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# ONLINE COMMENTS

## COLUMN: **THOMAS SOWELL 46** I truly enjoyed the column by Thomas Sowell, who spelled it out as it is. He ex-



pressed what the majority really believes about the Occupy

movement and nailed the proponents responsible. Obama's America is not my America and I will fight for it in November 2012! Who's with me?'

## I think you,

Thomas Sowell, whatever your name is, should move out of America. America is too good for you. You see nothing but bad in America. You say the Democrats want America back, but the Republicans don't want to give it. So why don't you move."

## HOT LINE: **HOLLY WATER**

**44The first step** to remedy the cost to the



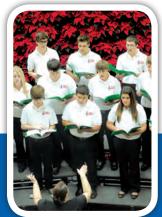
citizens of Holly concerning the water bills, should be to

reap any valuable assets from those who voted for the Pulte deal and all other things that contributed to the dilemma. Take everything they own. It's their fault, not the citizens."









**School** choir lt's more than just singing!



**Holiday** etiquette

**Some rules** never change



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# City approves the purchase of 911 equipment

# ▶ Police department to upgrade its emergency dispatch system

## **By Sharon Stone**

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Fenton — On Monday, the Fenton City Council unanimously approved a proposal that will allow the city's police department to upgrade its 911 emergency dispatch center by purchasing new equipment.

With funding provided by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the cost of this equipment cannot exceed "We'll be one of the first couple of cities in the state to implement this new technology."

**Rick Aro** Fenton chief of police

\$253,127. Including the costs of the tower grounding and consultant fees, which were already covered and an estimated \$15,000 for electrical work, the total cost

# **Summary**

The Fenton Police Department will be purchasing new state-of-the-art 911 emergency dispatch equipment, using funds from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

reaches about \$278,000.

Based on early projections, the DDA had set aside \$320,000.

Police Chief Rick Aro said the vendors that were selected were chosen based on their experience and warranties. "We're getting the most bang for the buck," he said.

See **DISPATCH** on 6



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The Fenton Police Department will be updating its 911 emergency dispatch center, using funds provided by the Downtown Development Authority.

# Hot time at the Holly Dickens Festival



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Doctor Infernal executes his "flaming finale" at Holly Dickens Festival on Saturday, wowing visitors with his fire-eating act. The festival also included 11 vendors, a choir and children's activities. See story on Page 13.

# **City hires firm** to search for better water

# ▶Effort will cost up to \$10,970

# **Bv Sharon Stone**

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**Fenton** — On Monday, the Fenton City Council voted in favor of allowing up to \$10,970 be spent for exploration of better quality groundwater. This will allow AMECBCI Engineering & Scientists, Inc. (AMEC) to explore areas within city limits that might provide higher quality groundwater.

See WATER on 7



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SHARON STONE Fenton City Council gave its approval Monday for the water department to search for higher quality water.

# Is 'Big Brother' watching you?

Activity-recording program exists on most smartphones and tablets

# **By William Axford**

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Smart phones and tablets may be smarter than most people think.

Carrier IQ is software that tracks the activity of a user, logging everything from visited websites to text messages exchanged between phones.

A vast majority of smart phones have Carrier IQ installed on them and most people — including manu-

See BIG BROTHER on 10



## Summary

Carrier IQ is tracking software that records kevstrokes and online activities on mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets. Users are concerned that passwords and other privileged information may be sold to companies and other agencies.

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# **Fenton Township to become 'active community'**

# ►Sidewalks, bike paths and more on agenda

## **By William Axford**

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The Fenton Township Board of Trustees adopted a resolution last week that may allow more sidewalks and bike paths on the main roads.

The decision came after a presentation from Safe and Active Genesee for Everyone (SAGE), a group that presenter Victor Lukasavitz described as "a collaboration of local advocates, non-profits, private and government organizations working together to advocate for and support active living initiatives."

"We're trying to design streets today

that are for the good of the community, and not just good for transportation over a few stretch of miles," Lukasavitz said.

Some of the suggestions included in the presentation were converting four-lane

roads into three lanes and using the extra space for bicycle lanes or sidewalks. Also suggested was creating trails that include signage and a clear ending destination.

Lukasavitz said that a community benefits greatly once it becomes more

"To have a truly active community, residents should be able to go anywhere they need to in 20 minutes by foot."

Lauren Holaly
Active Live Director
at Crimm Physical
Foundation

accessible by foot. Generally, the values of homes increase by 20 percent and local businesses see an increase in sales.

Perhaps the most important aspect of having a more active community however is health. Active Live Director at Crimm Physical Foundation Lauren Holaly said that nearly 20 percent of children and 65 percent of adults in America are overweight.

"To have a truly active community, residents should be able to go anywhere they need to in 20 minutes by foot," Holaly said during her portion of the presentation.

In order to adapt the roads in Fenton Township into a more walkable community, the board of trustees must approve an ordinance to start the project. The board is expected to construct an ordinance and vote on it in a future meeting.

News briefs

Due to his appointment to Fenton City Council, it was necessary for Michael Piacentini to resign from the Fenton Downtown Development Authority

(DDA), as well as the Land Develop-

ment Finance Authority (LDFA). Fenton

City Council accepted his resignations

On Monday, Fenton City Council appointed Terry Green and Tom Bertschy

to serve on the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Green

is owner of Billmeier Camera, which is located within the DDA district. He lives in the DDA district and he has been

involved with the chamber of commerce. Bertschy works for The State Bank on North LeRoy Street. He serves as board

member of the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation, Fenton

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John Rauch to the Board of Review

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**COUNCIL MAKES DDA** 

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# **SMART SOLUTIONS**





When your little one's gum ends up on his shirt or your rug, fill a resealable plastic sandwich bag with ice and apply it to the sticky spot for 10 minutes. As the gum gets cold, it shrinks and hardens, making it easy to peel off and toss away without damaging fabric.





To whisk away unsightly buildup in your toilet, drop a denture tablet in the bowl once a month. Let it sit overnight, then flush. The effervescent compounds in the tablet loosen particles, while the oxidant ingredients work to polish the porcelain.

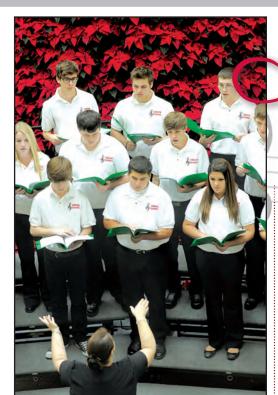
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Shari Ravert leads the Linden High School Ensemblethrough Christmas carols at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township on Thursday. The performance was a challenge because they only had eight rehearsals to prepare.

# Local High School Choir Programs

Fenton High School

Ambassadors Show Choir Belle Voce Choir

**Linden High School** 

Linden High School Ensemble Varsity Choir

**Holly High School** 

Main Street Chorale Chamber Choir

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Choir

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# Builds friendships, hones social and performance skills, instills confidence and more

By Tim Jagielo

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Smiles spread on the faces of patients and their families as they entered the doors of Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township on Thursday. Each person was greeted with the warm sound of Christmas carols, sung by a high school choir as they left the winter cold, and entered the atrium of the hospital.

**Summary** 

Choir is one high school elective that gives students an opportunity to learn music while building confidence and other skills that will benefit other areas of their lives.

Among the choirs performing was the Linden High School Ensemble. Each student was sharply dressed. The group soon attracted a large audience, who wouldn't believe that the students had worked

See SINGING on 9

# Mind your manners

Even with the popularity of e-mail, Facebook and other social media, some rules of holiday etiquette never change

**FEATURES** 

## **By Sally Rummel**

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If a person gives you a gift and was not there to see you open it, you should write a hand-written, thank-you note to express your appreciation for the gift. That's the word from Lizzie and Peggy Post, co-authors of "Emily Post's Etiquette, 18th Edition: Manners for a New World" and descendants of etiquette expert Emily Post.

For gifts you receive in the presence of the gift-giver, a casual e-mail note will suffice, but a hand-written note is always appreciated. You're never in the wrong if you send a personal, hand-written note, according to Post's book. E-mail is OK if it's someone you e-mail frequently, but for others who don't use e-mail as their main communication, it may come across as an insincere, "easy way

out" expression of thanks. When in doubt, a hand-written note is always the preferred method of thanks.

One suggestion for parents of kids—even grown ones—who get Christmas stockings every year is to include a package of fun thank-you notes in the stocking. That way, there's no excuse for not writing thank you notes after the holiday, and they'll serve as a gentle reminder that this is an expected activity after the festive fun of gift opening.

Keeping supplies handy, including cards, addresses, pens and stamps, will help make the job easier. When you sit down to write the note, you can thank them for the specific gift and tell them how you plan to use it. If you're going to

See MANNERS on 6

# Questions about gift giving

How do I handle it when someone unexpectedly gives me a gift, especially at work, when I don't have a gift to give him or her in return?

A gift is a nice gesture, not a holiday requirement, so a person receiving an unexpected gift shouldn't apologize. This is a time when words spoken can

See GIFT on 6

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### A December to remember

Seventy years ago this month, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and brought America into a war that had begun in Europe in 1939.

In his masterful new book 'December 1941: 31 Days That Changed America and Saved the World,' Craig Shirley takes readers back to a very different America. Through hundreds of stories and advertisements culled from newspapers, Shirley not only transports us back to that tumultuous time, but reminds this generation that denial about an enemy's intentions can have grave consequences.

Each chapter in the book deals with a single day of December 1941. We go to the movies with Clark Gable and Betty Grable, view the 'upper society' of New York, and listen to radio stars like Jack Benny and Walter Winchell, the acerbic columnist and powerful radio

The major players are all here: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Winston Churchill and countless generals and admirals, as well as other military and political figures familiar to any student of history. But the real stars were our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Record numbers enlisted in the military. This 'greatest generation' was not necessarily braver than other generations; its men and women were simply imbued with a profound sense of duty.

That call to duty is evident in a letter from a young man to his father, which was typical, says Shirley, of the sentiment in December 1941:

'Dear Dad, There is a war on and I am now in it, but that must not be a cause for you to worry. Of course there is danger and there will be more danger to come but if I am to die a soldier's death, so be it... You must think of me as doing my duty to God and country. I am not afraid to die for this... Until then I remain and always, Your Loving Son.

Dec. 7, 1941 may be a day that 'will live in infamy,' but that month, those years, and that war revealed an American character still on display in our military today, though it's somewhat lacking in our civilian population.

AS A CHRISTIAN, I am disturbed by Christians demanding that non-Christians recognize the Christmas holiday. We are supposed to live our lives in such a way that attracts people to Christ, not demand they recognize our holidays. Would Christ walk into Kmart and demand that an atheist say Merry Christmas?

TONIGHT, I WENT to the Fenton High School band performance. The students put on an incredible evening of entertainment called 'An Evening at the Cinema.' Mr. Perkins taught each performer to become something bigger than one's self, and taught the audience that notes speak louder than words. Good thing. I left speechless.

WONDERING WHY THE 'Welcome to' part of the 'Welcome to Fenton' is so small on the new signs. You can't even see it until you've almost passed by.

I SURE WOULD like to know what a certain family on Cogshall Street is doing every single night. Starting around suppertime, and sometimes going until after midnight, it sounds like someone is beating on something with a sledgehammer. For Pete's sake, it's been months. Do your project during the daytime.

IF THE REPUBLICAN Party is of the rich and for the rich only, how do you explain that approximately 50 percent of the public votes Republican and approximately half of our Congress is Republican. Must mean 50 percent of the people in this country are rich.

IN RESPONSE TO the article about bullying in our schools, our adminis-



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or turning their heads. Don't ask them. Go straight to the students and parents. You'll find out just how much bullying is going on in the schools. My granddaughter is a student going through this.

trators are either lying

IF YOU TAKE issue with the bell ringers or panhandlers,' or calls from solicitors and cannot afford to give,

I imagine you can 'afford' a smile. On phone calls, just respectfully say 'Sorry,' or nicely hang up without a word. Works every time. Thanks for

PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS a lot in common with Abraham Lincoln. Both came from lower-class backgrounds, worked their way through law school, called Illinois home, were elegant speakers and inherited a nation in dire disastrous situations. Both were unfairly criticized and ridiculed. Both lacked support, yet continue to take the high road.

HELLO, WASHINGTON. I'M a 48-yearold, eligible male, I would like my Social Security now please before you waste it, and I'll never be able to collect it. Why can't I use it now? Perhaps I could put it back into the economy, now.

**VERY DISAPPOINTED TO** see this year's wrestling preview focus on Detroit Catholic Central. Are the local Fenton teams so bad you quit covering them? Last time I checked Detroit was not in the tri-county area. Those kids are no longer Fenton athletes. They are Detroit Catholic Central athletes.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



# Bits & pieces I'm dreaming of a White Christmas

'I'm dreaming of a White Christmas, just like the ones I used to know ...'

I love that song, but nope, not me, I don't care if it snows on Christmas or any day of the year for that matter. I just don't like snow or cold weather. So, this unseasonably warm, not much snow month of December has made me very happy.

But for those of you who are wistfully wishing for the white stuff on Christmas Day, the forecast may be in your favor. According to weather reports from Justin Roberti, the outlook for a white Christmas this year lines up with historical data. Based on past Christmases, the Intermountain West, Rockies, northern Plains and Upper Midwest as well as northern New England are most likely to have a white Christmas.

### **Dickens Festival**

I spent some time with my family at the Holly Dickens Festival on Sunday. And, what a great time it was. The weather was a little chilly, but sunny and bright and the events were entertaining. We especially enjoyed visiting the Detroit Model Railroad Club's open house, which is home to Michigan's largest 'O' scale model railroad. The model trains are radio-controlled, equipped with realistic sound and run on 5,000 feet of track.

## Shop 'til you drop

As of today, there are just 10 shopping days before Christmas. I spent a good bit of time Christmas shopping this past weekend and I didn't even have to leave the tri-county area. There were no large crowds to contend with and free-gift wrapping was offered at many of the businesses I visited. I always enjoy finding the perfect gift for my loved ones and I did that — right here in town.

## Source Book 2012 — It's not too late

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# If you could give one gift to the world, what would it be?



"I would give money to the poor, because some people don't have a lot of food."



"I would give food to the hungry because money is tight right now."



"I would give money to the homeless to use for shelter because it's cold outside."



"I would give money to kids in Afghanistan so they can afford to have a teacher for the whole year."

— Mitchell Cairnduff



Fourth-grade students

at State Road Elementary School

"I would give shelter to kids who live in igloos. It's too cold out to live in those."



"I would give plants, because people keep cutting them down."

Nicole Rushton

— Brie Sanford

Abby Sizemore

Ryan Adams

—Nathan Klump

# New fire department hoses — \$5,000

a necessity to

put out a fire."

**Jackie Campbell** 

Hollage Village

council member

**By Tim Jagielo** 

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**Holly** — On Tuesday, the Holly Village Council voted 6-1 to "This is not a wish list, this is

allocate \$5,000 to the Holly Fire Department. The money is coming from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which must be used on a public service in the community and to help those of moderate to low income.

Council member Jason Hughes cast the dissenting vote. He said he wanted the village to potential residents to help alleviate the resident's higher water bills. "The one biggest complaint this community has is that the water bills are extremely high," he said.

His ideas included using the funds to possibly reinstate the economic development task force, to recruit new residents to Holly. "The only way we're going to bring those bills down is to recruit new

the CDBG funds to be used to market

**Summary** ▶The Holly Fire Department will receive \$5,000 in CDBG funds to buy new hoses after a council vote at

the meeting on

residents," said Hughes, "Today, we have done very little to market our community."

President Jeff Miller said there was

nothing in place at the moment to implement Hughes' idea, and the CDBG funds had to be used soon, and the fire department's needs are the most vital.

He also said fire protection is a bigger priority. Other options for CDBG funds

included parks or helping seniors in the community.

"This is not a wish list, this is a necessity to put out a fire," said coun-

cil member Jackie Campbell, who echoed Miller's sentiment. "That is the best we can do for our whole community."

The proposal to buy hoses for the fire department came from Fire Chief Steve McGee, who said the smaller "attack hoses" were in poor condition, and needed to be replaced. The CDBG funds will buy 1,700 feet of hose.

# Calling all of Santa's helpers

It's that time of year once again for trict. In past years, each child typically Holly Area Youth Assistance's (HAYA) Toy Project. The 29th annual Jacobson/ Quinn Toy Project, sponsored by HAYA, is accepting new, unwrapped toys and monetary donations. Organizers are in need of books, educational games, dolls, puzzles, action figures, soccer balls and footballs.

The program was established in 1982 to provide low-income families with toys at Christmas. This year, HAYA anticipates giving presents to 350 to 400 children living within the Holly Area School Disreceived two toys or gifts and stocking stuffing items.

The public is invited to help with giftwrapping on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and if necessary, on Friday, Dec. 16, in the old ambulance building at Cyclone Park.

Gift delivery helpers will also be needed to take the presents to homes on Saturday, December 17. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Cyclone Park building.

For additional information, contact HAYA at (248) 328-3181.

# Fenton area Toastmasters welcomes new members

Fenton Area Toastmasters has two new members, Joshua Gates and Paola Couture. Gates is pastor of First Baptist Church in Fenton. He has joined Toastmasters with the goal of improving his skills and sharing with the community. He has already given several speeches and competed in two competitions.

Couture recently moved to this country from Mexico with her husband. She joined Toastmasters to gain a better command of the language and to get over her fears of speaking in public.

Fenton Area Toastmasters meets every Friday at the VG's Support Center, 209 S. Alloy Drive, Fenton, from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call (810) 629-5447 ext. 401 or visit www.fenton.freetoasthost.us.

Toastmaster International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honing leadership skills and oral communication.







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## DISPATCH

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The approximate balance of \$40,000 that the DDA set aside would remain available to the dispatch center in the event of necessary incidentals for the Next Generation 911 or fees in the future.

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other PSAPs, including any

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"I'm excited," said Aro. "We'll be one of the first couple of cities in the state to implement this new technology."

Of Genesee County, Flint and Fenton cities are the only municipalities that have their own 911 emergency dispatch centers. For years, there had been talk of joining the county's 911 emergency dispatch system, however, Fenton City officials had long valued the faster response times of its police and fire departments.

Aro said the current 911 equipment is outdated and replacement parts are unavailable. Funding to cover costs of dispatch personnel, about \$150,000, comes from service fees collected by cell phone companies.

against the upgrade and had the city join the counwould have gone to the county, which most likely would have caused the police department to shut down its lock-up and close its doors beyond regular business hours, since there would not have been personnel to handle operations.

After the favorable vote, Aro said he was happy with the outcome. "We certainly

took a long, hard look at this issue," he said. "We debated. Because of this, I believe we're heading in the right direction."

The chief now has the task of putting together a contract for a local vendor for installation and maintenance, since the equipment company, Moducom, is based in California. He hopes to have the new system up and running by the end of January or early February.

With their careers on the line, Aro said he thinks his dispatchers felt a sign of relief with council's unanimous decision to proceed.

Aro is convinced that a significant reason to keep the dispatch center in operation is because of the city's ambulance contract with STAT EMS. "That will continue," he



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# **GIFT**

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mean as much as a gift, so be gracious and appreciative for the kindness and effort shown. Make sure to write a sincere thank-you, and make a mental note to put this person on your gift list next year, if it seems appropriate.

According to Post, people are way too sensitive about reciprocation. It's OK to receive something from someone and the only thing you give in return is a sincere thank you. If you start giving excuses for not having a gift to give in return, you're taking the focus away from the gift that was given and drawing it to yourself.

I have a friend who spends lavishly on holiday gifts, and I can't afford to spend as much. What should I do?

You should never, ever feel you have to strain your budget to purchase a gift, whether it's a Christmas gift, wedding or birthday gift, Post said in her book. When you put thought into a gift, and you really consider the person and what he or she would like, the price of the gift doesn't matter.

## Is it OK to return a gift?

If someone has given you a gift receipt with his or her gift, it's a tacit invitation to go ahead and return it, said Post in her book. If it's from a big brand store and tags are attached, it's still

fine to exchange it. Just ask yourself how comfortable you'd be if the giver ever asked you why you don't wear it. Never ask for information so you can return it. 'You're not owed a perfect gift."

## **MANNERS**

## **Continued from Page 3**

return the gift, you can still thank them for the thought and intent of the original gift. You can end the note by wishing them well and letting them know you look forward to seeing them again. Even a thank-you note written late is better than no thank-you note at all, according to Post.



# Update on the Screen case

A few weeks ago I wrote a column about a case out of Allegan County (People v Rose) involving a defendant who was convicted of criminal sexual conduct and other felonies involving a child. The child was allowed to testify at trial behind a screen so that the defendant could not see her and she him.

The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the conviction and found that under the special circumstances presented, including the 8-year-old child's fear of the defendant, the defendant's Sixth Amendment right to have face-toface confrontation with the witnesses against him and his due process rights were not violated by use of the screen.

The Michigan Supreme Court granted leave to appeal the Court of Appeals decision on Feb. 2. On Dec. 9, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that after considering the legal briefs and oral arguments of the parties, the previous order granting leave to appeal was vacated because the Court was no longer persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by the

What this means is that the ruling of the Court of Appeals stands, and the defendant's conviction remains af-

This ruling is an example of how the law allows a court to reconsider a previous decision when additional facts or circumstances are presented.

The law has long recognized this possibility as it ensures that courts at all levels can reach a different conclusion than the initial ruling when it is warranted. This is a matter within a court's sound discretion and there is clearly nothing wrong with a court being able to ensure a correct final decision is made.

This is something that doesn't happen often but under the law, there are good and valid reasons for the procedure.

## **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

I REALLY LOVE all the Christmas decorations outside, the beautiful lights, and all the festivities. The only thing I don't care for are the blue lights. Why do people like blue lights? I don't know, but I like all the other lights. Merry Christmas.

WE ARE RETIRED and on a fixed income. We have to budget and there are things we have cut out. Now, I am told because I am Republican, I am rich. Hmm, naven't seen it yet. The Republicans have taught us that you have to live within your needs, and don't expect handouts. There is no such thing as a free lunch.

I ASSUME THAT the person complaining about the Baby Boomers and their mindless consumerism, doesn't own a big-screen TV, an iPod, or a cell phone. They probably sit in a dark room reading by a candle. I can tell you that the Baby Boomers are responsible for inventing or perfecting every device that is near and dear to your heart right now.

YEAH, ADULTERY WAS so horrible with Clinton, but now it's OK, wow.

SO, BUSH IS completely thoughtless and your information is absolutely cor-

I E-MAILED ONE of our local stores to

see if they could special order an item that I knew no one in the area carried, because I wanted to shop local. Not only could they order it, I received it faster and they assembled it for free.

MAY I SUGGEST the parent complaining about the insulting, rude teacher at Fenton schools try holding a meeting with the teacher and principal? Complaining in the Hot lines doesn't solve the problem.

MY FAMILY WENT to the Dickens Festival in Holly this past Sunday. I just want to say what a wonderful time we had. Keep up the good work, Holly.

I'M SICK OF all the Republican debates.

## WATER

### **Continued from Front Page**

Councilman Mike Piacentini voted against it, saying that he would liked to have seen this project as a line item on the budget. He said it is a great idea but \$10,000 is a significant cost for an improvement.

"We need

to proceed

cautiously."

**Sue Osborn** 

Fenton City mayor

**Summary** 

► Fenton City

Council approved a request by the

water department

to spend nearly

\$11,000 to hire

a company

to search for

better quality

groundwater.

If higher quality water were found, fewer costly chemicals would be necessary to treat the water. Dan Czarnecki, director of the Department of Public Works, told council members that the city's treated municipal water currently

meets all standards and testing requirements. Increasing and fluctuating costs of chemicals, however, adds to the cost for that end result.

Steve Guy, director of the water plant, said they spend about \$70,000 annually on sodium hydroxide and about \$220,000 in total chemical costs to treat the water. He believes that if better groundwater were found, the amount spent on chemicals would decrease.

AMEC has proposed a three-phase project, with the first one being a determina-

tion of what water is available and a review of the hydro geological data. If better water were found within city limits, they would begin to look at the second phase of the project.

It is unknown at this time what the second phase of the project would cost the city.

The water department has an annual

budget of about \$2.7 million. It has about \$328,000 on hand that could be used on this project. Czarnecki said although there are funds available, he would not consider the water fund to be a healthy fund, yet. Unexpected expenditures, such as water main breaks and faulty pumps could oc-

cur at any given time and a reserve must be available.

Mark Sweatman, of AMEC, said he expects work associated with the first phase to be completed by the end of next March.

Councilman Les Bland said he believes that this

needed to be done. However, he was not sure that now was the right time. He predicts the second phase of the project to cost considerably more than \$10,000. "I don't think the water

department can look at this kind of expenditure.

"It's good water, but may be hard."

Mayor Sue Osborn said, overall, the \$10,000 being spent on the first phase was not a large cost, considering that the city would at least have an answer. "We need to proceed cautiously," she said.

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said the council could do nothing or do what the residents have asked for and find ways to lower costs. She wants to do what is best for the residents and this \$10,000 could be money well spent in the long run.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said she believes that the first phase is a good plan.

# Police&Fire report

### **WOMAN'S JEWELRY STOLEN**

Fenton police are investigating a theft of jewelry complaint, from an 87-year-old woman living in the 16000 block of Silver Parkway. Lt. Jason Slater said the complaint came in on Dec. 7. The woman said four pieces of jewelry, valued at \$4,000, were missing from her residence. Police are continuing to investigate and will be interviewing anyone who had access to her home.

### **LOUD NOISE**

On Dec. 7, Fenton police responded to an apartment in the 300 block of Trealout Drive to investigate a loud noise complaint. Police made contact with the 18-year-old male resident and his two male friends, one 19, from Rose Township and one 18, from Fenton Township. The teens admitted to drinking and preliminary breath tests revealed a blood alcohol content of .158 for the Fenton Township

male and .212 for the Rose Township male. Those two were ticketed for Under 21 Consumption and the resident was ticketed for Under 21 Possession. Beer and liquor was destroyed at the scene.

### **DELINQUENT ACCOUNT**

On Dec. 12, a 25-year-old Fenton man reported to Fenton police that when he tried to open an account at a cell phone store, an employee informed him that an account, with his Social Security number, already existed, but with another name. The account was also delinquent. The store was notifying the parent company and the victim was advised to report the incident to police.

### **WOMAN ASSAULTS BROTHER**

At 4:40 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, Fenton police responded to a home near Jennings and Owen roads to investigate a domestic assault complaint called in by a 21-year-old female resident. The woman said her 28-year-old brother, who lives with her, assaulted her. Police interviewed the siblings as well as witnesses and determined that the woman had been the aggressor in the assault. She was arrested and taken to the county jail. The case has been turned over to detectives who will present the file to the prosecutor.

# **Argentine Police Department seeking reservists**

▶ Reserve Officer program approved by township officials

### **By Sharon Stone**

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The Argentine Township Board of Trustees approved a request to restart the Reserve Officer program at its November meeting. Police Chief Daniel Allen requested the program be restarted so that a few reserve officers would be available to provide invaluable assistance to his department, at no cost to the township.

The police department had a reserve officer program from 2001 to 2007.

Allen said he would like to have as many as eight reservists on hand to work alongside the certified officers. There are most likely some individuals in the community who would like to volunteer in this capacity. Those interested must be at least 21 year of age and they would be required to pay for their own training and gear. There is some gear, which was used by the past reservists.

Training would mirror training that certified officers take part in and background checks would be required. Allen said his policy is very specific on qualifications.

Those interested should contact the chief at (810) 735-5317. The deadline to apply is Jan. 1, 2012. If an applicant has attended a reserve academy, some training requirements can be waived.





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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Members of Fenton High School's Bella Voce choir rehearse Monday morning, under the direction of Brad Wright. Fenton has an open choir, but Bella Voce members must try out.

"I think it gives me

more confidence for

everything."

**Lydia Berkey** 

Bella Voce choir member

## **SINGING**

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on their music for only three weeks, or eight rehearsals prior to the performance.

Leading the students was choir director Shari Ravert. "(Choir) teaches you to handle yourself under pressure," she said. "Even if you feel you are under stress."

Student Nick Bonardelli, 14, enjoyed the challenge. "It was a lot of fun," he

said. "I was still nervous though, with only eight rehearsals."

This is his first year in choir, in high school. "It helps me definitely to be outgoing," said Nick.

He chose choir over other electives because he likes music, and found it more interesting than the other electives.

Choir is one out of many elective classes from which students can choose. At Linden, band, art, physical education, video production and theater are all available, and all provide different ways to enrich the student's life. All area high schools have different choir programs.

At Fenton High School, members of the Bella Voce all-women choir meet for several hours every week. Bella Voce members have to try out.

Choir director Brad Wright is good natured and energetic, but does not treat the group with kid gloves. He drives the choir to perform better. "Did that sound like maturity?" he asked during rehearsal Monday morning. "Did that



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO**Bella Voce choir director Brad Wright pushes his students to be better musicians, and demands a high standard.

sound like decisiveness?" He called out sections that he felt hadn't worked on their music at home.

Lydia Berkey, 14, and Brianna Mattila, 15, are both freshmen and members of the choir. Lydia said she is not used to being pushed this way in a choir class. "I think it's good because he has high expectations for us," she said. "Because he pushes us so hard, we're not afraid to try things in other classes," said Brianna.

The group has already performed one show, and is preparing for the next show on Thursday. Both students said being in choir helps them in other areas of their lives. "I

think it gives me more confidence for everything," said Lydia.

This is the benefit of choir that Ravert sees in her own students. She watched them put their fears aside to perform in front of total strangers, after they scrambled to learn new music for the show. She said that this same confidence can carry someone through an important job interview without losing their cool. "Music is such an integral part of our lives," Ravert said.

Aside from instilling confidence, choir gives students a place to belong. Both Brianna and Lydia describe their choir as a family unit. "You're in the trenches together, it's like being part of a club," said Ravert.

Lydia and Brianna said they have fun in the class, even though they have to work hard at what they do. Both have challenges inherent to their position in the choir. Lydia is a low alto, and must push her lower register, while Brianna is a second soprano, and has to stretch her upper range. "Sometimes we have to hit a really high low note, and then go up to a really high note," said Brianna.

They both enjoy learning new music from different genres, and meeting new people through the choir. "They're more comfortable around other people," said Ravert.

Most of the area high schools have an open choir program, and other choirs for more serious singers. If you love music and a solid challenge, choir might be for you.

# **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

I HAVE AUTHORED a saying and invite everyone to use it. 'The Conservatives all agree in the constitutional amendment regarding freedom of religion. They are strong supporters, as long as you choose one of the Christian ones.'

THE LINDEN HOLIDAY Happening was a beehive of activity, Santa, local artists' demonstrations, art show,100-plus people at the Masonic Lodge, people lining the streets of Downtown Linden, and instead of capturing all of this activity, you select a picture of a person with two dogs. Lame.

IF WE ARE going to have medical cannabis in Michigan, then we need to stop busting local growers. If we do not allow people to grow cannabis in Michigan, it will be outsourced to cartels, gangsters and even the Taliban. Keep cannabis local. Fenton, stop busting local growers.

IT'S TOO BAD that most people miss out on life. They go through life half dead, yes physical, but not spirit-filled. God put you here and he gives you everything you need to have a good life. It's too short. Enjoy it.

YES, I JUST wanted to find out if all the patriot flag waving Americans celebrated by going out and buying a new Japanese car.

**DOCTORS ARE THE** most thoughtless, insensitive, aggregate human beings walking in this planet today.

I FIND IT interesting that the person who is complaining about the principal still being around after some altercation and is blaming it on the union. The principal is an administrator and is part of management. Management does not have a union, so you can't blame it on the union. Blame it on management, where most of our problems arise.

WELL, IF PEOPLE don't like the fact that union workers are union workers, they didn't have to take the job from non-union shops. They could form a union. We get benefits because we work for

I'D LIKE TO wish my Times carrier a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and all the other carriers, too. I always get my Times on time, in good weather or in bad. Thank you very much to all the Times' carriers. You all work very hard.

**TO THE PERSON** who has the misconception that Medicare is a free handout and is saying it's a drain on the national economy. It's something we pay for. It's not free. That's something we pay \$125 a month for, just to have health coverage.

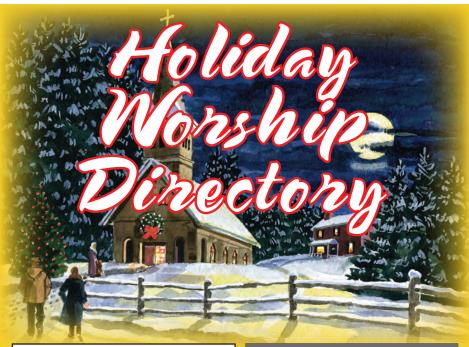
I GOT MY Sunday, Dec. 11 Times, and the online comments have a hotline that says Obama is the best thing ever for this country. What are you people on, some kind of drugs down there? Why don't you put that crap on the back page?

PERHAPS THE LINDEN High School band director is similar to a coach for football, volleyball, softball, or track. He takes the best students who are musically inclined, dedicated and committed to excellence, to make the program excellent. The Linden band program is known throughout the state and they have gone to state championships several times in the last 17 years.

WELL, YOUR'RE RIGHT about one thing. Warren Buffett writing a check to the government would be throwing his money away, as it would be the next thousand millionaires writing their check, with you writing your check, with me writing my check. The government does nothing but throw the money away.









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- New Year's Eve Communion Service December 31 at 7:00PM
- New Year's Day Communion Service January 1 at 10:00AM





# The UPS Store in Fenton helps keep holidays hassle-free

"I understand

why it's a

concern and I

think the lawsuit

is justified."

**Mike Oliver** 

Hometown Computers

**WHO HAS** 

**CARRIER IQ,** 

**WHO DOESN'T** 

**DOES HAVE** 

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Motorola Phonton (Sprint)

HTC G2

Motorola Atrix 4G

Blackberry

T-Mobile

**DOESN'T HAVE** 

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Nokia phones

Windows phones

Google Nexus One

Google Nexus S

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Source: Gizmodo.com

The UPS Store at 17195 Silver Parkway can help keep the holidays happy and hassle-free.

"Whether it's helping you personalize and send out your holiday greetings, packing and shipping your gifts so they arrive safely or having someone sign for all your holiday packages, we're a convenient one-stop shop that can handle many of our customers' holiday logistics," said Les Beare, The UPS Store owner.

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Customers can bring their packages to The UPS Store Certified Packing Experts, who offer The UPS Store Pack & Ship Promise, which reimburses customers the cost of packaging materials and service as well as shipping costs in the event a center-packed item shipped via UPS is lost or damaged. Visit www.theupsstore.com/psp for details.

For customers who prefer to do it them-

selves, Beare offers the following tips.

- Begin with the proper materials: a new cardboard box designed for shipping, professional-grade packaging tape and packaging material like foam packaging peanuts or bubble cushioning (at least 2 inches all around).
- Include a label on the inside of the package with the destination and return addresses.
- Use a shipping option, such as UPS, that provides a package tracking number.
- Take batteries out of toys, electronics, etc., before shipping and wrap them separately to avoid contact with metal.
- Seal homemade holiday treats in an interior airtight container or plastic bag before packing them. Use an expedited air service, such as UPS Next Day Air ® or Second Day Air.
- Ship wrapped gifts and luggage ahead to your destination, especially if traveling by air

Mondays are typically the busiest shipping days and Dec. 12 to Dec. 16 is expected to be the busiest week of the year.

# **BIG BROTHER**

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facturers and cell phone providers — were unaware of the program's existence until a few weeks ago.

The software has received national attention after Android developer Trevor Eckhart created a website that details Carrier IQ's features and purpose for existing on mobile devices. According to Carrier IQ, the software is a diagnostic tool and "is used to understand what "I un conceived think to is justification in the software is a diagnostic tool and "is used to understand what"

problems customers are having

with our network or devices so we can take action to improve service quality. It collects enough information to understand the customer experience with devices on our network and how to devise solution to use and connection problems."

Carrier IQ is known as a rootkit, software that traditionally has been used by hackers and is generally associated with malware. Removing rootkits can be challenging and

in some cases even impossible. So far, Carrier IQ claims to have never sold user information to any agency or company.

The software exists on a multitude of different tablets, and is prominent on gadgets that use Google's Android operating system.

The announcement of Carrier IQ following the activity of millions of people has triggered numerous lawsuits against manufacturers and the demand for a Federal investigation. U.S. Senator Al Franken (D-Minn,) is pushing for a detailed report from the company on what type of data is being recorded.

The discovery of Carrier IQ existing on countless mobile devices is new to a majority of the public. Wireless Zone owner Joe Bommarito said he knew nothing about the software until he recently heard about it on the news.

Hometown Computers owner Mike Oliver said that although there is potential for concerns about the program, Carrier IQ is

a much-needed feature on mobile devices, since it is a main component of improving user interaction. "Most people think there's someone sitting on the computer, watching what they're doing on their phones. But this isn't a situation where someone is get-

ting (people's) information," Oliver said.

Oliver said that Carrier IQ records keystrokes, even to encrypted websites that require user names and passwords. In an age of frequent identity theft and access to financial information at the touch of a finger, many people are afraid

of the program's ability to record personal online information.

"I understand why it's a concern and I think the lawsuit is justified," Oliver said. "But if you're familiar with programming and engineering, it's easy to see how this got overlooked. It's definitely a concern, but it shouldn't become a big issue. Carrier IQ hasn't tried denying what they're about."

Oliver has already experienced a few concerns from his customers, who have come to his store, asking about the program and if it can be taken off of their devices. So far, Oliver has told customers not to worry about Carrier IQ, as information has yet to be sold or used by other companies.

Some manufacturers are reacting quickly to the customer outrage about having their phone habits tracked. Apple's ios5 software, which exists on the iPad 2 and iPhone 4s, does not have Carrier IQ as part of their programming. Apple also announced that they are releasing online updates for other iPhones and the original iPad, elimi-

nating Carrier IQ from all Apple products.

Other manufacturers, such as Google, have embedded the Carrier IQ into their platforms, making the task of removing the tracking software more cumbersome. Most manufacturers are still developing responses due to the public's very recent exposure to the software.





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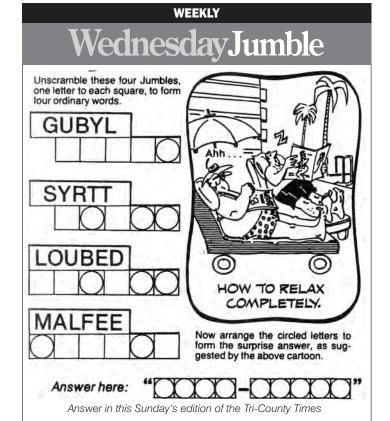
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times





**DEAR DR. DONOHUE: How much** stress does sex put on the heart? I don't have a heart problem. I know two fellow workers, who, according to scuttlebutt, died while having sex. They were about my age. -- R.L. ANSWER: Scuttlebutt isn't a reliable source of information.

Blood pressure and heart rate rise during sexual relations, but not so much as to be a source of concern for most men and women, even those who have had a heart attack. The energy expenditure is approximately the same as climbing two flights of stairs. That is, walking, not running, up those flights.

Most people who have had a heart attack can resume an active sex life within three to six weeks of having the attack. The exact amount of time has to be determined by the person's physician, who takes into account the magnitude of the heart attack and how well the heart is currently performing.

## **RELEASED THIS WEEK**

# DVDs&Movies

## **RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES**

The film is a new take on "The Planet of the Apes," in present day San Francisco



where man's own experiments with genetic engineering lead to the development of intelligence in apes. Oscar-winning visual effects house WETA Digital have created photo-realistic apes rather than costumed actors. James Franco

stars as Will Rodman, a neuroscientist trying to develop a cure for Alzheimer's disease by testing on chimpanzees, giving them a human level of intelligence. A test subject's baby, Caesar, is orphaned. As Caesar's intelligence continues to grow, he begins to stake his claim as the leader of his new primate counterparts, which will ultimately lead to the rise of the planet of the apes

## **KUNG FU PANDA 2**

Po is now living his dream as The Dragon Warrior, protecting the Valley of Peace alongside his friends and fellow kung fu masters, The Furious Five. But Po's new life of awe-

someness is threatened by the emergence of a formidable villain,



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who plans to use a secret, unstoppable weapon to conquer China and destroy kung fu. Po must look to his past and uncover the secrets of his mysterious origins: only then will he be able to unlock the strength he needs to succeed.

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Two men in charge of building a gigantic monument to her have burst into flames, leaving behind only black ash and skeletal bones. Recognizing this threat to her power, she turns to the infamous Dee Renjie (Andy Lau), a man whose unparalleled wisdom is matched only by his martial arts skills.

## FRIGHT NIGHT

Remake of the 1985 gothic horror cult classic. Charley (Anton Yelchin) is a high school senior who's on top of the world — he's running with the popular crowd and dating Amy (Imogen Poots), the most coveted girl in school. But trouble

arrives when Jerry (Colin Farrell) moves in next door. He seems like a nice guy, at first. But there's something not quite right, and no one else, including Charley's mom (Toni Collette) seems to notice. A

his classmates start to mysteriously disappear without a trace, Charlie discovers that there is more to his new neighbor than meets the eye.



# KING FEATURES

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# Crossword Puzzle

# **ACROSS**

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- 30 Confucians' "way"
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- Story" gang

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# Holly Dickens Festival draws hundreds for holiday fun

**Summary** 

Dickens Festival

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variety of activities

this past weekend in

"It's already a

fun tradition."

**Shane Purdue** 

Dicken's Festival

Through the cold, visitors to Holly's

By Tim Jagielo

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Visitors around the state flocked to the Dickens Festival held in downtown Holly

this weekend. And despite the winter temperatures, guests were warmed when watching fire-breathing Doctor Infernal, eating steaming bowls of chili in the Holly First Baptist Church's warming tent or laughing at the Punch and Judy puppet show.

Shane Purdue, a former Holly resident who now lives in Owosso, brought his family to the Dickens Festival toenjoy the annual Christmas tradition. "It's already a fun tradition," he said.

The First Baptist Church of Holly displayed a living nativity scene, with live barnyard animals. Church member Patty Cieply was dressed in nativity garb, and greeted visitors. She

said the animals helped draw people in, and bring them closer to Jesus' birthday. "It's an important time of the year," she said.

The main street area also featured games for kids, including bowling, and live performances. Doctor Infernal was back with his fire show, which amazed visitors.

The Dickens Singers performed Christmas carols and an ice sculpture was carved in front of the township office building. There were roasted chestnuts, turkey legs, kettle popcorn, toasted almonds and hot dogs for hungry visitors. Many of the downtown businesses were open for business.

Alesha Williams, of West Bloomfield, brought her two young children to the

festival for the second time. "We had a lot of fun last year and this year," she said. To her, this year was no exception.

Dickens Festival Committee member Holly Jablonski, of the Holly Candle Shoppe, said the event kept downtown businesses busy. "I'd have to say they were at a record high," she said.

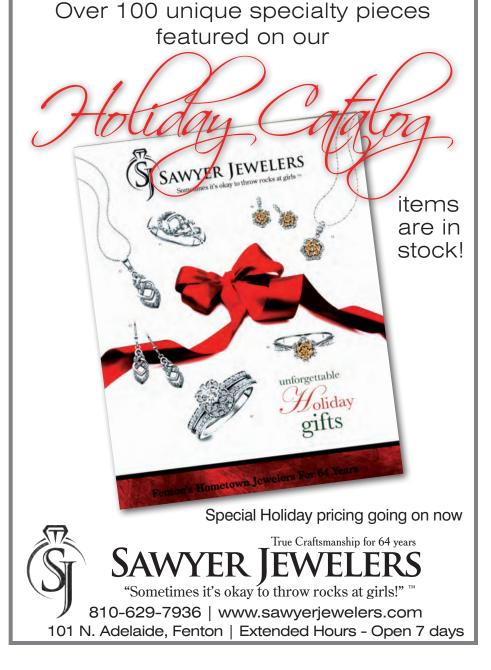
This year, the festival took over all of Battle Alley and Saginaw Street downtown with 11 vendors. "People were in

cheerful happy moods. We didn't hear a single complaint," she said.

Jablonski said she appreciates all the sponsors and volunteers, but added that it's going to take much more support to

to take much more support to return the festival to four weekends again.





# Bronchos capture beautiful 'ugly' win against Clio, 53-50

BRONCHOS

**By David Troppens** 

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Holly coach Lance Baylis says it a lot. It really doesn't matter how you win. It's just that you win, particularly when you enter the local doughnut shop.

"All they ask you when you go in the local doughnut shop is if you won," Baylis said. "And we won. In three weeks no one is going to care how you won. We won ugly, but I'll take winning ugly ev-

The Bronchos overcame a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit with a remarkable

end in regulation, and then won the contest against the Clio Mustangs 53-50 in overtime Monday night.

Trailing by two with 25 seconds left, the Bronchos had the ball. Eventually Jared Plawski was fouled with 2.9 seconds left. He missed the first free throw. setting up a

must-miss sec-

ond shot. He did. It bounced off the front of the rim right back to him. He caught the line shot back to him off the rim, dribbled in the lane

and hit a floating, setting up overtime.

In the overtime, Holly held Clio to just two points, earning their third Metro League win in as many games.

"Clio called a time out which was absolutely beneficial to us," Baylis said. "It gave us a chance to talk about what we were going

to do."

The Bronchos struggled for most of the game, but particularly in the third quarter. Holly led 24-20 at the half, but was outscored 19-5 in the third, setting up the 10-point deficit. The Bronchos spent the fourth quarter trying to cut into that lead, and did so reasonably well, setting up the final play in regulation.

The Bronchos have yet to play what Baylis would consider outstanding ball, and remain 3-0, in first place in the Flint Metro League.

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### **SPORTS TRIVIA**

What is the most points ever scored in an NBA contest?

The Detroit Pistons defeated the Denver Nuggets ▲ 186-184 in three overtimes on Dec. 13, 1983. The 370 points beat the old record of 337 points easily.

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# Newbies take many top spots at Run Like the Dickens event

# Fenton's Larsen captures first place in female 5K run

**By David Troppens** 

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Holly** — Temperatures were well below freezing.

Yet, a record field of 1,345 participants and 1,245 finishers were at the ninth annual of the Run Like the Dickens 5K and 10K Road Race, Saturday.

And because of the depth of the field, the field produced few overall area winners. But one traditional name surfaced. Fenton's Sue Larsen captured the women's overall title in the 5K run, posting the eighth-best time of the entire field with a time of 18:10. She won the women's event by nearly a minute.

Larsen, who has been concentrating on marathons lately, competed in the Chicago Marathton a couple of months ago, but dropped out during the race. Now, she's working on getting back to her traditional distances.

"I've decided to go for the shorter distances for awhile — the 5K to half-marathons," Larsen said. "I was focusing on this first turn, and not slipping because it was pretty icy. The rest of the course was pretty good."

Larsen said the cold was a challenge.

"Some people do better in cold than the heat," Larsen said, "I'm definitely a heat runner. This is too cold for me. Once the temperatures start dipping under 30, it's too cold for me. I just wanted to hold a six-minute pace. I think I was a little better than that, but it's nothing stellar. Once we get into spring next year, my times will start going down.'

The men's overall 5K winner was Eli Nasr. The Stoney Creek senior dominated the field, finishing with a time of 16:29. He runs cross country for the school, but said his best running event is the 1,600 meter run. In fact, the firsttime participant in the event said that's why he was in Holly.

"I am working for a PR in the 1,600 meters this year in the state meet," Nasr said. "I had a difficult season last year so me and my coaches made this nice little plan we are going to follow. This was a 5K tune-up to see where I am at. I am building up. I feel pretty good."

In the 10K event, two other first-time runners to the Holly running event took the top spots. Milford's Mike Andersen, 24, earned first, winning with a time of 31:51.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES DAVID TROPPENS (Above) The 10K run of the ninth-annual Run Like the Dickens road race begins. In the center of the photo is race winner Mike Andersen. The women's 10K winner was (right) Jenny Scherer, and the men's 5K winner was Eli Nasr. There were a record-setting 1,345 runners at the event.

"This was my first time here and it looks like I picked a bad one. It's cold out here," Andersen joked. "But it's encouraging

See DICKENS on 16







# Holly Bronchos fall in first-place battle with Mustangs, 47-29

**By David Troppens** 

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Holly** — The Holly varsity girls basketball team has been

making serious strides toward being a Metro League contender over the last two years.

The Bronchos are getting close. But on Monday, the de-

fending Metro League champions showed them that they still have a few steps to go before reaching the top of the mountain.

The Bronchos (3-1, 4-1) dropped their first Metro League contest of the season, netting just seven field goals in a 47-29 loss to the Clio Mustangs on Monday at home.

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Holly's Allyssa Copley led the Bronchos with 11 points in the Bronchos' 47-29 loss against the Clio Mustangs on Monday.

"We got beat by a better team," from the field all night long, but Holly coach David Hall said. what the Bronchos did do in the "We have nothing to be ashamed about. If we make a few more shots, we are right in that game. But we didn't and we had to play desperation (down the final stretch). We couldn't get in the bonus. They made adjustments. We'll be fine.

In a lot of ways it was a game that was determined at the charity stripe. Holly's offense struggled opening half was get the ball underneath to Allyssa Copley. It worked. While she made just one field goal, she netted a perfect 8-for-8 at the free-throw line. The Bronchos made 10-of-11 free throws in the opening half and were tied 17-all entering the second half.

However, the free-throw story was reversed in the second half,

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Holly's Anthony Gonzales (top) placed second in his weight class at the East Kentwood Invitational on Saturday.

# Holly places fourth in East Kentwood invite

**By David Troppens** 

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Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta expected the challenging East Kentwood Invitational to be a good test of his squad on Saturday.

It ended up being just that.

And for the most part, the Bronchos passed the exam with pretty good grades.

In a field that included many stateranked teams and many more state-ranked wrestlers, the Bronchos finished a very strong fourth place at the event.

"I was so happy and pleased," Pluta said.

"Driving home from East Kentwood, we realized we went against some big dogs and we held our own. We wrestled outstanding. We made some mistakes, but they were correctable mistakes. Our effort was outstanding."

The Bronchos placed fourth, only behind Davison, Brighton and Dundee. Davison is ranked No. 2 in D1 action, while Brighton is No. 4. Dundee is ranked #2 in D3. Holly is ranked eighth in Division 2.

The Bronchos also beat seven other teams that entered the meet with a ranked squad.

The Bronchos' sole champion was Shawn Scott (189). Scott defeated Sparta's James Rogers by a 17-6 major decision in his title match.

Two other Holly wrestlers made it to the finals. Anthony Gonzales (140) lost by pinfall to Lowell's Gabe Morse in his finals match, while Mason Cleaver (135) lost to Lowell's Nate Limmex 4-1 in his title match.

Two others finished third. Tyler Gibson (119) placed third, while Kyle Pepper (135) took third after opening the tourney unseeded. He beat two state-ranked wrestlers en route to his third-place finish. Meanwhile, Zack Jones (130) took fourth and Joel Schuerman placed sixth.

Andrew Scott (152) didn't place, but finished 2-2, beating two state qualifiers.

Holly is now off until the Oakland County Tournament this weekend.

"I'm really happy with our perfor-See PLACES on 16

# **Baseball players give back this Christmas**

Summary

► The Fenton Crush

travel baseball team

is holding a Stuff-

A-Truck event on

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Items collected will

be donated to Car-

riage Town Minis-

tries in Flint.

Saturday, Dec. 17 at VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway, from

# ▶ Team attempting to stuff a truck with food and clothing

By Sharon Stone

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**Fenton** — A local youth sports team is working on more than hitting and pitching this

winter. They are working to make a difference in the community in which they live and play.

The 12 boys on the Fenton Crush Travel Baseball team have made it their mission to give back this holiday season by holding a Stuff-A-Truck food and clothing drive on Saturday Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway.

"When the players brought the idea to the coaching staff, we were all on board — within days we had the event planned,"

said Mike Gross, head coach. "It warms my heart to know that these boys aren't only good ball players but good kids."

Gross said the team has already ad-

opted a family for this Christmas, but the boys wanted to do more. "The boys want to go to the food bank and deliver food," he said. "Once you start looking, you see how much help is needed."

Along with the basics of skills, agility and strategy for baseball the coaching staff for the

Crush works to instill a strong sense of sportsmanship and giving to their team. Assistant Coach Chris MacIntosh said, "It's not enough to play your hardest, we want them to learn that teamwork and heart play a huge role in success."

The team hopes to fill a large panel truck with nonperishable food, household items, personal items, new or gently used clothing and everyday necessities.

Everything collected will be donated to Carriage Town Ministries in Flint. They are asking those in Fenton and surrounding communities to stop by and make a donation of any size on Dec.17.

# **Lake Fenton girls fall to Saginaw Nouvel, 50-35**

By Al Zipsie

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**Holly** — The Lake Fenton girls basketball team suffered its third straight setback, losing to Saginaw Nouvel 50-35.

Lake Fenton led only once, scoring the first point of the game on a Hannah Rummel free throw. Nouvel didn't score until midway through the opening quarter but it gave them the lead for good. The Blue Devils struggled to get the offense going, scoring only six points in the first quarter.

Lake Fenton pulled to within a hoop twice in the third quarter, and cut the deficit to six at 41-35 with under three minutes left in the game. However, Lake Fenton would not score again. Nouvel iced the game by making free throws, scoring the game's final nine points.

"The final score was not indicative of how close the game really was," said Lake Fenton coach Matt Gildner.

"We had to start to foul at the end, and they scored at the free-throw line to win the game.

"The offense has to learn to move the ball. We need better ball handling and to make sound passes. We need to get the ball in to the interior. We came together on some phases tonight, but we still have more to work on."

The Blue Devils' interior players have some size. Mackenzie Gottron had a solid game, scoring 14 points in the paint.

"I was going to the basket stronger than the last game," said Gottron. "Tonight, I think it was our lack of talking and defense. I don't think we have had as much practice time as some other teams. We will get better and be ready for our league games."

Sidney Scott had six points and nine rebounds, while Faith Weier had 10 boards. Nouvel was led by Taylor Hengesbach's 12 points. Rachel McInerney chipped in 11 points.

Nouvel led 11-6 after the first quarter and 25-18 at halftime. The Devils scored the first five points of the third quarter, and



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Lake Fenton's Hannah Rummel attacks to the basket in a recent game. Lake Fenton lost to Saginaw Nouvel 50-35.

a Scott bucket cut the lead to 25-23. Jordan Newman scored on a drive to the basket bringing it back to 27-25. Just when it looked like Lake Fenton was poised to take the lead, Hengesbach hit a three-pointer, putting Nouvel up 32-25.

Gottron and Rummel both hit a pair of charity tosses, cutting the lead back to six points at 39-33 and 41-35, respectively.

The Blue Devils (1-3) hope their challenging non-league schedule will help them as they open GAC play with a game at Montrose on Thursday.

# Bronchos edge Brandon

By Al Zipsie

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**Ortonville** — Holly's varsity boys basketball team had to battle off a feisty Brandon squad, but at crunch time came up with a 54-47 Metro League victory, Friday.

Nick Keller had an old-fashioned threepoint play with a hoop and a free throw, bringing the Blackhawks to within three at 50-47 with 58 seconds left in the game. However, the Bronchos came up big, scoring on two straight trips down the floor off the fastbreak. First, Donovan Williams scored. Then Nic Stoll threw down his second dunk of the game with 31 seconds left for the exclamation point.

Freshman Isaac Casillas put Holly ahead to stay with a three-pointer with 43 seconds left in the first half, putting the Bronchos up 29-26 at the half. Holly led 45-33 going into the final period, but the Blackhawks battled back.

The lead was as little as 48-44, but Holly's Jared Plawski then came up with a steal, eventually hitting two free throws.

That gave Holly a 50-44 lead with 1:25 left in regulation. Brandon cut it back to 50-47, but then came the final hoops by Williams and Stoll.

Holly had a balanced attack led by senior Plawski, who had 15 points. Stoll and Austin Hopkin added 10 points each. Quinton Cook led Brandon with 16 points. The Blackhawks hit five three-pointers, helping keep them close.

"Three seniors are three-year varsity players in Nic (Stoll), Jared (Plawski) and Austin (Hopkin)," said Holly coach Lance Baylis. "And another senior, Donovan (Williams), is a good athlete. Michael Alexander had a great game with 10 rebounds. In the second half it was off to the races; we ran better than the first game."

Stoll enjoyed his two dunks.

"Sure the dunks are fine. Hopefully they will come more often," said Stoll who will be playing at Michigan Tech next year. "We are a good passing team. We didn't expect (Brandon) to come back. They just don't go away."

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mances," Pluta said. "We have something to look at and build on. We go to Oakland County now and want to finish in the top three. We'll see what happens."

## Linden hosts Christmas Tournament

The Eagles (3-2) took fourth place a their own team tournament. The Eagles went 2-3, defeating Orchard Lake St. Mary and Webberville. They lost to Gaylord, Birch Run and Chippewa Valley.

Linden's undefeated wrestlers for the day were Chase Gifford, Shane Stevens and Cliff Coleman. Tyler Satkowiak went 4-1, while Zack Shaw was 3-2. Johnnie Bates, Mike Varacalli and Eli Foguth were 2-2.

# Lake Fenton at Hartland Invitational

The Blue Devils proved they still have a pretty strong squad, taking third place at Hartland.

The Blue Devils had seven grapplers taking top three medals. Second place finishes came from Jared Corcoran (112) and Todd Melick (130), whose only loss was a tough 5-4 decision to New Lothrop champion Jacob Perrin.

Finishing third for Lake Fenton were James Demember (119), Cody Sanders (140), Tyler Sanders (152), Ray Denam (171) and Mike Connelly (285).

Taking first place in JV action for the Blue Devils were Alexis Melton and Lucas Allen.

Lake Fenton host Beecher Wednesday.

# Fenton swimmers win two recent meets

## **By David Troppens**

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Fenton's varsity boys swimming and diving team's strong depth should translate into more wins this year.

It already has translated into one victory. The Tigers won seven events and swept the top three spot in the 200 freestyle, earning a 116-64 victory against Flint Powers on Tuesday.

Adam Ransom took part in four firsts. He teamed with Adam Andreski, Joshua Bryant and Aaron Summers to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:41.76), and also teamed with Andreski, Brant Cassidy and David

Congdon to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:49.29).

Meanwhile, individually, Ransom won the 200 freestyle (2:02.83) and the 100 butterfly (1:02.36). Other individual winners for Fenton were Andreski in the 50 freestyle (24.75), Taylor Thorpe in diving (162.40), and Mike Banner in the 500 freestyle (5:44.80).

The Tigers opened the individual events with a bang, going 1-2-3 in the 200 free-style. Behind Ransom were Cassidy (2:07.58) in second and Bryant (2:16.84) in third.

The Tigers also finished 1-2 in the 50

freestyle, in diving, the 100 butterfly, the 500 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay.

## Fenton 99, Owosso 86

The Tigers won eight of the 12 events, including two of three relays, to earn the non-league win.

The Tigers had six performers win individual events. They were Adam Ransom in the 200 freestyle (2:00.92), Rob Brownlee in diving (149.50), Adam Andreski in the 100 freestyle (56.06), Mike Banner in the 500 freestyle (5:41.19), David Congdon in the 100 backstroke (1:08.88) and Anthony Micelli in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.83).

## HOLLY

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particularly in the final minutes. Despite hitting just four field goals the entire second half, a driving bucket by Holly's Lauren Maher had the Bronchos only down 35-29 with 2:52 left in the game. However, from there, Clio netted 12-of-14 free throws, earning the victory. Allison Kitchen, who scored a game-high 19 points, was particularly effective, netting 9-of-10 in that stretch.

Meanwhile, after hitting 10-of-11 free throws in the first half, the Bronchos netted just 2-of-6 in the second half.

"They have a lot of weapons," Hall said. "We didn't score anything in transition, and we have to make a few more shots, but it is what it is. We gave it our best shot. They made a lot of free throws in the second half, and we couldn't get in the bonus. I didn't think our girls were quite as aggressive in the second half as they were in the second quarter. That was the difference."

Holly trailed 9-0 early, but fought back and took a 15-14 lead with 3:36 left in the first half after two Copley free throws. However, Clio's Cara Horst hit a three-pointer about 1:40 later, giving Clio a 17-15 lead. Holly would tie the game on a nice dish from Jessica Beeler to Copley for a layin to end the first half, but the Bronchos would never lead again.

That's because Clio opened the second half by scoring the half's first eight points. From that point, the Bronchos tried to dig out of the hole, but never quite did it. They got the deficit cut to four points three times. The final time came on a baseline six-foot jumper by Delaney Serra with 7:04 left in the contest, making it 30-26. However, just seconds later, Horst hit her third three-pointer of the game, raising the gap to 33-26.

Clio's defense made life miserable for the Holly offense and Copley. While she scored a team-high 11 points, she had to work for every point she earned, making just one field goal. She netted a sizzling 9-of-10 from the charity stripe. She scored just two second-half points. Maher had nine points. After Kitchen's 19 points, Horst had 15 for Clio.

"I learned that our team has a lot of heart," Hall said. "They played hard, so we have nothing to be ashamed about. We got beat by a better team. We gave it our



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Holly's Abby Lewandowski (center) tries to reach for a basketball during the Bronchos' loss to Clio on Monday. Also going after the ball is Holly teammate Brooke Harthun (right).

best shot, and our best shot wasn't good enough. It's fine."

Holly returns to action Friday when the Bronchos travel to Linden for a 6 p.m. Flint Metro League contest.

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## **DICKENS**

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to see all of these people that are dedicated out here.

"I've been on a good string of races lately, and I wanted to get out there. I put some numbers out there. I was looking for 31 minutes, but based on the splits, I thought I ran smart. I thought I ran good out there."

The female overall winner, another first-timer, was Rochester's Jenny Scherer.

She finished 11th overall with a time of 37:47, despite nursing hamstring problems.

"This is my first race back in awhile, so I just wanted to get out there," said Scherer, who is originally from Wisconsin. "I've been playing around with injuries. I just wanted to get my legs back under me.

"I felt OK, but it definitely was cold. My hamstring is where I'm injured so the cold (was tough). It's still not 100 percent there."

The walking events saw another local champion. Susan Fassett, one of Flint's top competitive walkers regardless of sex, took third overall in the female division. The Fenton resident finished the 5K walk in 31:15. Meanwhile, Montrose's Rick Huber took the men's title, winning the race in 28:20.

The Female Masters winner in the 10K also brought a familiar face. Fenton's Lisa Veneziano won with a time of 40:20, the 20th best time overall. Meanwhile, the Male Masters winner was Allen Park's Claudio Salas. He had the fourth best time overall with a time of 35:54.

The 5K Male Masters winner was Armada's Guy Holmes. His time of 17:28 was the third best in the event overall. Novi's Yoshiko Tischler was 69th overall and won the Female Masters division with a time of 22:17.

## **BRONCHOS**

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His senior trio of Plawski, Austin Hopkin and Nic Stoll managed just 27 points on 10-of-34 shooting from the field and 5-for-15 shooting from the charity stripe, but fellow senior Donovan Williams provided a spark, scoring 12 points. Isaac Casillas also chipped in eight points. Hopkin led the team with 13 points, seven rebounds and three steals.

Meanwhile, Stoll had 17 rebounds, seven points and three steals.

Tyler Centilli led Clio with 12 points. "Winning ugly is fantastic," Baylis

"It beats the alternative. I slept well. The kids slept well and we left Clio with a smile on our face."

The Holly Brochos travel to Linden for another Flint Metro League contest

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## **Jeffrey C. Mattord** 1965-2011

Jeffrey C. Mattord - age 46, of Fenton, passed



awav Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Genesys Health Park. Funeral services

will be 3 PM Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be 12 PM Wednesday until time of service. Jeffrey was born March 24, 1965 in Flint the son of Clemens and Theresa "Faye" (Wilson) Mattord. Surviving are his mother. Faye Mattord; sisters, June Gatewood, Judy Yelle, Janet Petts, Joyce Malzahn, Jayne Schultz; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Clem; sister, Joanne Huntley; 3 brothers, John, Joe and Jim Mattord. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.





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J. Lavelle, a Married Man and Kathy S.
Lavelle, his Wife to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2001 and recorded December 28, 2001 in Instrument # 200112280127726 Genesee County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$51,183.18) including interest 7.375% 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 December 21, 2011 Said at 10.00AW of December 2, 2011 Said premises are situated in City of Mount Morris, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 195 and 196, of Buena Vista Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 5, Page 32 of Plats, Genesee County Records, Commonly known as 322 Oak St, Mount Morris MI 48458 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL abardoned in accordance with 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: 11/23/2011 CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-50520 Ad #17308 11/23, 11/30, 12/07, 12/14/2011

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Default has been made in the conditions
of a certain mortgage made by: Keith
Patterson and Jennifer Patterson, his wife
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Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2003 and
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# 200303310043924 Genesee County
# Peccards Michigan on which mortgage Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereofthe sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$75,645.61) including interest 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage provided, notice is hereby given that said provided, notice is neerby 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 December 28, 2011 Said premises are situated in City of Burton, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of Land beginning at the Northwest one quarter corner of Section 1, Township 7 North, Range 7 East; thence East 165 feet; thence South 210 feet; thence West 165 feet; thence North 210 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2508 North Belsay Rd, Burton MI 48509 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 redemandary 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: 11/30/2011 Guardian Mortgage Company, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5132 Our File No. 11-51024 Ad (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-51024 Ad . #17452 11/30, 12/07, 12/14, 12/21/2011

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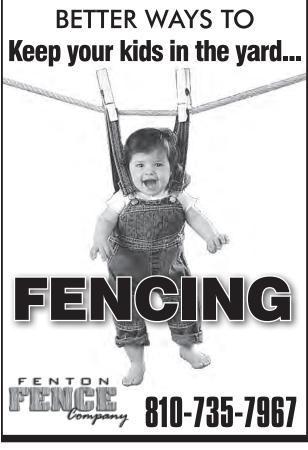
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