

STORY: KMART SECRET SANTAS
“The secret Santas at Kmart just confirmed what I have known all along. At the end of the day,



after the much-deserved Hot line gripes about roads, signs, the DDA and the council, the residents of the Fenton area are truly the most generous, most giving and most caring people on the planet. I am proud of Fenton, and I am proud of all of us. Have a merry Christmas everyone.”

“I am one of the parents who had their layaways at Kmart paid for. You cannot possibly imagine how much of a difference that someone's kind act made to me and my kids. I spent the whole day trying to figure out



which of my kids would not receive a present because I didn't have enough money. Thank you, you wonderful angel from heaven, for making this the most memorable Christmas ever. God bless.”

“To the person who paid off my \$129 of layaways, thank you. I could hardly see through my tears of joy as I left Kmart. You actually helped two families because I put \$25 in the Salvation Army bucket as I left the store.”

HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“I WOULD LIKE to say thank you to the Tri-County Times for entertaining and informing me week after week. You are by far the best bargain in town. Merry Christmas to the staff and the Rockman family.”



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2011 YEAR IN REVIEW

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The year 2011 is winding down. Here are some of the top news stories of the year in the tri-county area.

FENTON

Les Bland retires after 41 years of service, joins city council

Longtime Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Les Bland announced his retirement in January. The DPW hired Dan Czarniecki as his replacement. Bland then ran and was elected to Fenton City Council in November.
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TOP 2011 STORIES

WORLD NEWS

By William Axford
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The year 2011 has had its fair share of ups and downs — from widespread protests to devastating disasters. Here are the Top 10 news stories from around the world over the past year.

Osama Bin Laden killed

A decade after the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers, Al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden was found and killed by U.S. Navy Seals, inside a private compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Bin Laden was a major target on the War on Terror and was at the top of the FBI's Most Wanted List for the past 10 years.
See WORLD on 19A



Worst of 2011

The most talked-about court cases and criminals

By Sharon Stone
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Dominick Calhoun murder trial

By far the biggest story in the tri-county area is the ongoing criminal case of Brandon Hayes. The 26-year-old Argentine Township man is facing life in prison for the torture and beating death of 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun.

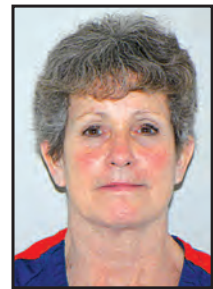
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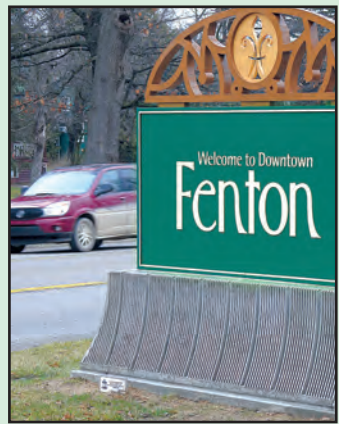


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Welcome signs don't meet specs



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Ambiguous specs lead to vastly contrasting proposals and signs that do not meet what the Fenton DDA believed it was buying.

DDA blames consultant

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Fenton — Fenton's new welcome signs do not match the original specs and the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) intends to hold the consultant who approved them responsible for the inconsistencies.

The finding came to light during an independent review by the city's engineering firm OHM. The DDA asked OHM to look into the matter after Jamie Elfstrom, one of the rejected bidders on the project, expressed concern that the

See SIGNS on 9A

Random acts of Christmas kindness “overwhelming”

21 more layaways paid off at Kmart after Times' story

By Sally Rummel

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“For the first time ever, I've experienced the true meaning of Christmas.”

That's the word from Fenton Kmart Manager Rick Faulk, who is overwhelmed by the generosity of

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“One person came in to our store on Thursday and paid off \$2,000 worth of layaways.”

Rick Faulk, manager, Fenton Kmart



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“It's the first time I've seen so much outside kindness,” said Kmart of Fenton Manager Rick Faulk, who hopes the giving isn't just a holiday trend.

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2 Chewy cookie

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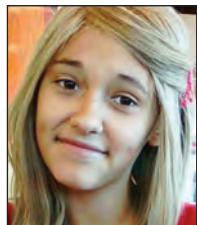
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As 2011 draws to a close many area residents are without loved ones who died this year. Here are some of the deaths reported and remembered in the Tri County Times.

Jan Rynearson, 77, died on Feb. 8. Rynearson was the features editor for the Tri-County Times for many years. Her journalistic career included the Detroit News, Toledo Blade, the Farm Journal and the Fenton Independent. A member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Rynearson served as a Eucharistic Minister, active in the St. John Education Committee and the St. John Applefest. An active member of her community, Rynearson was a member of the Fenton Beautification Commission, Fenton Dibbleville Questors, Fenton V.F.W. Auxiliary, Flint Writers Club, the Fenton Freedom Festival Parade and other organizations.



Jan Rynearson



Katie Wyatt

On June 14, **Katie Wyatt**, 14, of Fenton and a student at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School, passed away, from a form of liver cancer.

Her story touched the hearts of the community. Community members worked together and held Katie's Game, which drew around 800 people and raised more than \$10,000 for her medical bills. After the benefit game, it became clear that her story had reached beyond the Fenton area.



Briona Jawhari

Briona Jawhari, 17, died on Feb. 14 from a heroin overdose. She attended Lake Fenton High School where she had been active with the debate team.

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The lighter side of the Times...

MOST-READ FEATURES OF 2011

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Here are a handful of interesting features that helped educate, inform and entertain our readers in 2011.

PUBLISHED: SUNDAY, FEB. 13

She's run a marathon in all 50 states

Marit Janse, 50, of Fenton, has had lots of company on some of her marathon runs — seals, penguins, dolphins and bears — to name a few. Janse has run marathons in every state of the United States, and is already halfway through running in them for the second time. Now her goal is to cover all seven continents, with three already under her belt.

Her most grueling race to date was her run in Antarctica, not just the 26.2 miles itself, but getting there and back again. She joins an elite group of 70 who finished the race.

PUBLISHED: SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Salons — not just for women anymore

Women, move over. That styling chair next to yours at your favorite hair salon might be taken up by a man. Today's men are getting more and more comfortable using salon services that used to be "for women only" — from manicures and pedicures to brow waxing and moisturizing skin treatments.

Angie Wynn, manager of Allure Hair Company in Fenton, estimates that about 15 percent of their customers are men, many of whom started

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Three trees on a hill

This column was originally published in 2001, 2005 and 2009

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and mightiest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of hoping and praying that their dreams would come true,

the trees were approached by a group of woodsmen one day. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter"...and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he was sure that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one," and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and

filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and over time the trees forgot about their hopes and dreams until, late one cold winter evening, a man and woman took refuge in the barn. Not long after they arrived, the woman gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and somehow knew that he was holding the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said, "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that he had fulfilled

his dream of carrying the King of Kings.

Some time later, on a Friday, someone came and retrieved the third tree from where he had lain for so many years. He was made into a cross and carried through the city by a man who was mocked and harassed mercilessly by the crowds lining the street. When they came to a stop at the top of a hill, the man was nailed to the cross and then raised in the air and left to die.

The tree suddenly realized that, again, he was standing tall and straight on top of a hill and as close to God as was possible because the son of God had been crucified on him.

The moral of this story? The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

From my family to yours, best wishes for the holidays.

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TO THE PERSON who turned my wallet into the Beacon & Bridge gas station at Torrey and Thompson roads, your kindness and honesty surely made our day. Thank you so much, and may good things come your way.

FOR THE PERSON thanking President Obama for getting us out of Iraq, you must have forgotten that while campaigning he promised to get them out in 2009. Once in office he decided to stick with Bush's plan of 2012.

UNFORTUNATELY, MOST AMERICANS have not noticed how our Constitutional rights have been eliminated over the last 100 years, by the politicians (both Democrat and Republican) with unjust laws, rules and regulations. Read the Constitution to learn the freedoms and liberties you have lost. Be outraged, I am.

OBAMA HAS BEEN abused in the same way Jackie Robinson was when he broke in to baseball. It's

disgraceful. How he keeps rising above it all and keeps taking the high road is remarkable. Stick with it, Mr. President. You have the right agenda, ethically, morally, and economically.

I WISH TO thank the lady shopping at VG's Grocery, for the ride home the day I locked my keys in my car. I do not know

her name but if she would come by my house, I will take her out to lunch. Thank you so much.

I CAME FROM out of town last Friday for the Moose Idol, and I couldn't believe the bullying and degrading things they were saying to the young kids, it was horrible. Somebody should have stopped them. I

guess no more Moose Idol for me.

CONGRESS SHUTS DOWN before the holiday and no unemployment or income tax support for us. However, all my support goes to our military returning from abroad.

JUST READ ABOUT The French Laundry's upside down Christmas tree. I have seen that for years, at a church on the eastside of Detroit, in fact St. Peter's Lutheran. They always hang their Christmas tree upside down. Following a trend, I see.

I WON'T BE voting for a single Republican after the fiasco in Washington with them holding our economy hostage.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the person(s) who stole our new utility trailer from our driveway on Baldwin Road, near Linden Road, on Tuesday, Dec. 20. That made a great birthday present for my husband, not to mention a nice pre-Christmas gift. Any tips, please call Mundy Township police.

GOD BLESS THE person who turned in my debit card that I had dropped while pumping gas. You have restored my faith that there are good people in this world. Merry Christmas to you and may God bless you and your family.

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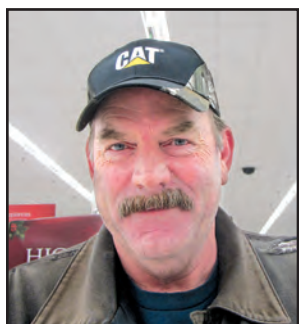
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What are you looking forward to the most in 2012?

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"A job, because I am laid off and don't have one right now."

— Daniel Morse Gaines



"To sell my home in Gladwin and move back down here where my kids are. This economy needs to get better."

— Karen Moore, Gladwin



"I am looking forward to seeing the economy and the job outlook improve in Michigan."

— Ken Konsza Fenton



"I am looking forward to lots of peace on earth."

— Doris Nichter Linden



"Vacationing in Florida in February. I am sick of the cold and can't wait to go somewhere warm."

— Jeanne Koresky, Holly



"I hope the government adequately funds education this year. I am a teacher and I have to spend my own money on supplies."

— Anita Maynard, Pickney



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The renovation and expansion project at the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton is complete, just in time for Christmas services this weekend.

Church receives Christmas gift

►Renovation and expansion done in time for services

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — Dale Swihart, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton is pleased to announce that the \$1.6 million church renovation and expansion is complete. "It's a tremendous Christmas gift for the church," he said.

The church received its temporary occupancy permit this week, which allows church members to use every part of the building.

The sanctuary remained the same, except for a new fire suppression system. The primary enhancements to the building are the new fellowship hall and new modern kitchen. "It more than doubles our capacity for fellowship events, dinners," said Swihart.

The exterior of the building is com-

plete, as well as the landscaping. Swihart wanted to point out that the building has a new entryway at the back of the building.

Swihart said throughout the project, people gave positive comments about how the new part blends so well with the old part of the building. "It looks like it's always been there," he said. "The architect was respectful of the historical nature of the church and blended the new part so beautifully with the sanctuary."

Christmas Eve services will be at 5, 7 and 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day, a communion service will be held at 11 a.m.

Coming up...

Jan. 8, 2012 – The First Presbyterian Church of Fenton will dedicate its new building.

Mid/late February 2012 – An open house will be held and the entire community is invited to attend.

"It's a tremendous Christmas gift for the church."

Dale Swihart

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Pastor Burke's last sermon to church

How I came to Fenton and to this church...

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I couldn't understand at the time, but Mark did go home to be with Jesus, on January 20, 1957.

My life changed and I knew it would never be the same. We started going to church and one Wednesday night, God called me to the altar and told me He wanted me to preach the gospel.

Nevertheless, I was scared to death because I knew nothing about the Bible. But, I obeyed God, started taking Bible courses, and attended Bible College in Detroit. I was asked to come to Fenton to the Odd Fellows Hall and fill in for a church that was without a pastor.

There were two families to start with, the McCalls and the Kennetts, seven people in all. I had a dream to get out of the Odd Fellows Hall and 10 months later, we purchased the old Baptist church on Ellen and Walnut streets. It had been empty for a year and badly in need of repair.

We were so happy and not discouraged at all of the work. As pictures showed, it was a place to be proud of. All of my sons were married in that

building and we stayed there 23 years.

But, we had no parking space and the church was growing. We knew we had to move on. We bought 10 acres on Shiawassee Avenue where we are now, from Mr. Dolza, and began to dream.

Because of the economy, we couldn't break ground until 1986. We had owned the property since 1980.

Everyone worked and we only borrowed \$150,000 to do all we had to do. The ladies of the church would cook supper every night and bring it to the church. The men would not even go home from work, but would come directly to the church.

After a couple years, Mrs. Dolza gave the church the other 10 acres, so with the 20 acres, you could look around and see what we have here — a beautiful view and the best 20 acres in Fenton.

What I want to say is that God in His wisdom used a child to lead us, and the Bible tells us that (and a child will lead them) and softened the heart of the rough and tough person that I was. It gave us a dream that we still have to this day.

Of the last day of our work here, and my last sermon and resigning of the church, please know my prayers are always asking God to give Pastor Jim wisdom and guidance as the church enters into this new level.

God bless you all. I'm always here if needed.

— Pastor F.E. Burke

Sponsored message from the Burke family

Freedom Center founder dies

►Services for F.E. Burke set for early next week in Fenton

By Sharon Stone

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Rev. F.E. Burke, the founder of the First Assembly of God Church, now known as The Freedom Center, died Thursday, Dec. 22 at the age of 85. He was at his home in Zephyr Hills, Fla. with his wife, Thelma and four sons.

Burke's grandson, Chris Burke, said his grandfather had been battling leukemia for the past five years before he died.

Burke was born in Tennessee and his family moved to Detroit when he was 16. He fought in World War II and returned to the Fenton area afterward. He worked



Rev. F.E. Burke

his way through Bible school and began his ministry in his mid-'30s after the death of a son. He felt God calling him into the ministry.

In 1962 he founded Fenton Assembly of God, which was later renamed The Freedom Center. He was involved with building of The Fenton Freedom Center in 1985 and it opened in 1986. Jim Wiegand took over as pastor after Burke retired in 1995.

"He started the church with nothing," said Chris. "He had that old time grit. He did a lot of good things for the community. He had a good life."

Funeral services will be held Monday or Tuesday in Fenton and are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes. His funeral is set for 11 a.m. at The Freedom Center.

KINDNESS

Continued from Front Page

"Secret Santas" this Christmas, who have anonymously come into the store and paid off peoples' layaways. "In my 35-plus years in this business, I've never seen the generosity of people toward total strangers as I've seen this year," said Faulk.

The Times ran a story on Wednesday about these anonymous benefactors, who stop in at stores and restaurants and pay off layaways and orders of food that are waiting for pick-up. At Kmart, they focus primarily on layaways that have toys and children's' clothing, like outerwear and boots.

Because Kmart has been known for years for its layaway service, more of these "Secret Santas" are paying off layaways there, than at stores like Wal-Mart, which just this year began to offer layaways on toys and electronics. The Fenton Wal-Mart hasn't reported any anonymous benefactors, as of Friday morning.

Since the story ran on Wednesday, another 20 layaways have been paid off, according to Faulk. "What it does is plant the seed to a lot of people that this is something they can do," said Faulk. "One person came in to our store on Thursday and paid off \$2,000 worth of layaways. The stories I've been hearing have actually moved me to tears. It has

been unbelievable."

One lady who came into Kmart on Thursday to pick up her layaway found it had been paid except for the last penny. "She came up to me and thanked me, and said she was determined to save money for next Christmas so that she could pay off someone else's layaway and give them the same feeling she had," said Faulk.

Mary McKenzie, footwear manager/event planner, has been overwhelmed by these acts of kindness this year. "One lady broke down in tears when someone anonymously paid for the only two toys her kids had asked for," said McKenzie. "Another gentleman had been standing in line in our layaway department to

return the layaway because he couldn't afford to pay for it, when he found that his layaway had been paid — all except for one penny."

Faulk estimates that about 40 layaways have been paid off by "Secret Santas" so far this season. It's been happening nationwide at Kmart, with more than a half-million dollars donated by people toward layaway payoffs. "When the holiday season is all done, I think the numbers of anonymously paid layaways will be amazing," said Faulk. "It's been a continuation of the whole 'pay it forward' concept of generosity. I've never seen anything like it."

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Rick Faulk
manager, Kmart

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Cynthia Shane
City Treasurer

Police seek witness to morning crash

► Flint man airlifted to Ann Arbor in critical condition

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — Fenton police are hoping that a witness will come forward and provide information about a Friday morning crash on southbound U.S. 23.

Det. Ron Skarzynski said police were called to the highway, just south of Owen Road at 7 a.m.

A 1996 Chevrolet Blazer with three male occupants from Flint was traveling southbound. None of the men were wearing seatbelts and all three were injured, one critically.

The driver, who sustained minor injuries, told police that a vehicle had cut in front of him, causing him to lose control of the Blazer. The Blazer left the roadway and flipped over as it entered the ditch.

The front seat passenger was ejected due to the Blazer rolling over.

All three men were transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township, however, the critically injured man was later flown to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

If anyone observed the crash, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

Linden Firefighter of the Year



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Members of the Linden Fire Department selected Amanda Stokes as this year's Firefighter of the Year. She is an EMT and has been with the department since 2009. She assisted with the department's fire prevention program and worked with elementary students. She is currently taking a paramedic class to improve her skills.

DDA stays on course with 'Be Closer' tagline

► Members undeterred by anonymous complaints

By Sharon Stone
sstone@tctimes.com

Fenton — Despite some anonymous complaints in the Hot lines, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) believes the marketing campaign, "Be Closer," is working and good for Fenton.

Natalie Burg, writer, public relations specialist, and social

Summary

► The Fenton DDA discussed the "Be Closer" campaign with the city's marketing firm, New Moon Visions on Tuesday. Despite some negative press, both sides believe the marketing promotion is working and benefiting all of Fenton.

media management for New Moon Visions, the city's marketing firm told DDA members on Tuesday that their data shows growth within the city and retailers' cash registers are ringing.

An online presence continues to grow as NMV maintains the website, fentonbecloser.com. Burg said traffic and interaction has also increased on their Facebook page.

Their Facebook page has more than **See BE CLOSER on 10A**

Police&Fire report

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC ASSAULT

at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to the 12000 block of Torrey Road, near Lahring Road in Fenton Township to investigate a domestic violence complaint. Undersheriff Chris Swanson said two adults were fighting over a custody issue. As the 33-year-old woman attempted to smash the windows of the man's vehicle with pliers, the man attempted to grab the pliers, causing the woman to fall to the ground. The woman then went inside the house and threw a bicycle into the yard. The woman was arrested for domestic assault and was transported to the Genesee County Jail, pending arraignment.

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Christmas Card Contest winners



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Pictured here are the winners of the 2011 Christmas Card Contest held by the Northwest Oakland County Right to Life. Prizes were awarded at A Simpler Times in downtown Holly. Front (from left) are Rachel Decker, Sydney Scanlon, Rebekah Padgett, Elizabeth Padgett and Marissa Nickels; Back (from left) Kay Phillipps, John Shoemaker, Martha Burton, Sue Hyde and Bev Suski.

2011 YEAR IN REVIEW

SCHOOL NEWS

Lake Fenton

Christopher Fletcher and Larry Golewski are the new members of the Lake Fenton Board of Education. Former school board member Kristi Ocenasek was also elected to serve a partial term. Todd Reynolds is the new principal at Lake Fenton High School. He replaces Jerry Kramer, who retired.

Fenton

Tamara Valley and Daniel Carter are the new members elected to the Fenton board of education.

Linden

Write-in candidate Steven Losey, of Linden, was elected to the Linden Community Schools Board of Education with 122 write-in votes. After 41 years, Linda Tottingham retired from Linden Community Schools.

Holly

Faced with a deficit in per pupil funding, and reduced tax revenue, the Holly Area Schools Board of Education implemented a plan which laid off more than 20 staff members, and closed Sherman Middle School. Grades seven and eight moved to the Karl Richter Campus, and sixth-grade students were retained by their elementary school one more year.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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SIGNS

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signs in place were inconsistent with what he believed the specs asked for. Elfstrom, of Fenton, owns Bill Carr Signs of Flint.

City attorney Stephen Schultz told the DDA that, "At the very least, the bid package was ambiguous and the DDA, if anticipating solid aluminum decorative top pieces for this project, did not receive the product it sought."

Sue Grissim of the landscape architecture firm, Grissim, Metz and Andriese, was the hired consultant and she prepared the construction documents based on designs created by Weaver Design, a company based in Fenton. The Wayfinding Signage Project was released for bids on Feb. 8 and 11 bids were submitted.

Two groupings of bids were submitted for the project, with a notable discrepancy between the two, however, no bidder requested clarifications about the bid package as a whole or the apparent ambiguity, said Schultz in a memorandum to the DDA.

One of the items in question is the aluminum scrollwork at the top of the large monument signs. Because the bid specs were ambiguous, bidders either understood the tops to be 3-inches thick (hollow) or 3-inches thick (solid). It could be interpreted either way.

Elfstrom's bid came in at more than twice that of Universal Signs because his signs included solid aluminum at the top rather than hollow, which Universal Signs used.

Another item in question was the vinyl used for lettering on the smaller signs, as well as the size of the lettering. The original specs asked for reflective vinyl so that it would increase visibility at night. The signs in place do not have reflective lettering. Lettering on the small signs have already been redone as the first ones delivered had lettering that was too small for many motorists to read, but the lettering is still not reflective. The last issue is the poles used for the small signs and the service club signs. These are also different from the specs.

According to Schultz's research, Grissim recommended Universal Sign Systems, out of Grand Rapids, based on the company's March 18 proposal. On Grissim's recommendation, the DDA entered in an agreement with Universal Sign System on May 20.

Schultz said Grissim has consistently stated that Universal's bid proposal and the signs as completed meet the specifications. In a letter dated, Dec. 7, Grissim told Schultz, "The word 'thick' is a dimensional reference, and does not mean solid. They are two different words with two different meanings. If the specifications stated 3-inch solid aluminum that would mean a solid piece of aluminum, but 3-inch thick was used to specify a dimension. It is not an industry standard to interchange the words thick and solid."

Despite Grissim's statement, Schultz said it is not so clear that the words thick and solid are not interchangeable. Because of the uncertainty, Elfstrom did submit an alternate proposal, however, that bid was also more costly than that of Universal's.

Michael Burns, assistant city manager and director of the DDA, said that at no time did Grissim tell him about the changes. "I should have been told," he

said. He added that these findings give validity to Elfstrom's complaint.

Craig Schmidt, chairperson of the DDA, said the problems they are currently facing are because of Grissim.

Schmidt said one thing they need to find out is if Grissim changed the specs or if Universal Signs asked to have the specs changed to save them money.

"They have to be held accountable," said Schmidt. "We need to get it fixed and move on."

DDA member Jim Saule said there is a huge difference in cost between reflective and non-reflective vinyl for the lettering. "The changes were not approved by the DDA or Mike (Burns)," he said.

Schultz said, "They (Elfstrom's company) did us a favor by pointing out the discrepancy."

Councilman Les Bland, who was in the audience, said he was confused and upset that the city administration was not in on the bid specs to make sure they were right. "Someone has to take responsibility," he said.

"If she's (Grissim) at fault, she's at fault."

Currently, the city has not paid Grissim for her \$1,600 consulting fee on this project, which was her final project with the city, since the city had already dissolved their relationship with her firm for unsatisfactory work and excessive fees.

Saule motioned that the DDA hold back a portion of the full payment to Universal Signs because a portion did not match what they believed they were to receive. The DDA unanimously approved holding back \$20,000 of Universal Signs \$80,000 bill.

After the vote, Bland told the DDA that he felt bad for holding back money to a company that did the work when the issue was someone else's fault.

DDA member Chris Bayer said the signs are not how the DDA wants them. By holding back money, it allows time for the DDA to look into the matter and possibly redo the signs.

Schultz suggested that the DDA hold a joint meeting with Universal Signs, Grissim, Weaver Design and OHM to work something out and to bring back a recommendation to the DDA.

Schmidt said, Grissim and Universal signs now have attorneys involved, which has forced the city to seek counsel.

Schmidt said, "We will get to the bottom of this."

On Thursday, Grissim said her firm was hired to provide the construction bid documents and administrate the bidding and construction so that the signs met Weaver Design's committee-approved sign designs. She said Weaver Design was in charge of all approvals related to the sign design, meaning they were responsible to determine and approve the appropriate colors, sizes, text, layout, shapes, etc.

"We were to make sure the signs were durable and made with quality to last per the specified warranties," she said. "Throughout the process, we obtained shop drawings and requested approvals from Weaver Design on the items they were responsible for."

Grissim added that her firm copied the approvals and forwarded them to Burns for his records. She will be bringing these records to the joint meeting.

Projects of Sue Grissim - \$101,245

Sue Grissim was hired by the DDA in 2006 as part of the consulting team that John Dziurman, to conduct the Downtown Master Plan. Since that project, Grissim was hired by the DDA and Fenton City to be involved in a number of projects. Those that she has been paid for include:

- **Landscaping upgrades** to Bush Park in 2007.

- **Downtown Master Plan** in 2006 and 2007.

- **Landscape architecture** services for the Fenton Community & Cultural Center parking lot in 2007-09.

- **Landscape architecture** services for the tree restoration project due to the 2007 tornado in 2007 and 2008.

- **Development of** a landscape maintenance plan for the Downtown District in 2009.

- **The Wayfinding** signage project that began in 2008 that is still ongoing.

- **Landscape architecture** services for the 2010 downtown landscape project.

- **Landscape architecture** services for the Silver Parkway landscaping, lighting and irrigation project in 2010.

- **Work as** part of John Dziurman's team for the Community Center restoration project in 2010 and 2011.

- **Work involved** in creating a Downtown Streetscape Project (she provided a conceptual design in 2010, prior to us contracting with Landscape Architecture Services).

Since December 2006, Grissim, Metz & Andriese has been paid \$101,245 for all of the projects listed above.

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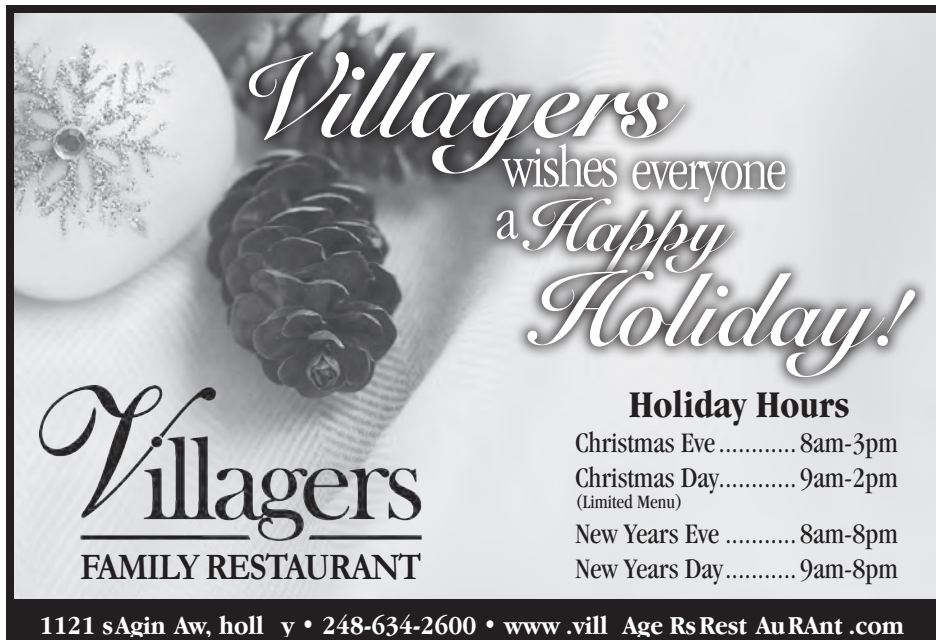
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BE CLOSER

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Craig Schmidt, chairperson of the DDA, told Burg that he appreciated the hard data she provided. Referencing the time it's taking for the Be Closer tagline to take hold with some people, he told her that the "Pure Michigan" campaign took about two years to catch on.

Councilwoman Cheryl King questioned Burg on whether an \$1,800 radio ad on a Detroit radio station was worth the money. "Are we getting our money's worth" said King. King said she liked a summary about Be Closer, which revealed everyone in Fenton is closer to I-75, U.S. 23, I-69 and good schools among other things. She also said lengthy explanations of what people would be closer to can confuse people.

Schmidt said the Be Closer campaign is all about bringing people to this com-

munity. "Once they come in, they might see something they didn't know we had," he said. "I think it's working."

Chris Bayer, DDA member and owner of A Joyful Noise Music Studio, appreciates the efforts of NMV and said he was glad to be a participant of the Art Walk held throughout downtown earlier this year. "So many people came into my place," he said.

DDA member Jeff Canever said he believes the Be Closer campaign stirs the imagination. "Be closer to everything," he said.

John Strayer, of the DDA, said he believes the campaign is unusual, memorable and controversial. "It's versatile," he said. "You can do all sorts of things with the tagline. It benefits the entire city."

Strayer added that businesses looking for a place to locate look for cities with active DDAs. "This has the potential to be enormously successful," he said.

MOST-READ

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coming in with their wives and kids, and found they liked the atmosphere and the services.

"We can totally groom a man with a mustache trim, nose/ear hair trim, eyebrow trim, etc.," said Jenny Ross, a stylist at J.D. Michel Salon in Fenton. "Just like other salons, the only thing we can't use is an open-ended razor. That's just for barbers."

"It's just like football on roller skates," said St. Andre, 39, of Holly. She loves the great workout that being a Derby Girl provides, plus the glam side of being a Derby Girl. "It takes me about two hours to get 'derby'd up' before a bout," said St. Andre. "When I wake up on Saturday morning before a bout, I'm so excited because it's derby time. As soon as my feet hit the floor, my adrenaline starts running."

PUBLISHED: SUNDAY, OCT. 30

Men and grocery shopping

More and more men are literally "bringing home the bacon," as greater equality in the workplace is leaving more household chores divided between the sexes, including the grocery shopping.

A survey by Yahoo last year showed that 51 percent of men considered themselves the primary grocery shopper in their homes, although another survey found that 85 percent of women said they were the primary shoppers at home. What that may mean is that more men are doing the actual grocery shopping, from a list provided by their wives, who still make most of the shopping decisions.

Men who occasionally find themselves at the grocery store find it as challenging to them as sending women into a hardware store for a specific item. "Grocery shopping can be complicated," said Norm Schmidt, of Argentine Township. "I just spent 10 minutes trying to pick out shampoo."

PUBLISHED: SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Zumba fitness - Dance fever hits tri-county area

It might be the high-energy Latin music, or the socializing. However, the most likely reason for the Zumba craze is the fun people have without feeling like they're working out.

The Zumba dance/fitness craze has hit the tri-county area, with classes available in almost every fitness center, studio and school in Fenton, Linden and Holly.

PUBLISHED: SUNDAY, MAY 1

Hairdresser by day, Derby Girl by night

By day, Michelle St. Andre is a soft-spoken hairdresser, and a wife and mother of two. By night, she turns into "Tat2 Barb-B" — a Roller Derby Girl in full derby regalia, who knows how to block, hit, slide and stop as part of the Mid-Michigan Derby Girls team.

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Firefighter Marshall Colley (center) is presented with the Firefighter of the Year award by Bobby Maksymowski, association vice president (left) and Josh Sturgis, president.

Marshall Colley named Firefighter of the Year

►Others recognized for years of service

By Sharon Stone
sstone@tctimes.com

Fenton — The Fenton City Firefighters Association held its annual Christmas party and awards night on Dec. 10 at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. During that celebration, the firefighters association presented service awards to several firefighters reaching milestones.

Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff said, "It is really important for the community to realize the commitment and dedication that our firefighters have."

"Three of our personnel were honored for 25, 30, and 40 years of service respectively. That is impressive to say the least."

Firefighters are volunteer paid on-call employees. Their role as firefighter is in addition to their normal job, said Cairnduff. "It takes a special person to give that many years of service to their community, sacrificing their spare time, family time, holidays, etc. to respond to the needs of our residents."

The firefighters association also selects a firefighter of the year award, voted on by the entire department. This year, firefighter Marshall Colley, who has been with the department for six years, was selected. Colley serves as secretary/treasurer for the association and its non-profit Firefighters Charity group.

City Manager Lynn Markland said, "I want to congratulate Marshall Colley for receiving the Firefighter of the Year award, one of the highest recognitions a person can receive is from one's peers," he said. "The Firefighter of the Year



Assistant Chief Charlie Koan receives his 40-year service award.



Firefighter Frank Carpenter is presented with his 25 Years of Service award.

Award is that type of recognition from Marshall's peers. It is well deserved recognition."

Markland praised the other firefighters, as well, saying, "The 10 firefighters recognized for their longevity together represent 155 years of service to our community."

"Those years of service were filled with shared sacrifice by their families every time the firefighter responded to an emergency, attended training a session or performed their assigned duty at the Fire Hall."

"I want to thank each one for their many years of exemplary dedicated service and I also want to thank their families for supporting them as firefighters in their service to our community."

"We are extremely fortunate to have the volunteer fire department that we have," said Mayor Sue Osborn. "They are fully committed to the city of Fenton and its residents. They sacrifice to serve this community."

Osborn congratulated the entire department especially those achieving milestone awards.

Service Awards

5 years of service

Firefighter Camron Gilbert
Firefighter Brent Sharp
Firefighter Ryan Jenema

10 years of service

Firefighter Nate Mosher
Firefighter Nick Schulz
Lieutenant Casey Gilbert

15 years of service

Chief Bob Cairnduff

25 years of Service

Firefighter Frank Carpenter

30 years of service

Chief Engineer
Craig Jensen

40 years of Service

Assistant Chief
Charlie Koan

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Robert Cairnduff
Fenton Fire chief



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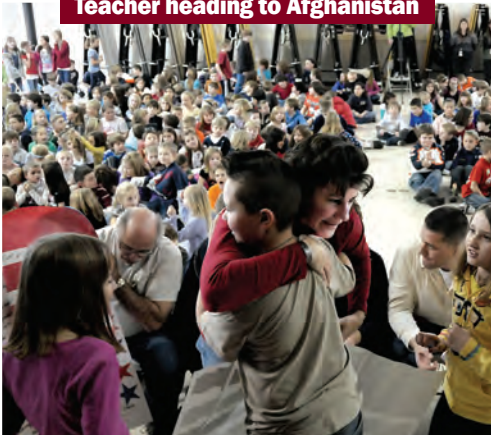


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2011 BEST AND WORST...

HOT LINES

IF EVERYONE WOULD repeat after me, I'm an American, not a Republican, Democrat, Independent or anything else. An American is someone who stands for what is best for the country.

THE PROBLEM I have with teachers protesting in front of students is that I know they are trying to influence the kids to join a union when they grow up, then make someone else take care of their every need, like health care and pensions. I would rather kids grow up and learn to be self-sufficient and take care of their own needs. That's why my kids are not in public schools.

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TO THE PEOPLE who feel it's necessary to insult college students, stereotyping them as 'easily brainwashed idiots and stupid,' would I be more intelligent in your eyes if I hadn't made the choice to go to college? I spent a lot of time expecting a great career. False hope.

IT WAS SO refreshing to attend the Patriot Week Festival in Holly. It was not a fundraiser for any organization. It was simply a celebration of our American principles for all to share, planned and executed by volunteers, with the support of local businesses. Well done.

WORST

Continued from Front Page

The alleged beating occurred over several days in April 2010 at the apartment Hayes shared with Dominick, Dominick's 27-year-old mother, Corrine Baker and her other son Tyler.

In September, Baker pleaded guilty to her original charges of second-degree murder and second-degree child abuse. Investigators and prosecutors said from the start that she had opportunities to get help for her young son, but chose to do nothing.

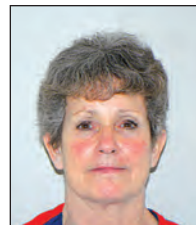
Sentencing guidelines for her guilty plea indicate 1 to 13 years in state prison. She has not yet been sentenced. She is already serving prison time for an unrelated drug conviction out of Livingston County. She could be released as early as November 2014 on that case.

According to court records, she has agreed to testify against Hayes. She has also lost parental rights to Tyler.

Hayes' trial was set to begin in September and jury selection began on Sept. 12. On Sept. 15, the judge dismissed the entire jury pool after becoming aware that jurors had inappropriately discussed the case. Hayes' attorney, James Piazza has been motioning to have the case moved to another county and the judge is currently considering that motion.

This case has gained national attention and Dominick's extended family has established Justice For Dominick, a non-profit organization to help children. Prompted by pleas from Dominick's family and supporters, lawmakers in Michigan recently passed a bill, Dominick's Law, which has stiffer penalties for those who abuse children.

Pamela Heavner, 55, of Tyrone Township, was sentenced to 23 months to 14 years in state prison for an embezzlement conviction. She was given credit for 187 days already served. In addition to prison time, she was ordered to pay restitution of \$610,200.



Pamela Heavner

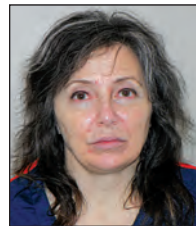
Heavner was a payroll clerk for WPM Construction in Grand Blanc Township. She was initially charged with embezzling more than \$1 million from the company through an intricate payroll scheme, dating back to 2005. She pleaded guilty to amended charges of embezzling, using a computer to commit the fraud and writing bad checks.

Tyler Earl Fischer-Greenfield was convicted of robbing the B & C Pharmacy in Fenton twice this year, once on Feb. 22 and once on Jan. 20. He was sentenced from five to 25 years in state prison. He is also serving time for three similar cases in Oakland County.



Tyler Fischer-Greenfield

He and his mother, **Pamela Allen**, were also convicted of armed robbery in Oakland County. She was sentenced to one to 30 years and he was sentenced from six to 30 years for his involvement.



Pamela Allen

Michael Scott, 25, of Fenton, was placed on two years of probation for larceny from a vehicle and possession of heroin. On Jan. 26, Fenton police officers and members of the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG) went to Scott's apartment, who was suspected of conducting drug activity.



Michael Scott

Officers recovered a small amount of suspected heroin, found in his apartment. While questioning Scott, officers also discovered thousands of dollars of stolen property. Slater said the items, mostly electronics and tools, were stolen from vehicles in the area.

Christopher Kaser, 44 and **Darryl Parker**, 21, both of Holly, were arraigned in connection with a breaking and entering at Wayne's Auto Body in the village

of Holly on Jan. 23. The men fled when they realized police had arrived.

During questioning, the men admitted that they were going to steal snowmobiles, but were stopped short when police arrived.

Parker was placed on probation for two years. Kaser is serving at least two years in prison.

Christine DeSonia, 46, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of embezzling \$20,000 or more and was placed on five years probation.

The Deerfield Township woman was accused of embezzling about \$250,000 from 2007 to 2009 from her employer, Thompson I.G., which is located on Thompson Road in Fenton Township.



Christopher Kaser



Christine DeSonia

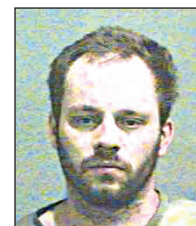
Tracey Sahouri, a principal in the Hartland school district and her husband Raed, were ticketed for hosting a party in June where underage drinking occurred. The Argentine Township couple pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor charge.

In December, their case was dismissed due to lack of evidence.

Janet Leslie, a Holly Township trustee, was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated on Aug. 27. In October, she pleaded guilty to an amended charge of impaired driving in Oakland County District Court. On Nov. 23, she was sentenced to 12 months probation and other conditions.

Charles Sawade Jr., 19, of Holly was bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court. He was arrested by Fenton police for breaking into St. John Church and other buildings on church property as well as Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts in November. The case was sent back to district court.

John Raphael Shorez, 25, of Fenton Township was charged with a 15-year felony of first-degree child abuse after an anonymous tip led a Genesee County Sheriff's Department deputy and a Linden police officer to a mobile home on Eastview Drive in Fenton Township on Nov. 26. A 4-year-old girl was hospitalized with injuries. A Jan. 3, 2012 preliminary hearing is scheduled.



John Shorez

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NOTABLE DEATHS

David Nelson (Jan. 11)

David Nelson broke into acting at a very early age, starting with "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" with his brother and their parents. Nelson would go on to star in movies after the show closed, spanning a career that would last 30 years.



Len Lesser, "Uncle Leo" (Feb. 16)

Len Lesser may have played in many different movies that included other greats such as Clint Eastwood and Steve McQueen, but the actor will always be fondly remembered as Uncle Leo on "Seinfeld." Eccentric and demanding of proper greetings, Uncle Leo was a hit amongst a star-studded cast.



Elizabeth Taylor (March 23)

An iconic American actress, Elizabeth Taylor died March 23 at the age of 79. Her 50.6-carat pearl necklace and earrings set was recently sold for \$11.8 million.



Sidney Lumet (April 9)

Sidney Lumet has over 50 films credited to him, whether through directing, producing or screenwriting. His most notable works include "Dog Day Afternoon," "The Verdict," and "12 Angry Men."



Betty Ford (July 8)

As the First Lady of Gerald Ford's presidency, Betty Ford set the precedent for politically and socially active first ladies to come. Known for her work in the Women's Movement and raising awareness for addiction, she founded the Betty Ford Clinic to help battle substance abuse.



Amy Winehouse (July 23)

The British singing sensation died at the young age of 27. Amy Winehouse won five Grammy awards for her second album "Back to Black."



Steve Jobs (Oct. 5)

The founder of Apple died of cancer on Oct. 5, sparking global mourning. Steve Jobs was described as a visionary for his inventions such as the iPod, iPad, iPhone and other prominent Apple products.



Muammar Gaddafi (Oct. 20)

For 41 years, Muammar Gaddafi ruled over Libya, making him the longest-serving non-royal leader since 1900. Gaddafi was overthrown and killed on Oct. 20 by the National Liberation Army this year.



Jeff Conaway (Oct. 27)

Jeff Conaway was an actor who held many roles during his life and starred in such American staples as "Grease" and "Happy Days."



Andy Rooney (Nov. 4)

A "60 Minutes" commentator known for his humor during his "A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney." He died at the age of 92 on Nov. 4.



Joseph William "Joe" Frazier (Nov. 7)

An Olympic and Undisputed World Heavyweight boxing champion, Smokin' Joe Frazier defeated boxing greats such as Buster Mathis and Muhammad Ali.



Harry Morgan (Dec. 7)

Born in Detroit, Harry Morgan appeared in more than 100 films and held the role of Sherman T. Potter on the hit show "MASH." Before his death, Morgan was inducted into the Hall of Great Western Performers at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.



Christopher Hitchens (Dec. 16)

The controversial writer died at the age of 62 in Texas on Dec. 16. A contributor to Vanity Fair, Christopher Hitchens drew criticism for his unfavorable views of Mother Theresa and blasting President Obama for receiving the Nobel Prize, amongst other criticisms of popular public figures.



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WORLD

Continued from Front Page The U.S. economy

The U.S. economy has experienced so many highs and lows this year it could match the top thrill ride at Cedar Point. The debt-ceiling crisis over the summer brought out the worst in U.S. politicians, creating a polarizing view of both parties. With slow job growth and steady unemployment, the U.S. economy frequently made headlines. Recently, unemployment has been slowly falling and the holiday shopping season is stronger than expected, signs that the economy may be improving.

It's a revolution

All across the Arab world, civilians have demonstrated and protested against authoritative governments, demanding a more inclusive society and democracy. So far, there have been full-blown revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, where dictators have been overthrown. Other uprisings have occurred in Bahrain, Syria and Yemen. The world is watching now to see which governments will be set up across the Middle East.

Japan rocked by earthquake

On Friday, March 11, Japan was hit by the most powerful earthquake ever to hit the country. The earthquake triggered several tsunamis, causing 15,842 deaths and injured 5,890 people. Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said, "In the 65 years after the end of World War II, this is the toughest and the most difficult crisis for Japan."

Massacre, car bombing in Norway

Norway was hit with a one-two punch this year on July 22. A car bomb exploded near government buildings, killing eight people. That same day, a shooter went on a rampage at a youth camp on the island of Utoya, killing 69 people before he was caught by authorities. The shooter was 32-year-old Andres Behring Breivik. Diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, Breivik will either be placed in prison or a psychiatric institution after his trial in April of next year.

Tornado rips through Joplin, Mo.

On May 22, a powerful EF-5 tornado struck Joplin, Mo., reaching nearly one mile in length when it touched the ground. Early estimates place the amount of damage at nearly \$3 billion. Emergency managers of the National Weather Service reported that nearly 75 percent of Joplin was destroyed by the tornado. With 160 deaths and nearly 1,000 people injured, the tornado was one of the most powerful and deadly in U.S. history.

Penn State scandal

The sexual abuse case at Penn State may very well come down as the worst scandal in sports history. Former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was indicted on 40 counts of sexually abusing young boys. Even more disturbing are the accusations that football coach Joe Paterno and the university president knew about the behavior and did nothing to stop it.



News international phone hacking scandal

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch, who owns publications including The Wall Street Journal and News of the World, was ousted for hacking into the phone of a murdered 13 year old.

A private detective deleted old messages on the 13 year old's phone, giving the family hope that their daughter may still be alive.

It was eventually revealed that Murdoch's publications have a widespread act of phone hacking, setting off doubt about journalism ethics in Britain.



Occupy Wall Street spreads across the country

On Sept. 17, hundreds flooded Lower Manhattan's Zuccotti Park to protest against alleged financial greed in America. Since then, the Occupy movement has spread across the nation and has caused some friction between protestors and authorities. Opinions of the movement have been mixed, as demands and a leader have not been identified. Some see the movement as a massive change in American thinking. Others view it as a complete waste of time.



Candidates step up for 2012 elections

America has been captivated all year by the pool of Republican candidates vying for the 2012 candidacy. From Texas Governor Rick Perry to Tea Party-favored Michelle Bachman, each Republican candidate comes with his or her own colorful past and unique method of campaigning. So far, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former House speaker Newt Gingrich lead the polls for most favored candidates. That all could change within weeks however, and the Republican Party will, without a doubt, be a top story for 2012.



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16350 Sunset Way - \$149,900
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 19, 2011 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$457,322.47.
4. Adopted Ordinance No. 742, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise PUD conditions of a previously approved PUD project, located near the intersection of Owen and Jennings Roads.
5. Adopted Ordinance No. 743, a new Home Occupations Ordinance.
6. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add provisions regarding Internet Sales.
7. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add provisions regarding accessory residences on agricultural property.
8. Adopted amendments to the 2011 Fenton Township Budget.
9. Approved the implementation of the optional 80/20 rules to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Public Act 152 of 2011.
10. Approved a 2-year law enforcement services agreement with the Genesee County Sheriff Department.
11. Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

December 14, 2011

Supervisor Kalcec called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Manson Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Kalcec, Miller, Slaughter, Gordon, Scheib-Snyder Board Members Absent: None

Approved: Agenda as amended with the addition of line items 10 (J) Approve Final Payment to Envision Builders and 10 (K) Approve Bids for CDBG Fencing Project at Dearborn Park.

Approved: Consent Agenda as submitted.

Presentations: FY2011 Audit Presentation, Ken Palka, Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka. Boxster Recycling Program.

Public Hearing: None.

Defeated: Dianne Scheib-Snyder to NOCFA Board upon Alison Kalcec vacating her seat.

Approved: FY2011 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report.

Tabled: Assessor Job Description Adoption.

Tabled: The purchase of BS & A Buidling Department Software.

Appointed: Treasurer as the official to assign address for a period of 6 months.

Adopted: FY-2012 Mid-Year Budget Amendments.

Approved: IT Contract with Tech Resources

Approved: Final payment to Envision Builders for Township offices depending on approval of all the final documents by Redstone Architects and CDBG.

Approved: Bid amount from Robinson Fenco of \$11,863.48 for fencing at Dearborn Park dependent upon reference check and input from Oakland County.

Adjourned: By motion at 9:29 p.m.

Alison Kalcec, Supervisor

Debbie Miller, Clerk

Synopsis of The Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting December 19, 2011

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Schmidt, present, Cole, present, Hallman, present, Ciesielski, present, Graves, present.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of RJ Groom and Sarah Stork. Motion to approve the minutes as printed of November 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and Board Workshop on December 16, 2011. Motion passed.

Motion, to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

Motion to approve payment of the invoices and expenditures as printed. Motion passed.

Guest speakers: Mr. John Daly, Genesee County, Manager –Director of the Genesee County Road Commission and Mr. Robert Slattery, Genesee County Road Commission, Director of Information Systems Planning gave an oral report.

Police: A written report was submitted.

Fire: A written report was submitted.

Building: Supervisor Cole said 2 permits were issued that totals \$407.00.

Planning Commission: No report.

Attorney: An oral report was given.

Old Business: Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion to appoint Joe Rzepcki to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the remainder of the term ending July 25, 2012. Motion passed.

Motion to appoint Eugene Satkowiak to the Zoning Board of Appeals to the term ending July 25, 2014. Motion passed.

Bids for Grass Rig: Motion, to accept the bid from Michael Ressequie in the amount of \$5,163.00. Motion passed.

New Business: Public Act 152 of 2011. Motion to opt out of PA 152.

Motion passed.

Risk Management Updates: Motion, to adopt the Argentine Township Sexual Harassment Policy. Motion passed.

Bid out old pumper: Motion to place an ad for bids on 1975 Ford 700-pumper truck as is with no warranty and a minimum bid. Motion passed.

Bid out 01-28-100-002 parcel for agricultural use: Motion to place an ad and bid out parcel 01-28-100-002 for agricultural use. Motion passed.

Adjournment @ 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

At their meeting of December 19, 2011 the Fenton Township Board took the following actions relative to ordinances:

1. Adopted Ordinance No. 742, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise PUD conditions of a previously approved PUD project, located near the intersection of Owen and Jennings Roads.
2. Adopted Ordinance No. 743, a new Home Occupations Ordinance.
3. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add provisions regarding Internet Sales.
4. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add provisions regarding accessory residences on agricultural property.

The second reading for the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments is scheduled for January 9, 2012.

Complete copies of the ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD DECEMBER 20, 2011

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Steve Hasbrouck, Jim Kolhoff and Colleen Ameel. Absent: Trustee Don Peitz and Treasurer Dave Kurtz.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-7 as presented.
4. Tabled the request of Economic Development Council/Spark for contract approval to the January 17, 2011 board meeting to allow the Supervisor time to communicate with the EDC to clarify deliverables and information to be provided.
5. Approved Mr. and Mrs. Bidelman's request for a boundary and easement realignment at 10183 Hartland Road.
6. Authorized the payment of the Tetra Tech invoice.
7. Tabled any action regarding Fenton Sand & Gravel's request for a reclamation extension pending legal advice.
8. Discussed the Livingston Regional Sanitary Sewer rate increase. No motion was made.
9. Agreed to make adjustments to the preliminary Special Assessments budgets as discussed.
10. The Supervisor updated the board on the results of the Sun Communities negotiations.
11. Adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

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 www.tyrone-township.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham Clerk Keith L. Kremer

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS
King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble and Wednesday Sudoku Puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS
Solution time: 21 mins.

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS
Jumbles: ENEMY AZURE BONNET COBALT
Answer: Sounds like a good hiding place—A TAN

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS
Jumbles: PILOT GUMBO INVADE SINGLE
Answer: Sounded like some old-fashioned necking th might have caused a "stir"—"SPOONING"

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SundaySudoku

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13 Positive thinker

18 Lipinski leap

19 DeeJay Freed

20 Interoffice commu-nique

21 Hickman or Strawberry

22 Canadian coin

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40 Seville shout

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46 Atmosphere

47 Discontinue

49 Sharpens a skill

51 Choose, with "for"

52 Part 2 of remark

57 Cartoon canine

58 Part 3 of remark

59 Delany and Wynter

60 Time of your life

63 Head line?

65 Susann or Shake-speare

69 Entreaty

70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor

73 Prom date

76 Gulliver's first name

78 Portly

79 Wattle's partner

81 Speculation

83 Conductor Klemperer

84 Gold brick?

86 Pageant prop

89 Part 4 of remark

90 Sixth sense

93 Part 5 of remark

99 Mellow

101 Studio sign

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103 Computer image

104 Man the bar

106 Belarusian city

108 Cote cutie

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113 Stirrup site

115 Create a chemise

116 End of remark

125 Monastery bigwigs

128 Tivoli's Villa d'—

129 Neighbor of Can.

130 Concept

131 He had things done by Friday

132 — breve

133 Unusual

134 It's nothing

135 Off the plate

136 Basketball's Willis

137 Black

138 Seth's son

6 Maui greeting

7 Poirot's concern

8 Handle

9 Tickle

10 Wode-house's Wooster

11 Send out

12 Peter of reggae

13 Dieter's discomfort

14 Cleared the slate

15 Cardigan part

16 Pipe cleaner?

17 Building wing

21 Signifies

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28 Crusader kingdom

29 Persian, presently

33 Early epic

34 Ref

35 Speck

36 Talk-show pioneer

37 Mechanic's offering

38 Pressing need

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40 Above, to Arnold

41 Installed tile

43 Unsullied

44 — Gatos, CA

47 Basilica

48 Italian rumbler

50 Diffident

53 Kind

54 Use a toboggan

55 Handle harshly

56 "Alley —"

61 Indian export

62 Toque or topee

64 Piggy

66 Medical grp.

67 Up roar

68 Price twice

70 Infamous Amin

71 Singer Seals

72 Enhance

74 Generator parts

75 Stumble

77 Isolated

80 Tropical snake

82 Connecticut campus

85 Spinks stat

87 Go back

88 "— Good Men" ('92 film)

90 Decorate glass

91 Oxford, e.g.

92 Await judgment

94 As a group

95 Canvas cover?

96 Nuremberg numeral

97 Cinnabar, for instance

98 "— the season . . ."

99 Wilderness trans.

100 "Holy smoke!"

105 Unseat

107 Pot

109 Dairy cow

110 Be obligated

112 Boca —, FL

114 Winning

115 Burning bit

117 Have on

118 Presque —, ME

119 Mata —

120 Dash

121 — up (evaluate)

122 Actress Barbara

123 Sleuth Wolfe

124 New Mexico resort

125 Parker of football

126 It may be padded

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

Many happy returns

►Having a receipt will speed things up

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

If Santa didn't get your "Wish List" exactly right this year, you might be one of the four in 10 gift recipients expected to return at least one gift after this weekend's Christmas holiday.

To make that unpleasant task easier, more and more gift givers are providing a gift receipt with the gift, so the recipient can easily return it, guilt-free.

While gift receipts are increasing in usage, many gift recipients said Santa brought just what they wanted last year. According to a survey by the National Retail Federation (NRF), six in 10 holiday shoppers say they didn't return a single gift last Christmas.

This year, with many people loosening their purse strings, there may be more returns as a result. Retail sales are up 3.8 percent this year, setting a record thus far of \$469.1 billion, according to the NRF.

If you think you might want to return a gift you opened for Christmas, think sooner, rather than later. Consumers returning merchandise quickly will find better selections to choose from for an alternate gift and have less chance of losing their receipt. They will be able to take advantage of the extended hours and extra help in the stores during the holiday season.

People also should keep in mind that gifts from local, independent retailers may have stricter return policies than large national retailers.

At Eclotions in Fenton, returns are welcome through Jan. 8, except for final markdown clearance items that have been clearly marked as "final sale." At Glik's, the store will be opening early on Monday, Dec. 26 to accommodate returns and exchanges beginning at 8 a.m. In order to return merchandise, a gift must have tags attached with a receipt for a full refund. Refunds will be returned in the form that the gift was originally paid for — debit card, credit card or a cash refund.

Sears Hometown Store in Fenton will open early on Monday at 7 a.m. for returns and exchanges. "If you have a receipt and everything is packaged in the original box as it was given, then you should have no problem," said Sears co-owner Jeff Stone. "Without a receipt, your return will be given in the form of a gift card."

TIPS FOR RETURNS AFTER THE HOLIDAY:

- **Know the retailer's** return policy before you buy. Most retailers have return policies prominently displayed, and spelled out on the merchandise receipt and on their website.
- **Save and file** all receipts for hassle-free returns. Some retailers will allow consumers to exchange merchandise without a receipt, but may only provide merchandise credit for the lowest mark-down price at which the item was sold during the holiday season. Provide the recipient with a gift receipt to save the hassle of a return after the holidays.
- **If you think** you will be returning a gift, avoid opening the packaging, especially those items that are sealed in hard plastic. Keep the original packaging including Styrofoam, plastic product wrapping, the box, instruction manuals, and all parts (including tags). If you are given clothing or sleepwear, try it on for fit with tags intact and without wearing perfume, powdered deodorant or makeup, which could stain the item. If merchandise appears to be worn, most retailers have the right to refuse a return.

MAKE ONLINE RETURNS EASY

Returns are a part of shopping, no matter where you buy. In addition to the other rules of returns, here are a few things to find out before you purchase a gift online:

- **Who will pay** for shipping the return, you or the merchant?
- **Is the return** pickup policy the same for exchanges or refunds?
- **Is there a** restocking fee on returns?
- **Can the item** be returned to a local physical store?
- **What is the** mailing address for returning merchandise to the company? Some online merchants have off-site service centers specifically assigned to handling returned merchandise.
- **Be patient.** The week after Christmas is one of the busiest weeks of the year for retailers. With people's frustration high and tolerance low, be patient when returning merchandise.

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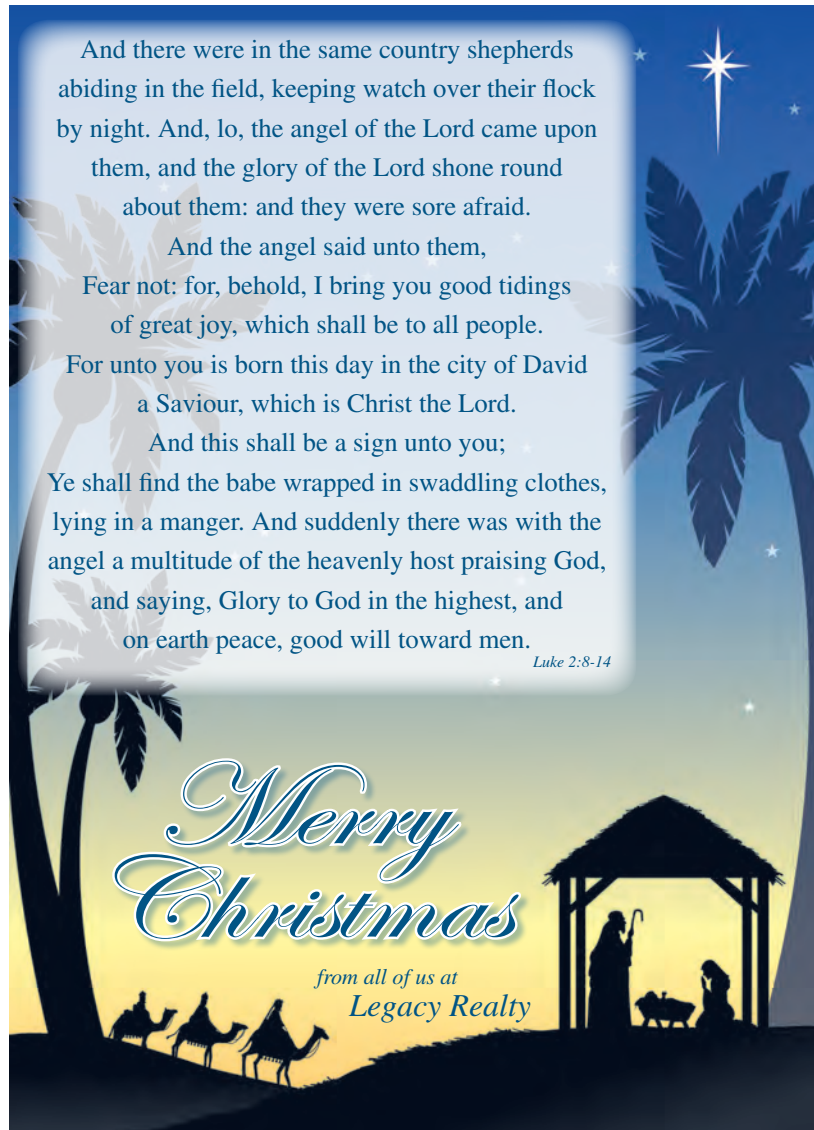
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YEAR IN REVIEW

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Fenton unveils 'Be Closer' tag line

The Fenton City Council unveiled the tag line 'Be Closer' in January, which included coordinated billboards, several signs, a website, and other promotional media. The project cost more than \$60,000, and has been popular with some, and confusing to others.



City manager inks \$88,508 contract

City Manager Lynn Markland signed on through 2014, with no increase in pay. Markland has 25 years of experience as a city administrator. He said he is proud of his accomplishments, including captured grant money for Silver Parkway, sewer lift stations, and balancing the city budget in difficult economic times.

Acument reopens

The Fenton fastener company reopened in February after closing in 2009 at the peak of the recession. Acument has adjusted its business, and employs more than 45 people.

Two teens dead due to drug overdoses

Fenton and Lake Fenton high schools were shocked by the deaths of Briona Jawhari, and Erika Schlosser. The teens died of heroin overdoses less than a week apart. Their deaths inspired the "Chasing the Dragon" campaign, designed to compel students to avoid illegal drugs. Two more young people in the area died from drug overdoses in the following months.

Fenton First Presbyterian Church undergoes renovation

The Fenton First Presbyterian Church in Dibbleville began its \$1.6 million expansion in April, which included larger space for youth and fellowship. The expansion also included a new, larger kitchen, gathering space, classrooms and condescended offices.

City Council approves new equipment

In December, the Fenton City Council approved the purchase of new emergency dispatch equipment, ending a debate that began in the spring. The city council had considered closing it, as Flint and Fenton are the only cities with their own dispatch centers. The equipment will be paid for by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The DDA budgeted \$320,000 for the project. Police Chief Rick Aro hopes to have the equipment in place by late January or early February.



Culvers coming to Fenton

In June, Clarkston Culvers' owners Kevin Powers and Katie Schmitt announced plans to tear down The State Bank building on Owen Road, across from Fenton High School, and build another Culvers restaurant. As of December, the building is well under construction.

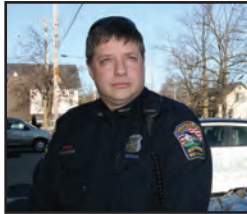
North LeRoy Street to receive \$1.25 million facelift

The Fenton City Council approved spending almost \$150,000 on an engineering firm to design improvements for LeRoy Street, from North Road to the Fenton Township border. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will complete the project. The construction of the project will begin spring 2012, and cost \$1.25 million.

LINDEN

Officer Conklin rescues men from methane gas

In August, Linden Police Officer Gary Conklin rescued two men from a sewer hole filled with poisonous methane gas. One of the men died. The other survived. Conklin was recognized for his heroic efforts by former State Rep. Paul Scott, State Senator John Gleason and the Linden City Council. Conklin was also selected as the grand marshal of the Linden Holiday Happening parade.



Linden Summer Happening cancelled, Linden Mill Days born

The Linden Summer Happening may have fell through this year but Linden still celebrated the summer days with the Linden Mill Days. Activities included a dog contest, live music and dancers from the Linden Academy of Dance and music.

Michigan medical marijuana

The Linden City Council voted throughout the year to keep a moratorium on adopting a medical marijuana ordinance. City Attorney Charles McKone recommended to the council that Linden police continue to arrest those found with marijuana, whether or not they have a medical marijuana card. The Michigan Medical Marijuana Law has drawn heated debates since it was passed. The moratorium in Linden still exists.

Linden gets free Internet access

Tri-County Wireless donated and installed equipment in downtown Linden for free wireless access.

Linden ranks first for population growth

While many people are leaving the state, Linden saw the biggest population growth in Genesee County, witnessing an increase of 39.5 percent. Overall, Linden had the fifth largest population growth in the state.

Linden Masons celebrate 150 years

The Masonic Temple in Linden turned 150 this year, and the members celebrated it well. The Linden Masons have 162 members, with more than 30 attendants for each monthly business meeting.



Loose Senior Citizen Center fire

The Loose Senior Citizen Center experienced its fair share of hardships this year, including a fire in September that burned down one of the buildings. The center is moving on however, reopening their doors, with tentative plans to add additions to the building. Fundraising efforts are underway.

Union Block property still for sale

In the wake of a 2007 fire, the Union Block property is still for sale. The LaFontaine family were in the works of purchasing the property but backed out of it in June. The property is still for sale.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP

State police Groveland post closes

As part of a larger restructuring plan, the Michigan State Police (MSP) Groveland Post closed in October. The areas of Groveland, Rose, and Holly townships will continue to be served, but the troopers report from the Flint Post. MSP reduced its posts from 62 to 29 posts, to save more than \$20 million.

Holly Township man fights to keep his property

A 20-acre parcel of land in Holly Township has been a point of a legal battle between Timm Smith and Holly Township since 2009. After a complicated and drawn out legal process, the courts upheld the township being gifted 10 acres of the property, which were being paid for by a mortgage upon which Smith defaulted.

HOLLY VILLAGE

Medical marijuana ordinance

The village of Holly was one of the first to approve a medical marijuana ordinance allowing dispensaries to operate within the village borders. Most municipalities either disapproved dispensaries, or placed moratoriums on them, waiting for the courts to work out how dispensaries are defined, and where they can be.

Powers lawsuit settled

After Marsha Powers was fired from her position as Holly Village manager in fall of 2010, she filed a lawsuit against six members of the council. Powers was awarded a jury trial in 2011, but the council settled with Powers for an undisclosed amount in December 2011.

New village manager hired

After former village manager Marsha Powers was fired in 2010, former police chief Rollie Gackstetter was appointed to serve as interim manager. Jerry Walker, a former city manager and police chief, was hired as interim village manager. After an interview process, he eventually became the permanent village manager.

First woman police chief hired in Holly

Police Chief Rollie Gackstetter retired in December 2010. Sgt. Michael Story served as interim police chief and nearly 50 candidates applied for the position. The committee to interview the candidates



fielded the applicants and made a recommendation to village council. Elena Danishevskaya was hired as the first female police chief in the village of Holly.

Village residents swallow higher water bill

The residents of the village of Holly saw their quarterly water/sewer bill increase by at least \$40 this past summer. The council voted to raise the fees to cover the bond service that was used for the expansion of the village water treatment system several years ago. Residents registered complaints at public hearings and during public comment at meetings before, and after the fees were implemented.

ROSE TOWNSHIP

Rose Township family barely escapes fire

A Rose Township family safely escaped the house fire on Demode Road that engulfed their home in January. When North Oakland County Fire Authority chief Jeremy Lintz arrived, the family was watching the fire consume their home, from the safety of a family vehicle. The home owners blamed a partially doused fire from a wood-burning stove as a possible cause.



Rose Township supervisor resigns

Rose Township Supervisor Alison Kalcec resigned in November, effective Dec. 22, 11 months prior to the ending of her term. Kalcec said she wanted to help end the divisiveness that had plagued board meetings. She said when leaving, she was proud of her accomplishments, including the township offices being remodeled, the warning sirens being installed, and condensing and centralizing services at the township offices.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Police move back to old building

In March, the Argentine Township Police Department moved back to its old building on Silver Lake Road, across from Navistar Bar & Grill. In the summer of 2007, the department moved from that spot to the basement of the township hall, about a ½ mile down the road to save the township \$12,000 per year in rent. The police department opened its own impound lot. The lot opened for business in August.



Lawsuits settled

A lawsuit filed by a former firefighter was settled out of court for \$400,000 in January. The lawsuit was filed against William Harvey, the former fire chief. The settlement was covered by the township's insurance provider.

Blythe Amenson, a former lieutenant with the fire department, filed the lawsuit in 2010, against Harvey for alleged sexual harassment, and against Argentine Township for alleged discriminatory discharge. She was employed by the township from May 2007 until July 6, 2009.

51ST DISTRICT

Paul Scott recalled

State Rep. Paul Scott, (R, Grand Blanc, 51st District) was recalled by a narrow margin in November. The recall effort was largely credited to the Michigan Education Association (MEA) who did the bulk of the signature gathering. Scott fought the recall in different state courts, but ended up facing the election at a loss. His recall brought into question the possible need for recall election reform, because of the price tag for recall elections.



Steven Losey (D-Linden) was selected by the Democratic Party of Genesee County to be the Democratic candidate for state representative. In February, voters in the 51st District will vote for Losey or Joseph Graves, (R-Argentine) to serve the remainder of Scott's term, which expires November 2012.

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DEATHS

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Erika Schlosser, 19, died Feb 15 from a heroin overdose. She was active in sports. She attended Fenton High School.



Erika Schlosser

Albert H. Callahan, 92, died on Feb. 23. He was a former Fenton city attorney and served as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. He attended the University of Michigan in 1945. He was a municipal lawyer who helped pave the way for the village of Fenton to become a city in 1964.



Albert Callahan

Rick Rockman Sr., 81, died on March 2. He founded the Tri-County Advertiser in the late '50s, which later became the Tri-County News and eventually the Tri-County Times. Before moving to Fenton, Rockman was the police commissioner of Linden and founded the Linden Leader.

Rockman was an active member of his community and was involved with many organizations including St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Michigan Harness Racing Association, the Kiwanis Club, Michigan Press Association, Fenton Chamber of Commerce and Spring Meadows Country Club. Rockman was also an avid football player and was a part of the semi-pro Fenton Independents, the Flint Sabres, and he tried out for the Detroit Lions.



Rick Rockman

Marjorie Hodges, 56, died June 4 after losing her battle with cancer. She was the director of the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden for many years.



Marjorie Hodges

Paul Bottecelli, 90, died October 9. Bottecelli was had served as mayor of Fenton and on the Fenton City Council. He owned and operated Fenton Drug/Ideal Pharmacy from 1947, until his retirement in 1985. A life-long resident of Fenton, Bottecelli was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton VFW Curtis-Wolverton Post 3243, American Legion and Fenton Rotary. As a veteran of the Army, Bottecelli served during World War II.

John Moulton, 66, died on Nov. 9. He served as the Fenton Township fire chief for 20 years, joining the department in 1985. Moulton was a lifelong resident of Fenton Township, closely following Lake Fenton football and played quarterback during high school. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.



Paul Bottecelli



John Moulton

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Scary Santa

Picture taken with the man
in the red suit not fun for all

By Sally Rummel

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Meeting Santa Claus for the first time, with his large red suit, a snowy white beard and an intimidating “ho-ho-ho” can be scary through the eyes of a small child. Well-meaning parents who would never knowingly put their child in harm’s way have taught their children not to talk to strangers. Then they pick out the scariest looking stranger possible — Santa Claus — and put their child in his lap.

When 8-month old Rennie Stickel visited Santa for the first time at

Summary

Why are many young children so afraid of Santa Claus? It just might be his big red suit, snowy white beard, and the fact that he’s a stranger.

“Actually, it wasn’t Santa she was afraid of, it was Mrs. Claus. Take a look at Mrs. Claus in the picture. She is kind of garish looking.”
Tessa Stickel

Polar Express at Flint Institute of Arts a few weeks ago, she was too young to tell Santa what she wanted for Christmas. But she was old enough to be afraid of this strange new situation.

“Actually, it wasn’t Santa she was afraid of, it was Mrs. Claus,” said Rennie’s mom, Tessa Stickel, of Fenton. “Take a look at Mrs. Claus in the picture. She is kind



Ava Green, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Green and granddaughter of Fenton residents Mark and Sally Rummel, let out a big scream during her visit with Santa at Bass Pro Shop at Great Lakes Crossing.

of garish looking.” Rennie’s older sister, Norah, 2½, had no such fear, and happily told Santa and Mrs. Claus that she wanted jingle bells for Christmas — or anything green. (Hmmm, that might have been one of Santa’s more unusual requests for Christmas this year.)

See **SCARY SANTA**
on 13B



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTOS Rennie Stickel, daughter of Dan and Tessa Stickel of Fenton, doesn’t like what she sees when she looks up at Santa and Mrs. Claus during a recent visit to Crossroads Village.



This photo from 12 years ago is an annual fun Scary Santa memory for Jackie McGrady and her family. Pictured are her grandchildren, Josh, then 2, and Kaitlyn who was 7 months old.

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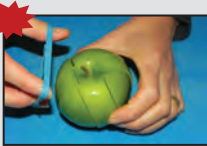
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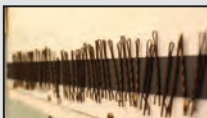
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How to: Green your holidays

► Tips, ideas and resources for a waste-free holiday

For many of us, it's back to work on Tuesday. All that's left of the festivities is a hangover and bulging bin-liners piled at the back door. But whether it's food, the tree or gift paper, there is a better way than dumping it all in the bin.

Food, foil and plastics

Seek inspiration for "leftover" recipes by visiting www.tctimes.com/recipes.

The acres of tin foil used for turkeys can also be recycled too (after washing), as can other aluminium items such as cans, milk bottle tops and wine bottles.

Plastics occupy a tricky area for recycling. More and more local organizations accept them via recycling banks or kerbside collections. Check the triangular recycling symbol on the bottom of the bottle, which identifies the type of plastic. PET and HDPE bottles are recycled by most local organizations. To check what is (and isn't) recyclable, see www.recyclenow.com.

Christmas trees

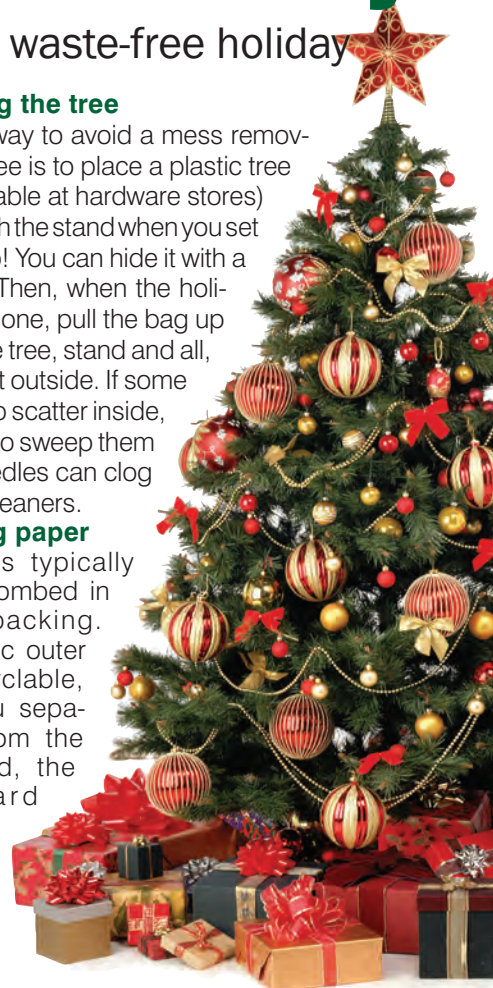
Most areas will collect trees during their regular pickup schedules on the weeks following Christmas. There are often requirements for size and removal of ornaments.

Removing the tree

The best way to avoid a mess removing your tree is to place a plastic tree bag (available at hardware stores) underneath the stand when you set the tree up! You can hide it with a tree skirt. Then, when the holidays are done, pull the bag up around the tree, stand and all, and carry it outside. If some needles do scatter inside, it is better to sweep them up; as needles can clog vacuum cleaners.

Wrapping paper

Kids' toys typically arrive entombed in plastic packing. The plastic outer isn't recyclable, but if you separate it from the cardboard, the cardboard can go straight into your recycling box.



Santa's rule: get one, toss two

Try this simple idea to pack a powerful clutter-cutting punch as you put away new holiday gifts: for each gift received, toss two counterparts.

As you put away holiday gifts, take time to make extra room throughout the house. For example, for every new Christmas DVD you add to the shelves, remove two older titles. Did Nana gift the children with new holiday pajamas? Find two outgrown sets to add

to the donation bag. If craft supplies made it into your stocking, be sure to remove double their number from your stash before adding them to the craft closet.

Whether you recycle, donate or sell the tossers, each gift will reduce clutter in your organized home — and the excitement of new possessions helps cut the ties to old, outworn items.

Get One, Toss Two: short, sweet and painless way to declutter for the New Year.



Re-use a wet-wipes container to store plastic bags. ▲



Use egg cartons to separate and store your Christmas decorations. ▲



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Turn your muffin pan upside down, bake cookie-dough over the top and voila, you have cookie bowls for fruit or ice-cream. ▲



Store shoes inside shower caps to stop dirty soles rubbing on your clothes. ▲



Remove crayon masterpieces from your TV or computer screen with WD40. ▲



Attach a Velcro strip to the wall to store soft toys. ▲



Use wire to make a space to store gift wrap rolls against the ceiling, rather than cluttering up the floor. ▲



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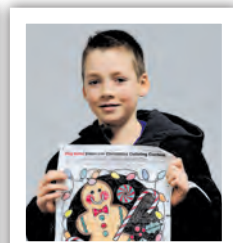
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ENTRANTS & WINNERS

AGE 3

WINNER - Kennedy Walrath (Fenton)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Ella Buchalski (Linden)
James Church-Bergeron (Fenton)
Sabrina Dudek (Holly)
Dane McKee (Fenton)
Titan Tremaine (Fenton)
Henry Watson (Gaines)
Claire Weir (Fenton)

AGE 4

WINNER - Carson LaVanway (Fenton)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Mackenzie Bradley (Rose Township)
Nina Chandy (Fenton)
Estella Emerson (Davisburg)
Lily Hitchings (Fenton)
Sarah Learman (Linden)
Justin Perantoni (Fenton)
Marissa Sweany (Holly)
Jack Todorovsky (Fenton)
Hannah Yolkering (Swartz Creek)

AGE 5

WINNER - Chelsea Goin (Holly)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Alida (Gaines)
Giavanna (Holly)
Archer Anderson (Fenton)

Alexa Ayotte (Fenton)
Riley Beckemeyer (Fenton)
Reagan Boulis (Linden)
Riley Boulis (Linden)
Fletcher Clark (Fenton)
Kayleigh Coburn (Holly)
Ryan Czop (Fenton)
Karsen Diehl (Fenton)
Gwen Grove (Linden)
Ciara Hankins (Linden)
Chloe Hnilica (Fenton)
Avery Hochkins (Linden)
Brayden Hoh (Holly)
Brooklyn Kinney (Fenton)
Reed Krueger (Linden)
Brock Litogot (Fenton)
Miranda Miller (Davisburg)
Haley Ranta (Fenton)
Amelia Romine (Fenton)
Jessica Sands (Holly)
Brielle Schoen (Davisburg)
Katelynn Scott (Fenton)
Lauren Skank (Fenton)
Tyler Smith (Gaines)
Lauren Swartz (Fenton)
Lily Turkowski (Fenton)
Blair Ungvasky (Holly)
Dawson Wagner (Burton)
Haley Wasilewski (Linden)
Caitlyn Rose Wentz (Fenton)

AGE 6

WINNER - Caprice Dunn (Holly)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Alivia (Fenton)
Jackson (Fenton)
Sydney (Fenton)
Matthew Allen (Holly)
Olivia Anderson (Flushing)
James Appleton (Linden)
Abigail Baran (Linden)
Alyson Churan (Swartz Creek)
Skylar Glotfelter (Fenton)
Nicole Horst (Linden)
Ryan Maser (Gaines)
Ryan McWeil (Linden)
Vannessa Shafer (Linden)
Jillian Shanahan (Fenton)
Cooper Smith (Fenton)
Meghan Smith (Linden)
Kendall Stilwell (Fenton)
Connor Thibault (Flushing)
Ben Weigle (Fenton)

AGE 7

WINNER - Sean Bowies (Fenton)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Christopher (Fenton)
Claire (Fenton)
Grace (Fenton)
Brenna Bair (Fenton)
Molly Blanchard (Fenton)
Matthew Bryant (Fenton)
Gena Duffy (Holly)
Alyssa Fancher (Holly)
Zeke Ford (Linden)
Jillian Graham (Holly)
Peyton Graham (Fenton)
Tyler Hahn (Fenton)
Chelsea Harding (Linden)
Moiria Konopka (Holly)
Aiden Krueger (Linden)
Jack Larson (Fenton)
Nic Learman (Linden)
Abby Logan (Linden)
Susan Sahouri (Fenton)
Kaleigh Shakur (Fenton)
Shanda Shuck (Holly)
Olivia Tremaine (Fenton)
Hannah Wasilewski (Linden)
Noah F. Watson (Fenton)
Kelly Wiknich (Linden)
Grace Woodruff (Fenton)

AGE 8

WINNER - Mason Tabor (Fenton)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Allie Browne (Linden)
Logan Bushon (Fenton)
Ashlyn Cooper (Linden)
Emily Daley (Byron)
Madeline Davis (Byron)
Braden Diehl (Fenton)
Jesse Durand (Flint)
Megan Engel (Linden)
Lexi Gettler (Gaines)
Cooper Hnilica (Fenton)
Sarah Hollenbeck (Byron)
Garrett Huggins (Holly)
Abby James (Linden)
Charley MacIntosh (Holly)
Skye McDougal (Holly)
Olivia Meissner (Linden)
Rylee Ochs (Fenton)
Kaitlyn Premo (Fenton)

Kaleah Puskala (Holly)
Makayla Straub (Plymouth/Canton)
Kali Swartz (Linden)
Luke Tinsley (Fenton)
Sophia Todorovsky (Fenton)
Reese Ungvasky (Holly)
Mason Wagner (Burton)
Emma Wise (Linden)

AGE 9

WINNER - Caleb Learman (Linden)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Geneva (Fenton)
Madilyn (Perry)
Brooke Bair (Fenton)
Sydney Bommersbach (Holly)
Lauren Bossenberger (Fenton)
Paige Brown (Saginaw)
Lauren Burke (Holly)
Margaret Cylkowski (Holly)
Lila Darling (Flushing)
Trinity Fanos (Fenton)
Austin Harding (Linden)
Grace Havel (Clarkston)
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Maggie Kelley (Linden)
Amber Kelly (Fenton)
Jax McDonald (Linden)
Melody Miles (Flint)
Ally Riley (Linden)
Gabrielle Smith (Linden)
Alycia Staniszewski (Fenton)
Breanna Trecha (Fenton)
Hannah Tucker (Fenton)
Kendall Hunter VanDeVenter (Walled Lake)
Alex Volkening (Swartz Creek)
Anna Weigle (Fenton)
Serena Winan (Holly)

AGE 10

WINNER - Audrey Tremaine (Fenton)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Dylan Baker (Linden)
Russel Buffa (Fenton)
Sophia Clements (Fenton)
Kaya Davis (Holly)
Samantha K. (Linden)
Lillian Kildow (Fenton)
Joe Loria (Fenton)
Alexus Maybee (Holly)
Chloe McKenzie (Fenton)
Taylor Parker (Holly)
Jordan Revels (Fenton)
Katelyn Sowash (Linden)
Alaina Strauss (Burton)
Peyton Tinsley (Fenton)
Cole Wiknich (Linden)

AGE 11

WINNER - Jacob Ford (Linden)

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Elizabeth (Fenton)
Kayla Lee Armstrong (Linden)
Sabrina Bigelow (Linden)
Cameron Bodoh (Fenton)
Lexie Curtis (Holly)
Abbey Gordon (Flushing)
Taylor Hart (Fenton)
Delaney Hundzinski (Fenton)
Rachel Learman (Linden)
Charlotte Morgan (Fenton)
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa owners Cortney Gwaltney and Kristen Steele show the expanded setting of their salon, which now includes the services of six hair stylists, three nail techs, two skin specialists and one massage therapist.

The Retreat expands spa area

By Sally Rummel

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The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa has expanded its space, now offering an additional 1,200 square feet for relaxation and pampering. Located at 12272 Fenton Rd. at The Shoppes of The Backyard, the Retreat has maintained its unique elements of coziness and the same intimate setting that their guests have come to expect.

"We wanted to create a space where guests would relax and feel welcome the moment they walked through our doors," said owners Cortney Gwaltney and Kristen Steele.

Now with two pedicure thrones, including a relaxing chair massage and three more custom-built nail tech stations, The Retreat can offer its comprehensive spa treatments in a more relaxed, spacious

setting. In addition, the owners added a glass bamboo door, carpet and a relaxation room where the spa's treatment rooms for skin care and massage are located.

The new space includes a "wash house," which focuses on the experience as much as the service with dimmed lighting, candles and leg rests for the comfort of clients. Guests will also find that the dryer area is a room of its own where they can enjoy more privacy, owners say.

The Retreat's Custom Paul Mitchell color bar is now three times the size of the original bar, and offers the opportunity for guests to watch their color come to life if they choose. Still a Paul Mitchell focus salon, The Retreat now also offers the luxurious Pureology line. New laser skin care services will be added in January, according to Gwaltney, who is now joined by Tracy Castro, skin-care specialist, in providing skin-care services by licensed, experienced professionals.

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Look Who's Talking

By Angel Ryneerson, Intern



JESSICA FUGATE

17-year-old junior

Holly High School

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Wendy and Phil Fugate. I have two brothers, Michael and Joshua Fugate, and one sister, Rebecca Fugate.

MY DREAM CAR IS:

A white Land Rover, with black leather interior.



Jessica Fugate

If you could do anything over in high school what would it be?: I would try harder in my freshman year, because I slacked off.

What do you do outside of school?: I do a lot of photography and hang out with my family.

My greatest high school regret is?: I wish I would have taken more classes that would help with my career interest.

My most embarrassing moment in high school was?: I almost slipped on ice in front of the school in front of everyone.

If you could have one super power what would it be?: I would want to read people's minds. I wouldn't like it if they could read mine, though.

If you were principal for a day what changes would you make to the school?: I would add more passing time between classes to talk to friends and have the school day start later in the day.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?: Christmas, because of the presents, spending time with family, and no school.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say?: 'There is a thin line between knowing when to give up and when to try harder.'

Front row seats and back stage passes, whom are you seeing?: Tim McGraw or Bruno Mars

Best day in your life so far?: My 17th birthday, I had a party with all my friends and it was really fun.

What are your plans after graduation?: I want to go to Saginaw Valley, major in graphic design and minor in Spanish.

Where will you be 10 years from now?: I hope to be graduated from college, married, and live in a big house.

Student Body asked at Holly High School

What is your favorite part of the holidays?

Compiled by Angel Ryneerson

KRISTA MOUSSAUI, SENIOR



"The family tradition and being together with everyone close to me."

SAMANTHA FREED, JUNIOR



"The Christmas lights, because they are very pretty."

SARAH BREWER, SOPHOMORE



"Playing in the snow and spending time with my grandma and my dad."

CHARLES KERNEN, JUNIOR



"I enjoy making gingerbread houses with my girlfriend, Samantha Freed."

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Eternal Flame



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Members of St. John Catholic Church dedicate a memorial, the "Eternal Flame," on Sunday, Dec. 11 outside St. John's Activity Center. The monument is to remember unborn babies lost to abortion, miscarriages, or pre-birth complications. The Knights of Columbus Council #7418 and the members of St. John's parish would like to thank Roger Sharp for his donation of the memorial stone set into the flames' foundation.

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Charles Leachman Jr.,

Charles Leachman Jr. - age 77, died December 19, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Ermal Sellers,

Ermal Sellers - age 88, died December 16, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Evelyn Dillingham,

Evelyn Dillingham - age 83, died December 18, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



George Nemer,

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Irene Stiles,

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James Farmer,

James Farmer - age 80, died December 17, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Joseph Pease,

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Joseph Veselsky,

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Ralph Schell,

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Patricia A. Solberg 1956-2011

Patricia A. Solberg - age 55, died December 17, 2011 at Genesys Hospice Care Center in Goodrich. She is survived by her loving son, Zachary Blosser; brother, Thomas (Jo Tucker) Heidtke; nephew, Alex Heidtke and many dear friends. Mrs. Solberg taught for 24 years in the Hartland School District. She loved gardening, flowers, animals, and especially visiting Lake Charlevoix. Donations may be made in Patty's memory to the Fenton Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 N. Fenton Rd., Fenton MI, 48430. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Marilyn M. Hampton,

Marilyn M. Hampton - age 86, died December 21, 2011. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Ernest J. Pinter,

Ernest J. Pinter - age 95, died December 20, 2011. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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Michelle Pirker- Fruehaus,

Michelle Pirker-Fruehaus - age 44, died December 21, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Robert James McDonald,

Robert James McDonald - age 83, of Fenton, passed away Friday, December 23, 2011 at Young at Heart, Holly. Services will be 12 PM Saturday, January 7, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends 10 AM Saturday until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Young at Heart, Holly. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharppfuneralhomes.com.



Jack M. Lusk 1932-2011

Jack M. Lusk - age 79, of Fenton, died December 21, 2011 at Caretel Inns, Linden. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Tuesday, December



27, 2011 at Fenton Church of God, 14569 North Rd., Fenton, with Pastor Eugene Blankenship officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held 3-6 PM Monday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Jack was born February 5, 1932 in Princeton, WV, the son of Oakley and Stella (Miller) Lusk. He retired from General Motors. Mr. Lusk enjoyed hunting, spending time with family and friends and loved Bluegrass Music. Surviving are: daughters, Linda Lusk, Rhonda (Michael Nelson) Lusk, Karen (Harry) Haag; step-daughters, Carol (Dale) Blankenship Daggett, Michele Lusk Corry; sisters, Sandra Lusk Charles, Judith Lusk Fleming; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Violet; brother, Bobby. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharppfuneralhomes.com.



Michael Perks,

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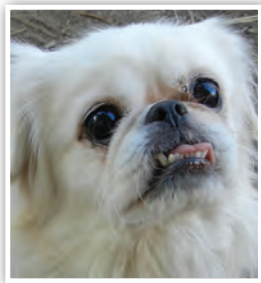
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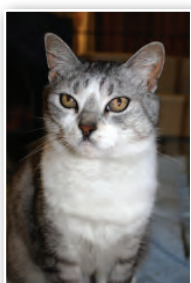


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1926-2011
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of Fenton and Zephyrhills,
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Thursday,
Decem-
ber 22,
2011 at
his resi-
dence in
Zephy-
rhills, FL.

Services will be held 11 AM
Wednesday, December 28,
2011 at the Freedom Cen-
ter, 2473 West Shiawassee
Ave., Fenton with Pastor
Jim Wiegand officiating. In-
terment will follow at Great
Lakes National Cemetery,
Holly. Visitation will be
held 6-8 PM Monday and
1-4 and 6-8 PM Tuesday
at Sharp Funeral Homes,
Fenton Chapel, 1000 W.
Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.
Those desiring may make
memorial contributions to
The Freedom Center Build-
ing Fund. Rev. Burke was
born July 24, 1926 in Paris,
TN, the son of Fannie Earl
and Flora Belle (Fitch)
Burke. He was a veteran
of the U.S. Army serving
in World War II. Rev. Burke
married Thelma Womack
on April 29, 1944 in Paris,
TN. He was ordained in
1965 and was the Pastor
of First Assembly of God
Church in Fenton where he
served for 33 years retiring
in 1995. Pastor Burke start-
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Fenton and was very active
in the Fenton Community.
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true with the building of the
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den, Fredrick E. and wife,
Debbie of Linden, Donald
L. and wife, Margaret of
Gaines, John and wife,
Vicky; 9 grandchildren;
17 great-grandchildren;
brother, Rodger Lee and
wife, Wanda of Paris,
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Shoplifting brother steals family's security

DEAR AMY: One of my siblings was diagnosed
more than 20 years ago with bipolar disorder. He is
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His mania has taken the
form of anti-social behavior. It
appears that it currently mani-
fests itself as kleptomania.
He has already been arrested
once and was spared jail time
because he went through a
special treatment program.

He told me he is still steal-
ing, and another sibling told
me that he continues to shop-
lift on a weekly basis.

My sister-in-law doesn't
know. I can't tell her because
she supposedly told my brother that if he were ar-
rested again for shoplifting she would leave him.

I find my brother's behavior morally reprehens-
ible and have told him so. However, I don't want
to see him arrested and jailed -- or break up his
marriage. I believe he is sick and needs help.

I was contemplating writing a letter to his
therapist, but was wondering if you had any
other suggestions.

— Confused in Connecticut

DEAR CONFUSED: You have chosen not to
disclose this issue to your sister-in-law because
she "supposedly" told your brother that if he were
arrested she would leave.

I have two thoughts.

"Supposedly" creates an expectation that only
the word "actually" can really fulfill.

In short, you don't actually know what your sister-
in-law said to your brother.

My second thought is that if an arrest for shoplift-
ing would ruin your brother's life, then why don't
you try to prevent an arrest by telling an involved
party (his wife) about what's going on?

You should also try to deal with your brother
directly. Don't bother passing judgment on his
behavior (he already knows stealing is wrong), but
re-educate him about the consequences of his
behavior (jail) and urge him to get help.

Telling his therapist would also be a good idea.
Your brother's treatment is not working.

DEAR AMY: My husband and I bought our first
home more than a year ago. A friend of my hus-
band's asked if he could stay with us for "a few
weeks" while he worked on finding a job so he
could move in with another friend.

It has been almost a year since he started living
in our house. His welcome expired very quickly for
me, but my husband was more protective of him.

The friend acts incredibly ungrateful and has re-
mained unemployed the entire time he has lived in
our home. He stays in his bedroom playing video
games most days.

Last summer he said he would move out by the
end of August. That didn't happen. In October my
husband told him he needed to move out by the
end of December. That time is fast approaching,
and I am afraid my husband will not follow through.

The friend already has told him that he will prob-
ably just have to live in his car.

How can I emphasize to the friend and my hus-
band that this is the last deadline we are setting
for him to move -- without coming across as an
insensitive person?

— An Irritated Hostess

DEAR IRRITATED: After all this, do you really care
about coming across as insensitive?

I'd say a little less sensitivity is needed.

I suggest you serve your freeloader's morning cof-
fee along with a calendar. Point out that the month
is quickly waning, and tell him that if he has to live in
his car that's a shame -- but that he had better not
park it in your driveway.

If your husband has a problem with this, ask the friend
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Amy Dickinson



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To your
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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: A friend has a case of
constant hiccups. Can you suggest any possible
cures? —P.W.

ANSWER: Hiccups come from involuntary contrac-
tions of the diaphragm, the horizontal muscle sheet
that lies between the chest and the abdomen. It is
the principal breathing muscle. Sometimes persistent
contractions can be traced to gallbladder problems,
diseases of the pancreas, reflux of stomach acid into
the esophagus (heartburn) or an abscess on the ab-
dominal side of the diaphragm. However, most of the
time, no cause is found. For temporary hiccups, gulp-
ing food and simultaneously swallowing air sometimes
brings them on. So can carbonated beverages.

Through the years readers have provided me with
hundreds of home remedies for dealing with hiccups,
and I welcome new additions. Swallowing a teaspoon
of sugar irritates the throat, which sets in motion a
reflex that can end hiccups. Breathing into a paper bag
raises the blood carbon-dioxide level, which, in turn,
raises blood acidity, and that triggers a release of cal-
cium. Calcium can spark nerve signals to stop hiccups.
Putting angostura bitters on the back of the tongue is
another sometimes-successful trick.

Hiccups that last longer than 48 hours aren't likely
to respond to home remedies. Medicines have to be
turned to. Chlorpromazine, omeprazole, metoclo-
pramide and baclofen are often successfully used.

In cases that are resistant to medicine treatment and
that are disrupting a person's life, doctors can interrupt,
in a number of ways, the transmission of nerve signals
conducted to the diaphragm by the phrenic nerve.

*Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will
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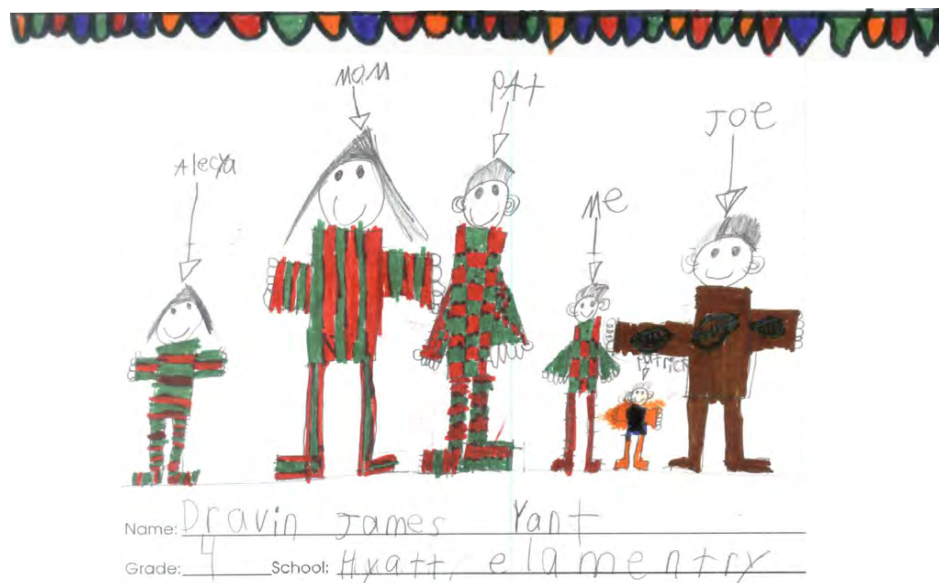
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Christmas has special meaning to area fourth graders

By Sally Rummel

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For most of the fourth-grade students recently interviewed at Hyatt Elementary School in Linden, getting gifts on Christmas morning is not what they like most about the holidays. Family traditions and making memories together are higher priorities on their "wish lists" as the greatest joys of the holiday season.

During a recent visit to Anne Strong's fourth-grade classroom, the students were coloring pictures that are sprinkled throughout this Christmas edition of the Tri-County Times — each one sponsored by a generous local business.

The children were asked to color a picture based on their choice of one of these Christmas themes:

- If you could give the world a Christmas gift, what would it be?
- "What Christmas means to me."
- What is your favorite thing about Christmas?

One student, Taylor Rabanus, answered the first question by saying, "I'd give everyone a family to love them," and colored a picture representing the joy of her own family at Christmas. Another student, Lauren Brennan, said that she'd give everyone in the world a Christmas, and a family.

Several other students chose the second theme about the meaning of Christmas for them. Colt Frescura believes that spending time with his family is the greatest meaning of Christmas.

For Christian Thomas, celebrating Baby Jesus and

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To view all coloring entries from participating students, view this story online at www.tctimes.com.



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Dravin Yant looks most forward to spending Christmas with his family, including two brothers, a sister, mom and dad and a step-dad.

His birthday, and giving presents is the most important meaning of the holiday. Family has the greatest meaning for Dravin James Yant. He'll be celebrating Christmas this year with his two brothers, one sister, mom, dad and step-dad.

Most of the students chose to color a picture describing their favorite thing about Christmas. Hannah Creech's favorite holiday tradition is making cookies with her grandma, Barbara Creech. Together, they'll bake dozens of Rudolph-decorated cookies, gingerbread and peanut butter blossoms.

Alyssa Bowen enjoys spending time with family and opening presents, and also values singing along

with other Girl Scouts from her class at area nursing homes. She was all dressed up in her Girl Scout uniform, complete with reindeer antlers, to attend a Christmas sing-along event after school.

Brena Clarey loves to get "that Christmas feeling," which to her means being cozy, while celebrating with all of her family. "Two days after Christmas, we go to one of our relatives and celebrate a late Christmas with the whole family. We're making memories," she said.

Still others love the whole ambiance of the holidays, including Riley Moore, who loves to decorate the Christmas tree, and Kaya Miller, who enjoys standing by the fireplace where it's nice and cozy — and warm.



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Collie Briggs draws a picture about decorating the Christmas tree, one of her favorite parts of the holiday.

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The Stickel family's Santa experience plays out the often-thought notion that usually one out of two children in a family has a problem with Santa, and that twin boys are more likely to scream with Santa than twin girls.

Six-month-old Ava Green got her first look at Santa just a couple weeks ago, and she didn't like what she saw at all. Her mom, Sarah Green, formerly of Fenton, was thrilled to be first in line while Santa was on break after a long day of visiting children at Bass Pro Shop in Auburn Hills. Ava wasn't so thrilled, however. When her mom lovingly placed her on Santa's lap, hoping for a cute "First Christmas" photo, Ava promptly screamed in his ears until her mom rescued her. (So much for a Kodak moment.)

Thankfully, most of these innocent, traumatic episodes of childhood don't scar a child for life, but they often do remain a laughable memory.

Jackie McGrady, originally from Linden, now of Ripley, West Virginia, recalls taking her grandchildren Josh and Kaitlyn to see Santa for the first time 12 years ago, when Josh was 2 and Kaitlyn was 7 months old.

"When Josh screamed at Santa, he grabbed hold of Josh's shirt, trying to keep him in the picture," said McGrady. "The rest of the day Josh complained,

'Santa pull my shirrrrrt!' Josh has definitely gotten over his Santa fears. Now 14, he's an athlete in three sports, while Kaitlyn, 12, is an artist who also loves to sing. Josh and Kaitlyn's mom is Bethany (McGrady) Landis, a 1993 graduate of Linden High School, now residing in Ripley, West Virginia.

Why is Santa so scary to kids?

Most experts think it's the fact that he's a stranger and a rather intimidating presence in his red suit.

He also has a big, white beard,

when most people don't have beards anymore. It also could have to do with the fact that kids have to wait in line to see Santa, and by the time they get up there, they're over-tired, over-heated and stressed out.

For most children, having his or her picture taken with Santa is a happy moment — so a "scary Santa" moment captured by the lens of a camera just might be a once-in-a-lifetime Christmas memory.

5 scary Santa movies

1. Don't Open 'Til Christmas (1984)
2. Santa Claws (1996)
3. Silent Night, Deadly Night (1984)
4. Santa's Slay (2005)
5. Christmas Evil (1980)



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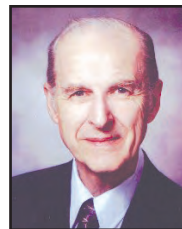
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By Roger Campbell



Why the manger instead of a mansion?

Dr. Luke's announcement of the birth of Jesus, read by millions at family Christmas gatherings, expounded on by ministers at this time of the year and amplified by choirs and singing congregations, was brief and to the point: 'And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn' (Luke 2:7). But the impact of that humble birth is impossible to fully comprehend.

Arnold Toynbee, the famed historian, wrote, 'As we stand and gaze with our eyes fixed on the farther shore of history, a simple figure arises from the flood and straightway fills the whole

horizon. There stands the Savior.'

Phillips Brooks, composer of the familiar carol, 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem,' said, 'I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that one solitary life — the life of Christ.'

Today, the worldwide effects of this miraculous birth continue.

Business and industry from Main Street to Wall Street screech to a halt to acknowledge the birth of this One who was born in Bethlehem's stable and whose bed was a manger. As we close 2011, we'll finish another year that dates from His birth and when we begin 2012, we'll start dating our letters and legal documents with numbers that look back to the first Christmas.

Why, then, was our Lord born in a stable where His bed was a manger?

Why the manger instead of a mansion?

The answer is obvious. The manger birth announces to all that the One born that day is approachable. Shepherds, stricken with fear at the angelic announcement of the Savior's birth, could trade their fears for faith, leave their sheep on the hillside and make their way to the manger. They could arrive with the smell of the fields and flocks still on them and be accepted.

Wealthy ones who have found their chase for power and property disillusioning can come to the manger and learn that satisfaction isn't found in gathering gold but in a right relationship with God.

The message of the manger is one of openness to all. Those who feel they have fallen too far to ever regain hope find mercy at the manger. People who might have been intimidated by ornate buildings and expensive clothing feel at ease approaching the One who at His birth was wrapped in rags and laid in a manger.

The four lines below are part of a poem titled 'The Manger' that I penned many years ago. If you're feeling down or discouraged and find yourself wondering if God really cares, consider them written just for you.

'The manger speaks of God's great love that reaches down from heaven above. It reaches to the lowest place to give the gift of life through grace.'

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Fenton's Gilbert is our CC Runner of the Year

By David Troppens

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There's one thing that Matt Gilbert really likes about cross country running.

"It's the feeling of being done," Gilbert said. "After you are done with the race, you feel good. I don't know why. I don't think there are any words to explain it. You have to experience it."

When it came to finishing a 5K cross country race this fall, no one did it better from the tri-county area than Gilbert.

And that is why he is our 2011 Tri-County Cross Country Runner of the Year. Our runner of the year

includes both boys and girls divisions.

Gilbert capped what was a pretty spectacular prep career by placing 19th at the Division 1 State Cross County Championships at Michigan International Speedway with a time of 15:56. He did that despite nursing a case of bronchitis.

"Unfortunately, I got bronchitis right before the state meet," Gilbert said. "I was 19th at state despite it. I was pleased and satisfied."

Really, it's only fitting that Gilbert closed the season with health problems. When it started, he was also nursing some health issues.

He sustained a severe ankle sprain during the

summer, and it kept him away from running until the second week of fall training.

"I started a little slow," Gilbert said. "The injury set me back a little. I sustained it over the summer. I was on crutches with three weeks to go. I had to go to Fenton Physical Therapy for five weeks. I didn't get cleared to start running until the second week in practice. I didn't get to train over the summer as much as I liked."

It didn't seem to bother Gilbert too

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Fenton's
Matt Gilbert

SPORTS TRIVIA

Q What is the most rebounds a team has collected in an NBA game?

A On Dec. 24, 1960, the Boston Celtics grabbed 112 rebounds against the Detroit Pistons. The Celtics won the game 150-106.

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Fenton Tigers cruise past Davison, 56-39

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Eric Readman is one of many new faces on the Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

He's also one of many new faces that are making an impact on the season.

Readman netted 13 points, four assists and four rebounds, and was just one of the many new players that had a big day in the Tigers' 56-38 non-conference victory against Davison Wednesday night.

The Cardinals tried to stick close by playing more of a deliberate halfcourt style, and it worked to a degree. The Cardinals, while never leading the entire contest, cut the gap to 39-31 on a three-pointer by J.C. Carrizales with 6:22 left in the game. However, that's as close as they would get the rest of the contest, as many of the new varsity players started to step up.

First, Cory Cox dished a pass to Mitch Shegos for a layup, raising the gap to 41-31. Then, Shegos earned a steal and scored on two free throws while being fouled during the break. Next, Fenton veteran Ryan Hickoff earned a steal and a breaking layup, raising the edge to 45-31. Davison cut the gap back to 45-34 with another Carrizales trey with 4:18 left, but

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Fenton's Ryan Hickoff (right) tries to get by Davison's J.C. Carrizales during the Tigers' 56-38 victory against the Cardinals on Wednesday.

Fenton hockey continues recent winning ways, 4-0

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity hockey team's winning fortunes continued Wednesday night.

The Tigers improved their record to 5-4 with a 4-0 victory against Goodrich at the Polar Palace.

The contest remained close until the Tigers scored three goals in the third period. Leading just 1-0, the Tigers doubled their lead when Kyle Lixie scored his second goal of the game unassisted with 9:01 left in the period. Then with 6:23 left in the period, the Tigers raised the gap to 3-0 on a Jake Foguth goal on assists from Connor Phillips and Jake Blackburn. Blackburn then scored off an assist from Jake Fisher and Danny DeLong with 2:12 left in regulation.

The Tigers took the lead for good with 4:20 left in the first period. Lixie scored on assists from Phillips and Foguth.

"Once again, we had three strong periods of play," Fenton coach Jeff Mynatt said.

Joe Foguth earned the shutout in net, making 20 saves.

LF girls capture second straight win Blue Devils defeat GAC foe LakeVille 45-24

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team has played its share of tough games during the preseason.

It resulted in a 1-3 start to the season.

But now those games seem to be starting to pay off.

The Blue Devils won their second straight game, defeating LakeVille 45-24 on Tuesday night.

The Blue Devils' defense was strong, holding LakeVille scoreless in the first quarter. The defense continued to play

well the rest of the way, never allowing more than single-digits in any quarter.

"Defensively, we played a zone, helping to cut off easy shots inside, and forcing them to beat us from the exterior," first-year Lake Fenton coach Matt Gildner said.

"They like to do a lot of back door, cutting against a man-to-man to get easy shots. We were successful in shutting down the inside and limiting second chances."

The offense played well. The Blue Devils scored 13 points in the first quarter, establishing

the 13-0 lead.

With LakeVille cutting the gap to 21-9 at the half, the Blue Devils iced the game by outscoring the hosts 15-8 in the third period.

"We ran the floor well in the first half, getting some easy opportunities in transition," Gildner said.

"In the second half, we were a little more patient with our offense."

The Blue Devils (3-3) were led by Mackenzie Gottron's and Jordan Newman's 11 points each.

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Lake Fenton's Mackenzie Gottron (right) attempts a shot during a recent Blue Devils' girls basketball game. Gottron tied teammate Jordan Newman with 11 points during the Blue Devils' 45-24 victory against LakeVille on Tuesday.

Happy Birthday

MLB Hall of Fame player Rickey Henderson and NFL Hall of Fame player Larry Csonka were born today.

Lake Fenton wrestlers split dual with Goodrich, Durand

By Al Zipsie

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Durand — Four injuries proved too much to overcome for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team against their rivals, the Goodrich Martians.

The Blue Devils (2-1 in the GAC) fell to the Martians 45-18 and beat Durand 51-24 to split GAC duals Wednesday. If losing six wrestlers who were state placers from last season was not enough, the Blue Devils also were missing four starters out with injuries. Todd Melick, who was third at state a year ago, suffered a rib injury and was sidelined. The others out were Alexis Melton, D.J. Melton and Ray Denam. With only 15 wrestlers to fill the 14 weight classes, the Blue Devils had to forfeit four matches to the Martians. Lake Fenton also had three first-year wrestlers pinned in the first minute by Goodrich.

"With D.J., Alexis, Todd and Ray all out, that is four matches with a 16- to a 20-point swing," said Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran. "The final score would have been about the same, just in our favor. We scored 123 points at the county meet and Goodrich had only 74 points. It would have been a nice win. We got them at the wrong time."

Lake Fenton's double winners were James Demember (125), John Barry (130) and brothers

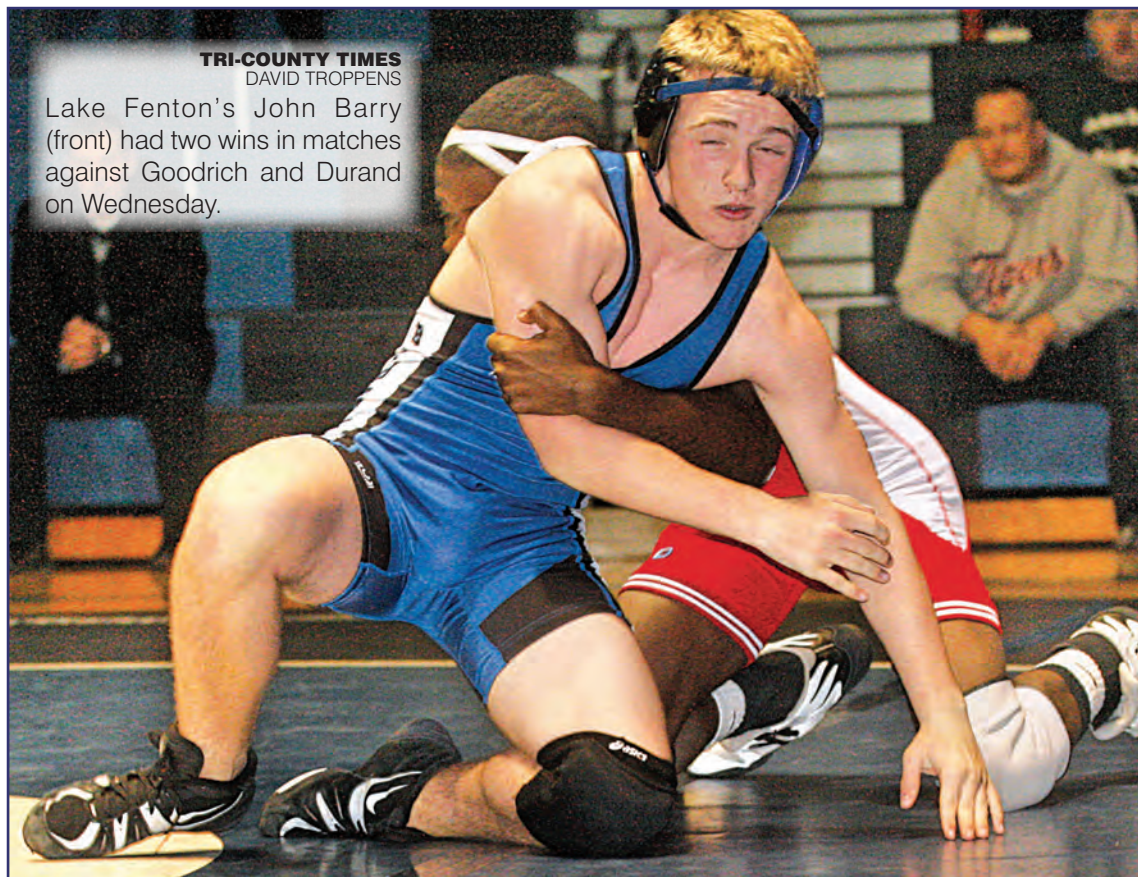
Cody Sanders (140) and Tyler Sanders (152). Barry had a pin over Durand and then had a decision victory over Goodrich. Tyler Sanders had two decision wins. Cody Sanders had a void and decision win. Demember beat Goodrich's Nick Fisher 9-6, and won by forfeit.

"I am glad to be back wrestling," senior Tyler Sanders said. "I had two tough matches and have been real happy with the season so far."

"It's nice to wrestle with my brother (Cody). I was on the varsity as a freshman and decided to come back this year. I did a couple practices over the summer and decided just a couple weeks before the season began to wrestle."

"Some kids stepped up for us tonight," said Corcoran. "John Barry and the Sanders (Cody and Tyler) looked good today and have been on a roll. James has been on a roll lately. He has beaten some top kids ... and now Fisher. They have been great wins for James, who is changing his style. We had a heart-to-heart and if a kid sees the coaching style working for him, he buys into it."

In the opener with Durand, Alexis Melton (135) was able to take the forfeit win to start things out. However, the Railroaders cut the lead to 15-12. Denam (171) then came up with a key 4-3 vic-



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Lake Fenton's John Barry (front) had two wins in matches against Goodrich and Durand on Wednesday.

tory, Chase Hull had a fall in 1:20, and Lucas Allen had a 7-2 decision to build a cushion at 27-12. Kalan Harbin (103) had a pinfall in 5:30 and Jared Corcoran (112) took a void. Barry (119) capped the match off with a pin in 1:10.

In the nightcap, Cody and Tyler Sanders had decisions to even the score at six-all. Goodrich then took the lead to stay with a

21-point run.

The Blue Devils' Demember almost had a pin with 1:30 left in the third period but was awarded three points for a near fall, and hung on for the 9-6 win. Barry then finished things off with a decision.

"It really wasn't any moves, I just outworked and out-powered

(Goodrich) at the end," said Barry. "I just want to get better this year, see where it takes me and then go for it as a junior. This year we don't have as much talent, but we have been working hard as team."

"We had a nice easy win over Durand and Goodrich just got away from us," Tyler Sanders said. "We have a solid team."

Fenton girls basketball loses strong effort in overtime to Davison, 56-53

By David Troppens

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Davison — Things are looking up for the Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

After a struggling start with plenty of new faces, and veteran faces playing more substantial roles this season than last, Fenton coach Brad DeWitt thought it would take time for his team to gel.

It seems the team is starting to do that now.

The Tigers proved that, competing into overtime in what was an entertaining 56-53 loss to Davison Tuesday night.

Even in defeat though, the Tigers are starting to show that they are a much different team than the one that opened the season about a month ago.

"It was going to take some time for this team to get used to playing each other and getting comfortable with each other," DeWitt said.

"I think it took time to get our chemistry with this team. I don't think that happened early on in the season because we had to combine a lot of young kids and a lot of different people. But now it's starting to click. I feel good about where the team is headed."

The contest remained tight throughout. In regulation the Tigers trailed by two points with about three seconds left with Julie Gilbert at the line. She nailed both free throws, setting up the overtime.

In the extra session, Payton Maxheimer tied it up at one time with two free throws. However, the Tigers found



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Fenton's Hannah Evo (left) drives with the ball during a recent contest. The Fenton Tigers lost to Davison in overtime 56-53 on Tuesday night. Evo had 10 points in the game.

themselves behind after two converted free throws in the final seconds. Down three, all Fenton could muster was a final desperation shot before the buzzer.

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then Readman dished a three-point bucket to Shegos. Shegos followed by assisting a Readman hoop on the Tigers' next possession and then Readman dished a pass to Cox for a three-pointer, raising the gap to 53-36 with just 2:20 left.

Fenton's new trio of key performers — Readman, Shegos and Cox — put the game out of reach with their defensive pressure, unselfish play and ability to finish.

"I was keeping my head up, and I know when I pass the ball to these guys, they are going to hit shots," Readman said. "They are all great players. There's Ryan (Hickoff), Dylan (Hickoff), Cory (Cox), Mitchell (Shegos), Conor (Muntin), Damon (Thomas) and everybody. They can all shoot the ball."

And after an adjustment period, it looks like the Tigers are starting to figure out how everyone fits, with the new cast certainly making an impact. Cox led Fenton with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Shegos had nine points, five rebounds and three assists. Meanwhile, the veteran cast made an impact as well. Dylan Hickoff had 13 points, three assists and three rebounds, while Ryan Hickoff scored just four points but had four rebounds, three steals and three assists.

"We are just trying to figure ourselves out," Readman said. "We have a lot of new guys, so we are just trying to figure out where we are as players, kind of how we fit together as a team."

"Like anything, there is a learning curve to it," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "The kids are learning to play with each other. We've not only got the kids that moved to Fenton, but the young kids from the JV program that are up. It's been a little bit of a task, but everyone is learning their roles and learning exactly what role they play. Thus far, they all get around great. They are all friends and they are committed to one thing, and that's winning. We don't have any selfishness or those types of issues, and that's a credit to them."

The Tigers always seemed to have control of the game, but never really blew it open until the fourth quarter. Fenton's de-



fense held Davison to just 4-of-22 shooting from the field in the first half, sparking the Tigers to a 20-12 halftime lead. That lead grew to 39-28 by the end of the third quarter due to Fenton's 6-for-9 shooting from the field in that stanza. However, Davison put together one more run in the fourth, before the trio of Shegos, Readman and Cox effectively ended it.

Fenton hosts Lapeer West on Jan. 6 and Holly Jan. 9.

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Fenton's Conor Muntin (right) defends Davison's Jacob Moreno during the Tigers' 56-38 victory against the Cardinals on Wednesday. The Tigers are off until a Jan. 6 contest against Metro League foe Lapeer West.

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Meanwhile, Sidney Scott had six points and a team-high 11 rebounds. Faith Weier also had six points.

The Blue Devils are off until a Jan. 5 contest at Beecher High School. They then travel to Mt. Morris for a game on Jan. 9.

"I feel like we're starting to gel, but there's still a lot to learn and accomplish," Gildner said.

"The tough non-league schedule was definitely a help, as it exposed

some of the weaknesses we needed to work on. The real test will be following the break when we play Beecher and Goodrich."

Boys basketball Lakeville 65, Lake Fenton 23

The Blue Devils (0-3) were led by Jed Horski's six points, while Kaleb Nealy had five points.

Lake Fenton returns to action on Jan. 3 with a road contest against Linden at 7 p.m. They return home on Jan. 7 against Beecher.

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"We are not turning the ball over," DeWitt said.

"We are just taking good care of the ball, made better shots and made the shots. Our defense is good. Last night, we made a lot of free throws. I don't know how many we made, but it was a lot. It was a good all-around team effort."

Maxheimer and Gilbert led Fenton with 18 points each. Hannah Evo chipped in 10 points.

The Tigers (4-4) return to Flint Metro League action when they host Lapeer West for a 7 p.m. contest on Jan. 6.

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much. He opened the season posting a first-place time of 16:34.97 at the first Metro League Jamboree at Torzewski Park, winning the event by about 26 seconds. From there, Gilbert kept up his dominance in key meets.

He made it a clean sweep in the Metro League, by easily winning the final two races. He won the second jamboree at Linden Middle School with a time of 16:30.59, and then won the final meet at Vienna Greens Golf Course with a time of 16:11. While cruising to the Metro title, he also won the prestigious Holly Invitational Division 2 title, winning with a time of 16:19.

Gilbert's biggest challenge may have been the most demanding Division 1 regional in the state. To qualify for the state meet, he had to finish within the top 15 individuals at his regional. He did that by recording a seventh-place time of 15:41.77 at Huron Meadows Metro Park. The bronchitis attacked Gilbert by the next weekend at the state meet, but he still finished that event with a time under 16 minutes.

"I ran really well at regionals," Gilbert said. "Unfortunately, I got bronchitis before the state meet."

Gilbert has played other sports. He's played basketball, soccer and baseball at various times in his life. However, when he was in the seventh grade, he joined the cross country team.

"It was just the idea that my dad was good at it. He ran at the University of Cincinnati and I thought I might be good at it," Gilbert said.

He quickly found out his suspicions were true.

"At my first race I was second and just got out-kicked," Gilbert said. "I thought

this may be something I might be good at and continued doing it."

But while Gilbert is a strong cross country runner, it's not his top race. That race would be the 1,600 during the track season. Last year, he took third at the Division 1 State Track and Field Championships in the event, with a time of 4:17.04. The good news is the two runners who finished ahead of him — Grand Blanc's Omar Kaddurah and Swartz Creek's Jeremy Dickie — graduated last season.

"I am one of the top guys returning in the state because Omar and Jeremy are gone," Gilbert said. "I'd like to be a state champion and break 4:10 for sure."

"Matt is a pretty confident kid and is well informed on the sport," Fenton cross country coach Todd Mills said. "While he likes cross, he prefers track and the shorter distances. He has talent that hasn't been reached yet."

After Fenton, Gilbert expects to run in college. He hasn't made his decision yet, and is expecting to make several visits soon.

"I think once he gets to the collegiate level, if he is willing to work hard, he will do some amazing things," Mills said. "His future can be really bright if he's willing to put in the extra work. This year, he would run in the mornings as well, and I think this is one of the reasons he was up on top, but I still think he has so much more potential."

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Two of the area's top cross country runners in the tri-county area this fall were Fenton's Matt Gilbert (left) and Linden's Roger Phillips. Gilbert is our Tri-County Runner of the Year, while Phillips is a member of our All Tri-County Boys Cross Country Team.



ALL TRI-COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Runner of the Year	Class	Team
Matt Gilbert	Senior	Fenton
Comment: Despite starting the season nursing an injury, Matt Gilbert won all three Metro League jamborees this season in convincing fashion, and never really let up after that. He also won his race at the Holly Invitational, and then qualified for state by placing seventh with a time of 15:41.77 at one of the state's most demanding regionals. Once at state, he captured 19th place with a time of 15:56 in the Division 2 event.		
Girls first team	Grade	School
Sydney Elmer	Sophomore	Linden
Taylor Thorpe	Senior	Fenton
Mariah Ridal	Senior	Holly
Charlotte Ruffini	Junior	Holly
Shannon Westfall	Junior	Holly
Alex Matvchuk	Sophomore	Holly
Andrea Roe	Senior	Lk. Fenton
Rest of boys first team	Grade	School
Max Kryza	Junior	Fenton
Roger Phillips	Junior	Linden
Graham Elliott	Junior	Linden
Brady Morton	Junior	Fenton
Zach LeMieux	Junior	Linden
Sam Moughler	Senior	Linden
Note: The teams, and Runner of the Year, were selected by the sports staff.		

What's On Television?

FOOTBALL	SUNDAY
(FOX) NY Giants at NY Jets 1 p.m.	(TNT) Boston at New York..... Noon
(CBS) San Diego at Detroit 4 p.m.	(ABC) Miami at Dallas..... 2:30 p.m.
(FOX) Philadelphia at Dallas 4 p.m.	(ESPN2) Diamond Head Classic 7:30 p.m.
(ESPN) Hawaii Bowl 8 p.m.	(ESPN) Orlando at Oklahoma City 8 p.m.
FOOTBALL	(ESPN2) Diamond Head Classic 9:30 p.m.
(ESPN2) D2 - Pittsburg St. vs. Wayne State .11 a.m.	(ESPN) LA Clippers at Golden State 10:30 p.m.
(ESPN) Bowl - Temple vs. Wyoming.....2 p.m.	FOOTBALL
(ESPN) Bowl - Ohio (Oh.) vs Utah State.. 5:30 p.m.	(NBC) Chicago at Green Bay 8:15 p.m.
(ESPN) Louisiana vs. San Diego State9 p.m.	
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