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"I don't think there is anything more pathetic than a whining voter



whose candidate lost an election. Romney lost! He was the wrong guy. Get over it, and move on."

"The difference between conservatives and liberals is apparent in their mean-spirited, divisive rhetoric following their victory. How sad that you gloat with glee instead of trying to unite all Americans."

KING COLUMN

"Ever since the King article on squirrels being run over, I have seen more dead squirrels on our streets than ever. Clearly those nutty little rodents are avid readers and fans of Foster Childs."

BLACK FRIDAY

"Says a lot about our country that so many of us would choose to stand in line like sheep on Thanksgiving Day to buy TVs and phones rather



than spending the time at home with our families."

HOT LINE

"As a university economics professor I can tell you with 100 percent certainty that the 72 percent statistic regarding black births to single women is correct. It is a core tenet of the frightening economic tsunami bearing down on the U.S. as you read this."

HOT LINE

of the week

"The Lions will never be winners until they have a change of ownership. They are incompetent at every level, from hiring poor coaches to making poor draft choices. No wonder they are the losingest team in the NFL over the last 50 years. The fish stinks from the head down."



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Streetscape project delayed for up to a year

►Change in grant funding halts downtown Fenton street reconstruction

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Fenton — The streetscape project planned for Downtown Fenton that would result in the reconstruction and repaving of some roads,

aesthetic improvements and the additions of things such as bike racks and benches, could be delayed until 2014.

The delay comes about from changes made by the U.S. Congress on certain types of

grant funding that the city can use. While it is expected that Fenton will still receive money for the project, the money will be coming later than expected, changing the planned

See **STREETSCAPE** on 12A

Summary

►A change in grants will delay the streetscape project planned for downtown Fenton, possibly until 2014.

Biggest bar night of year?

►Local police department claims night was pretty routine

By Sharon Stone

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When Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department arrived for work Thursday morning, two men were in holding cells for alcohol related offenses and one man was waiting for police from Arenac County to arrive and transport him back up north so that he could take care of several outstanding arrest warrants.

See **BAR NIGHT** on 19A

School nurses

...Are they becoming extinct?

►Budget cuts have forced administrators and staff to care for sick, injured students

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When a student was injured or sick at school, there was a time when they would have been sent to the school nurse's office. Today, there are fewer school nurses than ever before, which have left responsibilities for other school staff members to pick up.

See **NURSES** on 14A

"Between the secretaries and the principals, we typically take care of the small injuries that need a Band-Aid or something like that."

Linda Blakey,
Linden Elementary School principal

Holly, jolly decorations



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Holly DPW laborer Scott Lucius helps guide the tree into place in front of the Holly Village offices Monday morning. The 25-foot tree was donated by Steven and Chris Hart of Holly Township. The bottom 4 feet was whittled down to fit the pipe under the sidewalk surface. A lighting ceremony was held Friday night.

End of an era in Holly politics

►Long-time council members step down, new members step up

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — During the Holly Village Council meeting on Tuesday, the crowded room stood in a standing ovation for Don Winglemire, the outgoing council member and president pro-tem of 26 years.

See **HOLLY** on 10A

"Remember that hindsight is always 100 percent, and have a good time and live your life to the fullest."

— Don Winglemire
Holly Village Council member, business owner



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Don Winglemire is treated to a standing ovation as Jeff Miller (right) presents him with a plaque and announces that Nov. 20 is Don R. Winglemire Day in the village, because of Winglemire's many years of service.

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2 Leftover wine?



Make the most of leftover wine by freezing it in an ice-cube tray. Any time you need to add zip to soups and sauces, just pop and drop.

Artificial Christmas trees go hi-tech



► New features, better construction and lighting highlight this year's models

By Sally Rummel
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If your idea of Christmas decorating fun is to have your tree up and ready to go in about 15 minutes with "no fuss or muss," then today's newest artificial trees just might be for you.

Today's artificial trees are easier to assemble than ever before and have more hi-tech features to add to their appeal. New LED energy-efficient lighting uses less energy, and there are pedal switches and even remote controls that can turn the lights on and off.

"With a flip of a switch, you can change the lights from clear to multi-color on our newest model this

See **ARTIFICIAL** on 8A



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Jennifer and Dustin Lucius of Fenton finish browsing Christmas trees and other decorations on Wednesday at The Home Depot in Fenton. Their son Andrew, 19 months, loves looking at the trees, and cried when it was time to leave. At home, they use an artificial, pre-lit tree.

Pros and cons of an artificial tree

PROS:

- **Cost** — you pay for an artificial tree only once.
- **Convenient** — easy access to storage means you can put your tree up anytime.
- **Easy to assemble.**
- **No maintenance** — no daily watering or dropping needles.
- **Non-allergenic.**
- **Aesthetically pleasing** with perfect shape and full branches.
- **Less of a fire hazard.**

CONS:

- **Not environmentally friendly** — will eventually end up in a landfill.
- **About 85 percent** are made in China, as opposed to supporting a local tree farm.
- **No fresh scent.**
- **Loss of family tradition.**

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Real Christmas trees

"It's a great tradition, coming out. I remember getting a tree as a kid and it's a memory that will live with you forever."

David Petts, Haddon Nursery

► Size, scent, strength all matter when selecting the family's tree

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Piles of pre-cut and fields of would-be Christmas trees are ready for the holiday season at Haddon Nursery, in Fenton. A near-perfect Fraser fir tree stands near the entrance of the farm. Co-owner Art Vance said it's a tree like this that artificial trees are modeled after.

For some families, the annual tradition is not to bring out the artificial tree from its box, but to brave the weather and bring home a fresh tree.

Owner David Petts has been involved with the Haddon Nursery since he was 12, 34 years ago. The business grew and sold trees long before that.

The 80-acre farm has 10 acres
See **REAL** on 15A

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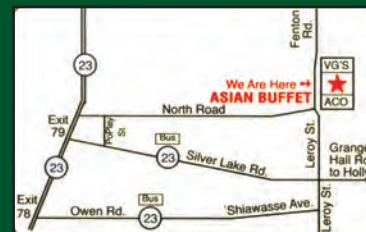
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Unintended consequences

The law of unintended consequences, often cited but rarely defined, is that actions of people — and especially of government — always have effects that are unanticipated or unintended.

Example: Crime is a huge problem in Russia, with auto theft being the fastest growing segment. To combat auto theft, the government mandates car alarms in every vehicle. The result? Thieves waited until the owner approached the car to turn off the alarm, then they simply shot them, took their keys from their dead hands and drove away in the vehicle. So the government quit mandating alarms, and instead mandated security systems that made cars virtu-

ally impossible to hotwire. Problem solved. Not so fast — since cars were extremely difficult to hotwire, thieves then turned to carjackings instead, resulting in even more murders of car owners. These are unintended consequences.

Back here at home, even as we read this, we are already experiencing an unintended consequence of the re-election of Barack Obama — a dramatic reduction in charitable donations by the middle-class, the bread and butter donators to all charitable organizations.

This across-the-board tidal wave of non-giving will affect hundreds of organizations and millions of individuals.



Those who truly deserve some temporary help will pay the price as much as the bums, drunks, junkies and serially-single mothers who choose to live a life of government dependence.

President Obama is clearly the most generous president in the history of our country — albeit with our money. Despite the fact that 40+ percent more Americans currently receive food stamps than when he took office, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been running radio ads for the past four months encouraging individuals to enroll. The campaign was demographically targeted at inner city single mothers, the elderly, the working poor, the unemployed and Hispanics. This campaign, which you and I also paid for, resulted in anomalies such as the 59 precincts in inner-city Philadelphia in which there was not one vote cast for Romney. To clarify, in

these 59 precincts there were 19,611 votes cast for Obama, and 0 for Romney.

That, my friends, is an intended consequence.

The problem is that when charitable giving becomes mandatory, it is no longer 'giving,' it is 'taking.' And that doesn't sit well with those of us who get up every day and go to work while perfectly healthy people are sleeping until noon courtesy of their bogus disability checks. Nor do we appreciate seeing the government-defined 'needy' people in the grocery line chatting on their \$500 iPhones while using their EBT cards for Twinkies and Pepsi in order to save their cash for cigarettes and lotto tickets.

So, until you quit taking, we'll quit giving.

That, my friends, is unintended consequence.

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IS ANYONE ELSE having young men knock on their doors after dark asking for donations for clean water? Now I can't even eat my dinner in peace. They come here every year. Just say no and they will go away. This is not right.

TO ALL WHINY conservatives, you are all going to eat your words when our historic president does all the things he promised he'd do and America is back on its feet and everyone is prospering.

I JUST DON'T get the American people, they buy nothing but foreign goods, but then blame the government when there's no jobs. C'mon man.

DOES ANYONE KNOW where I can get a Christmas tree where they bore a whole in the middle of the trunk for placement and bag it?

THE HOSTESS CUPCAKE companies are closing their doors forever. The unions negotiated their members out of jobs and 18,500 people are now jobless. Don't take my word for it, Google it and see our future.

GOD HELP US if there are any major crises on the horizon. Our impotent leaders, except for maybe Petraeus, are leading us into fiscal and social Armageddon.

ONLY AN IDIOT would believe one president can change America. Let's see, he has a pretty big team. The media, academia, unions, food stamps and more. He has a lot of people on his side making a new America.

TO THE PEOPLE late for an appointment: Do not drive down Hickory Ridge Road for the next few weeks. There will be construction.

OBAMA TOOK US to a growing economy? The president would have us believe that the greater the recession, the longer and slower

the recovery. However, history shows the opposite. What is taking so long, and why is the mainstream media so silent?

THE WHITE LAKE Road sign located north of the Owen Road exit on southbound U.S. 23 should be relocated south of Owen Road. It can be confusing to someone not familiar with the area.

SERIOUSLY, COUNCILMAN, YOU'D have a fit if some kids were having fun on some ice in their front yard? If keeping the neighborhoods tranquil was so important, why not round up all the loud, leashless

dogs left outside all day, or the bozos that shoot off fireworks at 11 p.m.? But regulating kids ice rinks? Get real.

HOW NAÏVE YOU are! The current president isn't going to fix this mess the Democrat House and Senate put America in (2007). Sure, you will continue to blame the Republicans, even though you work for them and they are your neighbors. They are putting food on your table. The Dems don't.

SO, FENTON SCHOOLS can't figure out why the community won't pass the bond? Well, with bad decisions such as the new ultra confusing website and forcing IB down our throats, we just don't trust the leadership. What was wrong with the old website, by the way? Stop throwing money away!

I DON'T KNOW what the problem is with these people complaining about working the holidays at Walmart. It's a retail store so why the shock? What I find ironic is that around here, Meijer started the 'open on Thanksgiving' trend and they have a union!

ARE ANY PARENTS of Linden Middle schoolers as frustrated with this new 'Digits' program as we are? Please contact the principal and voice your concern. This pilot program seems to be failing miserably.

SO, YOU ARE a 68-year-old white woman living on welfare. Shame on you! Get off your lazy butt and get a job! There are plenty of jobs out there that hire 68-year-old women! I'm 58 and still working, keeping you in the lap of luxury.

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What's the strangest thing in your purse?

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"I have a mirror like the one in 'The Young and the Restless' that my granddaughter left lipstick kisses in. Usually every Christmas I wipe it off and have them leave me new kisses."

— Nancy Sadler, Holly



"A lint roller, because I go to clients' houses and they have dogs. I make sure to look nice before I go to another client's house."

— Peg DuBuc, Flint



"I just cleaned mine out, but usually I keep children's underwear for when I go places with my kids."

— Andrea Miller, Fenton



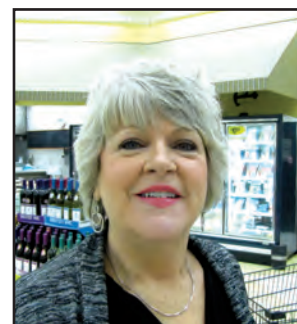
"I used to work for Coach. I have so many purses I use, so I never have enough time between changing purses to really have anything strange."

— Kathy Brugger, Fenton



"Crackers from restaurants I save for my guinea pigs, Zagnug and Snickers. They're named that because they're candy-bar colored."

— Melody Miller, Fenton



"I carry two pairs of reading glasses in case I lose one, or a friend needs them."

— Chris Alloway, Swartz Creek



Speaking the 'Slang' language

By Olivia Dimmer,
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Much like an aborigine tribe hidden deep within the depths of pop culture, teenagers have their own distinct dialect that sometimes can seem to be a separate language from English altogether.

When entering the halls of a high school, one is inevitably bound to pick up a few new terms — abbreviated text-talk, snippets of quotes from celebrities, and even the occasional extract from a foreign language.

In my time perusing the halls of such an institution I have overheard terms that have made me laugh, disturbed me, and many that have sent me running to the Internet for a definition. But the kind of slang I hear most often are shortened versions of everyday words such as legit, meaning legitimate, awk, meaning awkward, totes, meaning totally, or obvi, meaning obvious. Beyond these are an array of colorful terms that, when strewn together, may come across as gibberish to the uninformed onlooker.

'Lush' — A word commonly used to describe vegetation is used by the younger crowd to describe anything beautiful, cool or unique. It's most commonly used when referencing appearance or anything visually appealing, but can also be used interchangeably with 'cool.'

'YOLO' — Inspired by the popular R&B artist Drake, who uses this acronym in one of his songs. It stands for 'You Only Live Once.' The term is often used as words of encouragement to

Defining and understanding some common terms used by teenagers

a person about to face a fear, or daunting task and more often used as words of encouragement to a person who is about to do something to get themselves into a lot of trouble.

'Bougie' (The spelling of which is debatable) — Derived

from the French word bourgeoisie, bougie can describe someone who aspires to be of higher economical status then they really are.

'Triflin' — Can be used as an adjective or verb — describing a person who is acting undesirably or ruining their public image.

'Derpy' — This magical tidbit of teenage linguistics is the most versatile... and ambiguous. 'Derpy' can be a synonym for awkward, ugly, uncoordinated, foolish, embarrassing, naïve, or any mixture thereof. 'Derpy' is not always used as an insult, however. It can also be used to describe an accident that is humorous due to some sort of mental lapse. It's most commonly used to refer to an awkward situation or person. It can be used as a verb, (i.e., derping around) an adjective (Derpy) and may be exclaimed whenever an awkward event occurs.

Keep in mind that the terms defined here are not meant to be a comprehensive dictionary — teenage slang evolves constantly. The purpose to understanding these terms is not to force them into any kind of conversation with a member of a younger generation. Any person who attempts this may be labeled — for lack of a better term — derpy.

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Marijuana dispensary license denied

►Legal implications foggy

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Holly — In one of their first votes, the Holly Village Council denied granting a business license to Well Greens, a medical marijuana dispensary located at 15190 Holly Road, at the edge of the village.

Council members Jackie Campbell, and Tom Clark, along with new member Bob Allsop voted against the license. The remaining three, president Jason Hughes, Ryan Bladzick and Debra Musgrave voted in favor of the license.

Clark and Campbell cited federal law as a reason for voting against the license, and Allsop gave painful family experience with drugs as his reason.

Before the vote, Bladzick said that the license was not designed to give permission whether the business can operate, but rather as a registration,

Summary

►The Village Council denied a business license for Well Greens, a medical marijuana dispensary that is located on the north side of the village. The decision, however, may not stop the business from opening.

acknowledging the owners are up to code with the ordinance and that current contact information for the businesses is available. He said he would rather let the market decide which businesses can operate in the village, versus the

council deciding who may open.

The exact legal affect of the vote is not quite known and the vote may have little teeth to stop Well Greens from opening. Bladzick said they probably still have the legal right to operate. Village attorney Mike Gildner will issue an opinion on the matter.

Owner John Morris of Grand Rapids was a little surprised by the vote. His business had already been approved by the planning commission and they are situated and set up as the village ordinance allows.

He said he was open for two months

in 2011, but stopped operation to obtain a special use permit. "We're just trying to go through all the hoops to do everything correctly," said Morris. "We don't want to cause any trouble, that's not the point if it."

“We don't want to cause any trouble, that's not the point if it.”

John Morris
Well Greens owner

On Dec. 4, the council should have a complete roster and the vote may be reconsidered, Hughes said.

Hughes said the item will probably appear on the agenda again and the purpose of the license will be clarified.

"We need to make sure the council is looking at the correct criteria," he said, and that they're not violating their own ordinance or state laws.

In the interim, Morris said he would approach the council members and talk to them about his business and let them know how it works.

Inside the ordinance

• **The dispensary** is run by primary caregivers, growers, who can only cultivate the marijuana inside the dispensary.

• **The primary caregivers** can only sell marijuana to "qualifying patients," meaning patients with chronic conditions and or pain that warrant a note from a doctor suggesting medical marijuana for pain relief, or increasing their appetite.

• **No one under 18** will be allowed inside unless they are a qualifying patient.

• **The dispensary** is not allowed within 500 feet of a residential district or another dispensary or 1,000 feet from a school, church or municipal park.

• **The dispensary** can only operate between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

• **Pipes or marijuana** paraphernalia are not allowed to be sold at a dispensary.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2012

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Trustees Cam Gonzalez, Soren Pedersen, and Chuck Schultz. Absent: Clerk Keith Kremer and Trustee David Walker.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-8 as presented.
4. Representatives from Fenton's Winegarden Library gave a presentation to the board.
5. Adopted Resolution #121101 authorizing specific banks to collect township taxes.
6. Approved to pay for new and re-elected officials to attend the MTA conference per board policy.
7. Approved the appointment of Cam Gonzalez as the ex-officio member to the Planning Commission.
8. Accepted the Tyrone Historical Society's donation of new tables and to permit the society to take the previously-donated tables.
9. Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Supervisor Mike Cunningham

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF YOU USE statistics to send a message that degrades any group or race, then expect to be called out on it. Obscure statistics can be used to justify anything, just look at political ads. Misinformation broadcast as facts are just opinions. Foster's opinion is clear to me.

PEOPLE WHO ONLY get their 'news' from Fox News are as healthy as people who only get food at McDonald's. The other 95 percent news outlets must be liberal whack jobs just because they disagree with the extremist right. Do yourself a favor, and seek views that are more moderate.

WITH HEALTHCARE GOING forward, those on Medicare, and baby boomers turning 65 next year who voted Obama in, there is a silver lining. Government will be adding jobs in all states. These workers will visit you while you're dying and hold your hand when insurance won't cover a needed procedure.

APPLAUSE — SEN. PAT Leahy (D-Vt.) has advanced a bill in the senate that will allow government to access your personal email without any warrant. You wanted it, you got it. Socialism. Stay tuned for more fun and excitement regarding what used to be freedom.

I'M GOING TO hold you to your comment about how Obama is going to fix America in being prosperous once again in four years. I am going to put it in my computer calendar on this date. I don't believe it for one minute but we will see.

HAVE TO HAND it to the Lions, they are the most innovative losers in the NFL. It's actually pretty hilarious when you think that the head coach doesn't know the rules.

I DON'T KNOW about an ordinance against solicitors, but I do know that's why I always answer the door armed. You never know these days.

Police&Fire report

WOMAN STEALS GROCERIES

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ARTIFICIAL

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year," said Don Mandeville, district manager for The Home Depot in Fenton. "This tree comes in 6 1/2 feet and up."

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Most trees are made of PVC (polyvinyl) needles and many are made of a mix of PVC and PE (polyethylene) for the most realistic, natural look. "A quality artificial tree can last for 10 to 12 years," said Mandeville. "That can represent a lot of savings of buying real trees year after year."

Summary

► This year's artificial trees are more hi-tech than ever before, with features adding to their appeal.

Artificial trees have definitely evolved from the days when each branch had to individually be put into a hole socket. Today's trees come in two to three sections with hinged branches, which fall open as soon as the poles are fitted to each other. "Then all you have to do is fluff the tips of the tree for the most natural look," said Mandeville.

Trees come in all different colors and styles, often replicating what is found in nature, while at other times being whimsical or non-traditional in colors representing one's own personal style. Traditionally, pre-lit Christmas trees are green or have blue-green needles. To have a tree that resembles one in freshly fallen snow, one can buy a flocked tree.

The other huge improvement over artificial trees from years past is the pre-lit feature, saving hours of time detangling lights and spacing them properly on the tree. While pre-lit trees have been around for more than a decade, today's models use LED lighting for energy efficiency. Pre-lit Christmas trees are available with clear or multi-colored bulbs and if one bulb burns out, the rest will remain lit.

"Our multi-color trees ac-

“A quality artificial tree can last for 10 to 12 years. That can represent a lot of savings of buying real trees year after year.”

Don Mandeville
District manager for The Home Depot in Fenton

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- Rite-Aid - Fenton, Linden, Holly
- Sears Hometown Store - Fenton (order only)
- Target - Fenton
- Walgreens - Fenton
- Walmart - Fenton

Interesting fact:

The Addis Brush Company, which manufactured toilet bowl brushes, created an artificial tree from brush bristles in the 1930s, acting as the prototype for modern artificial trees.

Source: Earth911.com

count for about 75 percent of our sales," said Marie Susalla, manager of Fenton's Kmart. "Our most exciting new tree this year is a 7 1/2-foot rotating LED tree."

Experts say that a full Christmas tree with 80-100 quality lights per foot is high quality. A 7 1/2-foot tree will feature 600-750 quality lights for example, according to christmastreemarket.com. A good indicator of quality lighting is when there is 8-10 inches of space between each lamp — meaning there is enough lax wire to safely secure the Christmas lights to the branch tips and to ensure even light distribution around the tree.

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HOLLY**Continued from Front Page**

A light-hearted and smiling village president-emeritus Jeff Miller presented plaques to Winglemire and Pauline Kenner, thanking them for their years of service.

Nov. 20, Winglemire's last day as council member and president pro-tem,

Summary

►The Holly Village Council has three new members, who took control of council on Tuesday. Long serving members were recognized with plaques in a packed regular meeting.

was renamed, "Don R. Winglemire Day," in recognition of his 26 years of service to council and many more with the VFW and Winglemire Furniture.

Winglemire thanked the people who "coerced" him into politics and reminded the audience to do all the things in life they want to do. "Remember that hindsight is always 100 percent and have a good time and live your life to the fullest, thank you," he said.

It was the last meeting for Miller, Kenner and Winglemire. George Kullis, who had filled in for the seat vacated by



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

In his last few minutes as a village council member, Don Winglemire takes a moment alone to read a thank-you note for his service.

Sandra Kleven after she resigned, was excused from the meeting. Kullis was also recognized with a plaque, not only for his service filling in on the council, but also for being an informed and positive member of the community.

Miller was thanked for his service by Hughes, who added that Miller had requested not to be recognized. "We don't often listen to you anyways," said Hughes, prompting laughter from the crowd.

"The people's business got done," said Miller. "You've got good people on this council coming up. Give them your support, prayers, whatever you do. It's not good-bye, I'm just down the block."

The council was officially handed over to its new members after a recess.

Jason Hughes took the center seat as village president for the first time, joined by new council members Ryan Bladzick, who was also appointed president pro-tem. Council members Debra Musgrave and Bob Allsop joined Hughes and Bladzick in taking the oath of office, administered by Clerk Cathrene Behrens.

The new council is still a member short, as Hughes left his seat vacant to become president. His term would have officially ended in 2014. Hughes recently said filling the seat will be an early priority in his tenure.

In its first meeting, the council approved the purchase of a new backhoe for the Holly Department of Public Works (DPW) and it was split on approving a business license for a medical marijuana facility (see story on page 6A).



Jason Hughes



Ryan Bladzick



Debra Musgrave



Bob Allsop



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Newly sworn-in village president Jason Hughes pauses after taking his oath of office, and saying a few words to the audience. "I look forward to the next two years, thank you," he said.

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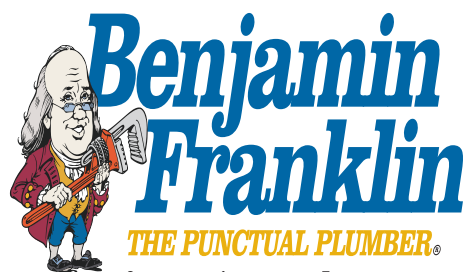
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Salvation Army singers



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Mr. Jay (left) and Darcy Day (center) of WCXI 1160AM radio station in Fenton sing Christmas carols outside of Walmart store Wednesday night. The duo helped raise funds for The Salvation Army, a nonprofit organization that donates funds to those in need.



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Gabrielle Brizendine's first-grade class initiated the idea to raise money and collect coats for those who need them.

Cash and coats collected for hurricane victims

► First-graders to donate money and 35 winter coats to Red Cross

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — Local people have sought many ways to help the victims who had their lives turned upside down because of Hurricane Sandy.

The students in Gabrielle Brizendine's class at State Road Elementary School have found that being young doesn't stop you from lending a helping hand. The class managed to collect \$140 and 35 winter coats to donate to the Red Cross to aid hurricane victims.

Brizendine said the effort was initiated by the students, and that she was very proud of their idea and their desire to help others.

The class originally wanted to raise money for food for families, but then decided

“They were being very caring and thinking of other people.”
— Gabrielle Brizendine
State Road Elementary teacher

to change their ideas when learning that the hurricane victims had other needs as well. “We learned that food was being provided, but that there were people who were cold and needed coats, but didn't have them,” Brizendine said.

Students made fliers, wrote letters, and created posters to use when talking to friends and family to help raise money and collect coats.

One student made a box to collect the money the class had raised. In the end, their fundraising campaign was successful, and the students were excited with their results.

Summary

► A first-grade class at State Road Elementary School in Fenton reached out to their families and friends to collect money and winter coats for hurricane victims.

“We raised a lot of money” said Nathan Sinch, a first-grader in the class. One student in the class, Kennedy Cunningham, donated her birthday money. “I didn't need it,” she said.

“They were being very caring and thinking of other people,” Brizendine said of her first-graders.

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construction schedule. “The earliest you can get the project bid is probably May, at the absolute earliest,” said Tim Juidici, a consultant from the city's engineering firm, OHM. “This turns the scenario into a different project than we had originally planned.”

The city had initially hoped to get bids on the project at the beginning of the year. The delay means that the city has two options. Either the streetscape construction can be done in two phases in 2013 and 2014, or the project can be fully completed in one construction season in 2014.

A major concern voiced at the meeting was how two different seasons of construction would impact downtown businesses.

Terry Green, DDA member and owner of Billmeier Camera, said that he

would not be in favor of two construction periods.

“All of us are anxious to see the project done as soon as possible, but we want to minimize the impact on the business community downtown,” said City Manager Lynn Markland.

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— Lynn Markland
city manager

Mike Burns, assistant city manager and DDA director said that the DDA had purposefully planned ahead of time to avoid a situation like the one they are facing now, where construction would have to be done in two different phases. However, in this case with the changes from the U.S. Congress there is nothing the DDA could have done to avoid the situation.

The issue is expected to be discussed at the next city council work session in December where officials will be looking for feedback from downtown businesses.

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NURSES

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If you call a school and speak with a secretary or principal, you are likely speaking with the de facto school nurse as well.

A survey conducted in 2007 by the National Association of School Nurses determined that for every one school nurse, there were 1,151 students. Since then, that ratio has only become larger.

Locally, school nurses are even scarcer. Holly schools employs one school nurse who works with the special needs program at the Karl Richter Campus. Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden schools do not employ any nurses.

"It's been about nine years since I have had a school nurse in a building I have been in, so it's been quite a while," said Linden Elementary Principal Linda Blakey.

"Between the secretaries and the principals, we typically take care of the small injuries that need a Band-Aid or something like that," Blakey said. "For bigger issues, a bump on the head or a big cut for example, the staff will typically call the parents.

"We like to say if we send a child home differently than when they came in, we



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | RYAN TACKABURY

Ashton Howard, 9, a student at Linden Elementary School, goes to the office three times a day, where he has his blood-sugar monitored by Principal Linda Blakey or other administrative staff.

always contact the parents," Blakey said, describing cooperation and support from parents to be excellent. Blakey said that secretaries and principals in Linden are trained in first response medical treatment.

Blakey said that they try to maintain all medical procedures in the office and not in the classroom, so that the teachers can focus on teaching.

"We're trained in first-aid and that kind of thing. But we're not nurses — we don't have degrees or anything," said Cari Oldenburg, administrative assistant at Linden Elementary School.

Procedures for dealing with sick or injured students are for the most part the same across locations and ages.

"We like to say if we send a child home differently than when they came in, we always contact the parents."

— Linda Blakey
Linden Elementary School principal

"We go on a trial-by-trial basis. As something arises, it is basically 'what does the student need?' If they are just not feeling well and need a little time we can have them sit in the office. If it is something that is a more immediate response we contact the parents," said Lake Fenton High School Principal Todd Reynolds.

Although schools have found ways to manage without them — that does not mean nurses are not missed. "We would certainly like to have nurses back. It has purely been a budget cut," said Blakey.

"We used to have nurses, frequently they were paid for grants by the GISD. Once those grants were cut, we just couldn't afford it anymore."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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| 3pm | Ice Sculpture Carving at Fenton City Hall |
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Hot Chocolate - Fenton Beautification Commission at Fenton City Hall
Christmas Caroling
Luminaries - Youth Advisory Committee
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dedicated to Christmas trees. At any time, there are around 150 trees pre-cut for customers and live trees that have been dug up and wrapped in burlap.

Petts has seen the preference of real trees change over the years. Earlier in his career, people preferred Scotch pine. "Now

Summary

► Buying a real Christmas tree can become a family tradition this year. Make sure you measure the space for your tree.

people like narrower trees like spruce and fir." Taller cathedral ceilings have led to a preference in taller trees, instead of 6- or 7-foot trees.

Today, they're also setting up trees earlier, instead of the two

weeks before Christmas. Another option growing in popularity is buying live trees that are bulbed and wrapped in burlap. These trees can be planted after Christmas. Considering a tree must grow for seven years before being purchased and used, Petts said environmentally conscience customers have started using this option.

Buying a tree

When heading out to get your tree, bring warm clothes and boots for any possible mud. Many tree farms, like Haddon Nursery, will provide a saw. The farm also provides help loading the tree, a wagon and refreshments.

Petts said the "best seller" depends on the year. Some prefer a skinny or thick tree. It also greatly depends on what kind of decorating you plan to do. People that like to decorate the outside of the tree could opt for a scotch or white pine, because the branches are dense.

A spruce tree has strong limbs that can hold ornaments and there is more space between the branches if someone prefers to wrap lights around the trunk or decorate the inside of the tree.

Different trees have different scents. A white pine is very aromatic while the Fraser fir has an almost citrus scent and also holds its soft needles longer, said Petts.

Getting the right size tree is important. He suggests measuring the space where the tree will go and leave at least 6 to 8 inches for the tree topper and the base. He has seen customers buy the wrong size and then have to cut the top off of their tree.

Price depends on the tree. The most expensive ones are the live, bulbed and burlapped trees. A cheaper, less healthy tree will be around \$15 and a tall tree can cost closer to \$100.

To properly tie and transport the tree, make sure the rope is looped around the trunk and once secured to the car, make sure it can't slide. Some tree farms, like Haddon Nursery will tie your tree to your vehicle.

Once home, it's important to cut another half inch off the bottom of the trunk, as the sap will have resealed and it won't soak up water. The tree, when cared for properly, can last more than three to four weeks. A bulbed tree shouldn't be inside the home for more than a week, said Vance.

Petts doesn't have a preference on the type of stand to buy — it just has to fit the tree and the tree needs to be watered.

"It's a great tradition, coming out," he said. "I remember getting a tree as a kid and it's a memory that will live with you forever."

If you were wondering, he's never sold a tree with a squirrel or any other fauna within its branches. But a customer was surprised when once their tree was set up at home, it started vibrating. An employee had lost their pager within the branches of their tree. "That was a few years ago," he said.

Christmas tree origins

According to history.com, trees that did not lose leaves with the cold held special meaning for the people long before Christianity. Hanging boughs of evergreen over doorways and windows was also common and was believed to ward off anything from illness to witches. Romans, druids and Egyptians used trees that kept their leaves. Christmas trees first came to the U.S. with German immigrants in Pennsylvania.

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Area road Races

When it comes to racing, the tri-county area is never short of quality events.

Apparently that includes the winter.

There will be a running event in Holly, Fenton and Linden during this winter season.

Fenton's Jungle Jog 5K Run/Walk is slated for Saturday at 3 p.m. at the old fire hall.

Those wearing a Santa costume will be refunded \$5 at registration. For more information call (810) 629-5447.

Holly's Run Like the Dickens event is among the largest races in the Flint area. Last year's race had over 1,300 participants. The 10th annual version of the event is Dec. 8. It has a 5K and a 10K run, as well as a 5K walk. There's a Tiny Tim Trot as well.

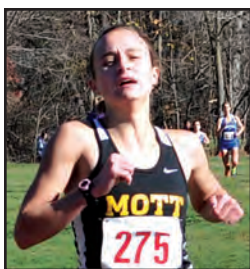
The first race starts at 9 a.m. at Holly's Karl Richter campus. For more information, go to www.runlikethedickens.com.

Finally, Linden is hosting its **The Iddarun 8 Mile Challenge** on Jan. 12. The race starts at 6:30 p.m. It has an interesting twist in that the race is done through roads and trails.

For more information on the race call (313) 806-9137.

Tri-county runners enjoy success with Mott CC squad

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FALL'S ELITE 8 LIST

Look at the rest of the list of the Tri-county's top teams of the fall.

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Phillips makes history at Meet of Champions

► Becomes first Linden runner to ever compete for Team Michigan

By David Troppens

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The traditional Michigan prep cross country season ended Oct. 20 with the state cross country meet.

But apparently Linden senior Roger Phillips wanted to work some overtime.

During the month of November, Phillips competed in a pair of meets, proving he's among the state's elite runners once again.

On Nov. 10, he competed in the Mideast Meet of Champions, trying to qualify for Team Michigan for the Mideast Cross Country Championships on Nov. 17. He did just that by placing ninth in the race at Ella Sharp Park with a time of 16:02. Only the top 12 seniors from each state (Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio) earned a spot on their state teams. While on Team Michigan at the Mideast Cross Country Championships in Kettering, Ohio,

Phillips placed 18th out of 48 runners with a time of 16:02 once again.

"I was pretty happy," Phillips said of his performance at the Mideast Cross Country Championships. "Early in the race I was around 36th place, and during the last mile I passed about 18 people. I started a little slower than usually and got boxed in. I didn't know where to move. After the first mile it started opening up so I could make some moves."

Phillips, who plans on pursuing a collegiate career possibly at Mott Community College, said running in the two elite races was a good learning experience.

"I learned that you definitely have to be strong in the second half of the race," Phillips said. "That's where everyone gets weak, and if you are strong you can beat them."

Phillips had an outstanding senior year. He

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Linden's Roger Phillips (left) runs at the state cross country meet. Phillips is the first Linden runner ever to race to Team Michigan at the Mideast Meet of Champions.

Linden boys CC takes top spot on Elite 8 list

By David Troppens

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Once again, the tri-county prep sports scene had a successful fall season.

The area accumulated eight teams who won or shared Metro League championships. In district action, there were two more squad titles. We had three teams win regional crowns. In short, it was a great fall. So to make it easier for future polling (when we do our top 16 teams for the 2012-13 school year), we're going to detail what we consider the elite eight teams of the fall. Sorry, Lake Fenton football, Lake Fenton volleyball and Linden girls golf. Those three are probably the first three teams just on the outside of our poll.

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Adrian Taylor (left) and Jeremiah Gossett helped lead the Linden boys cross country team to the top of the final fall poll.

Lapham looking forward to second annual Winter Classic

By David Troppens

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Sean Lapham experienced just about all the adversity he could endure during his first attempt at creating the Lake Fenton Winter Classic, a pond hockey tournament last year.

Warm temperatures made finding ice nearly impossible, much less finding actual ice that could be skated on. That resulted in a change of venue to a place where the ice was strong enough. He, and his volunteer workers, had issues with putting rinks together, having to do some of it the night before the event. Not much went right. And, in fact, enough went wrong that every other pond hockey tournament

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No. 8 – Fenton girls swimming: It was a tough season for the Fenton varsity girls swim team. It took a DQ in a dual meet against Brandon to keep help the girls earn a co-Metro League title. However, it was a co-title nevertheless, meaning Fenton has either won or shared the league crown every season in Metro League action. Once at state, the team placed 14th in D2, a very respectable showing in a meet that had over 30 teams earn points at it. So, even in a tough season, the girls did pretty well.

No. 7 – Fenton football: After losing its first game of the season to Linden, the Tigers bounced back to win eight straight games and capture a co-Metro League title. For the third straight season, Fenton capped the year by earning at least one postseason win.

No. 6 – Holly boys tennis: For the purposes of this opinion poll, the Holly Bronchos were Flint Metro League champions. Giving a senior every opportunity to compete in a league meet the squad is what prep sports are all about. This wasn't done for a competitive edge. Anyone that thinks so is just lying to themselves, and probably suffering from Holly tennis envy. The Bronchos had an outstanding season, which also included a regional championship and another trip to the state meet. When it comes to boys tennis, the Bronchos remain the Flint area standard bearers.

No. 5 – Linden football: The Eagles are back on top of the Flint Metro League mountain, after earning a share of the title with the Fenton Tigers. A slip up against Lapeer West is what allowed the Tigers, who lost to Linden, to earn the shared crown. Linden had its typically strong offense, but more than anything had a great defense this year. The Eagles won at least one postseason game for the second straight year, but then lost an agonizing overtime contest to DeWitt.

No. 4 – Linden girls cross country: The Eagles started the season with a second-place finish in the first Metro League jamboree, but then beat the defending league

champions Holly Bronchos by a point in each of the last two jamborees to earn the league crown. The Eagles didn't stop there, however. They also earned the team's first ever regional championship, and placed 17th at the state meet.

No. 3 – Fenton volleyball: Everyone knows the Tigers have a strong program. The issue since going to Class A was if the team could contend for strong postseason runs like they once did in their Class B era. Simply stated, since Oxford left the Metro, there is no team that really can compete with the Tigers in league play. We see that pretty much every season. However, this year the Tigers won a district crown, and, for the first time in school history, won a Class A regional title. The team stepped it up this year, and this ranking reflects that move up.

No. 2 – Fenton girls golf: The Tigers entered the season with great promise. And as the season went on, they delivered on those expectations. The Tigers won the Flint Metro League title, edging Linden in a dual meet, but then beating the field pretty decisively at the league meet. Fenton followed that performance with a second-place effort in regionals, qualifying for the state meet. While there, the Tigers finished in a tie for fifth place.

No. 1 – Linden boys cross country: Last year's top fall team began this year as the preseason No. 1, and now has capped the season still on top. When it comes to measuring the tri-county area's top varsity programs, the Linden boys cross country team has had no real rivals since we started this poll in 2008-09 not only for the fall, but really every season. The Eagles have finished No. 1 in our final school year poll twice, second once and No. 16 once. This year they dominated the Metro League, crushed their regional foes and finished with a second-place team finish at the state meet. Right now, they are the team to beat for the 2012-13 school year. A third overall title seems very realistic. And to think, if we started this a year earlier, we would've been adding a state championship team to the fold. So let's be honest, it's really been three No. 1s in the last five years.



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(Above) The top team in our Elite Eight of the fall is the Linden boys cross country team. The Eagles won the Metro League title and a regional crown for the sixth straight season. They also finished second at the state meet. (Left) Samantha Moss and the Fenton girls golf team finished in a tie for fifth at the D2 state meet this fall. The Tigers also won the Metro title, finishing second in our poll. (Bottom) Finishing third is Cassidy Rourke and her Fenton volleyball teammates. They were perfect in the Flint Metro League and then captured the school's first-ever Class A regional title in the state tourney series.



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Tri-county runners help spark Mott Bears to successful CC season

By David Troppens

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When it comes to cross country running, it's not only the prep runners that have success in the tri-county area.

You can find your share of area runners doing well at Mott Community College as well.

Three tri-county runners were represented in National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 Cross Country Championship races in November. They were Fenton graduates and Mott sophomores Nick French and Patrick Beardslee and Linden graduate and Mott sophomore Mayce Varacalli.

Varacalli capped an outstanding season by winning the MCCA Region XII championship with a 5K time of 18:59, earning her a spot in the national meet. She defeated the field by 11 seconds. Once at the national meet, Varacalli placed 25th with a time of 19:24.9. Varacalli finished the season with four top-10 performances. She also took second at the Jackson Cross Country Invitational (20:32), fifth at the Northwood Invitational (24:05) and 10th at the Muskegon Community College Invitational (18:46).

The Mott men's team qualified for the national meet at the MCAA Region XII meet, placing third place. Nick French was the Bears' second-best runner at the meet, placing fifth (26:04) in the 8K race. At the national meet, he placed 76th (27:59.0). Finally, Beardslee was Mott's fifth runner to finish at regionals in 36th place (27:49). Once at nationals, he placed 156th with a



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Linden's Mayce Varacalli won MCCA Regional meet and also competed at the national meet for the Mott Community College women's cross country team recently.

time of 29:13.1. The Mott men finished the national meet in 11th place.

French also had two other top-10 performances during the season. He placed second at the Jackson Community College Invitational (22:04) and sixth at the Northwood Invitational (26:24). Beardslee's best performance at a race was at Jackson where he placed 20th (24:17).



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Thirty-four pond hockey teams competed in last year's Lake Fenton Winter Classic. Event organizer Sean Lapham hopes to have eight divisions, including at least one women's class, in this winter's second-annual event, slated for Jan. 19 and 20.

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scheduled in region was cancelled. However, the first-year tournament director satisfied his dream by actually hosting the inaugural event.

And now the dedication Lapham and his workers showed last year is paying off this year, with the creation of the second annual Lake Fenton Winter Classic on Jan. 19 and 20 at the same Barnum Lake location.

"We were the only tournament to actually have a tournament in lower Michigan," Lapham said.

"All the stress and headache was worth it. I was the only guy that didn't give up. If anybody knows me, I'll put my heart and soul into everything I do to make sure it is an incredible weekend."

Being the only tourney that actually competed last year has helped get the event on the map. It's sponsored by Labatt Blue and Yamaha, helping to get the name out farther than last season.

"We are getting a lot of talk already," Lapham said.

"Our facebook page has over 700

likes. We have a constant streak of phone calls and email. The chatter around the ice arenas has been positive. Once registration opens, we expect it to fill fast."

Registration started on Thanksgiving. A team consists of seven players who alternate on the ice playing four-on-four hockey. There are no goalies.

The "boards" are 2-by-4s that keep the puck in play. If the puck flips over the board, then another puck is put on the rink and play continues.

Lapham said he expects there to be eight divisions this season, with one being a women's division. The winning teams get to lift the Des Crowley Memorial Cup, and have their names engraved on it.

A championship also earns a team free entry into the next year's tournament with an opportunity to defend their title.

Barnum Lake is located behind the Fireplace, located at 2238 North Long Lake Rd.

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placed first in the first Metro jamboree and finished second to Fenton's Max Krzya in the second and third jamborees, helping lead the Eagles to their sixth straight league crown. Phillips led Linden to its sixth straight regional championship as well, by earning an individual regional title in the race. He won the race with a time of 16:22.21, about seven seconds ahead of teammate Graham Elliott (16:29.44).

At the D2 state meet, he helped lead the Eagles to a second-place team finish by placing sixth overall at Michigan International Speedway with a time of 15:35.3, the best time of any tri-county runner in any state race that day. It also was a school record time. Then, Phillips capped the year by qualifying for the Mideast Cross Country Championships, the first Linden runner ever to do so.

"I felt pretty amazing because I was the first person in Linden to ever make it."

Overly enthusiastic shoppers prompt police presence

►Lure of great deals brings thousands of shoppers out Thursday night

By Sharon Stone

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Aside from some overly enthusiastic people rushing to grab Black Friday deals, which began Thursday night at several stores, Fenton police did not respond to any major Black Friday incidents.

Slater said Target and Walmart stores on Owen Road requested police presence beginning Thursday night, in the event there were any chaos or labor issues. Other than some aggressive shoppers, Slater said they had no major incidents. One of the stores requested police presence to help move people from one of

the store aisles so that workers could prepare merchandise for a time-sensitive sale. Things settled down after police had discussions with a few of those overly aggressive shoppers.

Parking became a bit of an issue Thursday night and some shoppers took it upon themselves to create their own parking spaces in grassy areas beyond the parking lot at one of the stores on Owen Road.

Slater said, the crowds of eager shoppers gathering at the two major big-box stores Thursday evening on Owen Road in Fenton, "was something to see. It was unreal."

Summary

►Enthusiastic shoppers came out in droves Thursday night.

BAR NIGHT

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Slater said the usual night shift kept a watchful eye on motorists as Wednesday night is widely publicized as the biggest bar night of the year.

Recalling past Wednesday nights prior to Thanksgiving, Slater said this past Wednesday appeared to be routine, however, the officers had more motorists to watch out for as more were out on the roads.

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is traditionally a day of heavy traffic since people are traveling on that day to spend Thanksgiving with loved ones. Combine this with people stopping at the bar on their way home from work and alcohol-related traffic incidents tend to increase.

Police pulled over the first suspected drunk driver at 1:33 a.m. Thursday morning. The 25-year-old Linden man was stopped on Silver Lake Road, near Beach. A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .097 and additional readings at the police station revealed a BAC of .11.

The driver was arrested, lodged until sober and was later released with a court appearance ticket for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

At 3:31 a.m., a police officer pulled over a motorist on North Road, near U.S. 23. The driver, a 30-year-old Linden man blew a .114 on the preliminary breath test. At the police station, this number increased to .12. He too was lodged until sober and was released with a court appearance ticket.

A 40-year-old Tyrone Township man was pulled over for failing to use his turn signal on Owen Road, near U.S. 23. He had not been drinking, however, a computer check revealed that he had several outstanding arrest warrants. Fenton police were advised by Arenac County police to hold him until they arrived.



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FENTON-HOLLYWOOD CONNECTIONS CONTINUE

Local man is associate producer on movie filmed in mid-Michigan

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Fenton continues its Hollywood connections with the DVD debut of the mid-Michigan film "Meltdown" this month.

Eric Szczepanski of Fenton was the associate producer on "Meltdown" by Cinema Vision Pictures, a motion picture production company in Bay City.

"Part of my job was to assist the executive producers with distribution research, social media marketing/promotion, music cue sheets, as well as compose and score the theme for the Cinema Vision Pictures logo," said Szczepanski.

Filmed in Bay City, "Meltdown" is an action thriller about a federal agent who goes deep undercover to bring down a crime syndicate. When his cover is blown and he gets burned by the FBI, his only hope of survival is a female agent who's willing to break all the rules. Out numbered and out gunned, it is a deadly fight to the finish.



Szczepanski is a former intern in the Michigan Film Office in Lansing, who worked under Carrie Jones, former Michigan film commissioner and Fenton native. Margaret O'Riley, current Michigan film commissioner, is Szczepanski's cousin and also a Fenton resident.

Szczepanski is an active parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and a co-chair in the set-up committee for the annual Applefest. A graduate of Ferris State University, Szczepanski was an active member of the Music Industry Management Association, general manager of Bulldog Radio and co-founded the annual concert, "Turn Up the Good."

"Meltdown" was released on Nov. 6, just in time for the Christmas holiday season.

"With Fenton's beautiful downtown, hopefully I'll be able to bring the right film project to Fenton in the near future," added Szczepanski.

Shop locally while impacting the world

►International gift sale set for Dec. 1 at First Presbyterian Church

By Sally Rummel

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Here's another unique way to do your Christmas shopping this year. Not only will your generosity be felt locally, but also around the world.

The Fair Trade Project will hold its annual sale of international gifts made by artisans in developing countries on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church at 503 South LeRoy Street in Fenton. This sale will coordinate with other

Jinglefest activities happening that day. The sale will include items from Ten Thousand Villages and SERV — two

nonprofit organizations dedicated to providing high quality, beautiful fair trade items for more than 60 years, according to Dale Swihart, pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Fair Trade Project coordinator is Polly Sheppard.

All the items for sale are made by artisans using the principles and practices of Fair Trade, to find their way out of poverty, improve their standard of living, send their children to school and improve the health of their families and their villages. Items are eco-friendly and affordable.

In addition to holiday ornaments and decorations, jewelry, baskets, home and garden décor, fair trade coffee and chocolate will also be for sale.

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New faces for Tyrone board

► Better decision-making, new businesses, finances are top priorities

By William Axford
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Tyrone Twp. — Following the election earlier this month, the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees now has a mixture of veteran members and new faces. At Tuesday's meeting, three new members assumed their roles for the first time. Former trustee Don Pietz thanked the new members on their involvement in local government.

Mike Cunningham will reprise his role as township supervisor, as well as Keith Kremer as clerk and Marna Bunting-Smith as treasurer. New trustee David Walker was not present for the meeting.

Here's a look at three new members and what they hope to accomplish with their time on the board.

Charles Shultz: "I would like to add

value and make good life decisions for the township. You have to take in both sides of an issue and make the best decision possible."

Shultz was formerly the zoning administrator for Deerfield Township.

Soren Pederson: "I'm for improvements, but slowly. We need to work on the little things."

Cam Gonzalez: "I'm focused primarily on money. The sewer debt is one of the bigger things. We need to entice business-

es to come here while maintain our bedroom community. I'm looking forward to working with the new trustees."

Gonzalez has served on Tyrone's zoning board of appeals and the planning commission. At Tuesday's meeting, Gonzalez was reappointed to the planning commission as the liaison for the board of trustees.



Charles Shultz



Soren Pederson



Cam Gonzalez

Ninety boxes filled for 90 families



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Fenton United Methodist Church (FUMC) member Marilyn Reibel organizes the vegetable table at the FUMC activity center on Wednesday morning. Community groups organized and filled 90 boxes for 90 area families, which were distributed that day.

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Web-based programs like Skype allow family members to communicate when going home for the holidays isn't possible.

Staying in touch in the digital age

► Don't let miles of separation keep loved ones apart — especially during special occasions

Being away from home for the holidays is no longer an excuse for not being at the dinner table on Thanksgiving. Video chatting over the Internet is keeping families closer, even when states and countries separate them.

Some families have even been known to set a laptop computer at an empty spot at the dinner table so that the away-from-home family member can share the festivities, albeit from a distance. Smartphones are also a convenient way to video chat.

Military members use video chatting to see their loved ones while serving overseas. College students check in with their parents between homework assignments. Given the advancements of Internet speed and connection, and the implementation of cameras in nearly every electronic device, video chatting continues to be a popular method of keeping in touch with loved ones rarely seen in person.

And the best part? Video chatting is free. Here are some new and popular programs to check out to stay in touch with loved ones.

Google launched video chat inside Gmail this month, and already it has become a popular option for video chat. Its quick popularity is its seamless integration with Gmail — if you already have a Gmail account. You will need to install a free plug-in to get started with Google's video chat, but this one works no matter what operating system you're using, according to Lifehacker.com.

TokBox is a web-based video chat application. Experts at Lifehacker.com said that apart from its standard homepage, where you can login and initiate video chats with anyone through your web browser, TokBox has made its name by integrating with other services. For example, you can install the TokBox for Facebook Firefox extension to start quick video calls with any of your Facebook friends. Likewise, if you are a fan of online instant messaging application Meebo, you can start a video chat from



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iPhones have a program for video chat called Facetime and almost all cell phones allow picture messaging.

a Meebo IM session using TokBox. If you'd prefer a desktop component, TokBox also has an Adobe AIR desktop app available on their homepage.

Skype continues to be a popular VoIP application capable of making PC-to-PC and PC-to-phone calls; as long as you have a webcam, any PC-to-PC call can instantly become a video chat. With the release of Skype 4.0 Beta on Windows, video chat on Skype has been bigger and better than ever. Skype's cross-platform compatibility and generally smooth video are the key elements that keep users coming back to Skype for their video chat needs.

VSee is a free Windows videoconferencing application, according to Lifehacker.com. In addition to VSee's video chat options, it's also designed as a collaboration tool.

Users could collaborate with a colleague on, for example, a Photoshop document (even if that person doesn't have Photoshop installed) through screen sharing, and they can share that file by dragging the file onto their chat video.

According to Lifehacker.com, VSee Free supports video chats with up to four people simultaneously, while the paid version supports up to eight at a time.

iChat is the default instant messaging application bundled with Mac OS X. iChat boasts multi-user video chat (up to 4 people at once), iChat Theater for sharing and viewing files during a video chat, and a Backdrops feature that allows users to customize what's behind them (e.g., you're in Paris). The downer: iChat is only available on OS X.

our town

Meet Fady Elias

By William Axford

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Getting a cup of coffee at Gatsby Grind in Fenton is more than just a jolt of caffeine. Outfitted with vintage clocks, paintings and furniture, the coffee house has an eclectic atmosphere filled with piano notes and works from local artists. Owner Fady Elias has created an intersection where the arts and the public converge right here in Fenton.

What made you decide to open a coffee house? When my wife and I moved back here in 2007, we didn't have many places to go and just enjoy some time. I did Internet cafés before but I never had specialty coffee. So we thought 'let's put a coffee house in Fenton.' I insist on coffee house because we're not just a coffee shop. We don't have a drive thru. We serve more than just coffee. We serve the ambience, the atmosphere, the music, the art. We have a very big emphasis on the art.

Why the name 'Gatsby Grind'? My wife and I both love everything vintage, the '20s and all that. At the time when the nation was going through a depression and the economy was bad, no one was thinking of starting a business. The '20s reminded me of the booming '20s, the 'Roaring '20s.' Everybody was just happy, everybody was just excited. I got my hands on 'The Great Gatsby' and it was just amazing. A



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Fady Elias
Owner of the
Gatsby Grind

lot of people agreed we should do something with Gatsby, so we called this place 'Gatsby Grind.'

You're from Lebanon. What made you decide to come to Fenton of all places? My wife is from Fenton and is a Lake Fenton graduate. Her family is here, this is her town. We met through a church organization we worked for. We got married overseas in Lebanon and the war started four days after we got married. I was going to take her on a honeymoon around the country to show her the art and the culture. But everywhere we go, Boom! They bomb it. There was no power in the country. I had to close my store down. What I do? I take my camera down to the battlefield and take pictures of the war and sell them. This was how I was trying to make my money. It was crazy, it was ridiculous. But what can you do? You have to do something to survive. It was hard. I ended up saying, 'let's just come here (Fenton) and see if we can change, start a new life.'

Can you describe Lebanon for

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Art, specialty coffee and music are some of the elements Fady Elias has brought together for his business, Gatsby Grind.

me? It's right on the Mediterranean Sea. Lebanon is a small country in the Middle East. You can fit it into the Thumb of Michigan. It's the only country in the Middle East without a desert. Lebanon is the 'Gateway to the Middle East.' It's an interesting culture and Lebanese food is very popular.

Why do you have so many instruments and art here?

My wife and I are both artists. We encourage art and try to reach artists in the area. We feature one artist each month where the artist will pick a charity that is close to their heart. We hold a benefit for the charity, through an exhibit for the artist. We have live entertainment on Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. We have a piano sitting here. We have a guitar, we have a violin. Anytime of the day, I have people come in and just get a hold of the instruments. That's why I call it 'The Living Room of Fenton.' People come here and feel happy, just like they're in their living room. Friday we try to have piano jazz night. Saturday I usually book artists for open mic.

Was it hard leaving home and starting over in Fenton? When I first come here in Fenton, I didn't know anyone nor have any friends. It was hard the first year to not talk the language and not know anybody. Now it seems like half of Lake Fenton is Lebanese. We serve some Lebanese food here and it's attracting more Lebanese people.



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Fady Elias is originally from Lebanon, where he owned an Internet café. Elias describes his business as 'The Living Room of Fenton.'



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

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- Jesse

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SALLY RUMMEL

Angela Templeton of Brighton carries a purse with lots of "bling," garnering compliments from strangers whenever she wears it.



LifeStyle

PURSE*onality

What your purse says about your personality and how to wear it with style and good health

By Sally Rummel

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Are you an organized, conservative person who loves the ease of dressing with neutrals, or are you a go-with-the-flow "fashionista" who changes accessories with every outfit?

Take a look at your purse, as it will tell more about you than you think.

"Purses are all about attitude," said Nicole Bergeron of Eclections, who admits to having more than her own share of handbags in her closet. "It's the one accessory piece that can take an outfit from boring to a fashion statement."

Angela Templeton, of Brighton, who was shopping Tuesday in Fenton with her sister-in-law, Connie Templeton, carries the kind of purse that has people stopping her on the street. "I love the bling," she admitted, showing off her Montana West black and brown handbag sporting a crystal design on the side. She has about 20 purses in her closet at home, and plans to carry this one for a few months, then will get it

out again in another season. "I'll have this one for years," she said. "I just love its style."

Templeton's purse is trendy for this season's most popular hand-

bags. Bags with studs, in metallic colors or sporting fringe are making headlines with women this season, according to Bergeron. Women love the neutral metallic colors that accessorize multiple wardrobe pieces. The fringe bags, available at all price points, make a casual fashion statement all their own.

In the world of purses, there are two kinds of women, according to Bergeron's own retail experience.

One type is the woman who buys a handbag and uses it until it wears out, choosing it for its organizational features and layout. The other is a woman who uses her purse as a

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"Purses are all about attitude. It's the one accessory piece that can take an outfit from boring to a fashion statement."

Nicole Bergeron
Owner of Eclections in Fenton



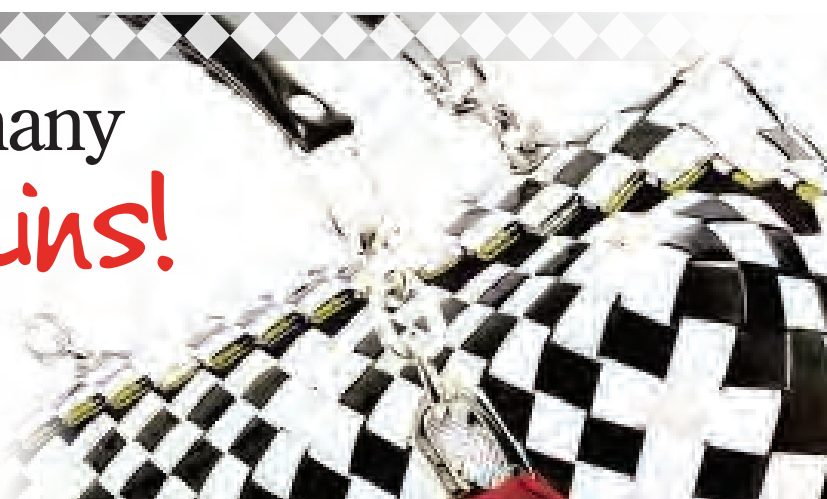
Heavy purses can be the root of many aches and pains!

Ladies, clean out your purses! That's the advice of Dr. Erica Peabody of Café of Life Chiropractic in Fenton, who sees women coming into her practice with purses that are way too heavy. The weight of the purse is the big-

gest challenge, because of the imbalance on the shoulders.

Peabody suggests that women carry only what is necessary, or that moms who need to carry

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UGGs of Australia, best known for their high-end boots, have made a move into the handbag market, crafted out of quality sheepskin. This display is shown at Glik's in Fenton.

PURSE*ONALITY

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fashion statement and has multiple purses in her closet to coordinate with her outfits. She'll likely spend less for each purse, because she buys them frequently as an accessory. The average woman has about seven purses, according to

Glamour magazine, but Bergeron believes that number to be closer to 10 "and for some women, between 40 and 50." Former Fenton resident Sarah Bayer, now of Dayton, Ohio was shopping Tuesday at Eclections in preparation for Black Friday sales, along with her mother, Janis Newberry of Fenton.

Bayer admits to "easily" owning more than 80 bags of all kinds — from purses to totes and small clutches. "I rotate my purses every two weeks, for color, the seasons or to match an outfit," said Bayer. Her mother didn't want to say how many purses she herself owned, but said it was "too many dozens." She was eyeing several Vera Bradley styles that she'd like to add to her collection for all four seasons.

Nationally, the average purse price tag is around \$42, with most fashion bags at Eclections priced under \$50, according to Dan Medich, Sr., who is the buyer for many of Eclections' purse styles. "One price point are bags at \$30 and under, then \$30 to \$50," he said. "The next price point is \$80 and under. Once you get to \$100, that's a smaller market."



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This Brighton handbag, with fine hand-cut leather details and high style, is priced at \$495, the most expensive Brighton purse at Eclections.

But there are women who will open their purse to buy a high-end brand like Coach, Chanel, Louis Vuitton, among others. They make the Brighton brand, with an average price tag of \$250,

seem like an affordable price to pay for a lifetime bag.

"The most expensive Brighton purse in the store is about \$500," said Bergeron. "What you're buying from Brighton is value, more than from any other designer hand-bag company."

Each purse is hand-sewn, with every leather detail hand-cut and finished. They come with a two-year warranty and a lifetime of free cleaning and conditioning."

Other high-end companies, including UGG of Australia, have also recently turned their attention to purses. Priced on the average between \$165 and \$300, customers are just beginning to discover the quality of these handbags, each made out of real sheepskin. "Every woman who knows her style knows about UGGs," said Heather Martin, manager at Glik's in Fenton.

However popular purses are with women, they still haven't caught on in a mainstream way with most men. "Men will carry a 'modified briefcase,' especially at trade shows and all-day work events," said Medich. "Today's version is more of a soft shoulder bag for a computer, paperwork and other daily necessities. Other men will carry a tote or duffel bag in the car. But most men wouldn't be caught dead carrying a purse."



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START TIME: 3pm at the Old Fire Hall

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Register by mail, drop off, online at www.goracego.com or on race day at Packet Pickup.

RACE INFORMATION
810-629-5447 or www.fentonchamber.com

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Old Fire Hall, Fenton, MI
201 S. Leroy St. at the corner of E. Ellen St.

Top-Earning DEAD 2012 CELEBRITIES

Source: forbes.com

1

ELIZABETH TAYLOR

\$210 million



Died: March 23, 2011
Age: 79
Cause: Heart failure

Taylor tops our list this year thanks to Christie's record-breaking sale of the late movie star's jewelry and art. The massive sale, which took place in New York and London, brought in \$184 million. The most expensive piece sold was a Van Gogh painting which sold for \$24.6 million. Now that Taylor's friends and family are set for life financially, her estate will turn its attention to how best to exploit Taylor's image. There's lots of potential in Taylor's embodiment of old Hollywood glamour.

2

MICHAEL JACKSON

Singer
Died: June 25, 2009
Age: 50
Cause: Overdose/homicide

Music's postmortem cash king has earned more than any single living artist since his death. Jackson continues to rake in revenues from the work of other artists (through his 50 percent stake in the Sony/ATV publishing catalog), his own material (the Mijac Music catalog), a Cirque du Soleil show (the Michael Jackson Immortal World Tour) and other sources. His total would be even higher if FORBES hadn't credited the advance for the latter to last year's \$170 million total.

\$145 million



4

CHARLES SCHULZ
\$37 MILLION

Cartoonist • Died: Feb. 12, 2000
Age: 77 • **Cause:** Colon cancer

It's been 67 years since the Peanuts comic strip debuted but Charlie Brown and his gang are as hot as ever. The estate, in a partnership with Iconix Brand Group, brings in plenty of money through licensing and advertisement deals with companies like Met Life. Next up for Peanuts: the big screen. Fox recently announced that a Peanuts movie is in the works from the makers of Ice Age.

3

ELVIS

\$55 million

Died: Aug. 16, 1977
Age: 42
Cause: Heart attack

The King of Rock n' Roll's earnings are flat this year — the closure of his Viva Elvis show in Las Vegas was offset by an uptick in Graceland attendance due to last year's unusually warm weather. The estate's value was clear to billionaire Leon Black, whose Apollo Global Management purchased CKX, the parent company of American Idol and the estates of both Elvis and Muhammad Ali, for \$509 million last year.



6

John Lennon

\$12 million

Singer
Died: Dec. 8, 1980
Age: 40
Cause: Murder

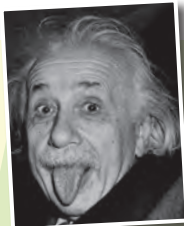


7

Marilyn Monroe

\$10 million

Actress
Died: Aug. 5, 1962
Age: 36
Cause: Overdose



8

Albert Einstein

\$10 million

Scientist
Died: April 18, 1955
Age: 76
Cause: Natural causes



9

Theodor Geisel

\$9 million

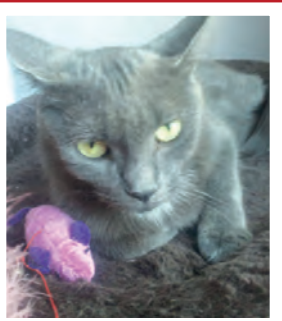
Author - "Dr. Seuss"
Died: Sep. 24, 1991
Age: 87
Cause: Natural causes

10

Steve McQueen

\$8 million

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Cause: Complication from surgery



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Timing and proper packaging are important

►Long distance gifting can be safe and secure

By Ryan Tackabury

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Many people will spend the holidays with loved ones and exchanging gifts. While some family members may live too far away to spend time with, sharing the holiday spirit through gift giving is still possible over long distance.

The worst way to put a damper on your gift giving is if your package arrives broken. "One thing is to make sure that you are getting your package packed properly just to make sure that nothing arrives damaged," said Mike Clabuesch of Goin' Postal in Fenton. Clabuesch recommends using a sturdy box, preferably one that is new, with foam or bubble packing material.

Your package should be able to withstand a drop of 3 feet, Clabuesch said, just in case something was to happen.

If you are really worried about an item being damaged, you



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Lucy Valeriano of Goin' Postal in Fenton wraps up boat parts in bubble wrap to be sent to California.

can have them packaged professionally at Goin' Postal or The UPS Store in Fenton.

If your item does arrive damaged and was shipped through UPS or FedEx, you can report a damage claim. Not only is it important to package an item for its own safety, but an improp-

erly packed item may result in a damage claim being denied.

"Make sure that things are packaged to standards. For the do-it-yourselfers some claims may be denied if some fragile Christmas item gets broken," said Les Beare, owner of The UPS Store in Fenton.

Beare advises against using newspaper or tissue paper. "It's not up to UPS standards, and a claim may be denied on that," he said.

Another option to consider when sending a package is delivery confirmation, which Clabuesch recommends. It is not unheard of for packages to be snatched away while waiting on someone's doorstep, especially with the large volume of shipping seen in December.

"If you are going to send something to somebody, we highly recommend getting a delivery confirmation, or a signature confirmation," he said. "It is better to pay that small fee than to have to replace something because it was stolen."

When should you send out your Christmas gifts? If you don't mind giving your gift before the holidays, the earlier the better, both to ensure your package gets there on time, and to save time of your own. Clabuesch warns to be mindful of Dec. 17 to 21, which is the busiest shipping week for all carriers.

"That thing has a tendency to slow down during the holiday season," Clabuesch said. "If you are thinking about sending something out, be prepared that's going to be the week that everyone is sending their stuff out. It's going to be the times with the longest lines."

Timing is very important and this advice was echoed by Mike Steiner, manager of the post office in Fenton. "With the amount of packages we have coming up, make sure you send it with time to spare," he said.

According to Steiner, items sent through Priority Mail are supposed to take two to three days. "I would say the backup on them is probably three to four," said Steiner. "I've seen some take a week or even longer during the holidays."

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Cut down on plastic bags. Instead of taking new plastic bags every time you leave a store, put your purchases in a reusable bag or reuse the ones you already have.

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more use a purse with a strap that goes across the body or a backpack style purse.

"Women really shouldn't carry a purse that weighs more than 3-5 pounds," said Dr. Chris Acox of Total Wellness Chiropractic in Linden. While carrying a purse is not necessarily dangerous to a woman's health, it can be a contributing factor for poor posture, low back, neck and shoulder pain as well as asymmetry in the spine.

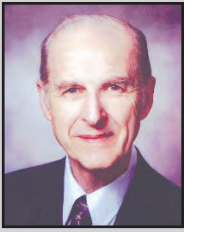
Peabody said that arm pain, numbness and headaches can also be symptoms that result from carrying too heavy of a purse.

"Personally, I carry a clutch purse with a wrist strap and only keep my cell phone and wallet inside," said Peabody. "When I am out shopping, I take just my credit card, ID, phone and keys and stick them in my pocket while I walk around. I only own a handful of different purses."



Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



Four wonderful words

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

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

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

"This is just a little weed in the garden of your life," he said, adding four wonderful words: 'nothing to worry about.' Less than 30 minutes later I was on my way home, absent my dark sideburn spot, and with only a next appointment check-up remaining to be sure I was home free.

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

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

I listened amazed as a man described the limits fear had placed on him. He had lived and raised his family in a large metropolitan area but, for some reason, had drawn a 12-mile radius around his home as his 'safe zone.' Outside those borders, panic set in. He was afraid to travel beyond that imaginary boundary, even to work.

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

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

Our Lord called for living by faith one day at a time (Matthew 6:34). Still millions will spoil today being occupied with fears about imagined events that won't happen.

Most things that make us fear and fret are those that haven't happened yet.

No one has enough information about the future to worry intelligently about tomorrow, so why not trust God for today and enjoy it?

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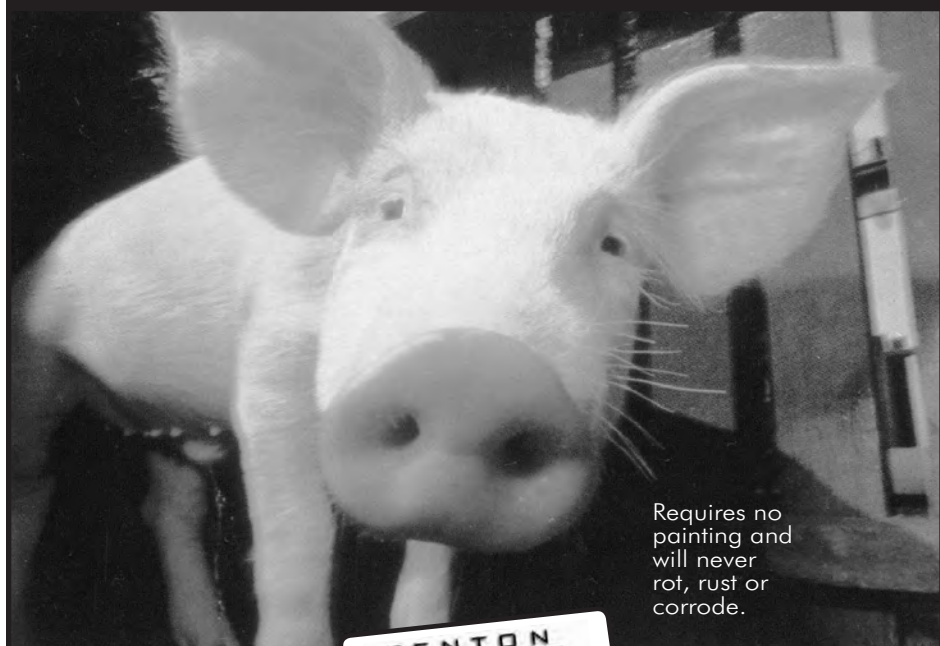
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Z 2012-001

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Z 2012-003, UJF ORTONVILLE, LLC, CAMP TAMARACK, SEC. 22, 02-22-100-006, (South of Grange Hall between Jossman and Wildwood Roads) REZONE RE/F (Rural Estate/Farm) TO RC (Recreation).

Proposed language for the amendment is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments are welcome prior to the night of the meeting, or you can telephone (248) 634-4152.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012 AT 7:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Zoning Ordinance Amendments:

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #594, Article 2, Definitions, to include wedding and reception facilities in Agricultural tourism facilities.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #594, Article 6, Off-street parking and loading requirements, P. to prohibit straight trucks from being parked on residential lots.

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Penn**

1933-2012
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79, of Fenton, passed



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Arbor. Cremation has taken place. Funeral arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Joanne was born November 8, 1933 in South Lyon Michigan, the daughter of the late Louis J. and Eva (Kelchner) Underhill. Surviving are: husband, Gary R. Penn of Fenton; son, Gary B. and Bethany Penn of Fenton; daughter, Susan Penn and David Dierauer of Okemos, MI; 6 grandchildren, Taylor Penn, Garrett Penn, Oscar Penn, Eric Dierauer, Carl Dierauer and Yehva Dierauer. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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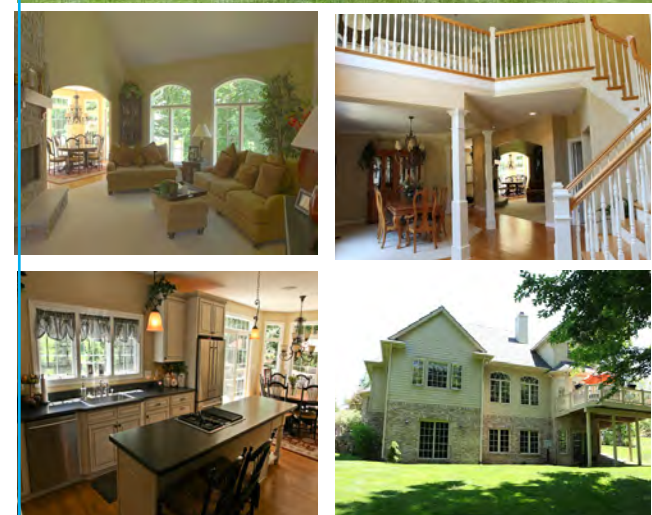
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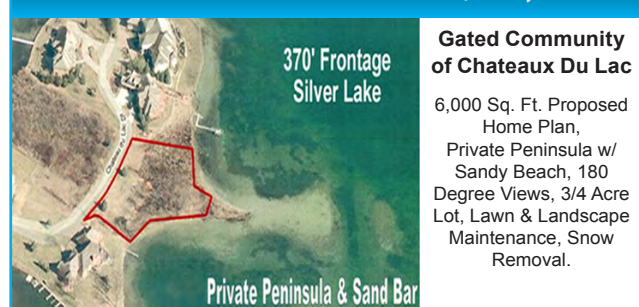
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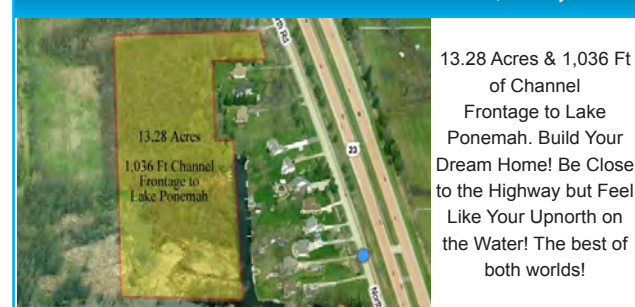
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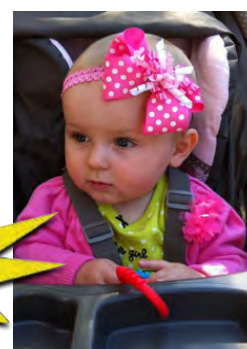
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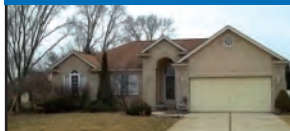
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Amend Article III. Land Division and Land Combination; Sec. 38-272
Survey required; add - required title search.

Proposed language for the amendment is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments are welcome prior to the night of the meeting or call (248) 634-4152.

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Amend Exterior Lighting Standards (Sec. 54-861) (1) Exterior lighting in nonresidential zoning districts. Nonresidential site lighting shall comply with the following applicable standards: (a) Free standing light poles shall be subject to the following requirements contained in 1. thru 5.; (b) Lighting fixtures shall be subject to the following requirements contained in 1. thru 4. (c) Luminary or point sources of light; 1. & 2. (d) Overall site illuminations limitations.

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. Said amendment, if adopted by the Groveland Township Board, would revise the Groveland Township Codified Ordinances, as follows:

Amend Sec. 54-223 - 54-115 - Accessory Buildings in RE/F Zoning District. Sec. 54-111 - Purpose and intent; Sec. 54-112 - Principal uses permitted; Sec. 54-113 - Principal agricultural uses permitted; Sec. 54-114 - principal uses permitted subject to special conditions; and, Sec. 54-115 - Required conditions.

Proposed language for the amendment is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments are welcome prior to the night of the meeting or call (248) 634-4152.

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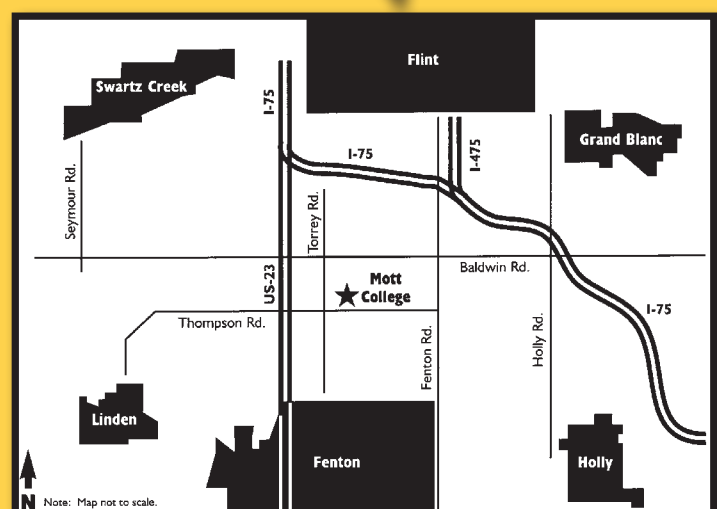
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