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**POLITICS**

**“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.”**

**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.”**

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**HOT LINE**

**“A change in grant funding has halted downtown Fenton street reconstruction”**

**Biggest bar night of the year?**

**Local police department claims night was pretty routine**

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**HOT LINE**

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

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**SPORTS**

**“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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**LOCAL**

**School nurses...Are they becoming extinct?**

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

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**COMMUNITY**

**End of an era in Holly politics**

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**COMMUNITY**

**Holly, jolly decorations**

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**

Don Winglemire is treated to a standing ovation as Jeff Miller (right) presents him with a plaque and announces because of Winglemire’s many years of service.

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

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**LINDA BLAKEY**

Linden Elementary School principal

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

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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 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.

See ARTIFICIAL on 8A

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.

Real Christmas trees

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 tree stands near the entrance of the farm. Co-owner Art Vance said it’s a tree like this that a kid and it’s a memory that will live with you forever.

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
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 crime. So the government quit man- not so fast — since cars were extremely difficult to hotwire. Problem solved.

Thieves turned then to carjackings instead, result- ing 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 un- intended consequence of the re-election of Barack Obama — a dramatic reduction in charitable donations by the middle-class, the bread and butter donors to all charitable orga- nizations.

This across-the-board tidal wave of non-giving will affect hundreds of or- ganizations 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 his- tory 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 moth- ers, 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 Phila- delphia 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 con- sequence.

The problem is that when charitable giving becomes mandatory, it is no longer ‘giving’, it is ‘taking’. And that doesn’t work well with people who get up every day and go to work while per- fectly 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 houses and lottery tickets. So, until you quit taking, we’ll quit giving.

That, my friends, is an unintended con- sequence.

Compiled by Olivia Dimmer, intern

HOTLINES

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IS ANYONE ELSE having young men knock on their doors after dark asking for donations for clean water? Now, 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 decides all the things he promised he’d do and Amer- ica is back on its feet and everyone is prospering.

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

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

THE HOSTESS CUPCAKE compa- nies 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.

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I just cleaned mine out, but I have to many purses I use, so I never have enough time between changing purses to really have anything strange.

— Melody Miller

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

— Chris Alloway

Two Line Time — Andrea Miller — Fenton

I save for my guinea pigs, Zagnug and Snickers. They’re named that because they’re candy-bar colored.

— Andrea Miller

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 lipstick kisses in. Usually every

— Peg DuBuc

Flint

I JUST DON’T get 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, lealess dogs left outside all day, or the bozos that shoot off fireworks at 11 p.m.? But regulating kids isn’t so bad. Get real.

HOW NAIVE YOU are! The current president isn’t going to fix this mess the Demo- cratic House and Senate put Amer- ica in (2007). Sure, you will con- tinue to be blind to the Republican’s who 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 “Digital 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.

See HOT LINE throughout Times
Speaking the ‘Language’

By Olivia Dimmer, Times intern intern@tctimes.com

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 strewed 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 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, naive, 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.

Defining and understanding some common terms used by teenagers
Marijuana dispensary license denied

Legal implications foggy

By Tim Jagielo

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 Bladzik 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, Bladzik said that the license was not designed to give permission whether the business can operate, but rather as a registration, 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 to stop Well Greens from opening. Bladzik 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.”

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 vote 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 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 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 Mama Bunting-Smith, Trustees Cam Gonzalez, Soren Pedersen, and Chuck Schultz. Absent: Clerk Keith Kremer and Trustee David Wall.
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.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and online at www.tctimes.com. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Here are several local stores where you can buy artificial trees:
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- AGO Hardware - Fenton
- Kerton Lumber - Holly
- Knart - Fenton
- Lovegrove’s - Fenton (small, tablettop only)
- 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: EarthHit.com

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. “Our most exciting new tree this year is a 7½-foot rotating LED tree.”

Experts say that a full Christmas tree with 80-100 quality lights per foot is high quality. A 7½-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.

Whatever your style, there’s an artificial tree just waiting to make your Christmas a hassle-free holiday.
Would You Like to HEAR for the Holidays?

Sleigh bells ring… can you hear them?

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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 Bladzik, who was also appointed president pro-tem. Council members Debra Musgrave and Bob Allsop joined Hughes and Bladzik 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).
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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 a first-grader 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 and collect coats for those in need.

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

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.”

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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 people like narrower trees like spruce and firs.” 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 leaving 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 Vancz.

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 one of 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.
Phillips makes history at Meet of Champions

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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 usual 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 pursing 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 See PHILLIPS on 18A

Lapham looking forward to second annual Winter Classic

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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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ELITE 8

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

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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 Beardlee and Linden graduate and Sophomore Mayce Varacalli.

Varacalli capped an outstanding season by winning the MCCAA 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 theMuskegon Community College Invitational (18:46).

The Mott men’s team qualified for the national meet at the MCCAA Region XII meet, placing third place. Nick French was the Bears’ second-best runner at the meet, placing fifth (26:04) in the 5K race. At the national meet, he placed 76th (27:59:0). Finally, Beardlee was Mott’s fifth runner to finish at regionals in 36th place (27:49:1). Once at nationals, he placed 156th with a 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). Beardlee’s best performance at a race was at Jackson where he placed 20th (24:17).

French and Varacalli will train for the national meet this year until the time of the meet.

Varacalli is the first Mott woman to qualify for the national meet.

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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 heartache 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. This support 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.

Last year’s inaugural event hosted 34 seven-player teams.

For more information on the tournament, go to www.lakefentonwinterclassic.com.
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.

Overly enthusiastic shoppers prompt police presence

Lure of great deals brings thousands of shoppers out Thursday night

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

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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.

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. For more information contact Swihart at (810) 629-7801 or Sheppard at (810) 938-3020.

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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.”

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

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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 businesses 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.
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Meet Fady Elias

By William Axford
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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.’

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 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 do 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 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.

“Lebanon is a small country in the Middle East. You can fit it into the Thumb of Michigan.”

Fady Elias
Owner of the Gatsby Grind

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

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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 handbags. 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 purse accessory piece that can take an outfit from boring to a fashion statement.”

Nicole Bergeron
Owner of EclEctions in Fenton

See PURSE*ONALITY on 2B

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 biggest 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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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 prices 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.”

This Brighton handbag, with fine handcut 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 handbag 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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Top-Earning 2012 CELEBRITIES

Source: forbes.com

1. BOB MARLEY $17 MILLION
   Singer • Died: May 11, 1981
   Age: 36 • Cause: Cancer
   Not necessarily known for commercial ventures during life, Bob Marley has become a diversified businessman from beyond the grave. In addition to selling over 75 million albums in the past 20 years, he’s recently added the Marley Beverage company (home to the “relaxation drink” known as Marley’s Mellow Mood) and House of Marley (producer of eco-friendly audio and lifestyle products) to his portfolio.

2. CHARLES SCHULZ $37 MILLION
   Cartoonist • Died: Feb. 13, 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
   Singer • 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 Grace-land 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.

4. JOHN LENNON $12 million
   Singer • Died: Dec. 8, 1980
   Age: 40 • Cause: Murder

5. ELIZABETH TAYLOR $210 million
   Singer • 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.

6. JIMI HENDRIX $15 million
   Guitarist • Died: Sep. 18, 1970
   Age: 27 • Cause: Overdose

7. MARILYN MONROE $10 million
   Actress • Died: Aug. 5, 1962
   Age: 36 • Cause: Overdose

8. ALBERT EINSTEIN $10 million
   Scientist • Died: Apr. 18, 1955
   Age: 76 • Cause: Natural causes

9. THEODORE GEISEL $9 million
   Author - “Dr. Seuss” • Died: Sep. 24, 1991
   Age: 87 • Cause: Natural causes

10. STEVE McQUEEN $8 million
    Actor • Died: Nov. 20, 1980
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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 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 improperly 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 items get tossed,” 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. Clabuesh warns to be mindful of Dec. 17 to 21, which is the busiest shipping week for all carriers.

“Timing 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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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.”

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**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 pre-cancerous conditions that have required treatment or removal, so when an irritation developed around a dark spot hiding beneath my left eyebrow, 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 moment arrived and examined me, his verdict was one of good news.

“Thier 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 me telling how 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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Z 2012-003, UJF ORTONVILLE, LLC, CAMP TAMARACK, SEC. 22, 02-22-100-006, (South of Grange Hall between Jersman and Wildwood Roads) REZONE REIF (Rural Estate/Farm) TO RC (Recreation).

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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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Lack of recognition saddens child advocate

DEAR AMY: I have a problem with a co-worker. We work in an industry that provides services to children. My co-worker, who sits next to me, does the bare minimum required to stay employed. She comes in late, admits that she doesn’t care about the clients and chats on her cellphone all day. It upsets me that our superiors see us and treat us the same because what they see is the final product of our work, not the process behind it. Since I can’t change my co-worker, I know that I have to change my own feelings and perspective, but my resentment is starting to interfere with my happiness. I like my job and I’m happy to be industrious. What can I do to get over it? — Upset Co-worker

DEAR AMY: I recently got engaged to “Carol,” who will eventually be stepmother to my 9-year-old son. We are madly in love but want to take our time setting a date. We’re not in a rush, and no one is pushing us, except my ex-wife. We’re friendly, but then she’ll start butting into my personal business. For instance, recently she insisted that we shouldn’t wait to get married. She stated her opinion several times. It was obvious that Carol was uncomfortable, but we let it go, knowing that my ex and I should be peaceful toward each other. How can I set a boundary around my personal life without upsetting my ex? — Conflicted Ex

DEAR CONFLICTED: It’s possible that your ex’s agitation and suggestions about your relationship are due to the fact that she’s still in love with you and wants the same, but is not ready to let go. I would encourage you both to communicate your feelings to each other. It’s important to have a frank and honest conversation about your relationship and your plans for the future. If your ex still wants to be in your life, she should be open and honest about her feelings. If not, it’s better to have that conversation now rather than later. Remember, it’s important to respect each other’s boundaries and make decisions that are best for you and your family.
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