron was a battle of scoring streaks. The Tigers roared out of the gates for a 27-0 lead as the first four Tigers earned victories. Roney began the streak and it was continued by Conner Kovacs, Wetzel and Bowlby. However, Port Huron then recorded four straight pinfall wins and a forfeit victory, earning a 30-27 lead.

Matt Acton (125) won by a fall, putting the Tigers back in the lead to stay at 33-30. Chase Roney, Wykes See WRESTLERS on 14B

### **Polar Water Ski attracts 30 brave participants**

**By David Troppens** 

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Some years there has been ice that had to be broken up to do it.

Some years it's the choppy waves that make the day an adventure.

But one thing is certain — for 30 years people have enjoyed taking part of Silver Spray Sports' annual Polar Water Ski event. This year was no exception. Silver Spray Sports owner Patti Smith said about 30 skiers showed up to this year's event on Dec. 3.

"We had about 30 skiers and they started at about 11 and continued until quarter after two," Smith said. "We had people in everything from drysuits who were completely warm and cozy, to people in bathing suits who were completely freezing."

The event isn't a competition. It's just a chance to water ski one last time before winter takes over Silver Lake. While some years ice is an issue, this year it wasn't. However, the day did have its share of challenges.

"The water was kind of choppy," Smith said. "There was quite a bit of wind and the water was a bit rolly and rough. But it didn't deter them. They were out the whole time."

The group even did a pyramid during the event.

Smith said the key is remaining out of the water as much as possible before you enter the water. The more you hit the water early, the tougher the skiing becomes.

"Some ponds are already freezing and melting in the afternoon," Smith said. "We are on the edge of 32-degree water. The whole goal is to take off on the dock and ski as close to the shore as possible. Some people fall right off the bat and are very cold right away."

(B10) ...... Michigan at Michigan State ....... 6:30 p.m.

(FSD) ......7 p.m.

(FSD) ...... Michigan Tech at Minnesota ..... 10:30 p.m.



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About 30 water skiers braved the cold waters at Silver Lake on Dec. 3 during the annual Silver Spray Sports Polar Water Ski event. In this photo, Sean Affrica (left) and Brady Morton enjoy sking. The water skiers had reasonably warm weather, but a wind and choppy water conditions made the skiing challenging. However, the cold water didn't keep the participants from having a fun time, and even doing a pyramid.





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Tigers' pressure sparks 58-51 win vs. Milford

### WRESTLERS

**Continued from Page 13B** and Brancheau then finished it off with pinfall wins.

"My match didn't go like I wanted. I got took down, but I came up and got the pin with five seconds left in the first period," Brancheau said. "We had to improve some and I have the feeling we will do good this year."

Brancheau, who didn't wrestle last year, is the brother of Connor Brancheau, a state champion at Lake Fenton last year.

"No one pressures me but with my brother," Brancheau said, "I feel like I need to be a state champion."

Wetzel, a senior, had two first-round pins with one taking just 25 seconds.

"I think that is the quickest pin I have ever had. I just wanted to get it done as early as possible," said Wetzel. "I want to improve my record and make state. I was one match away from making it last season.

"I am excited about the team this year. We have trust in everybody to get it done when we need it. We are more competitive in the wrestling room. We have good team numbers like Fenton used to have."

In the second match, Kovacs (152) got things started with a pin in 5:32. Wetzel followed with a pin and then Bowlby had a fall, giving Fenton an 18-0 lead. Fenton would never trail. Fordson cut the gap to 18-12, but Fenton's Carl Coster (285) earned a pin, collecting eight straight wins.

Fenton wrestled at the Corunna Invitational Saturday. The Tigers travel to Carman-Ainsworth High School on Wednesday. By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Fenton** — Fenton coach Brad DeWitt has said it a few times already.

If the Fenton varsity girls basketball team is going to be successful, they are going to have to create turnovers and tran-

sition hoops. The Tigers (1-2) did just that on Tuesday night.

Fenton collected 15 steals and won a 58-51 non-league contest against Milford.

"I liked the intensity on defense," De-Witt said. "We bring a lot of intensity and aggressiveness that creates issues for the other team. They always have to be prepared for our constant pressure. That's what we are doing this year from one end of the court to the other. Right now we are having some fairly good success with it."

Fenton gradually took a lead in the first half, using a 17-10 second-quarter edge to pull ahead 29-21 at the half. However, the Tigers had a third-quarter lull and actually trailed 37-35 entering the final period.

But the Tigers took control in the fourth. And once they had the lead, they iced the game at the free-throw line, by hitting 13-of-18 free throws in the final eight minutes.

"We made a lot of free throws," DeWitt said. "They did a nice job in the fourth quarter with the free throws. That was very good."

Hannah Evo led the Tigers with 16 points and six rebounds, while Julie Gilbert netted 15 points. Jailen Judson had seven points, all from the charity stripe where she made 7-of-9 shots. Sarah Collier chipped in six points and a team-high seven rebounds. Payton Maxheimer also had six points.







TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Julie Gilbert scored a game-high 15 points in the Tigers' victory against Milford on Tuesday.

### BRONCHOS

**Continued from Page 11B** now, those wrestlers get their chance to shine.

"I like the depth," Pluta said. "We are probably going to be able to field a pretty competitive 'B' team again this year. That's going to help us because we can mix and match some kids like we did tonight. We had some good kids graduate, but we have kids that were competitive behind them that couldn't crack the lineup last year, who people don't know are pretty good; kids like Kyle Pepper and Andrew Scott. Those are solid kids. They've been wrestling through our youth program and middle school. Those kids graduating opened up spots for them this year."

The Bronchos made reasonably easy work out of their first two regular-season foes. Six wrestlers finished the day with 2-0 records, and others won their only match they wrestled.

Scott (215) is off to a strong start, winning both of his matches with first-period pinfalls. Zack Jones (135) also earned two first-period pinfall wins. Trevor Hatfield (103), Mason Cleaver (130), Gonzales (140) and Andrew Scott (152) also finished with 2-0 marks. Pepper (145) won his only match by pinfall,

The Bronchos would love to make it to the MHSAA Team Wrestling State Meet for a second straight season this year.

"We'd be the first team to ever make it to state two years in a row," Gonzales said. "We have a legitimate shot of making it, so that's our main goal for this year. It's going to take a lot of hard work, and not making stupid mistakes. Some of the new guys who aren't used to varsity matches might make rookie mistakes that they could get away with on JV. They need to



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I DAVID TROPPENS Holly's Tyler Gibson (face is back right) works on pinning an opponent during the Bronchos' victories on Wednesday.

learn they won't on varsity."

"It would be amazing to go again," wrestler Gibson said. "I have high expectations this year for our team. I want to be at least in the state semifinals this year. That would be nice.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work and a lot of effort. But if everyone plays a role like they have in the practice room during the last couple of weeks, I think we will do it."

Holly competed in a tough East Kentwood tournament on Saturday.

"On paper we are one of the best teams in the area. Now we just have to keep working hard in the room and prove it," Pluta said. "We can't think we are just going to do this and that and become fast and sassy. That's why we are going into this tournament this weekend with a lot of ranked teams. It will be good for us because we can measure where we are at so when we come back (from break) we can get ready for the league season."

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