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#### BULLYING

“My heart breaks for the family and friends of the young man who took his own life last week. To his classmates that are responsible, may your actions haunt you until the day you draw your last breath.”

#### LOTTERY

“I agree with the guy complaining how the government rips off lottery winners. The cash payout should not be any less than the jackpot.”

#### JINGLEFEST

“We went to the Jinglefest parade Saturday. The crowd was huge, parade great and fireworks awesome. A big thanks to those who organized it.”

“Jinglefest, what a wonderful event. Our family had so much fun. No drinking, no trouble or hassles, just good, small town American fun. Thank you to all involved.”

#### POLITICAL

“Both sides, Democratic and Republican, are responsible for the fiscal mess we find ourselves in. Look up the word compromise and quit acting like kindergartners.”

HOT LINE  
of the week

“THE COUNCIL DOESN'T have time to address the real issues of the city of Fenton. They are too busy with the chickens and skating rinks.”



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## Residents have plenty to say about future of city

► Walkability, library improvements, recreational activities most common requests at open forum

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**Fenton** — Roughly 150 people made an appearance at the city of Fenton's open community forum on Wednesday night where their thoughts and opinions on the city were heard. The agenda of the night was what the next step should be in developing the city's strategic plan for the future.

The audience broke off into six different groups, where

**“I think it really gives the city council something to chew on, and to come up with a plan.”**

Sue Osborn, Fenton mayor

people discussed their ideas with a representative from the city council. There they generated a list of ideas to improve the city, and then ranked them based on

what the city's goals should look like for the next five years.

“I think my group has come up with a lot of good ideas,” said Les Beare of The UPS Store in Fenton during a break in the evening. Beare said he came as a resident and as a business owner to represent the community.

When the groups met back up to reveal the ideas they had gathered, they found there were a lot of shared ideas. Entertainment and recreational activities, downtown walkability and an

See **FUTURE** on 11A



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | RYAN TACKABURY  
Councilwoman Pat Lockwood addresses a group of Fenton residents at the open forum meeting, while Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro prepares to write down their ideas.



Students from local high schools and members of the community gathered at the Linden Mill to remember 17-year-old Josh Pacheco, who committed suicide Nov. 27. Teenagers spoke out against bullying, which is believed to be a factor in Pacheco's suicide. See **story** on Page 8A

## Local church break-ins part of much bigger ring

► Argentine police join task force to solve crimes

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Township police have joined a multi-jurisdictional task force with the intent of solving as many as 45 church break-ins across southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio.

Three of the related church break-ins in Argentine Township occurred in the early  
See **BREAK-INS** on 22A

As auto technology evolves, so do the people who repair them

► Modern mechanics skilled in areas that traditionally had nothing to do with auto repair

By William Axford

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**Fenton** — Mechanic Jim Coon hovered above the Volt's engine Wednesday afternoon, making sure everything was operating smoothly. The all-electric car hummed at such low decibels that you had to focus to hear it. Sound, which has always been a mechanic's  
See **MECHANICS** on 11A



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | WILLIAM AXFORD  
Chris Andras, 20, of Holly repairs diesel fuel lines on a 2004 GMC Sierra Duramax Diesel. “I’m young, so new technology is OK for me,” Andras said. “Older guys might have trouble with it though.”

## Why bullying has become so prevalent in today's world

By Olivia Dimmer

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Bullying goes back as far as life itself, beginning with animals fighting for dominance in the jungles of the wild. But high school is not a jungle. Animals are governed by instinct and primal responses. But people are supposed to be governed by reason, compassion and tolerance.

Even in famous movies like ‘Mean Girls’ and ‘Cyberbully,’ bullying is exploited by big media and showcased.

See **BULLYING** on 8A

**“My question is: How many more lives of young people need to be lost before education finds empathy necessary?”**

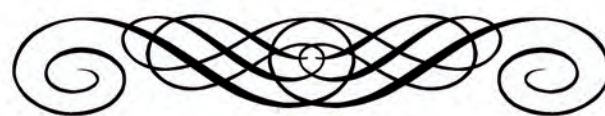
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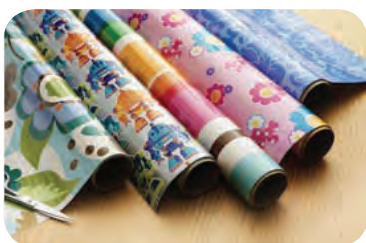


## SMART HOLIDAY SOLUTIONS



### 1 Wreath

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### 2 Decorations

Store leftover gift-wrap by first tightly wrapping it around the roll. Secure it with another cardboard roll sliced vertically and snapped over the wrapping. You can also use PVC piping to secure the wrapping.

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# Nothing says 'LOVE' like a thoughtful gift from your kitchen . . . or someone else's

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Your neighbors, co-workers and family members will appreciate a festive gift of food, especially during this busy time of year when there are so many special occasions and so little time to bake.

### Summary

►When you present a gift of food from the kitchen, it's a thoughtful gift from the heart.

Kathy Shouse, owner of Kathy's Patisserie Cakes & Bakes in Fenton, has devoted this holiday

season to sweet treat gifts — from cranberry pumpkin breads to baking mixes in a jar and stocking stuffer treats like Christmas brownie pops, frosted pretzels and gift bags of cookies.

"My signature 'sweet' this Christmas is my Snow Globe Cake, which actually contains the keepsake gift of a snowman ornament," said Shouse. "It's reminiscent of our childhood snow globes and is a perfect gift for anyone on your gift list. It's small enough to be personal, but tall enough to feed eight to 12."

Another welcome food gift is a custom "made in Michigan" gift basket, with your recipient's favorite Michigan treats — from Sander's Hot Fudge to Garden Gourmet chips and salsas — even Crust bakery's freshly baked treats from Fenton. Great Lakes Market in Holly has a full store of Michigan-made products that can be beautifully assembled for a very personal and appreciated gift.

**"My signature 'sweet' this Christmas is my Snow Globe Cake, which actually contains the keepsake gift of a snowman ornament."**

**Kathy Shouse**

Owner of Kathy's Patisserie Cakes & Bakes



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Kathy Shouse of Kathy's Patisserie Cakes & Bakes puts the finishing touches on her bakery's signature cake for the holidays.

You can also assemble your own basket by filling it with a variety of favorite meats, cheeses, nuts and snacks.

The holiday season is the busiest time of year for custom-made fruit baskets made in VG's Grocery produce department. "We can make your food gift a healthy alternative with a fruit basket filled with seasonal fruits, nuts and more," said Brian Haaraoja, VG's Grocery senior vice president. "We can easily upscale your custom gift by adding a festive bottle of wine or champagne."

See **LOVE** on 20A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | RYAN TACKABURY

Shari Allen, a night clerk at VG's in Silver Parkway, spends some time during the evening to straighten aisle shelves.

## Psychology of the grocery aisle

►Store layouts are meticulously planned

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**Fenton** — When you are arranging the furniture in your home, you do not haphazardly block your staircase with your recliner, or face your

### Summary

►Nearly everything you are looking for in a grocery store is placed somewhere for a specific reason.

television away from your couch. You likely take time to consider your arrangements, and lay out your house in the way that best suits your needs.

The shelves in a grocery store are not any different, as their entire store is designed to give you a certain shopping experience. Sometimes,

the reasons things are placed in a certain spot is simple — money.

"You have vendors who do pay to have certain displays and certain areas where their product is placed," said Carol Maciejewski of VG's on North LeRoy St. in Fenton.

The main entrance of most grocery stores have many of the same elements. As you step inside a grocery store, you are likely to see flowers on display, and you may find yourself already in the produce section. These elements combine to give you the impression that the products the store is

**"You have vendors who do pay to have certain displays and certain areas where their product is placed."**

**Carol Maciejewski**  
North LeRoy VG's

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# It's A Wonderful Life

I read a column recently that discussed the merits of the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*. I'm one of those guys who wouldn't feel the Christmas season was complete without an annual viewing of the beloved holiday classic.

It was just another movie when it was first released shortly after the end of World War II. But it has since acquired a certain cult status.

That's not to say *It's A Wonderful Life* doesn't have its detractors. A few years ago, some professor from Harvard spent a whole semester analyzing the movie (glad to hear our tax dollars are being spent

wisely). His conclusion: *It's A Wonderful Life* is a tragedy that epitomizes how empty and bleak life can be when you end up marrying your high school sweetheart and living in the same town you grew up in. The professor's study concludes that George Bailey is the most sad and lonely of all characters — a bitter, unfulfilled shell of a man who deeply regrets the choices he has made and the empty, tragic life he has lived.

"I cry when I see it," the professor concluded.

To me, the real tragedy is the sad and pitiful analysis by the sad and pitiful professor. His life must be

devoid of all the things that make my life rich and wonderful. I suspect that the Harvard professor bears a striking emotional resemblance to the movie's villain, Mr. Potter. And he likely leads as bleak and empty a life as the financially rich but emotionally bankrupt Mr. Potter.

No wonder he cries when he watches *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Speaking as a guy who did marry his high school sweetheart, I would like to inform the professor that my life has been many things — but never a tragedy.

Like most lives, it contains all the elements of a good story. I have a large extended family so there certainly has always been a steady stream of love, as well as lots of drama. It's often been a comedy of errors. My life has had its share of villains and heroes — with me play-

ing both roles at different times and different places. There have been successes, failures, greed and misplaced values. And it's had its fair share of tragic events, including financial ups and downs, illnesses and deaths.

But never has it been a tragedy.

*It's A Wonderful Life* is a celebration of small town values — family, faith and friends. And at the end of the day we are all George Baileys — just so-called ordinary men and women who are happily living our ordinary lives.

I hope you take the time to watch the movie.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

And I hope that you, like me, have a wonderful life.

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**HAVE TO LAUGH** at the typical Democratic mindset of twisting reality to fit their warped viewpoint. You act as if Obama won in a landslide, whereas he squeaked in with less than a 2 percentage point difference. The difference is that we work, whereas all your voters are on public assistance and thus had all day to cash their government check, have a few drinks, then go vote.

**WHY CAN'T THE** city of Fenton make a permanent ice rink? Our grandchildren would love it and so would grandpa and grandma!

**QUICK NOTE TO** the gentleman in the paper stating he didn't want tools for Christmas because 'women don't know anything about tools.' Many women know and use tools on a daily basis!

**WITH ALL THE MONEY** the DDA gives away, our tax dollars by the way, wouldn't it make more sense for the DDA to fund a public skating rink with our tax dollars that would directly benefit all the citizens who are paying the taxes?

**THE DECORATIONS IN DOWNTOWN** Fenton look really nice this year. Are those new?

**TO THE HOTLINER** mocking Romney for having lunch with Obama. Your

ignorance in voting for a deceitful, dishonest charlatan for our president will likely cost you, and me, the futures of our children. That same ignorance is manifested in your juvenile ecstasy at having done so.

**MY 3-YEAR-OLD** son and I were trying to bring home a Christmas tree on the back of our car when it fell off in Argentina! I'd like to give a big thank you to Kevin in The Stain Shop pickup truck for transporting it to our house for us.

**THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS** is the busy time for parents and grandparents. So why would Holly Academy have a concert during this time and not have all Christmas

songs? They could have done this concert in January or February when people are looking for something to do. I expected Christmas songs.

**LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL** has a legacy of bullying and suicides. Perhaps it's time that the administration actually does something about it.

**HOW MANY CONSERVATIVES** know that the Individual Mandate (AKA Obamacare) originated as an idea of Newt Gingrich and the Heritage Foundation (a conservative think tank) in 1993 as a response to Hilary's healthcare plan. Look it up!

**THE COUPLE BEHIND** me in the voting line last month that were so vocally promoting Obama reeked of marijuana. What a surprise.

**FUNNY HOW I** can access the God of Heaven by going through his son in prayer but I have to jump through hoops to get unemployment benefits. It's very sad.

**THE SKATING RINK** kids should join a gang and run the streets and sell drugs. Guns would be much better than hockey sticks.

**I WAS AMUSED** reading about the 70-year-old who voted for Obama because he wanted free health insurance and he is now dismayed because it's costing him more than \$200 a month. Just remember what your father told you — there is no such thing as a free lunch.

**BOB COSTAS AND** Jason Whitlock are both morons. If a person is looking to do harm to themselves or another, they don't need a firearm to do it, they will find a way.


**IN ADDITION TO** taxing the 'rich,' perhaps a special tax should be imposed on all GM and Chrysler UAW members who benefited from the much-touted auto bailout. Proceeds from this special tax could be used to reimburse the taxpayer funding that bankrolled the bailout.

**IT'S NO WONDER** the president wants to raise the debt ceiling. His upcoming three-week vacation in Hawaii will cost taxpayers more than \$4 million! Fiscal responsibility, huh? Funny how you don't hear much about that in the mainstream media.

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## What's the strangest gift you've ever given or received?

## streettalk



"A fireproof box for pictures that my husband got me for Christmas."

— Peggy Konsza  
Fenton Township



"I'm getting my husband a deer mount of his 8-point trophy buck."

— Holly Sutton  
Fenton



"I got exercise equipment from my husband that I didn't really want."

— Chanda Jones  
Linden



"My aunt gave me a perfect 'ugly sweater,' thinking I would really like it."

— Stephanie Wieckodski  
Linden



"I give my mom a New York strip for Christmas every year. This year, she's getting that, plus some light bulbs."

— Dennis Proulx, Holly



"I got my brother a wind-up toy for Christmas recently. We bought it at a fundraiser."

— Charlotte Everly  
Fenton





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Soup kitchens are only able to accomplish what they do thanks to the hard work of volunteers, whose service is needed all year round.

# Hunger is a year-round struggle

‘Every dollar can be turned into six meals’

— Kara Ross, vice president of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

By Ryan Tackabury  
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During the holidays, people often think about finding ways to help others in need within the community. One way you can help this season is to donate or volunteer at a local food bank or soup kitchen.

Food banks help to feed more than 37 million people a year. There are a lot of people, in every community from coast to coast, who can use your help. Locally, the Fenton United Methodist Church, St. Rita’s Catholic Parish — St. Vincent DePaul in Holly, First Baptist Church of Holly and Neighbor for Neighbor in Davisburg have food pantries.

Kara Ross, vice president of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, said that it was very important that they have volunteers, who are needed to sort and label the food that they have coming in. Other work that volunteers can do include helping during fundraising events.

Volunteering at a food bank is as easy as going online to the food bank’s website,

www.fbem.org.

For people with little extra time, they might want to consider making a donation. “We actually accept both money and food from the project. Every dollar can be turned into six meals,” Ross said. “What a food bank is able to do is get major food manufacturer to donate to the project in large volume by the semi-truck full, where here in Michigan we don’t have a lot of large food manufacturers.”

Soup kitchens and food pantries are also in need of volunteers. Finding the nearest location to you is as simple as visiting the website [www.foodpantries.org](http://www.foodpantries.org).

Though you are working as a volunteer, it is important that you treat this volunteer position as if it were a normal job. Because so much is relied upon the work of volunteers, your commitment is essential in getting things done.

It is no surprise that around the holidays are when soup kitchens receive the largest influx of volunteers. If the soup kitchen already has enough volunteers, inquire if there is

any other way that you can be of service to them.

“I think it is important to understand that hunger is a yearlong situation or cause that people can get involved in,” Ross said. “There is so much need year round for people who are struggling with job loss. Those things happen in the spring and summer too.”

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## Ice rink face off continues

### ►Neighbors disagree on safety and nuisance issues

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**Fenton** — Fenton City Council is expected to pass its ice rink regulating ordinance amendment this month—though for the case that prompted the change initially, the amendment may not matter.

John Jones owns a home in the Andover Woods subdivision, where he has set up an ice rink for the past six years. "A few of us fathers came up with the idea to build that ice rink for all of our kids," Jones said. While Jones no longer lives in Andover Woods, he rents his home, and continues to put up the ice rink as a way to stay in contact with his old neighbors.

The ice rink drew public attention earlier this year after a dispute arose between Jones and neighbor Bob Campbell, who wanted the rink to be taken down.

A modification, such as an ice rink, requires approval from the homeowners association. According to Jones, while the board voted to keep the rink last year, this year they voted the idea down. Jones said it was voted down for attracting nuisance and having a high potential for injury.

"That's no different than the trampolines, or no different than a play set or swing set," Jones said.

Campbell argued that if Jones is trying to position the ice rink as open for communal use, he could be subjecting members of the homeowners association to a liability issue.

However, Campbell said that the liability issue was not the only issue the association had with the ice rink.

Though the ice rink would follow the

regulations laid out by the ordinance amendment, it did not follow rules set by the homeowners association. Campbell, a member on the homeowners association board, said the ice rink fell outside of the area designated for accessory use.

"It's like a swimming pool that is inflatable. It's really type of a similar arrangement where it's not the sort of thing you would have up all year round, and not something you would see in someone's front yard."

If the two men share a common ground, it is on their thoughts about the proposed ordinance amendment from the city.

The ordinance amendment would prohibit personal ice rinks in a front yard. A 4-foot setback would be required from adjacent property lines, and ice rink boards would be restricted to no more than 2 feet in height. The amendment would also not allow rinks to be set up before Nov. 15 and removed no later than March 15.

Campbell said that he believes the ordinance amendments proposed by the city is a fair solution, with not too much or too little restriction.

"I think the council felt it was important to take and look at an issue very much in the public interest. I respect its authority, and its effort to strike a balance to achieve a workable solution. I am supportive of them in that regard," Campbell said.

Likewise, Jones said it was important that the ordinance amendment does pass. "The ordinance is very favorable, not very restrictive. It's pretty common sense," he said.

Jones said that for his next step, he will be forming a petition to recall board members from the homeowners association.

**"It's like a swimming pool that is inflatable."**

— Bob Campbell  
Andover Woods resident

### Summary

►While Fenton City Council finalizes an ordinance amendment regulating ice rinks, a homeowners association has ruled that it will no longer give its approval for residents to build an ice rink.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**I LOVED MY** daughter's choir concert at AGS tonight. The kids and the new teacher, Mr. Bassin were great. There were quite a few parents in the crowd who acted like it was a sporting event...really? I am embarrassed for them and their children because they will be like them.

**SIMPLY STATED,** IF you're driving around in a \$20,000 car, you shouldn't be waiting in a church line for free food. Charity should be reserved for those who truly need it, not those who are adept at scamming the system.

**TO THE JEWISH** person who doesn't mind me calling a Christmas tree a 'Christmas tree.' Thank you for having some common sense in this world that seems to be lacking it. May I be the first to wish you Happy Chanukah.

**OH PLEASE, ARE** we going to have to listen to a nine-month commentary on Kate's morning sickness? I was sick myself this morning because I realized how many days there was between the end of my paycheck and the end of the month. She should be so lucky.

**AFTER ENJOYING A** great concert at AGS, I was amazed at the way many people acted. They were hollering and cheering for people singing, like we were at a sports game. I was shocked and I feel bad for the kids seeing this. My kids questioned their behavior and they are teens.

**REMEMBER FUZZY MATH?** Let's see 7 percent unemployment, of those, half choose to be unemployed and 50 percent of the population doesn't pay any taxes. That means 50 percent of those working are paying taxes for themselves and the other 43 percent working and the 7 percent who don't. Now that's fuzzy.

**SO PROUD OF** a local youth baseball group — they are collecting food and clothing for Carriage Town Ministries Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VG's on Silver Parkway. It's great to see a group of young men thinking of others during the holiday season.

**THE SIXTH- AND** seventh-grade concert at AGS Tuesday night was very well done. In Mr. Bassin's first year, there was significant improvement from past years, especially in organization and student behavior. Can't say the same for a few parents, one behaved like an adolescent idiot!

**THOSE BULLIES** in Linden have cursed their own lives as well.

**HOLLY ACADEMY** NEEDS to implement an anti-bullying class for a half semester in the upper grade levels. It would be a tremendous help to all the students. Perhaps a teacher could also take the class so she could learn how to get her point across to parents without bullying.

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## Wrap-In brings out best of community

►More than 1,000 donated items will make it to seniors, families in need

By Ryan Tackabury

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This Christmas, many local children and seniors will have a gift to open, thanks to all those who contributed to the 61st Community Wrap-In, in memory of the late Nancy Stockham.

“It’s been a wonderful turnout, and we have had a lot of donations,” said Jan Miller, organizer of the event.

The day was punctuated by a pizza tasting contest and a spaghetti cook-off.

“There are 10 different pizza places that donated all of our pizza,” Savannah Waldchen, another event organizer said. “I want to say thank you to all the pizza places that donated to us.”

The event drew volunteers both young and old, who gave their time in wrapping more than 1,000 gifts. Once the wrapping is finished, the gifts will later be distributed to nursing homes and to families in need.

“Without things like the Wrap-In, there

**“Without things like the Wrap-In, there would be a lot of people who wouldn’t have a Christmas.”**

**Alberta Martin**  
Wrap-In volunteer



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | RYAN TACKABURY

Debbie Williamson spends her Thursday volunteering at the Wrap-In by wrapping up gifts. This was her first year volunteering at what she described as being an important event.

would be a lot of people who wouldn’t have a Christmas. And if we didn’t have wonderful ladies like Jan, where would we be?” said Alberta Martin, who has volunteered for the event since 1982. “Nancy is smiling down on us,” said Martin.

Miller and Waldchen said that the Wrap-In would not have been possible without support from the community. They wanted to give a special thanks to all of the people and companies who donated their time and money, to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church and Linden Presbyterian Church, and to all of the restaurants who donated food for the pizza and spaghetti taste-offs.

## Police&Fire report

### WINDOW SMASHED IN HOLLY

On Nov. 28, Holly police were sent to a business in the 100 block of Rosette to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The complainant reported that between 1:30 and 4 p.m. the previous day, someone smashed out the rear window of his vehicle, which had been parked near the railroad tracks. Police have no suspects at this time.

### DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN HOLLY

At 4 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, Holly police were sent to a residence in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a report of a man grabbing a woman. Upon arrival, police made contact with the 64-year-old victim who said a man, with a reddish brown beard and carrying a backpack walked up and grabbed her shoulders as she scraped the windows on her vehicle. She said the man kept telling her that they were family. He walked away after she threatened to call police. Police located the suspect, later identified as a 33-year-old California resident, in the back of a nearby trailer after a witness pointed to where the man was. The man was arrested for assault and taken to the police station. After obtaining statements from the victim and witnesses, police changed the charge from assault to disorderly conduct. A friend of the suspect told police that the suspect has had flashbacks from when he was in the marines, which might have explained his behavior.

### STOLEN CAR INVOLVED IN CRASH

At 7:40 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, Fenton police responded to an apartment off Torrey Road to investigate a stolen vehicle complaint. The 24-year-old Fenton

male reported that someone had taken his 2001 Saturn car during the night. He said the car, which is registered to his mother, was left unlocked and the keys were inside. While on scene, Fenton police were advised by Livingston County Sheriff’s Department that the man’s car had been recovered from Old U.S. 23, near White Lake Road. The car had been involved in a one-vehicle crash, with extensive damage. The car was impounded to Woody’s Towing. The Fenton man denied being involved with the crash. The case remains under investigation.

### DOG RUNS LOOSE

Just after 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, Fenton police were sent to the 200 block of Fifth Street to investigate a dog running at large complaint. The caller said the dog had been out all night and that he had aggressively approached her husband as he tried to walk to his vehicle. Upon arrival, police saw the black dog and it challenged the officer as he approached. Police made contact with the dog’s 39-year-old owner, who was unaware of how the dog got loose. Police issued the man a Jan. 14 court appearance ticket for having a dog running at large.

### CARS COLLIDE AT FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT

At 2:56 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, Fenton police responded to a fast-food restaurant in the 3200 block of Owen Road to investigate an automobile crash on private property. A 44-year-old Flint woman told police that a vehicle, driven by a 29-year-old Durand man collided with hers in the parking lot. The officer detected an odor of intoxicants on the man and a preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol content of .106 percent. That number increased to .12 at the police station after his arrest. The man claimed his brakes failed in the parking lot. He received a Jan. 14 court appearance ticket.

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## Community reacts to student's suicide

► 'When there is a suicide in a large school, the chance of a second one increases by 300 percent'

By Olivia Dimmer

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**Linden** — From the street, it looked like rows of tiny white lights, lined up like stars in a cold winter's night sky. These stars were candles, and the rows were friends, families and even complete strangers who came out, bundled in winter jackets and holding candles, to support the late Joshua Pacheco.

Some of his close friends sat in the front row, reminiscing about inside jokes they had with Pacheco, and how they used to sing show tunes together.

**"We want everyone to know that Josh wasn't suicidal before his death. Bullying was part of his suicide...What happened to Josh should never have happened."**

**Alana Steele**  
Close friend of Josh Pacheco

of their own dealings with suicide. Stories of their friend, Joshua Pacheco.

"I miss his smile the most, he had such a beautiful smile," said Jacob Frick, a junior at LHS and one of Pacheco's close

During the candlelight vigil on Wednesday at the Linden Mill, teenagers from Linden and surrounding high schools stood at the edge of the gazebo under dim lighting and shared their own personal stories. Stories of bullying that had gone on in their lives. Stories



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | OLIVIA DIMMER

Close friends of Josh Pacheco, Alana Steele and Jacob Frick, sit in the first row at Pacheco's candlelight vigil to remember and honor their friend.

friends. "If I could, I would tell him I love him right now, and how I wish he never did this."

Frick and LHS junior Alana Steele, another one of Pacheco's friends, said they had almost no idea that Pacheco was suicidal or depressed.

"We saw each other every day, and hung out every weekend," Steele said. "I only ever saw him sad once."

During the vigil, both Frick and Steele spoke to the crowd about their own respective bouts with bullying, sexuality, and self-harm.

"If you don't like someone, that's OK," Frick said during his speech. "But you can choose to keep your mouth shut and keep your comments to yourself."

Since Pacheco's suicide, efforts have been made to bring more awareness to bullying, as with the vigil and an anti-bullying walk scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m. The walk was organized by Lake Fenton High School's anti-bullying group, 'The Starfish Initiative.' The walk begins at Fenton's AGS Middle School and ends at Bush Park.

"We want everyone to know that Josh wasn't suicidal before his death," Steele said. "Bullying was part of his suicide. We think he woke up that morning and just didn't feel important. What happened to Josh should never have happened."

See **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** on 9A

### Businesses raising funds to help with Linden Community Schools' anti-bullying efforts

Two area spas are working in conjunction with Linden schools' Superintendent Ed Koledo to raise funds for the anti-bullying program. **Serendipity Day Spa of Linden** is raffling off over 30 services including massages, pedicures, facials, and hair services. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and will be available at the spa from now through Christmas Eve. The spa will also be holding an ongoing garage sale featuring all of their items and unused equipment. All proceeds will go toward the program. **The Retreat Salon and Skin Spa** is also raising funds to support this cause. Please join them for their 2012 Holiday Event on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 5-9 p.m. to support this cause. Included are giveaways, auction style services, live music, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. They will also be accepting donations to honor and remember Josh Pacheco.

## BULLYING

Continued from Front Page

Yet despite advances in medicine, therapy and school policies, bullying still continues to be a growing problem. The American Justice Department bullying statistics show that one out of every four kids will be bullied sometime throughout their adolescence — more than ever before.

Teendepression.org states that 58 percent of children and teens reported malicious name-calling, rumors, or slanderous comments have been made about them behind their back, to their face or directed at them online.

On top of that, only 20 percent of children who saw bullying did anything to stop it — mostly due to a lack of knowing the appropriate action to take, said a study done by the Family Resource Facilitation Program (FRFP). When students did intervene, the bullying was stopped in an average of 10 seconds. Simply saying something or having children grab an adult are some ways to stop bullying when it is spotted.

"We encourage our students to be up-standers, to stop the bullying and report it to anyone who can help," Michelle Pietraszkiewicz, a counselor at Fenton High School, said. "We talk to the kids and have conflict resolution and try to solve the issue."

Pietraszkiewicz also acknowledges that there may be a need for more intensive counseling for victims, and anger management therapy for the children who do the bullying as well.

In addition to traditional school bullying, cyberbullying, which takes place mainly online or via cellphones, has taken a toll on children and teenagers as well. This type of harassment often transcends classroom doors and gives victims of bullying no place to escape their bullies.

About 42 percent of kids have been bullied while online, with one in four being verbally attacked more than once, reports bullyingstatistics.org.

"Kids are getting further away from face-to-face communication and so when they are face-to-face, communication is nonconstructive," Lori Thompson, director of The Bullycide Project, an anti-bullying production based out of Fenton, said. "Kids really don't know how to defend themselves when put in that situation. They don't know what to say or how to use their words and their voice to stand up for themselves."

The reasons that children bully one another are widespread and can be due to learned behaviors from parents, violence in the home, anger management issues, and emotional or mental problems that have yet to be treated. Sometimes a child may use bullying as a way to gain control, or may treat others badly because they themselves have been treated this way. Unless this child gets help and talks to a professional, there is no way to know for sure.

"I think it would be great to offer empathy classes at school. I think we need to get back to humanity along with curriculum. A class that met twice a week or more that provided education on verbal and nonverbal conflict, self esteem, tolerance, acceptance and humanity," Thompson said. "Education might not think this is necessary but I have a student who has lost two friends in eight months due to bullying and suicide. My question is: How many more lives of young people need to be lost before education finds empathy necessary?"

If a child is dealing with bullying, whether as a bystander, victim or bully, the quickest way to getting help is to speak up. Both Pietraszkiewicz and Thompson recommend students finding their voice and using it to help themselves and others to drown out hate, and use their voice for reason — compassion, tolerance, acceptance.

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## Superintendent faces harsh reality of bullying

By Sharon Stone  
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As family and friends cope with the loss of 17-year-old Linden High School senior Josh Pacheco, his school district has been thrown into the spotlight as it responds to the teen's suicide, apparently brought on in part by bullying.

Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo is facing this tough and controversial issue head on and is not shying away from questions from parents or the media. He responded to several questions asked of him by the Times with regards to the district's policy on bullying and how bullying can be stopped.

**Q: As an administrator, how can the schools realistically fight bullying incidents/complaints?** In Linden, we try to have an annual program that keeps anti-bullying initiatives in front of the students year-round in each building. I think goals should be to have a culture where bullying is not accepted, to have multiple systems for the reporting, to follow up on reports, and to have a system for proper resolution to the incident(s) that can include discipline.

**Q: When was the last time a student was disciplined for bullying?** There is some level of work with bullying every week at the secondary level. Prior to the popularity of social network sites, bullying usually ended when students left school. We are limited on our ability to punish students for what happens on social networking sites, unless it crosses over into school. But we can act as intermediates.

**Q: What are the ramifications for**

The support that students showed at the vigil Wednesday night was unbelievably positive



Ed Koledo

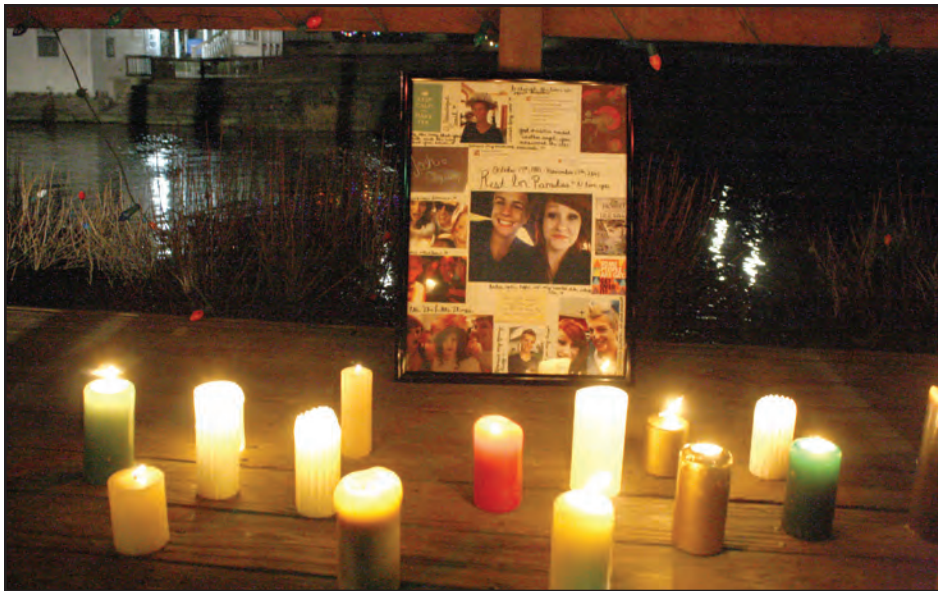
**fighting back?** Literally fighting back, getting physical, can be considered a disciplinary offense depending on the situation and the level of violence involved. There are no set rules in bullying situations because every situation can be so different.

**Q: What does work to end bullying, from the schools' experience?** From my understanding, the best methods for schools involve getting students organized in creating a culture where bullying is not accepted. What works is, having student groups like SADD and

Student Council, ensuring that students know what to do when they see bullying, making sure everyone is aware of the signs of suicidal thoughts and having multiple ways for students to either reach out for help.

**Q: Has there been much talk about Josh's death and did his death affect anyone to where they sought help?** There has been a lot of talk about Josh's death and the levels of bullying individual students have put up with in our school and our community as a whole. The support that students showed at the vigil Wednesday night was unbelievably positive.

**Your message to the community:** While we have had anti-bullying programming in place for a number of years, we have to realize that the work here is never done — communication can always improve. We need to continually search for the most innovative ways to allow students to reach out for help and support a culture where bullying, at any level, is not tolerated.



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Students from local high schools and members of the community gathered at the Linden Mill Pond Wednesday night in remembrance of Josh Pacheco, a 17-year-old Linden High School student who committed suicide Nov. 27. Candles were lit and some students spoke about their experiences with bullying.

### CANDLELIGHT VIGIL Continued from Page 8A

A suicide prevention and education brochure is available on Linden High School's website for students and parents to reference with questions or concerns about the topic of suicide. This resource advises that parents look for any signs of suicide in their children: Increase in stress, sudden, intense interest in religion and the afterlife, social withdrawal, giving away prized possessions, difficulty communicating about problems and diminished involvement in usual activities.

If there is even a slight indicator of suicidal thoughts, parents are encouraged to talk to their kids, and take every threat — "I wish I was dead," or "I'm going to kill myself," — seriously. Parents should not hesitate to reach out to a medical professional, suicide prevention hotline, such as 1-800-273-TALK (8255) and [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org) or even hospitalize their child if symptoms are spotted.

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## MECHANICS

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indicator for car troubles, is not as prevalent when it comes to working on electric and hybrid cars.

"Newer cars are so dead quiet. It's not like older models that make a bunch of noise," said Duane Curto, service director at Vic Canever. "They have a fit finish. The quality is so good, you have to be on top of it."

As cars evolve with hybrid and electric features, so to do the technicians who work on them. Today's auto repairers must expand their skills into the fields of computers and electronics. High voltage engines, fuel economy components and regenerative braking are only a few of the newer features that mechanics repair. Working with constantly expanding new technology requires diligence and hours of additional training.

"Some of the new parts are more in depth. There's so much more technology," Coon said. "With eAssist, you have a hybrid car with regenerative braking, which charges your batteries when you brake. You end up getting the fuel economy of a small engine but the boost of a V6."

In order to be certified to work on hybrids and electric cars, Coon has traveled to Detroit for specialized classes and takes web-based training for the latest repair methods. Tools for hybrid and electric cars have to be inspected and renewed annually. With so many high voltage parts implemented into the engines, the wrong snip of an electric line can prove to be fatal.

"Anything red, you don't cut," Coon advises. "For the most part, there have been minimal repair problems with the Volt."

In the 12 years he's been teaching automotive classes, Andy Michalik has seen the field of mechanics become more specialized, down to even the individual parts. Where brakes used to comprise of only rotors and pads, Michalik's students are now using scan tools and meters for the computers used for braking systems.

"We've definitely gone to a lot more electronics, there's a lot more computers on board," said Michalik, who teaches at Davison High School and Mott Community College. "Years ago, the emphasis was on the mechanical side of cars. Now everything is tied to computers. Engines and transmissions now have computers."

Coon said that Vic Canever has sold about 10 Volts so far this year and anticipates more of the electric cars to roll off the lot.

According to the Electric Drive Transportation Association, 390,807 hybrids and 44,888 electric cars have been sold so far this year. In total, the electric car market makes up 3.33 percent of the car market.

So what does more fuel economy and sophisticated technology mean for drivers and future mechanics? Why all the fuss if electric and hybrid cars make up less than 5 percent of cars on the road? For Michalik, he sees newer cars as a path of reinvigorating Michigan's economy.

"Electric and hybrid cars are the future. I've taken classes where instructors told me the price of a gallon of gasoline will eventually reach \$8," Michalik said. "Look at it now — we're pushing close to \$4 a gallon. Eventually, we'll see more hybrid diesel cars too."

Automotive research company, J.D. Power and Associates shares the same sentiments as Michalik, estimating that the number of hybrid cars on the road will triple by 2015.

### Summary

► Today's mechanics have to update their skill sets and become knowledgeable in areas that traditionally had nothing to do with auto repair.

## FUTURE

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improved or new library were all nearly universal answers.

Many people wanted to see something be done about the currently unused building where Topps fruit market used to be — though the property is privately owned. Other common topics included bike paths, dog parks, the Fenton theater, public transportation, and much more.

"I would like to see some kind of public transportation," said Mary Gembinski, suggesting something that could loop around the city.

Carl Jones, a new resident who moved to the area three months ago, said he thought the forum had a good turnout. "It's cool not to see somebody's assistant to the assistant," he said. Jones said the Fenton community was great, and

praised the recent Jinglefest.

"I think one of the greatest things that attracts people to the town is you. It's the people here," he said.

Chip Beltinck of Sawyer Jewelers praised the city for the open forum. "I think the city (officials) really left themselves pretty vulnerable, and I like that, because they are asking for the honest truth," he said. "This wasn't a closed meeting. Kudos to them that they opened themselves up to honesty."

Mayor Sue Osborn said that she found the open forum to be exciting. "I think as I listened to all of the ideas, there is sort of a common denominator between all of them. It is amazing how it turned out," she said. "I think it really gives the city council something to chew on, and to come up with a plan."

### Summary

► More than a hundred people showed up at Fenton's open forum to share their ideas for the city's future.

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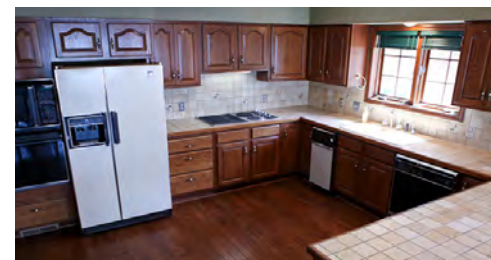


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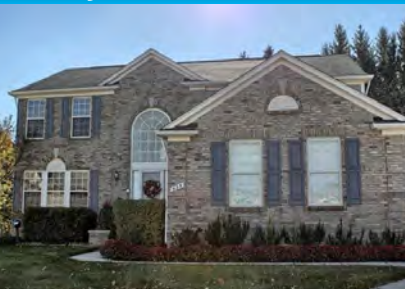
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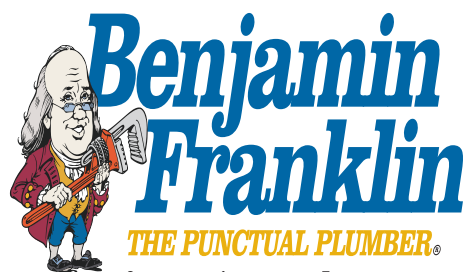
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## SPORTS TRIVIA

### HOCKEY

**Q** This college hockey coach spent just over four years with the Red Wings in the 1970s. Name him.

**A** Current Michigan Wolverines hockey coach Red Berenson turned 73 on Saturday.

## Top returning WRESTLERS

According to Michigan-grappler.com, four tri-county wrestlers are among the top 15 in his weight class regardless of division in prep wrestling. Listed below are the wrestlers and a brief description.

### #119 James Demember

A Lake Fenton senior, Demember qualified for the state meet a year ago, but lost both of his matches by decision. You can bet he wants to do a bit better this season.

### #130 Mason Cleaver

The Holly senior came close to a state title a year ago, losing his state championship match at 125. He was 51-2 last season. You can be assured Cleaver wants the title this season.

### #135 Anthony Gonzales

With a season left, Gonzales already is in the argument for best Holly wrestler ever. If he can become the first Broncho ever to win three state championships, it won't remain an argument. Gonzales will be the obvious top pick.

### #140 Zack Jones

Jones, a Holly senior, didn't compete at the state meet last year, but has been a quality wrestler since he's been at Holly. He'll need to step up this year.



## Tigers place third at Xmas Relays

PG 18A

## COMEBACK FALLS SHORT

Blue Devils make decent run but fall to Bendle in season opener.

PG 17A



LAKE FENTON'S DARIAN WELCH

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# sports

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## Tigers open season with a positive start, 74-48

►Cox, Readman combine for 46 points in easy Metro League victory against Clio

By David Troppens

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Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tim Olszewski saw a lot of things that needed improving.

But in the grand scheme of things, it's nice to be looking for areas of improvement after your team has just won its season-opening game by 26 points.

That's what the Fenton varsity boys basketball team did on Tuesday, defeating the Clio Mustangs 74-48 at Fenton High School.

"It's nice to be in the locker room and to be able to say 'We have to get better,' have all sorts of things we need to fix, but have the discussion after beating someone by over 20 points," Olszewski said. "We are looking for an improved team on Friday."

The squad that showed up on Tuesday was pretty good. Fenton took a 16-10 lead after one quarter, and never trailed after that. In the second quarter, Mitch Shegos netted his only two three-pointers

## Friday Night Hoops

Starting next Friday, the Tri-County Times will present the Friday night action in the weekend publication. However, in most cases stories concerning Friday night contests will also be presented on line at [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com).

of the game and had nine points in the second quarter, helping lead the Tigers to a 36-21 halftime lead.

"Mitch was kind of the spark plug in that second quarter for us," Olszewski said. "He was kind of our catalyst."

The Tigers kept improving upon that lead, winning the second half 38-27. The Tigers' offense scored at least 16 points in every quarter.

"We started out slow, going back and forth a bit, but then we

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Fenton's Cory Cox scored a game-high 25 points in the Tigers' 74-48 victory against the Clio Mustangs on Tuesday.

## Bronchos start slow, fall to Kearsley in season's first game, 68-60

By David Troppens

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Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis has been telling anyone who will listen, while his team has talent, it's youthful talent. Consequently, it might take time for it to blossom.

Fielding a starting lineup which included a freshman and two sophomores, the Bronchos

lost a competitive game against Flint Kearsley 68-60 in Holly's season-opening contest at its own Horseshoe.

"People look at (the season preview program we created) and they think I'm trying to sandbag," Baylis said. "I'm not trying to sandbag. I'm not just saying this will be our most challenging season, it's true. We have a lot of young players, but

the good news is we are going to get better. It's going to be fun as coaches to do a lot of teaching, make a lot of adjustments and hopefully see better results every game."

Kearsley started with a 10-0 run and led 21-12 after one quarter. At one point in the second quarter, the Bronchos trailed 32-18, but Holly went on a 13-7 run, cutting the gap to 39-31 at

the half.

"It was first-game jitters. We had a lot of guys that never started, have never been introduced or played in front of a crowd," Baylis said.

In the second half, the Bronchos began working on cutting into the lead, and did so with their deadly perimeter shooters. Led by freshman Kyle Woodruff's

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## David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.



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Through the years I've learned what is seemingly the most challenging ventures in Christmas shopping history — that's purchasing a nice gift for that person who is a sports nut.

Occasionally, I hear how tough it is to buy gifts for me. And there have been other occasions I've been asked by the clueless significant other of a sports fan "What the heck do I get him? I know nothing about sports."

Well, I'm going to help some people out with those who are Detroit Lions' fans on their Christmas lists this year. I can't tell you what to buy, but I do have something you better not purchase — the 2013 Detroit Lions' calendar. It's currently being sold by 2012 Perfect Timing Inc. at amazon.com for about \$16.

I'm sure a few gift buyers who are non-sports enthusiasts are thinking right now, how bad can buying a Lions' calendar be?

In this case, pretty bad. If you want to keep your already emotionally unbalanced Lions' fan happy this holiday season, you couldn't purchase a worse item.

The problems start with the cover, where a photo of recently exiled wide receiver Titus Young is represented. Apparently photos of established stars Calvin Johnson, Matthew Stafford or Ndamukong Suh are hard to find.

The recap in the Lions' recent history of futility doesn't end there. The January photo is of Aaron Berry, a player who was released in July 2012 after his second arrest during the offseason. And finally, there's Jahvid Best. Best is known as the Lions' running back who hasn't played a down of football since 2011 due to concussion issues. Even entering this season, most realized the National Football League probably wouldn't ever allow Best to play again due to his lengthy concussion history.

If seeing three Lions who represent recent team futility wasn't enough, a few more knives were thrown at fans in other areas of the calendar.

On the back cover the calendar promises some other really fine features, including Detroit Lions Super Bowl history. That's fine and dandy, but there's one issue with this — the Detroit Lions have never been to the Super Bowl! Eh, I guess every calendar needs a dose of good white space.

But, finally, there's a useful purpose to this calendar. According to the back it includes the Detroit Lions' schedule. That's a nice touch. Unfortunately, it's the 2012 schedule. And by Christmastime, there will be one more game left in the 2012 regular season.

I do recommend this calendar to a few people. If you are a fan of another team, preferably an NFC North Division team like the Chicago Bears, the Green Bay Packers or the Minnesota Vikings, and you have a Lions' fan on your Christmas list, get it. I can't think of a better way to make "Season's Greetings" into "Season's Beatings."

Who made the decisions with this calendar? Did they give the Lions' calendar to the intern (sorry Olivia, who is an outstanding intern in our office) to create? One look at the location of the office may answer the question — Waukesha, Wisconsin. Well played, Green Bay Packers' fan. Well played.

# Blue Devils fight back, but fall to Bendle

By David Troppens

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**Lake Fenton** — When Jake Erway took over as the new Lake Fenton varsity boys head basketball coach he said one mindset would become a key element to the program — a mindset of never giving up.

One game into Erway's tenure, that mindset was already challenged. And the Blue Devils passed pretty impressively.

Trailing by as many as 61-45 with seven minutes remaining in regulation, the Blue Devils put together a spirited comeback attempt against the Bendle Tigers before dropping a 76-71 season-opening contest at Lake Fenton High School.

The Blue Devils actually cut the deficit to just one, at 70-69, with 40.7 seconds remaining in the contest on Chase Hanson's three-point bucket off a Darian Welch assist. Bendle's Quinton Johnson ended up being too much down the stretch, however. Johnson scored 10 of his game-high 26 points in the fourth quarter, including the game's next three points. About 12 seconds after Hanson's hoop, he drove the lane, scored on a layup and was fouled. He converted the free throw, raising the gap back to 73-69 with 28 seconds left. The Blue Devils did cut it back to as close as 74-71 on a putback hoop by Sawyer Scott with six seconds left, but Johnson iced the Bendle victory with two converted free throws with 3.7 seconds left.

"We just have a lot of positive guys who can connect on shots no matter what the score is or how much time is left," Welch said. "We have a lot of confident shooters."

"If we take away the second quarter, it probably would've been a different outcome," Erway said. "But like I just told the guys, they showed they can come back."

## Area wrestling teams perform well in first matches of season

By David Troppens

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On Wednesday all four tri-county wrestling teams opened their seasons with reasonably solid results.

Leading the pack was the seventh-ranked team in Division 2 according to Michigan-grappler.com, the Holly Bronchos. Holly won both of its matches, while Linden and Lake Fenton earned respectable splits. The Tigers didn't compete for team scores, but won a strong 11 of 14 matches they had wrestlers compete in.

Holly defeated Flushing 47-27 and Kearsley 51-25.

The Bronchos had seven double-winners, including Colton Cleaver (103), Mason Cleaver (140) and Anthony Gonzales (140), who all won both of their matches by pinfall.

Kyle Pepper (152), Andrew Scott (160), Vince Bianchi (171) and Cam Guzdziol (215) also won two matches.

The Linden Eagles defeated Milan 48-24 and lost to Manchester 64-12.

Cliff Coleman was more than a double-winner. He also captured his 100th win of his high school career. Earning splits for Linden were Luke Zimmerman, Austin Golden, Eli Foguth, Aaron Kersten and Austin McNeil.

Lake Fenton defeated Durand 64-12, but then lost a tight match to Goodrich 33-29.

Jared Corcoran, James Demember, John Barry, Cody Sanders, D.J. Melton, Chase Hull, Blake Mireles and Lucais Allen were double-winners.

Finally, while numbers are low, the ath-

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Lake Fenton's Jeff Burke (left) scored 16 points and grabbed four rebounds in the Blue Devils' 76-71 loss to Bentley on Tuesday.

They have a lot of fight in them. Sometimes it doesn't go your way, but they fought, and I'm proud of that."

The second quarter was Lake Fenton's downfall. The Blue Devils hit on just 3-of-9

shots from the field and turned the ball over nine times during that eight-minute juncture.

In the three other quarters, the Blue Devils netted 26-of-52 shots (50 percent) and had just

See **DEVILS** on 19A

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**A:** Sasmit, The head gasket could be the cause. It may not always show signs of leaking, as the coolant is burned in the combustion chamber. If the coolant leak in the head gasket was excessive enough; you would see white smoke from the tailpipe when running the car or have a hard starting problem. An external head gasket leak, or any other external leak if small enough, could dry up before hitting the ground. The best way to find this would be to add dye to the cooling system and watch for leaks with a black light and special glasses that show the dye glowing. Like the stuff they sometimes put on your hand when you go into clubs or events then have you hold your hand under a light upon re-entry. There is also a combustion leak test that we do here to find head gasket leaks. It involves using a special chemical and drawing air from the radiator or coolant reservoir that changes color when there are combustion gasses present. As for the cooling fan not working; this could be the cause of the problem but the car would most likely be overheating and you would see the temp gauge getting very hot.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton's Mike Banner was on one of the Tigers' second-place relay teams at the Tiger Christmas Relays on Saturday.

## Fenton posts strong effort at Tiger Christmas Relays

**By David Troppens**

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The Fenton varsity boys swim team did more than get a good start to the season at its own Christmas Relays on Saturday.

The Tigers posted one of their best starts in a decade.

Fenton placed third at its own meet, earning two second-place relays and three third-place finishes.

Ann Arbor Skyline won the meet with 388 points, while Howell took second with 334 points. The Tigers were just a bit behind with 326 points, placing third.

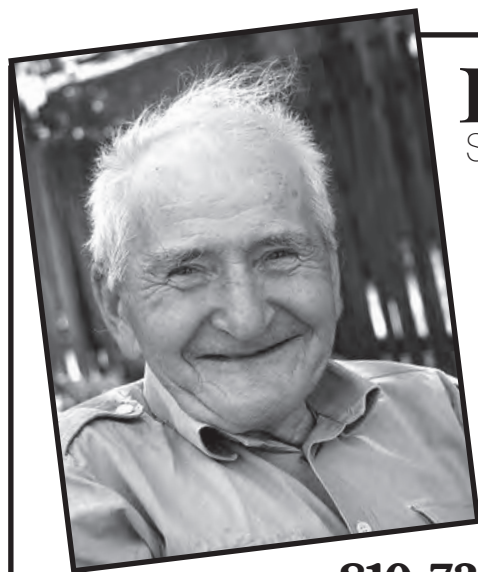
"It was a good start," Fenton coach Brad Jones said. "It's the highest we've placed in the last 10 years."

Adam Andreski took part in both second-place relay teams. He teamed with

Brent Nakkula, Sam Coffey and Chris Taylor in the 200 freestyle relay (1:40.38), and also teamed with Brant Cassidy, Zahne Macklin and Mike Banner to finish runner-up the 400 freestyle relay (3:34.64).

The Tigers opened the meet with a strong third-place effort in the 400 medley relay with the team of Banner, Macklin, Alex Chase and Cassidy (4:09.17). They concluded the night with a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay with the team of Landis, Landon Mikulenas, Chase and Nakkula (1:57.73). Finally, Landan Warren, Landis, Michael Fabatz and Taylor earned the last third in the 800 freestyle relay (8:54.76).

Fenton hosts non-league Owosso for a Thursday meet, starting at 6 p.m.



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## TIGERS

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slowly started pulling away and started playing better defense," Olszewski said. "We started executing on offense at times. There's room to improve on the defensive side as well as the offensive side."

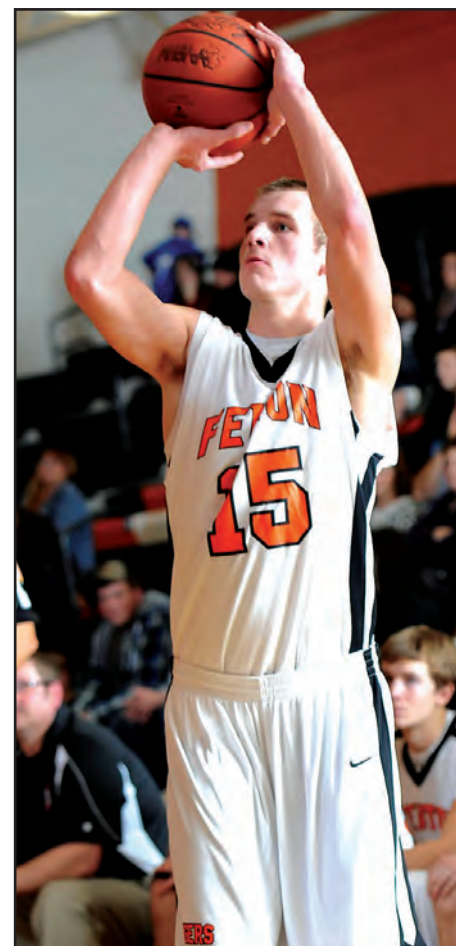
The Tigers' expected offensive leaders did just that in the first game. Cory Cox led all scorers with 25 points. Included in the mix were two three-pointers. Meanwhile, Eric Readman had 21 points, 12 rebounds, seven assists and two steals. Shegos ended the game with 13 points.

The defense was reasonably solid. The Tigers allowed at least 10 points in every quarter, but never more than the 15 points that Clio scored in the third period. Scott Lukas helped the cause on defense with five rebounds and four steals. He also had three assists.

Olszewski was encouraged.

"The lights were on. These games count ... and we had some guys step up and perform well in the game," Olszewski said. "Our depth looks to be a little better than I thought early on. It was a positive first game, but to get to the championship-caliber level that we want to get to, we have some things we have to work on. But it's nice to win by double-digits and still have things to work on."

Fenton hosted Lapeer East on Friday. For more on that game, go to www.tctimes.com, or read Wednesday's edition of the Tri-County Times.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Eric Readman scored 21 points in the Tigers' 74-48 victory against Clio on Tuesday.



## BRONCHOS

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six three-pointers and sophomore Morgan Baylis' four treys, the Bronchos found a way to get the game within a point in the fourth quarter three times. However, the Hornets never trailed and responded with a hoop each time the Bronchos cut it to within a point.

"We shot our way into it," Baylis said.

"Kearsley is a nice team. They had four players in double-figures and they shot the ball extremely well. But we did shoot our way back into the game."

Woodruff finished with a game-high 22 points, the most a freshman has scored in a first game of their varsity career since Baylis started coaching in the program. Baylis had 14 points. Sophomore Isaac Casillas had seven points, all coming in the second half. Justis Kerner led the team with nine rebounds, while Joshua Sims had five rebounds.

"We played 12 players in the first quarter and all 14 played," Baylis said.

"We have some inexperienced guys and some young guys who we want to see play. We were working our lineups, finding out who was ready for prime time."

Holly returned to action with a Friday game at home against Swartz Creek. For more on that game, go to [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com).

The Bronchos also travel to Lapeer East for a Flint Metro League contest on Monday.

## DEVILS

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13 turnovers.

Lake Fenton opened the second period leading 14-9. That lead grew to 16-9 after a fastbreak hoop by Burke. However, consecutive driving layups by Bendle's Jalen Lenoir began a run of 13 straight Tigers' points. By the time Welch stopped it with a 10-foot runner with 1:50 left in the half, the Blue Devils trailed 22-18. However, Bendle continued hot, scoring nine of the half's last 11 points, earning a 31-20 halftime lead.

For the most part, the third quarter saw the Bendle lead bounce between eight and 12 points. However, the Blue Devils had their only three turnovers of the quarter consecutively in the final 34.4 seconds of the period, helping spark a run of seven points in the final 30 seconds. Lake Fenton entered the fourth trailing 59-45.

Lake Fenton, who posted a 2-19 record a year ago, still trailed 65-53 with 3:30 remaining, but Welch hit a breaking layup, a gliding runner shot and a three-pointer on the Blue Devils' next three possessions, cutting the gap to 67-60 with 2:05 remaining. Later, Welch earned a steal and dished to Hanson for a three-point bucket cutting the gap to 68-63 with 1:34 left, setting up the finish.

"At halftime (Erway) was talking to us about how we kind of fell apart in the second quarter," Welch said. "We are a different team from last year, and we just knew we could play better in the second half, with more fire."

Welch ended the night with a team-high 24 points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals. Hanson netted 18 points and nine boards, while Burke had 16 points, four rebounds and two steals. Zac Zielinski had seven points, while Scott had six points and six rebounds.

"We're just trying to get better every day," Welch said.



## WRESTLING

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letes wrestling at Fenton did very well, with 11 of 14 matches being won against the Brighton and St. John 'B' team.

Norman Golden (103), Bo Brancheau (152) and Scott Becker (215) won both of

their matches by pinfall. Tom Harper (145), also won two matches.

All four teams compete in weekend tournaments. The Eagles hosted its own tournament on Saturday, while Lake Fenton went to Hartland for the tourney there. Holly had wrestlers at East Kentwood. Fenton traveled to Lincoln High School for a meet.

## PREP SPORTS REPORT

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### ► Lake Fenton 47, Montrose 29:

The Blue Devils (2-0) outscored Montrose in every quarter, resulting in the easy win.

Makenzie Gottron led the Blue Devils with 17 points, nine steals, and five rebounds, while Jordan Newman had nine points. Sidney Scott netted eight points, 10 rebounds and three steals. Five of her boards were on the offensive glass.

The Blue Devils held Montrose to just 10 first-half points, and took an 18-10 lead into the break. Lake Fenton blew the game open for good by outscoring Montrose 16-8 in the third quarter.

Fourteen of Lake Fenton's 19 field goals were assisted with five girls earning two assists each.

► **Holly 61, Kearsley 28:** The Bronchos (1-0, 2-1) got a game-high 16 points from Kaitlyn Smith, helping spark the Metro League victory.

Holly led 18-5 after one quarter and pushed the gap to 28-9 by halftime. Holly also outscored Kearsley 33-19 in the second half.

Abby Lewandowski and Brooke Jackman had eight points each. Alyssa Copley added six points, 11 rebounds, four assists and four blocks.

► **Clio 59, Fenton 58:** The Tigers (0-1, 1-2) lost another heartbreaker

in the final seconds. A Carly Granger hoop put the Tigers within one point with six seconds left, but the Tigers were unable to get a last-second shot off after some missed Clio free throws, allowing the Mustangs to sneak away with the victory.

Fenton's Cassandra Rueschlein led all scorers with 20 points. She also grabbed eight rebounds. Payton Maxheimer had 14 points and eight rebounds, while Granger had seven points.

### HOCKEY

#### ► Flushing 4, Metro League Griffins 3:

Flushing's Jordy Makraynni scored the game-winning goal with five minutes left in the third period. The Griffins got a goal each from Danny Delong, Nathan Allen and Ben Cislo. Brian Harkney assisted all three Griffin goals.

### GIRLS BOWLING

► **Holly 20, Lapeer West 10:** Holly's Heidi Martin posted a 302 two-game series, while Lisa Collins had a team-best game of 170, helping lead the Bronchos by West.

### BOYS BOWLING

► **Lapeer West 23, Holly 7:** Holly was paced by Matt Harrison, who posted games of 225 and 244. Mason Kerner rolled a 197.

### TRI-COUNTY TIMES | GARRETT GORMLEY

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**LOVE**

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If you want to make gifts from your own kitchen, seasonal treats like Banana Bread in a Jar make delicious treats. For a unique party or hostess gift, why not package your own holiday drink mixers into festive decanters and label with mixing instructions? Lots of festive recipes are available on marthastewart.com

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## Banana Nut Bread Baked in a Jar

Recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com

**INGREDIENTS:**

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4 eggs  
2 c. mashed bananas  
2/3 c. water  
3 1/3 c. all-purpose flour  
1/2 t. baking powder  
2 t. baking soda  
1 1/2 t. salt  
1 t. ground cinnamon  
1 t. ground cloves  
2/3 c. chopped pecans

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease insides of 8 (1 pint) straight-sided wide mouth canning jars.
- In a large bowl, cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, bananas and water. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves. Add to banana mixture. Add nuts.
- Pour mixture into greased wide mouth pint jars, filling 1/2 full of batter. Do NOT put lids on jars for baking. Keep the rims clean by wiping off any extra batter.
- Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Meanwhile, sterilize the lids and rings in boiling water.
- As soon as the cake is done, remove from oven one at a time, wipe rims of jars and put on lid and ring.
- Jars will seal as cakes cool. Place jars on counter and listen for "ping" as they seal — or wait until they are completely cool and press on the top of the lid. If it doesn't move at all, it is sealed.
- Jars should be eaten immediately or kept sealed in refrigerator for up to a week

**GROCERY**

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carrying are fresh.

Near the entrance you are also likely to see the bakery, which does its part to create an enticing aroma and help fuel shopper's hunger.

Of course, a lot of a grocery store's layout is just practical. Brian Haaraoja, vice president of VG's, said that you will see the bakery, deli, and meat departments on the perimeter to give them easy access to preparation space.

According to Haaraoja, in many cases the best they can do is try to make shopping convenient for people. "The customer is so much smarter now. They look for cheap deals, and really, and there is not much more money out there today," he said. Haaraoja said the Silver Parkway VG's underwent recent remodeling to try and clear up areas of congestion, and give shoppers more space.

Endcap displays not only help to maximize shelf space to those who walk the perimeter of the store, which Maciejewski said is the most traveled spot, they are a good method to draw attention to a new or seasonal product. Some manufacturers may pay to use an endcap display to advertise their new product. Items on the end, however, do not necessarily mean they are good deals.

Since dairy items tend to spoil quickly, they are the items families need to stock up on most often. This is why milk tends to be located in the back of many grocery stores, as people stopping in just to grab a gallon will have to walk through the store, and will be more likely to pick something up on an impulse buy. This is also true of other essentials, such as breads and meats.

Not surprisingly, the most common area for impulse buys is the area that all shoppers will pass through — the cash register. By putting candy bars, magazines and DVDs on display at the register, grocery stores have efficiently

turned that downtime into more opportunity to browse for merchandise.

While the overall store layout may be carefully planned, so is product placement on the shelves. "It's all very strategically planned," Maciejewski said.

Premium space — typically at eye level, is where top sellers are located and are normally paid for. Many times, a cheaper deal will be lower, and a little more difficult to find.

On the lower shelves you will usually see products that are aimed at children, where they themselves are more likely to see. Store brands tend to be placed on the bottom, due to brand loyalty meaning that shoppers who buy those brands will normally seek them out.

## Shop Better

With some dedication and forethought, shoppers will be able to leave the supermarket with more money and healthier food.

► **Shop with a list.** If you make up a list of what you need to buy from the grocery store, you have already won half the battle of staying within budget. The other half is the harder part though — sticking to the list when you get to the supermarket.

► **Focus on produce.** If you stick with fresh produce and avoid canned vegetables, not only will you have healthier meals, but they will be cheaper as well.

► **Shop the perimeter.** The shopping aisles are the home of more processed, unhealthy foods.

► **Be thorough.** When you decide to go grocery shopping, set aside a generous amount of time. If you are in a hurry, you are not likely to be looking for the better deals. Take a look at all of your options when you are making your selection.

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Argentine Township police are currently on the lookout for two suspects who have broken into multiple churches.



## BREAK-INS

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morning hours of Sunday, Oct. 7. A suspect that police believe was involved was captured on surveillance video later that day using a stolen gift card at a Walmart store in Canton.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen reported that the three churches in Argentine were broken into were Hope Lutheran Church, Church of the Nazarene and Church on the Street.

Allen said the task force believes the break-ins in Argentine Township are related to similar incidents. At least 45 incidents have been

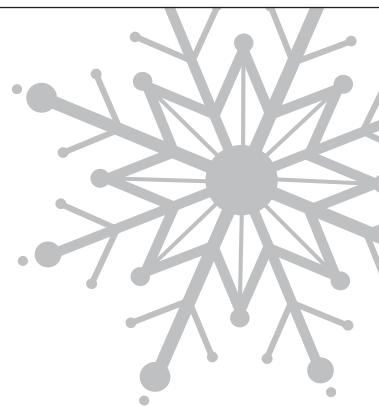
### Summary

► Police believe three church break-ins in Argentine Township are related to 45 other break-ins across southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio.

reported since August.

To solve the crimes, the task force, which is comprised so far of police departments from Argentine Township, Canton, Unadilla, Hillsdale, Washtenaw and Lenawee counties, as well as the Michigan State Police and sheriff departments from Fulton and Fayette counties in Ohio, is working together.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office has released enhanced photos taken from surveillance videos and hopes that someone will recognize the suspects shown. If anyone has information about any church break-in, police are urging them to contact their local police department, Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at 1-800-SPEAKUP (1-800-773-2587), or the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office confidential tip line at (734) 973-7711.



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# Meet Liv Dimmer

Journalist, actor, waitress, FHS senior

By William Axford

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Olivia "Liv" Dimmer is a 17-year-old senior at Fenton High School. As the Times intern, Liv has landed front page stories and keeps herself busy as a waitress at Bob Evans, actor in the Bullycide Project and editor of two sections for her school newspaper, InPrint. How does a teenager achieve so much before graduating high school? Read about her here.

**You work for two newspapers. What motivated you to become a journalist?** I always loved writing and I figured that if I could go into journalism, I could strengthen my creative writing skills. I also really like talking to people. After taking a journalism class my freshman year, a teacher encouraged me to keep writing.

**How did you join the Times and what has been your favorite article so far?** I heard the Times had an intern program so I sent in the prettiest resume I could find and scrapbooked my articles and art. I've really enjoyed writing about Josh Pacheco despite how challenging and sad it was to cover. Josh's dad spoke of how scared he was to speak out about bullying. The article gave him a voice and raised awareness about bullying.

**What else do you do outside of journalism?** I'm a member of IB Theater at Fenton High School. I'm playing Stella in an upcoming production of a 'Street Car Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams. I'm also an actor in the Bullycide project and a waitress at Bob Evans. I'm a part of the mentor-training program too at the high school where we visit younger students and give presentations on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Oh, and sometimes I sleep.



**"If someone tells me no, I take it as a challenge and do my best to succeed at it."**

Liv Dimmer  
Times intern

## What are your plans after you graduate in May?

I'm hoping to move to East Lansing and attend Michigan State University. I've been to Michigan Interscholastic Press Association summer camps and I'm pretty familiar with MSU's journalism program. I hope to write for The State News and do some broadcasting.

**They say waitressing is a tough gig. How has your experience been?** It's a lot like journalism. People can be rude and they can ruin your faith in humanity. They can also be sweet and you can make a lot of friends.

## What advice would you give to others who are doubtful of their own abilities or are hesitant to chase after their own dreams?

The top attributes to have is persistence and perseverance. I didn't make the cut the first time I tried out for IB Theater. I took a class and tried again. Now I'm in the Bullycide Project and getting paid to act. The first year I wrote for InPrint, I didn't get a single story printed. So I took MIPA classes and read every newspaper that I could until I learned how to write articles. If someone tells me no, I take it as a challenge and do my best to succeed at it. It's a good trait to have especially in today's world.

**Have you traveled outside of the Mitten state?** I've been to Hawaii, where my grandma lives. It's really pretty and has a lot of flowers. It's almost spiritual to be there. I saw Hawaii's state fish while I was there, the Humuhumunukunukuapuaa fish. I've been to Tennessee near the Appalachian

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Liv Dimmer, a 17-year-old senior at Fenton High School, can tell a great story, both in written form and in jokes.

Mountains. I left some food out while we were camping in hopes of seeing a bear, but one never showed up.

**You are an aficionado of jokes, both good and bad. I have a wide range of humor. With as many things that I do and mistakes I might make, I need to have a sense of humor. My favorite joke: How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it!**

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## The weird, the odd and the unusual

### It's all in a day's work at Holly's many antique stores

By Sally Rummel  
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Anyone looking for skulls, shock machines or barbed wire to put under the Christmas tree?

You don't have to drive far to find some of Michigan's most unusual items on the shelves of Holly's local antique stores. While Holly is a destination for much more than the unusual, the weird and the odd, it can be a day well spent to see what unexpected things you might find in this bustling downtown shopping district.

Main Street Antiques is comprised of 80 different booths, many filled with oddities you could only imagine. How about owning your very own shock machine on wheels, still labeled with the name of a hospital? If that's not enough to scare you, there are plenty of other unusual medical devices that will — from a Civil War blood-letting knife to bottles of poison with skulls and crossbows.

#### Summary

► People love to collect items of all kinds, from the mundane to the macabre. They're all available at antique stores in Holly, which attracts collectors from throughout the Midwest.

**"You name it, people collect it."**

**Mark Hay**  
Main Street Antiques

Likely you've never owned a collection of barbed wire from different eras, but you can find that at Main Street Antiques. "I'm still trying to figure out how to price it," said Mark Hay, who co-owns the store with his wife, Mari-Lynn.

How about owning an African mask for \$100 or a Jesuit cedar wood skull for just

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**1. Unusual medical equipment** — Main Street Antiques

**\$75**



**2. Slave shackles** — Main Street Antiques

**\$475**



**4. Framed hair wreath** — Battle Alley Arcade Antiques

**\$325**



**3. Carved Chinese doors** — Balcony Row Antiques

**\$22,000**



**5. Chevel mirror** — Main Street Antiques

**\$1,200**

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**1.** Unusual medical equipment like this Civil War blood-letting knife attracts many collectors. **2.** Slave shackles in many different styles and prices can be purchased at Main Street Antiques. **3.** This hand-carved Chinese door weighs 200 pounds and is priced at \$22,000. **4.** Framed hair wreaths are a lost Victorian art form on display and for sale at Battle Alley Arcade Antiques. **5.** Mari-Lynn Hay peers out from her reflection in a mirror for sale at Main Street Antiques. She says that mirrors are one of the portals used by spirits in the supernatural world.



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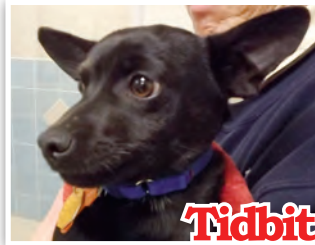


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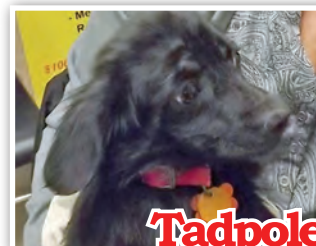


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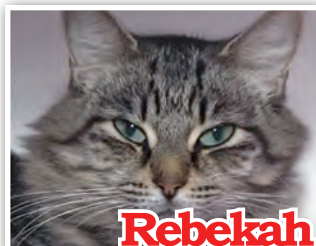


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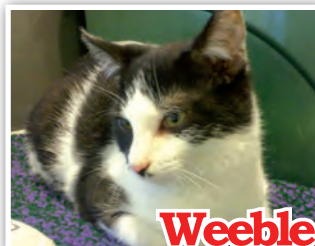


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## ANTIQUE STORES

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\$475? Maybe you'd like to own memorabilia from our country's early settlers or native Indian artifacts, or "colored" signs from before the Civil Rights movement? "You name it, people collect it," said Hay.

If you've never been able to find your way out of a telephone booth, you can buy your own dating back to the 1960s for just \$1,400. "Now that we've sold our last vampire slaying kit for \$10,000, this is one of our most unusual items for sale," said Hay. "We don't really want to sell it, because it's quite a conversation piece." They also recently sold a life sized stuffed bear for \$10,000 and are looking for a buyer for a \$20,000 Queen Anne Tiger Maple Highboy.

A hair wreath dating back from the 1400s to the 1880s is nothing like anything anyone has ever seen today. Carol Berry, one of dozens of vendors inside Battle Alley Arcade Antiques next to the Holly Hotel, collects these Victorian art forms and has a few for sale in the shop for between \$300 and \$1,800 each. "It's a lost art," said Berry, who has about 40 framed hair wreaths on display at home.

These hair wreaths were made out of a family member or friend's hair as a remem-

brance of that person or as a special sign of friendship. "Women would take tiny, thin wire and wrap freshly cleaned hair that was dipped in sugar water around the wires to make unique designs. There weren't TV or computers to entertain them," said Berry. "Back in the Victorian era, women also used to make bracelets out of their baby's teeth."

Part of the allure of Battle Alley Arcade Antiques is its winding cobblestone path through the many different vendor booths. People love the architecture of this building, according to shop owner Pat Kenny.

Another unique draw to the shop is the button collection of Shirley Conner — one of the largest in Michigan. "I literally have millions of buttons, some dating back to the 17th century," said Conner. "My most unique is a World War II button that opens into a locket."

Buttons are big business for Conner, who lectures on the subject through the U.S. and belongs to several button societies. "I actually traded \$3,000 worth of buttons for a Cadillac a few years ago," said Conner, with a smile.

Other popular collectibles at Battle Alley Arcade Antiques include keys, teddy bears, dolls, dishes and post cards. "One of the newest most popular collectibles are record albums," added Berry.

Balcony Row Antiques, Holly's oldest antique business open since 1973, contains room after room of large antique pieces, paintings, Civil War collections, historical documents, books and more. "We've got a little bit of everything," admits Evelyn Raskin, who co-owns the shop with her husband, Jim Hilty.

Perhaps the most unique item in the shop is a pair of hand-carved (on both sides) wooden Chinese doors with hand paintings on the bottom. Each weighs about 200 pounds and priced at \$22,000 when sold as a pair, according to Raskin. One of the most expensive items in the store is an African parade headpiece carefully sequestered behind see-through doors with a price tag of \$65,000. "It dates back to the 1800s," said Raskin.

## Here's some interesting antique shops in Holly

- **Balcony Row Antiques**  
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— 216 South Broad St.
- **Main Street Antiques**  
— 116 South Saginaw St.
- **Holly Hills Primitives**  
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## Social News

## ENGAGEMENT



## PAPPLE-FINKLE

The engagement of Emily Rose Papple of Holly to Robert Michael Finkle of Burton has been announced by her parents, Clifford and Susan Papple of Holly and his parents, Bob Finkle of Clarkston and Sue Finkle of Holly. The bride-elect graduated from Holly High School in 2004, and went on to receive her secondary English education degree from Hope College in 2008. Robert also graduated from Holly High School, in 1994, and received a degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2004 for special education. He then received his masters in art of teaching from Marygrove College in 2008. He now teaches special education classes at Holly Middle School. An August 2013 wedding to take place at St. Rita's Catholic Church is being planned.

## BIRTH



## Nova Brielle Schumaker

Adam and Brittin (Radcliffe) Schumaker of Kalamazoo joyfully announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Nova Brielle. Nova was born Nov. 14, 2012 at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo at 5:29 a.m. Her weight was 7 lbs., 12 ozs., and she was 20 inches long. Nova's grandparents are Chris and Laurie Radcliffe of Fenton, and Carl and Kimberly Schumaker of Fenton. Her great-grandparents are Jack and Sally Szczukowski of Alpena, and Virginia Radcliffe of St. Clair Shores.

## THIS WEEK'S INSERTS

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## Welcome aboard the Snow Train

►The beauty of winter will unfold before you while you enjoy an all-day excursion

By Sally Rummel

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AlIIIIII Aboard! If you've never experienced the absolute winter wonder of the Agawa Canyon Snow Train north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, this is the year you want to promise your family that you'll take them.

From the moment the train pulls away from the station, you'll first pass through the city's industrial area. But within minutes, the forests will begin to take over and a winter wonderland will unfold before you. As the train winds its way northward, snow-laden trees will give way to panoramic views, towering trestles, snow-choked rock cuts, frozen lakes and waterfalls transformed into fantastic ice sculptures by the cold breath of winter.

This description of the scenic beauty of the Snow Train comes from its online brochure, and describes the Rummel family's two Snow Train trips exactly.

Not only do you see the beauty unfold before you, but you hear about it as well, as a commentary available in five languages tells about upcoming points of interest and shares some of the rich history of the region, including stories of the Ojibway fur traders, explorers and entrepreneurs who first opened up this wilderness and made it their home.

Soon you'll begin a descent to the floor of the canyon wall, where you will travel down 500 feet over the next 10 miles. Once you arrive on the floor of the canyon the train will stop briefly before beginning your return journey back to the Sault. Unfortunately, due to snow and winter weather conditions passengers are unable to detrain during the stopover.

You'll experience all this while nestled in a comfortable reclining seat with the beauty of the outdoors unfolding before your picture window while you remain cozy and warm. A dining car will provide full breakfast, hot and cold lunches, sandwiches, cold drinks, coffee, tea and alcoholic refreshments.

There's just a short window of opportunity to make the trip, but I guarantee it will be worth it. The Snow Train is only in operation on Saturdays, from Feb. 2 to March 9. You can purchase your tickets online at [agawacanyontrains.com](http://agawacanyontrains.com) or by calling (800) 242-9287.



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## HOLIDAY Street talk

Compiled by Olivia Dimmer, intern

### What is your favorite Christmas movie?

“‘Elf.’ I watch it with my sister.”



— Christina Bray Linden

“‘Love Actually.’ I love Hugh Grant and how everyone ends up happy in the end.”



— Lou Lawrence Fenton

“‘It’s a Wonderful Life.’ It always plays around Christmas, and I love the story.”



— Anamarie Casey Hartland

“‘Charlie Brown Christmas.’ I watched it as a kid and now as an adult with my own kids.”



— Dana Castillo Fenton

“‘White Christmas.’ It’s so traditional.”



— George Huber Linden

“‘A Christmas Story.’ It reminds me of when I was a kid and my brother used to shoot me in the legs with his BB gun.”



— Rose Jirkowski  
Rose Township



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# Home Holidays

## Naughty or nice ...

By Sally Rummel

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*“You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I’m telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town.”*

The words to this favorite Christmas song have long been used to remind children to be on their best behavior before Christmas, but some of today’s families are using a newer version to keep score on “naughty or nice.”

The Elf on the

### Summary

► Touted as “the best thing since ‘The Night Before Christmas,’” The Elf on the Shelf has become a national phenomenon, debuting this year as a balloon in Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Shelf, a best-selling holiday children’s book that comes with its own “pixie-ish” elf, just may be the best cure there is for children’s mischievous behavior in the days leading up to Christmas. It follows the Germanic and Scandinavian traditions that have included elves as part of their Christmas celebrations.

The family who buys the book and its accompanying elf registers the elf at the Elf Adoption Center (online at elfontheshelf.com), then takes it home and follows its instructions.

The tradition of The Elf on the Shelf usually begins around Thanksgiving and lasts until Christmas Eve. According to the story, each day the family’s elf watches over the children and then at night, once everyone is in bed, flies back to the North Pole to report to Santa about whether the kids have been “naughty or nice.” Before the family wakes up each morning, the elf flies back from the North Pole and hides again. By hiding in a new spot each morning around the house, the elf and its adopted family play an on-going game of hide-and-seek.

The book explains that elves get their magic by being named. In the back of each book, the family writes the

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## Holiday happenings

► Tri-county area abounds with special events for Christmas

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Holiday fun is just beginning in the tri-county area, with a number of special events happening in local communities and churches. This is the time of year when families can celebrate old traditions and create new memories.

### Summary

► Local towns and churches put on their holiday best with special programs and events for Christmas.

### Here are a few fun ideas to get you started:

#### Holly Dickens Festival

— This is the final weekend of the 39th annual Holly Dickens Festival in downtown Holly. Come and join the fun from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8-9. The lighted parade takes place Sat. Dec. 8 as a special highlight to the three full weekends of festival fun that kicked off Thanksgiving weekend.

Explore quaint shops, feast in local taverns and eateries and go back in time when life was a bit simpler and the

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# Your ticket to entertainment

►Nearby venues and large metro cities provide holiday fun near and far

**By Sally Rummel**

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Sometimes small packages hold special gifts — like tickets to holiday events and other activities in the early months of the New Year. A gift like this just may be your ticket to a Christmas you'll always remember. Whether you sneak tickets for upcoming events into a stocking or make a family plan for something special to do, look around you — there's a ticket for fun to just about anywhere!

**THE WHITING** — Flint's premiere entertainment venue will light up for its traditional "Holiday Pops" on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. Call (810) 237-7333 or (888) 8CENTER for ticket information.

**FLINT YOUTH THEATER** — "A Year with Frog & Toad" is showing now through Dec. 23. Celebrate the holiday season with Arnold Lobel's well-loved characters in the Tony-nominated musical. Call (810) 237-1530 or (888) 8CENTER for ticket information.

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**CROSSROADS VILLAGE & HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD** — Costumed villagers prepare for the holiday in the Village's homes and shops. The Colwell Opera House presents live entertainment and Santa visits with the children. Thousands of lights sparkle like tiny stars throughout the village. Villagers make crafts, shops are full of beautiful gifts and the beloved Huckleberry Railroad is waiting to take you on a festive night-time ride.

Holiday dates began in mid-November, continuing weekends Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 19-23, 26-30, from 4 to 9 p.m. It is highly recommended that families purchase train tickets early, as they do sell out in advance. Summer, Halloween and Christmas tickets are sold year 'round. For more information, visit geneseecountyparks.org

**THE TRAN-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA** — This much-awaited annual concert debuts Saturday, Dec. 29 for a matinee and evening performance at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Check out the Palace's full schedule of upcoming winter concerts and Pistons' games, also. For ticket information, visit palacenet.com.

**FOX THEATRE, DETROIT** — This downtown venue offers holiday events including Mannheim Steamroller on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. and Karen Newman's Holiday Show on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m., plus a variety of entertainers from Kenny Rogers to Clay Aiken. Sesame Street Live: Elmo Makes Music will be filling the stage during the early winter months. For more information, visit fox.boxofficeticketsales.com

**Forspectacular holiday entertainment**, visit Chicago and New York City, with weekend packages available through lo-

cal travel agents, Travel Brokers, Inc. and Superior Travel. "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" and "The Nutcracker" are just two of the holiday events performed in these major metropolitan cities.

## Summary

► Some of this season's hottest entertainment is just a ticket away.

In **Chicago**, "Potted Potter," "I Love Lucy — live on stage," "Emerald City Theater: Cinderella," "The Book of Mormon," "War Horse" are a few of the major

shows now on stage.

In **New York City**, "A Christmas Carol," "Elf: The Musical" and "A Christmas Story" join Broadway shows "Annie," "Book of Mormon," "Bring it On — the Musical," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Manilow on Broadway" and more.

Shopping, dining and all the excitement of two of America's top U.S. cities make these a wonderful destination during or after the holidays.



Families may want to schedule a trip to Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad while it is decorated beautifully with Christmas lights.

## Looking for big screen holiday entertainment closer to home?

Check out some of these holiday movie titles coming soon to NCG Trillium in Grand Blanc.

- Flight
- The Man with the Iron Fists
- Wreck-it Ralph
- This Must Be the Place
- Skyfall
- Lincoln
- Silver Linings
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2
- Anna Karenina
- Life of Pi
- Red Dawn
- Run of the Guardians
- Playing for Keeps
- Hyde Park on Hudson
- Deadfall
- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
- Les Misérables
- Monsters, Inc. 3D
- Zero Dark Thirty
- Amour
- Not Fade Away
- Jack Reacher
- This is 40
- On the Road
- The Impossible
- Parental Guidance

**Times**  
Featured Section

## Guys like 'grills and thrills'

### ►Gift ideas for the man in your life

**By Sally Rummel**

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Men love their toys, and it's never truer than at Christmas, when you're trying your hardest to find out what the newest "toys" are for this year's giving season.

#### GRILLS

Whatever your price-range, you can find a grill that will delight the man in your life. From patio caddies to smokers and outdoor kitchens, today's grills have all the "bells and whistles" that will keep him grilling all year long. "Men love to cook when it's on a grill," said Jeff Stone, owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton. There are also a number of grilling accessories on the market, from digital meat thermometers to grill lights and more.

#### TVs

Guys tend to like TVs in every room, and this year is a great time to buy. "You'll get 40 percent more for your TV purchase this year compared to last year," said Stone. "The quality is better, too."

Screens are getting bigger and bigger, too, with added features such as Internet, available on models like a 46-inch Samsung.

#### VIDEO SYSTEMS

The new Wii U came out in November, just in time for Christmas giving.

A successor to the Wii, this Nintendo video game console is the first of its brand to support high-definition graphics. What sets it apart from other consoles is its tablet-like Wii U GamePad. Price for the basic model is about \$300.

When selecting video games for your husband or boyfriend, it's important that you know exactly what system and generation the games will be used with, so you can pick out exactly the right title.

#### JEWELRY and WATCHES

Sterling silver remains big for Christmas. For women it's paired with diamonds, and for men, it might be paired with leather for a more urban appeal.

Men will also enjoy a new line of Citizen Eco-Drive watches, called Proximity, sold locally only at Sawyer Jewelers. These watches provide synchronization between a watch and other electronics. "We're not going to be able to keep them on the shelves," said Mary Ann Beltinck, of Sawyers Jewelers. "We're one of only four  
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# TOP 10 Christmas movies

Which flicks are your favorite?

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Christmas movies are films to laugh over, cry about and re-watch year after year. Everyone's list of favorite holiday movies would be different, but this is the list of Top 10 from moviefone.com



# TOP 10 most romantic holiday movies

1. The Holiday (2006)
2. The Family Stone (2008)
3. Love, Actually (2003)
4. Four Christmases (2008)
5. Sleepless in Seattle (1993)
6. A Perfect Holiday (2007)
7. Holiday in Handcuffs (2007)
8. A Boyfriend for Christmas (2004)
9. While You Were Sleeping (1995)
10. Bridget Jones Diary (2001)



## HOLIDAY street talk

Compiled by Ryan Tackabury

Where do you like to shop locally?

"The Holly Donut Shop. They make the best doughnuts."



— John Bell  
Tyrone Township

"We shop at Glik's for clothes. It's a very hip, cool store."



— Andy Daul  
Linden

"Taylor Hardware. They seem to have a lot of different things."



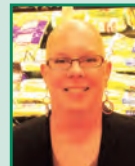
— Les Hotchkiss  
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"The Tobacco shop on Silver Parkway and most local stores here in Fenton."



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"Michaels. I like all of the craft stuff they have."



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## The perfect gift

► It really is the thought that counts

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One of the most thoughtful Christmas gifts I've ever received was a leather-style journal, given with the intent for me to keep track of my granddaughter's newest words and milestones. It didn't cost my sister-in-law much money, but it showed me that she was thinking of me and my new status as a grandmother.

Just a few minutes of thought when making out your own holiday gift list might bring some of those ideas to mind for your family and friends. It's not so much the dollars spent, but the thought behind the gift that counts.

Here are a few ideas to help you get started with your own affordable gift list.

### Hobbies

Think about the leisure activities that someone on your gift list enjoys. If it's gardening, how about giving her a garden tool set, a meaningful statuary piece that will remind her of something special or pretty garden gloves with a gift certificate to her favorite garden center.

If she's an avid reader, why not make her a "book basket," with a new best-seller, a bookmark, coffee mug, reading glasses, etc.

For a golfer, a new set of golf balls, personalized tees, practice training aids, a personalized club cover, golf glove, a rain poncho, the list is practically endless.

### Food and beverages

You can never go wrong with "foodie" gifts for just about anyone on your list. Sweet Variations in Fenton can personal-

ize a chocolate gift for you with a custom photograph, or you can select a person's favorite chocolates. There's also plenty of old-fashioned candies that can be reminiscent of a favorite time in life.

Favorite breads from a local baker like Crust, with accompanying spreads would be a welcome gift.

Wine is always a perfect holiday gift, and can be personalized locally with a custom label at Fenton Winery & Brewery. Growlers holding a favorite beer would be another personalized suggestion.

Coffee lovers will appreciate a new mug, gourmet coffee beans and a gift certificate to a local coffee hot spot.

### Pets

Does your sister or brother have a pet that would love a personalized toy or a new accessory? A new bowl, a flashy new collar or warm winter sweater might be the perfect gift. From dog treats to dog toys, the latest accessories, clothing and more, Barking Babes Boutique in Fenton has everything that a dog lover would enjoy under the Christmas tree.

### Photography

Sentimental photos and meaningful frames are just a few inexpensive gifts available through today's photo technology. Many custom gifts can be made from a favorite photo — from standup photo boards to jewelry, purses, mugs, calendars and more. Check at local

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Lina Nuyeng of Grand Blanc Township hands a stack of pre-packaged gifts for the Angel Haven Foundation to Tina James of Waterford last Friday.

## Bring meaning back to your celebration of Christmas

► Helping, serving and giving to others can be uplifting, spiritual

By Sally Rummel

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You wouldn't know it by listening to the news, but there's more to Christmas than shopping dollar totals and the hottest new toys for 2012.

It's no wonder that we get lost in the myriad of "tinsel" that seems to decorate our most sacred of holidays. Sometimes, you might even feel as deflated as a Christmas inflatable that gets hit by a wind storm. In fact, more than half of all women admit to feeling heightened stress over the holidays, according to studies by American Psychology Today.

However, there are ways you can find your way back to the true meaning of Christmas.

- **Have a family meeting** and decide on a "service to others" project you want to take on as a family. Maybe you'd like to "adopt" a family whose name you might get from a local church or social service agency. Your family might decide to volunteer time at a soup kitchen or at a clothing ministry.

- **Get out of your spiritual comfort zone** and try a new church or synagogue with beliefs that are different from your own. This experience will likely strengthen your own beliefs, while giving you the knowledge that not everyone shares the same belief system as you do.

- **Give as generously as you are able to**, people less fortunate than yourself. Plan a "bell—ringing budget" for The Salvation Army by putting a predetermined amount of money in an envelope that you carry with you in your wallet. Every time you pass a red bucket, you'll cheerfully be able to give a little bit.

- **Develop a system of Random Acts of Christmas Kindness**, thinking of small ways you can cheer someone's day — from now until Christmas (maybe even all year). It can be as small as taping a few quarters on a vending machine or paying for someone's coffee at a local

restaurant. You can smile knowing that you brightened someone else's day with a small gesture.

- **Get out your Bible** and read the Christmas story in Matthew and Luke in the New Testament, specifically in Matthew 1:18-25; Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-20.

## How to reduce holiday stress

- **Take a few minutes** of time every day, just for yourself. Take a deep breath and visualize yourself in a calm, beautiful place to help you relax.

- **Make a list** of all that you have to do for Christmas and check items off as they are completed. This will help you see that your tasks are doable and that every day, you get more and more accomplished.

- **Try to keep** your personal habits as close to a normal schedule as possible. Eat, exercise and sleep as you normally do. If you usually go to exercise class four times a week, keep yourself on track by having a goal of two to three times a week. Exercise will actually reduce your stress levels and you'll be able to accomplish more in less time. Plus, it's much easier to stay on track than to try to get back on track after you've fallen off.

- **Reward yourself** every day for what you've accomplished. Give yourself a half-hour block of time to sit down and read, or take a relaxing bath or listen to Christmas music — just for the joy of it.

- **Decide what is truly necessary** in your holiday expectations, and rid yourself of the things you don't have to do. Christmas cards can easily become New Year's greeting cards and you'll have more time to sit down and write a personal note. The recipient will also have more time to read your card.

- **Treat yourself** like you would your best friend. Give up negative self-talk and boost yourself with positive thoughts. Remember that you can control how you feel and how you react around certain people and situations. Instead of getting annoyed, fill yourself with gratitude. It works!

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### RECIPES

JENNIFER WARD'S

## Peanut Butter Fingers

### MAIN INGREDIENTS:

½ cup margarine or butter  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup brown sugar  
1 egg  
1/3 cup peanut butter  
½ t. baking soda  
¼ t. salt  
½ t. vanilla

### TOPPING INGREDIENTS:

1-2 cups chocolate chips  
½ cup powdered sugar  
¼ cup peanut butter  
3 T. milk

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, blend main ingredients to almost a cream, add flour and oats and mix well. Spread mixture into a 13-inch greased cookie sheet (with sides). Bake 20-25 minutes, no longer. Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over evenly. Let stand 5 minutes until chocolate is soft, and then spread out evenly. In small bowl, mix powdered sugar, peanut butter and milk to a cream. Dribble over chocolate. Let cool and ENJOY!

KAREN ROCKMAN'S

## Puppy Chow

### INGREDIENTS:

1 stick butter  
1 cup peanut butter  
12 oz. pkg. butterscotch chips  
1 large box Crispex cereal  
2 cups powdered sugar  
1 brown grocery bag

### DIRECTIONS

Melt first three ingredients in saucepan. Pour over cereal. Toss lightly in brown bag with powdered sugar. A sweet, delicious snack.



## GIFT

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businesses like Hicks Photography Studio in Fenton, The UPS Store in Fenton, Goin Postal, Walgreens and others for custom photography options.

Make a small online digital photo album about a significant shared event for someone special. They're easy, affordable and fast and will be a thoughtful remembrance of a special time.

### Film buffs

You can buy inexpensive DVDs and wrap them up with favorite "movie candy" or microwave popcorn for a fun gift. If someone on your list has a favorite actor, maybe give several films starring that actor to start their own private collection.

People of all ages will appreciate gift certificates to their local theater, NCG Trilium in Grand Blanc. With more leisure time between Christmas and New Year's, there will be many opportunities to catch your favorite flick on the big screen.

### Gift of beauty/relaxation

Wrap up a pretty holiday bottle of nail polish and attach a gift certificate for a manicure. If you're able to spend a little more, think about other spa packages that will add some relaxation to a busy friend or relative's schedule. If they have an upcoming vacation or cruise, a mani or pedi gift would be much appreciated.

These are just a few gift ideas to get you started. Most importantly, take a few minutes to really think about what special people in your life might really like and appreciate.



## Gifts for every price range: \$25 and under:

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## Sing-a-long during free movie night

► Fenton Film Series presents 'White Christmas' on Wednesday

The Fenton Film Series will be hosting an audience sing-a-long to Irving Berlin's classic holiday musical, *White Christmas*, on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. The movie starts at 7 p.m. and admission is free. This will also be the first event using the community center's new, more comfortable audience chairs.

The lyrics will appear on screen and audience members will sing-a-long with the movie's stars — Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye and Vera Ellen.

Audience members are also welcome to come in any of the many costumes from the movie. Billed as the most fabulous music and mirth show in motion picture history, *White Christmas* will

remind the audience of all the Christmas past.

The community is invited and encouraged to bring young ones who haven't seen the movie yet. This movie is part of Fenton Film Series' mission to showing free, high quality movies every month in downtown Fenton in the ballroom of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Admission is free thanks to several sponsors, including the Fenton Downtown Development Authority, Tanglewood Assisted Living & Home Care, Edward Jones financial advisor

Patrick Perfitt, Behind Your Design, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, and Comfort Keepers. Free food and refreshments will also be available, including sandwiches from Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, pastries and coffee from the Laundry, homemade sodas from the Fenton Winery & Brewery and appetizers from Bangkok Peppers.



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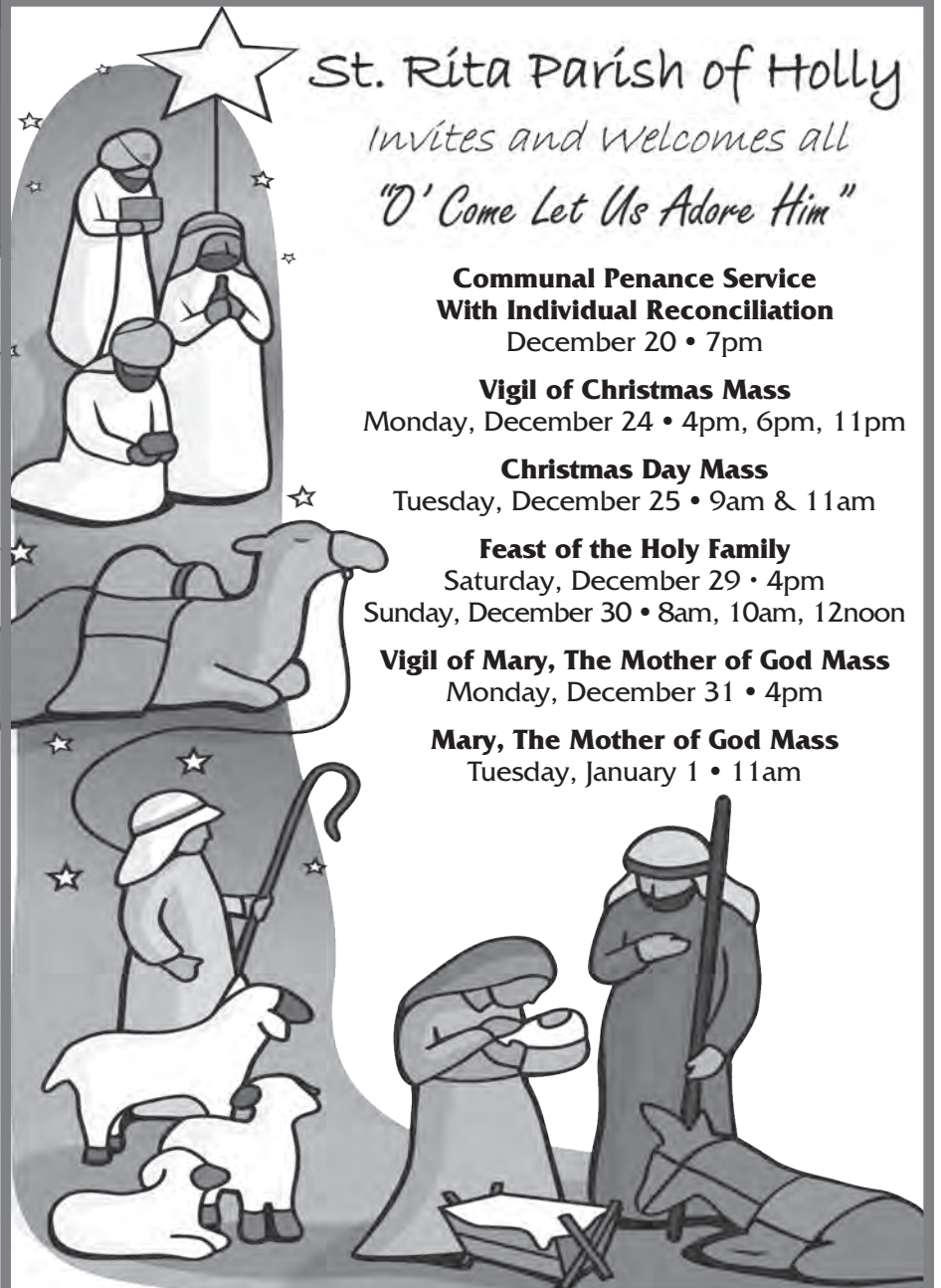
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**Christmas Day Mass**  
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**Mary, The Mother of God Mass**  
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elf's name and date of adoption. Once the elf is named, its magic allows it to fly to and from the North Pole. However, this is one rule which has to be followed for the elf to retain its magic powers.

According to the book, "There's only one rule that you have to follow so I will come back and be here tomorrow:

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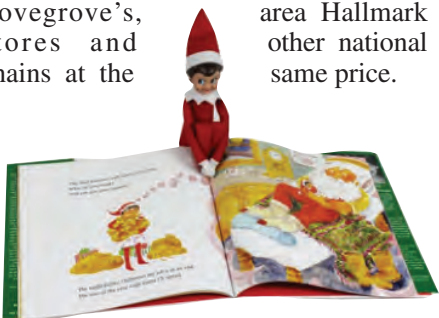
who appeared in their home every Christmas season.

Since the book was written in 2005, it has sold more than 2 1/2 million copies and has started a tradition of elves in many households. The Elf on the Shelf is also on DVD, and was presented as an animated TV show during last year's Thanksgiving weekend holiday kick-off.

During the 2012 Thanksgiving holiday, The Elf on a Shelf made its balloon debut in the 86th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The Elf on the Shelf has become so popular that it literally flies off the shelves at local stores when it's available during the holiday season. "We sent our customers to each other last year, depending on who had the books in stock at the time," said Jeanne Lovegrove of Lovegrove's, referring to Caravan's Hallmark store in Fenton, which also carries the book.

The Elf on the Shelf is priced by the publisher at \$29.95. It's available at Lovegrove's, stores and chains at the area Hallmark other national same place.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Sophie Adams, granddaughter of Al and Tammy Gramer of Linden, looks on her family's Christmas tree for the hidden Christmas Pickle, a fun tradition with "hidden" meaning.



## The myth and tradition of the Christmas Pickle

If you go to Bronner's in Frankenmuth or other stores that carry many Christmas ornaments, you'll find an unlikely ornament among them — a large green pickle.

The Christmas Pickle is shrouded in mystery, and with so many stories about its origin, no one is clear exactly how it started. Supposedly, it is the story of the Weihnachtsgurke, where Germans would hide a pickle in the tree, and the observant child who found it would get a special gift, while the first adult to notice it would have a year of good fortune.

Sophie Adams, the 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter of Al and Tammy Gramer of Linden, isn't likely thinking about the extra gift, but she knows that in her family, the first ornament to look for on the tree is the bright green glass pickle ornament. It's a tradition her parents, Dustin and Ellie (Gramer) Adams, now of Deerfield Park, Florida, started. "We didn't do this growing up, but I heard about the Christmas Pickle and thought it would be a fun tradition to do with my own family," said Ellie, an elementary school teacher. They'll be able to continue this tradition next year with a baby son, who's expected in March 2013.

Whatever the exact origin of the Christmas Pickle, it's another way to begin a tradition that can have lasting meaning for your family. It can also inspire you to start thinking about other traditions you might want to begin at your house.

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## HAPPENINGS

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joys of the holiday season were in the people and experiences of the day. Santa Claus will be front and center downtown at the Great Lakes Market Place at 111 S. Saginaw St.

**Seventh annual Cookie Walk** at Transfiguration Lutheran Church — This Fenton church hosts its popular Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. When guests select at least three dozen cookies, the church will ship the same amount that is purchased to a loved one serving in the military overseas. The church is located at 14176 Fenton Rd.

**Twenty-sixth annual Jesus Walk** at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church — This outdoor walk which tells the story of the birth of Jesus through the Scriptures will be held one weekend this year, Dec. 14-15-16 from 5 to 8 p.m. The 20-minute walk begins with Old Testament characters prophesying about the birth of Jesus and continues with New Testament characters telling of the events surrounding his birth. Guests are invited to warm up inside after the walk for refreshments. The church is located at 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton.

**Fenton Village Players** — This local theater company will present "A Village to the North Pole," a one hour talent show with plenty of singing, dancing and fun at the Fenton Village Theater, 14197 Torrey Rd., Fenton. After the show, kids are invited to the Winter Wonderland for games, Christmas cookies and visits with Santa.

**Fenton United Methodist Church** — "A Night in Bethlehem," a hands-on Holy Land experience, will be presented

on Friday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Visitors can visit shops, smell the baking bread and experience life at it was in Jesus' time. Shepherds and Roman soldiers will roam the marketplace and shepherds will then lead groups of guests to the Nativity. Join the fun with activities for children, too. For details, call (810) 629-2132.

**Linden Holiday Happening** — The holiday fun continues in Linden this weekend through Saturday, Dec. 8, with Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Hyatt Elementary School and a Secret Santa Shoppe and craft show at Linden Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Holiday Happening Parade begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by hot chocolate and cookies served by the Linden Lions Club at the VFW Hall. Tours at the Linden Museum will be from 1 to 3 p.m., and the Linden High School Competitive Art Show will be at the Masonic Lodge from 12 to 2 p.m.



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Santa Claus visits many Christmas events and takes time to speak with children.

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## GRILLS AND THRILLS

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jewelry stores in Michigan to carry this line. It's going to be huge this holiday."

### TABLETS and TECH TOYS

The new iPad Mini, Amazon Kindle Fire HD, Kindle Paperweight 3G, iPhone 4S and iPhone 5 are just a few of the sought after gifts for "techies" this Christmas. Many new tablet models have wireless capacity and other new features. Look for Digital SLR cameras and Flip Ultra HD video cameras to be big sellers this Christmas, too.

### TOOLS

Whether your guy is a "handy Randy" or just a regular homeowner, quality tools will always have a place in his heart and in his tool box.

The new 20-volt bolt-on power drill by Craftsman is a big seller at Sears, according to Stone. "This new tool will be a welcome addition to your husband or son's collection," he said. "You can put different heads on it to make 12 different tools. It's very versatile."

A Milwaukee Hammer Drill from McKay's Hardware in Holly will make easy work for your husband's next building

project. "We're also selling a lot of Dremel sets," said Becca Sutherland, at McKay's.

### CREATURE COMFORTS

Warm cozy slippers, plush robes and soft pajamas are turning up on men's wish lists, too.

For keeping warm outdoors, a battery-powered heated jacket by Milwaukee is one of the biggest sellers this holiday at McKay's Hardware. In red, camo and black, it's guaranteed to keep the wearer nice and warm on cold Michigan days. The newest model in black comes with heated

pockets, according to Sarah Jump, at McKay's.

### THRILLS and CHILLS

For guys who have everything, the gift of an experience might be the greatest gift of all. Race car driving, skydiving, a balloon ride are all life experiences that can be purchased for Christmas. For the less adventurous, tickets to a favorite concert or sporting event would be a wonderful surprise.

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### RECIPES

#### SHARON STONE'S Snickerdoodles

##### INGREDIENTS

3 ¾ cups all-purpose flour  
½ t. baking soda  
½ t. cream of tartar  
1 cup butter  
2 cups sugar  
2 eggs  
¼ cup milk  
1 t. vanilla  
3 T. sugar  
1 t. ground cinnamon

##### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven at 375 degrees. Grease a cookie sheet or spray with non-stick spray. Stir together flour, soda, cream of tartar, and ½-teaspoon salt. Beat butter for 30 seconds; add the 2 cups sugar and beat until fluffy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; beat well. Add dry ingredients to beaten mixture, beating until well combined. Form dough into 1-inch balls; roll in a mixture of the 3 tablespoons sugar and the cinnamon. Place balls 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet; flatten slightly with the bottom of a drinking glass. Bake in 375-degree oven for about 8 minutes or till light golden. Makes about 66 cookies. Recipe from Betty Crocker cookbook.

### RECIPES

#### WILLIAM AXFORD'S Thumbprint Cookies

##### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups flour  
½ cup sugar  
½ t. baking powder  
1 cup soft butter or margarine  
1 ¼ cup finely chopped nuts  
Preserves or jelly, any flavor  
1 t. vanilla  
1 egg  
¼ t. salt

##### DIRECTIONS:

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Thoroughly cream the butter and sugar. Stir in the egg and mix well. Add vanilla and half the flour mixture. Blend well. Blend in the remaining flour mixture. Form into small balls and roll in the chopped nuts. Place on a highly greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and make an imprint in the cookie with the handle of a wooden spoon. Return to oven and bake 8 minutes longer. Fill impression with jelly or icing.

#### WILLIAM AXFORD'S Candy Cane Cookies

##### INGREDIENTS:

1 cup sugar  
2/3 cup margarine, softened  
½ cup egg substitute  
2 t. vanilla extract  
1 t. almond extract  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 t. baking powder  
½ t. red food coloring

##### DIRECTIONS:

Beat sugar and margarine in large bowl with mixer at medium speed, until creamy. Beat in egg substitute, vanilla and almond extract. Mix flour and baking powder in small bowl, stir into margarine mixture. Divide dough in half, tint half with red food coloring. Wrap each half and refrigerate at least two hours. Divide each half into 32 pieces. Roll each piece into a 5-inch rope. Twist 1 red and 1 white rope together and bend one end to form candy cane shape. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes or just until set and lightly golden. Remove from sheet, cool on wire rack. Store in airtight container.

#### GAIL GROVE'S Eagle Brand Pudding

##### INGREDIENTS:

2 cans Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk  
Water

##### DIRECTIONS:

Bring large pan of water to boil. Place both cans of milk in water (must be completely submerged). Let boil for three hours. Remove and let cool at room temperature. Refrigerate after cans have reached room temperature. Must be refrigerated at least 24 hours before serving.

##### SERVING DIRECTIONS:

Open both ends of can and push one end through can onto a plate. Slice ¼-inch slices, put on plate and top with small amount of Cool Whip.

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## TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Trustees Cam Gonzalez, Soren Pedersen, and Chuck Schultz. Absent: Trustee David Walker.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Approved the Supervisor's reappointment of John Wiese, Eugene Rodgers, and Tom Lantzy to the Board of Review for two-year terms to expire Dec. 31, 2014.
4. Approved Tetra Tech's project proposal to decommission wells at the Tyrone Woods facility.
5. Approved the write-off of uncollectible account receivables as presented.
6. Approved the contract for traffic prosecution services with Johnson-Rosati for an additional year.
7. Resolved to go into closed session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications at 7:25 pm. Reconvened in open session at 8:15 pm.
8. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at [www.tyrone-township.us](http://www.tyrone-township.us). The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham

Clerk Keith L. Kremer



## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

### Jacqueline Christine Travis 1962-2012

Jacqueline Christine Travis - age 50, of Linden/Fenton Twp., died December 4, 2012. The family will receive friends from 11 AM until the time of service



at 1:30 PM Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to a memorial for Alaina Travis c/o The State Bank, 107 Main St., Linden, MI 48451. Jacqueline was born July 10, 1962 in Detroit, the daughter of Donald and Patricia (Burns) Till. She owned J&J Cleaning and thought the world of her customers. Surviving are: fiancé, Russell Booth; children, Meghan Travis and Mark (Deirdra) Travis; granddaughter, Alaina Travis and a grandson due in January; siblings, Don Till, Jimmy (Jane) Till, John Till, Jerry (Sandy) Till and Peggy (Terry) Carrier; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



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### Alice Gray,

Alice Gray - age 87, died December 3, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Yvonne Bye,

Yvonne Bye - age 90, died December 4, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Jerome Wisniewski,

Jerome Wisniewski - age 85, died December 6, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Thomas Wayne Allen 1951-2012

Thomas Wayne Allen - age 61, of Grand Blanc, formerly of Fenton, passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2012. Funeral services will be 11 AM Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Hal Phillips officiating. Visitation was held Friday 4-9PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to South Mundy United Methodist Church. Tom was born April 13, 1951 in Detroit the son of Thomas John and Wilma Maxine (Hoffman) Allen. He married Jo Ann Congdon on November 29, 1969 in Fenton. Tom graduated from Fenton High School in 1969. During his young adulthood he worked with his father at Allen Funeral Home and also operated Allen Ambulance Company in Fenton. Later in the years, Tom was a truck driving in various capacities. For pleasure Tom had many interests. He was a highly skilled hot air balloon instructor in Fenton, under the handle of "Captain Phatzz". He coached his boys in football, baseball and wrestling through Fenton Athletics. Tom was a talented musician with the ability to play many instruments, such as guitar, banjo and piano. He was a hunter and fisherman, who made annual Memorial Day fishing trips to Rice Lake in Canada. Tom was a great guy to be around. He loved his family, and they will all miss him dearly. Surviving are his loving wife of 43 years, Jo Ann; 2 sons, Cory (Gina) Allen of Wolverine, Cody Allen of Grand Blanc; 2 grandchildren, Chandler and Dalton Allen and their mother, Danielle Allen; 3 brothers, Rodney and Dale Allen of Fenton, Dean (Julie) Allen of Argentine; mother-in-law, Violet O'Brien of Fenton; brothers-in-law, Greg (Joy) Congdon of Petoskey, Jeff (Janet) Congdon of St. Louis, MO, Harland Congdon of Linden, Darrell (Lynn) Congdon of Swartz Creek; and he was blessed with many nieces, nephews and friends. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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### Neil

**Wolosonowich,**  
Neil Wolosonowich - age 60, died December 5, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Earl

**Blumenthal,**  
Earl Blumenthal - age 89, of Spring Hill, Florida, formerly of Linden, passed away December 2, 2012. Earl was a WWII vet. He was a wonderful man with a jolly smile and an infectious laugh. To those whose paths he may have crossed he will be greatly missed. To those whose lives he touched will forever love him and he will not be forgotten. Survived by: daughter Debra Blackburn and husband Steve; son David "Scott" Blumenthal and wife Jamie; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We Will Miss You Dad. **Memorial service to be held at later date.**



**Bonnie Montague,**  
Bonnie Montague - age 49, died November 30, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Wilma Kelley,

Wilma Kelley - age 99, died December 1, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Virginia Rivette,

Virginia Rivette - age 88, died December 1, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Eileen Bennett,

Eileen Bennett - age 84, died December 6, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Patricia Ables,

Patricia Ables - age 56, died December 1, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Edgar Houser,

Edgar Houser - age 91, died December 5, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Margarette Wright,

Margarette Wright - age 80, died December 6, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### John Warland,

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### Arther Herrera Sr.,

Arther Herrera Sr. - age 54, died December 5, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Wanda Lehr,

Wanda Lehr - age 91, died December 6, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Eleanor Dikos,

Eleanor Dikos - age 87, died December 7, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Fred Zarko,

Fred Zarko - age 76, died December 4, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Wanda Stanley,

Wanda Stanley - died December 7, 2012. Arrangements pending. Visit www.temrowski-familyfuneralhome.com.



### Mark Harmon,

Mark Harmon - age 60, died December 7, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Paul Readett Jr.,

Paul Readett Jr. - died December 6, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Ronald Zelyez,

Ronald Zelyez - age 78, died December 6, 2012. Visit www.temrowski-familyfuneralhome.com.



## PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 3, 2012

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 3, 2012 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Eagle Scout John Trecha led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Appointed Clerk Krug as Chairman Pro-Tem.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$229,997.10.
5. Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2013 Fenton Township Budget.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2012-30, formally adopting the 2013 Fenton Township Budget.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2012-31, honoring Eagle Scout John Joseph Trecha.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2012-32 supporting the request from the Lake Fenton Youth Wrestling Club that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan.
9. Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Michael D. Finch from the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals.
10. Adopted Resolution No. 2012-33, honoring Michael Finch for his years of public service.
11. Appointed Peter R. Matta to the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending November 30, 2014.
12. Re-appointed Robert Krug as Fenton Township representative on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Directors for the term ending December 31, 2015.
13. Appointed Shaun Shumaker as Fenton Township representative on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Directors for the term ending December 31, 2015.
14. Approved the sale of a retired 1981 American LaFrance fire truck to the GASC Technology Center.
15. Approved 2012-2016 Fenton Township committee appointments.
16. Approved the continuation of the optional 80/20 rules for 2013 to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.
17. Re-appointed Jack Darnell to the Fenton Township Dangerous Building Board of Appeals for the term ending December 31, 2013.
18. Appointed Mark Mustola to the Fenton Township Dangerous Building Board of Appeals for the term ending December 31, 2013.
19. Re-appointed Brad Hissong and Chris Weir to the Fenton Township Dangerous Building Board of Appeals for the term ending December 31, 2014.
20. Re-appointed Kim Procnier to the Fenton Township Dangerous Building Board of Appeals for the term ending December 31, 2015.
21. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

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### OWOSSO TOWNSHIP

3003 W M-21

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### BURNS TOWNSHIP

14969 Pierce Road

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### MUNDY TOWNSHIP

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### FENTON TOWNSHIP

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### FENTON TOWNSHIP

15089 Meadow Lane

#### Just beyond the City Limits.

#### Nice clean 3 bedroom ranch

with 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 1376 sq. ft., full basement. 2 car garage, oversized deck and a great neighborhood. Beautiful backyard. Ready to move into... hurry will not last long.

**\$139,900**

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### FENTON TOWNSHIP

13433 Lake Shore

**Lake Fenton Waterfront.** Beautiful home, built in 2002, low maintenance, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, central air, natural fireplace in living room, Master Suite w/private deck, den, bonus room, 2930 sq. ft., + 1200 sq. ft. in finished walkout with 9+ Ceilings, DayLight Windows, complete 2nd living area w/private courtyard, deck, patio, 2 car garage, nice sandy swimming beach and fenced area for pets. Too many amenities to list.

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### FENTON

3375 Ponemah Drive

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**Bancroft Ct.**, Tyrone Twp, \$55,000, Beautiful sloped partially wooded lot in area of quality homes- Hills of Tyrone. Possible walkout basement. Call Bob Cole 810-625-8229

**Enid Blvd.**, Fenton Twp, \$100,000, Beautiful lot with views of Lake Fenton, Read to build your dream home. Call Arlene Chumley 810-265-6500

**State Road**, Fenton, \$48,000, 2.72 acres in the city of Fenton, zoned residential, some woods, irregular lot. Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

**Lot 18 Blue Water Dr.**, Rose Twp, \$15,000, Waterfront properties, awaiting your dream home or weekend getaway. On no wake Buckhorn Lake. Up North feel but close to freeways and town. Lot 19 available for \$18,000, Call Bob Cole 810-625-8229

**13012 Lia Ct.**, Fenton Twp, \$9,000, Build Your Dream Home In Desirable Linden Crossings On Almost A Half Acre Lot. Underground Utilities Available. Close To Shopping & Freeways. Possible LC. Call Bob Cole 810-625-8229

**16401 Sleepy Hollow Dr.**, Fenton Twp, \$30,000, Build your dream home here! Great Build Site in the beautiful, well established neighborhood of Pinnacle Shores Sub. Offers County maintained streets, underground utilities, natural gas and public sewer. 4 other lots available on Steeping Stone \$25,000 to \$40,000. Call Shelia Rhoades 810-348-7357

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### FENTON TOWNSHIP

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