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COMMENTS

NEIGHBORS

“A huge thanks to one of my neighbors for blowing my driveway. After driving over an hour in the snowstorm, it was so wonderful to arrive to that surprise. And, I am new in town — I love this town.”



UNIONS

“Talking about unions, whatever happened to Jimmy Hoffa?”

NEW YEAR

“To start the new year, why don't we all look around and count the blessings in our life. Family, faith and friends are what I'm focusing on in 2013. Happy New Year.”



POLITICIANS

“You know what really says more about our politicians than anything else? They are the only government employees that get paid no matter what the circumstances, including a government shutdown. How typical.”

NUTCAKES

“Just because the world didn't end, I wouldn't mothball any of those survival shelters I read about in the Times just yet. The way the world is going, those 'nutcakes' may still get the last laugh.”



HOT LINE

of the week

“THE PRESIDENT IS vacationing in Hawaii for three weeks and the senators and congressman all went home for the holidays. Fiscal cliff? What fiscal cliff?”



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New Year's Eve

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2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

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The year 2012 is winding down. Here are some of the top news stories of the year in the tri-county area.

FENTON

Community center to receive renovations

Updating one of Fenton's architectural gems made big progress this year as the Fenton Community and Cultural Center renovation project broke ground. The building will see an expansion that will make the building more handicap accessible through a new

See **YEAR IN REVIEW** on 8A



TOP 2012

NATIONAL NEWS

By William Axford
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Barack Obama re-elected as President — After a lengthy campaign season entrenched with gaffes, name



calling and an onslaught of political advertisements, President Barack Obama was re-elected to a second term following the November election. The Republican nominee, Mitt Romney, gave the president a close race, securing 47 percent of the popular vote while Obama received 51 percent.

The election season was dominated by quotes from each candidate, with Romney stating, “There are 47 percent of the people who vote for the president no matter what...who

See **NATIONAL** on 20A

News-worthy criminal cases

► Top court stories of 2012

By Sharon Stone
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Brandon Hayes

Without question, the verdict and sentencing at Brandon Hayes' murder trial was the top criminal case of the tri-county area. A jury in Port Huron convicted the 26-year-old Argentine Township man in the beating death of 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun in April of 2010.

See **CRIMINAL** on 15A



Brandon Hayes



Ronnie Duke



Kandis Forney



Andrew Forney

Police and fire release stats

► Larcenies from autos, retail fraud top offenses for police, EMS runs at top for fire departments in 2012

By Sharon Stone
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Although the biggest criminal case for the tri-county area in 2012 was the sentencing of Brandon Hayes and Corrine Baker for the murder of 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun in 2010, police departments have been busy working on a slew of other crimes and complaints.

Area fire departments are busy too, with the majority of their calls of the

See **STATS** on 6A

DPW handles first snow of season

► No collisions on Fenton streets

By Tim Jagielo

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Four inches of snow fell between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning and the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) dumped around 100 tons of salt into the city roads to combat the first big snow of the season.

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“The roads this morning were in pretty darn good shape.”

Dan Czarnecki
Fenton DPW director



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Sad farewells

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Here are some of the notable deaths, in no particular order, of 2012 that made the front page of the Times:



Gary Mahnke

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March 28, 1945 — Dec. 27, 2011

Appeared in print Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012

Gary Mahnke was serving as a Linden City Councilor at the time of his death. The Linden 2010 Citizen of the Year, Mahnke was involved with numerous organizations including the Price Crane Robinsons VFW Post 4642, a Master Mason of the Linden Masonic Lodge and vice president of the Linden Mills Historical Society. Mahnke died unexpectedly while working as a conductor at Crossroads Village at the age of 66.



Melanie Beneson

Melanie Beneson

Feb. 20, 1971 — Jan. 3, 2012

Appeared in print Sunday, Jan. 9, 2012

A Fenton resident, Melanie Beneson died after losing control of her vehicle on Crouse Road in Hartland Township. Beneson worked at CVS Pharmacy in Hartland Township. She had worked at Royal Oak Waste for many years, where she met her husband. Beneson was involved in the Jewish Community and her children's extracurricular activities. Beneson was 40 years old at the time of her death.



West Frescura

West Frescura

Sept. 5, 2000 — July 1, 2012

Appeared in print Wednesday, July 4

An 11-year-old Fenton boy, West Frescura drowned after falling from an inflated trampoline on Marl Lake in Fenton Township. West's

See **FAREWELLS** on 13A



The lighter side of the Times...

MEMORABLE FEATURE STORIES FROM 2012

It's not all fun and games at the Times, but sometimes it is. Features stories are here to entertain first, and inform, second. Here are some of the stand-out features stories from 2012.

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PUBLISHED: JUNE 3

Linden couple (and their dogs) hit the open road

Hans and Sasha always get excited when it's time for a ride. The pair of German Shepherds frequently turn heads as they ride with owners Don and Shannon Turnpaugh of Linden, on their Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Both K9s wear protective goggles, as they ride together in a side car.

PUBLISHED: FEBRUARY 19

Behind the scenes: Acting is a small part of the community theater experience

At the Fenton Village Players, one play takes more than 50 people, all volunteers, to run a production. This story describes what goes into a production, from the actors, director and set design. The story highlights what amounts to a labor of love, and a cultural necessity for the area.

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Random royal thoughts of 2012

■ **J. WELLINGTON WIMPY** — the bland-faced character from the old Popeye the Sailor cartoon — reminds me of the current crop of clueless legislators. Wimpy loves hamburgers, a penchant that often results in his trademark quote, 'I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today.' The line perfectly captures the lunacy of our ongoing fiscal policy. Wimpy eats his burger today, then comes Tuesday — surprise — he's hungry again yet still hasn't paid for his last meal. That's us today.

■ **THE AMERICAN ECONOMY** is responsible for less than one-fifth of the world's total economy, yet Americans give more in charity to the less fortunate than the rest of the world put together.

■ **TWO WEEKS AGO** House Minor-

ity Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., complained (on the record) to Congress that because Republicans were 'forcing' legislators to stick around Washington for fiscal cliff negotiations (direct quote) 'families are being deprived of coming together to bond during Kwanzaa.' This nutcake is a leader of our country?



■ **HERE'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD** keep you awake at night: Janet Napolitano is 17th in line for the succession of the presidency.

■ **ON CHRISTMAS EVE** seven people were shot in the city of Chicago. The media made little mention of the shootings due to the fact that Chicago has experienced over 500 shootings in 2012 alone. Oh yeah, and because Chicago has some of the strictest gun

control policies in the nation.

■ **OVER 75 PERCENT OF TODAY'S TEACHERS ARE FEMALE.** The students are nearly evenly split at 51 percent female and 49 percent male. This unbalanced environment is having a profound impact on young boys. From kindergarten through high school, their success depends upon the ability to please a female authority figure. This unbalanced environment — millions of men spending their most formative years chronically attempting to please a demanding woman — is a huge factor in the cultural emasculation of so many of today's men, and the resulting political shift.

■ **HOLLYWOOD SUCKED IN 2012.** I can't recall a single movie that was innovative, ingenious or memorable. Just more of the same old degenerate and

disgusting crap. How sad.

■ **CURRENT FISCAL POLICIES** are not based on sound economic science. They are based on warped ideology and wishful thinking. And with four more years of amateur-hour, out-of-control government run by the same morons who got us into the mess, in December of 2016 we will all wish that we were as well off as we are today.

■ **DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES AHEAD,** my wish for all of us — regardless

of political persuasion — is that we open our eyes and our hearts and realize that we are all part of the most blessed 300 million humans on the planet. God bless America and, from my family to your family, best wishes for a healthy and happy 2013.

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TO THE PARENTS of the children responsible for shutting down Fenton Area Public Schools. What your child did is considered a felony. I will use the Freedom of Information Act to obtain your names. I will file charges against you, and your children. Look forward to meeting you.

■ **I JUST WANT** to say thank you, once again, to 'Mrs. Claus' who bought my son the racecar at CVS on Dec. 23. Your kindness will never be forgotten and I will do my best to raise him with the same generosity and love for others. Thank you!

■ **NOT ONLY DID** Holly take the raise of the 12 employees, which was given up by the employees to save jobs, they then laid off an officer anyways, then turned around and gave raises to administrators.

■ **HERE'S TO ALL** the people whom voted for the current President! 'Stupid is as Stupid does.' Just wait, the crap is going to hit the fan and it will be on your shoulders.

■ **ANOTHER GOVERNMENT STUDY?** I think it's high time for the government to quit spending our taxpayers' money on frivolous studies on stuff we don't need to know about. How many times

did a study come out and tell us that Aspin is both good and bad for you?

■ **SHAME ON YOU** Times for allowing the death of those first graders to become fodder for your nasty Hot lines. Any Hot line trying to use that tragedy to spin a political agenda should have been rejected.

■ **HEY REPUBLICAN, ARE** you sure you want to move to Canada? Gay marriage is legal in every province, abortion is legal on-demand, even late term, and Canada

has a universal health care system. Yeah, you'd fit right in.

■ **WHILE COMMENTING ABOUT** how unappetizing 'employee's nose rings' are to a local business owner, he informed me that 'nose rings are considered attractive in other countries.' Just one customer lost, no biggie I'm sure.

■ **RIGHT TO WORK** has nothing to do with bringing new jobs or new companies to Michigan. It's what the Governor promises a

company on how much tax the company won't have to pay the state. That and if the sales tax goes up to help that company survive in Michigan's economy.

■ **I WISH THE** police would enforce the no parking on the street rule during the winter. Another winter of half-plowed roads in my subdivision.

■ **YEAH, DDA, WHO** did win the \$500 shopping spree? I got to thinking about it after reading the other Hot line. Tri-County, can you get an answer on this for us?

■ **THE PROBLEM IN AMERICA** is that we continue to elect dishonest lawyers to run our country. Barack and Michelle Obama are both lawyers. We deserve what we get.

■ **THE KING ARTICLE** nailed it exactly. The Left creates the situation, then screams like little girls in an attempt to blame something or someone for the circumstances they created. Wake up America.

■ **CONSIDER THAT GRANHOLM** and Democratic fiscal policies kept Michigan in the hole for eight years, while Snyder and Republican policies have made us fiscally stable in just two years. Now, apply the same logic to the current fiscal disaster under Democratic leadership. Duh!

■ **TICKETS FOR OVERNIGHT** street parking in Orchard Hills Subdivision. All I can say is it is about time. Fenton could make a lot of extra cash if they came through on a nightly basis.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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What was the most significant event in your life in 2012?

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"I got two dogs, they're miniature pinschers named Champ and Lilly."

— Kim Broom
Lake Fenton



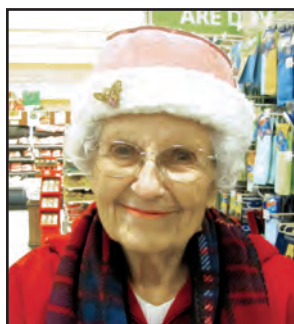
"My stepson and son got jobs as a pharmacist and a lawyer."

— Mary Jones
Fenton



"My daughter had cancer and had surgery, and now she's beating cancer."

— Sue Hall
Linden



"I lost my eye and got into a car accident, but at least I got a new car."

— Eloise Wild
Fenton



"I got a brand new tractor to use for gardening. It has an enclosed cab and everything."

— Leroy Miller
Holly



"My family is all in good health and I'm thankful for those blessings."

— Connie Fry
Fenton

Many businesses have come and gone this year

► Many more businesses line up to open in 2013

By Ryan Tackabury

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Opening your own business may be the dream of many people, but regrettably they do not always work out. Like every year, the area has seen its share of businesses both come and go.

While some businesses were, unfortunately, not able to make it this year, there are multiple new businesses that have already begun planning to make their debut next year.

Whether you liked to pick up fresh Michigan-grown produce in town, or wanted a convenient place to pick up a Christmas tree for the holidays, there is one less option to do either in Fenton now as **Four Seasons Marketplace** unfortunately closed their doors this year.

Down the road, **Roll Your Own Tobacco** on North LeRoy also closed. Other businesses throughout Fenton that are no longer open for business include **Shelly's Hair Care** on Silver Lake Road, the **Edge Gallery** on South LeRoy Street and both **Pete's Flooring** and **Ambiance Salon** on Torrey Road.

Bella Carina, a boutique in downtown Fenton that sold a mixture of designer wear and everyday fashion both opened and closed this year.

Fashion Bug clothing store on Silver Parkway is closing and another clothing retailer is expected to move in.

Other downtown districts saw losses this year, as Linden's downtown area took a blow in the loss of the two iconic businesses. Both the **Linden Sweet Shoppe** and the **Linden Toy Factory** closed up shop in 2012.

Holly, meanwhile, does not escape unscathed either, as the closing of the **Blackberry Bakery** makes one less place to purchase fresh baked goods.

Though the many closings look grim, there are a new series of businesses that are ready to take their turn at bat.

Crust bakery

The Laundry was already a big destination spot in Fenton, and owner Mark Hamel was not content to stop there. Early this year, he opened Crust, a bakery in downtown Fenton. Crust specializes in making artisan bread, and can be seen making more than 130 different types of baked goods on any given day.

YaYa's Flame Broiled Chicken

The broiled chicken restaurant on Silver Parkway not only closed, but reopened this year. It was shut down originally by the franchise owner. Corporate then took control. Manager Tiffany Frye has said that since the reopening, business has been good.

Genesee Valley Gold and Silver

Pending a business license approval, a new Genesee Valley Gold & Silver location will be coming to downtown Fenton, across from the State Bank.

Boston's — The Gourmet Pizza restaurant and sports bar

Next year, the former Andrico's and O'Malley's Galley location will be the home of a new restaurant and sports bar. What will not be around however, is the old building itself, which will be demolished to make room for a new building. The owner has donated kitchen equipment to the Fenton United Methodist Church.

MediLodge

A \$10 to \$12 million skilled-nursing facility is being proposed for Fenton, the MediLodge facility provides short-term physical therapy and long-term care for Alzheimer's patients. The next step for the MediLodge facility to come to Fenton is for the city council to amend a planned unit development on Pine Creek Drive to allow for MediLodge to move in. This development amendment will be discussed during a public hearing at City Council's meeting on Jan. 14.

Fenton Fire Hall

There is perhaps no business coming to Fenton that is anticipated more than the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant, which is set to open in the spring of 2013. In-

door renovations of the building have begun, which will be the first steps to turning the historic Fenton building into a destination.

Leo's Coney Island

Fenton may see another coney island open its doors next year. Though not a sure thing at the moment, according to the Fenton Building and Zoning administrator Brad Hissong, Leo's Coney Island could find a new home in Fenton. Hissong said he gave the owner of the restaurant some possible site locations on Owen Road to look at — so if things work out, look for them on the south side of town.

Boat Works

A fire damaged property at 2426 South Long Lake Road is being renovated and opening for business. Hissong said that though it is a commercial building, it will blend right in with the neighborhood.

Vicinia Gardens

Work has already begun on a new assisted living facility, Vicinia Gardens, in Fenton Township. The facility will combine an assisted living facility, memory care facility, independent living senior apartments and detached garden homes.

The first assisted living building will be completed by spring of 2013 and the memory care building of similar size will be underway within a year of the assisted living building's construction.

Other businesses

Two other restaurants have opened in Fenton Township. **Raymo's** on Owen Road, just west of Jennings Road offers dining, a full bar and entertainment. **Spoonz Lakeside Tavern** opened in November in the building that used to be Tee Bone's. Spoonz is located on Silver Lake Road and overlooks Lake Ponemah.



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The former O'Malley's Galley location will be the home of a new restaurant — Boston's — The Gourmet Pizza restaurant and sports bar. What will not be around however, is the old building itself, which will be demolished to make room for the new building.



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Flu bug hits state – two children die

►Health department advises it's not too late to get vaccination

Within the past week, two influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported in Michigan. These deaths are a somber reminder of the danger flu poses to children. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine each year.

One death was in a 6-month-old from southwest Michigan and the second death was in a 13-year-old from the central region of the state. Nationally, eight influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported. Children less than 6 months of age cannot get a flu vaccine. The best way to protect infants from the flu is to vaccinate those around them, including parents, siblings, grandparents, day and childcare workers,

and health care personnel.

"While it's too early to tell how severe our season might be, there's no doubt that we've seen more cases already this year than we typically do," said James K. Haveman, director of the MDCH. "It's not too late to get vaccinated before Michigan's flu season peaks."

In addition to the two flu-associated pediatric deaths in Michigan, there have been 149 positive influenza cases confirmed at the MDCH Bureau of Laboratories (BOL). This number does not represent all the influenza cases diagnosed and reported in Michigan, as additional cases have been confirmed at laboratories throughout the state.

Vaccination should be occurring now and continue throughout the entire flu season and there is an ample supply of flu vaccine available.

For more information about the flu, visit www.michigan.gov/flu.

Summary

►The health department recommends that everyone over 6 months old receive a flu vaccination. Reports of flu are increasing and there have been two reported deaths in Michigan linked to the flu.

STATS

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medical emergency nature.

Included here is a breakdown of the most common offenses and emergency calls, as of the third week of December.

POLICE

FENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

	2010	2011	2012
Homicides:	0	0	0
Assaults:	162	120	71
B & E:	43	55	47
CSC:	10	7	11
OWI:	75	62	82
Retail fraud:	121	112	113
LFAs:	110	72	75

LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

	2010	2011	2012
Homicides:	0	0	0
Assaults:	13	17	14
B & E:	17	16	1
CSC:	1	1	3
OWI:	5	6	4
Retail fraud:	0	2	2
LFAs:	23	16	17

GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (Fenton Township)

	2010	2011	2012
Homicides:	0	0	0
Assaults:	51	61	26
B & E:	55	35	32
CSC:	4	5	6
OWI:	29	28	13
Retail fraud:	0	0	0
LFAs:	45	33	24

HOLLY POLICE DEPARTMENT

	2010	2011	2012
Homicides:	0	0	1
Assaults:	61	69	64
B & E:	28	32	22
CSC:	10	15	11
OWI:	57	24	18
Retail fraud:	5	7	5
LFAs:	37	66	32

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

	2010	2011	2012
Homicides:	1	1	0
Assaults:	26	57	66
B & E:	49	61	80
CSC:	5	14	17
OWI:	23	37	51
Retail fraud:	2	7	9
LFAs:	17	40	52

• **B & E** = breaking and entering
• **CSC** = criminal sexual conduct
• **OWI** = operating a vehicle while intoxicated
• **LFA** = larceny or theft from an automobile

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FIRE

FENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2010	2011	2012
Structure fires:	21	15	15
Vehicle fires:	12	10	9
Crashes:	49	54	52
EMS:	150	145	103
HazMat	35	26	30
Misc:	199	204	211

Miscellaneous includes dumpster fires, mutual aid calls, grass/brush fires, open burning complaints, power lines down, carbon monoxide incidents, fire alarms, severe weather, smoke investigations and missing person searches.

LINDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2010	2011	2012
Structure fires:	9	10	9
Vehicle fires:	0	1	0
Fire alarms:	7	16	17
Crashes:	2	3	2
EMS:	217	261	230
HazMat	2	2	5
Mutual aid:	53	28	14
Misc:	20	12	23

Miscellaneous includes smoke investigations, wires down, miscellaneous fires, weather watch, public assistance.

FENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2010	2011	2012
Structure fires:	23	20	10
Vehicle fires:	6	8	4
Crashes:	43	48	40
EMS:	385	420	401
Ice rescues:	2	4	1
Drownings:	0	0	2
HazMat	5	7	4
Misc:	160	173	196

Miscellaneous includes cancelled calls en route, mutual aid/standby and miscellaneous fire alarms.

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY (NOCFA)

	2010	2011	2012
Structure fires:	9	11	10
Crashes:	88	70	94
EMS:	353	365	419
HazMat	24	54	50
Misc:	220	210	215

HOLLY VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2010	2011	2012
Structure fires:	6	6	8
Vehicle fires:	2	4	2
Grass/Brush fires	2	2	11
Crashes:	21	27	19
EMS:	561	653	568
HazMat	05	0	0
Misc:	6	9	5

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'QUICK CHANGE' SCAM ARTIST

A restaurant/bar on Silver Lake Road, at Silver Parkway was scammed out of several hundred dollars Thursday evening. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said police responded to the restaurant at 11:50 p.m. on Dec. 27. The manager reported that a male entered and asked the counter clerk to make change for a \$100 bill. One transaction turned into several and the male left. The clerk became concerned and money in the drawer was counted, revealing that more than \$400 was missing. The police chief said the male "quick changed" the clerk. The suspect was described as a light skinned black male, about 5-feet, 11-inches tall, and wearing a flannel shirt and green hat. Police are reviewing the surveillance video with hopes of identifying the suspect.

MAN'S WALLET TAKEN

On Dec. 27, a 42-year-old North Carolina man filed a larceny report with Fenton police. Police Chief Rick Aro said the man had shopped at a grocery store on North LeRoy Street at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 27. The man's wallet fell out of his pocket when he left the store. Once home, he realized his wallet was missing and returned to the store. The wallet had not been turned in. Police reviewed the surveillance video and saw that a white female in her late 30s, about 5-feet tall and 140 pounds, wearing a white winter coat and ponytail, bent down and picked up the wallet. Police hope the woman will turn in the man's wallet. The wallet contained \$140 worth of Japanese Yen and \$800 cash.

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS STOLEN

Fenton police received a larceny complaint from an employee of a business in the 200 block of Alloy Drive on Dec. 26. Police Chief Rick Aro said someone stole catalytic converters from two vehicles parked in the parking lot at the industrial coating business.

Expert shares ways to communicate with children after Newtown tragedy

Article courtesy of Sharp Funeral Homes

Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a respected author and educator on the topic of healing in grief offers advice for families that need to communicate about the recent mass shooting at a Connecticut elementary school. Dr. Wolfelt serves as director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition and is on the faculty at the University of Colorado Medical School's Department of Family Medicine.

Here is an article, written by Dr. Wolfelt and edited down for printing purposes. The full-length article can be read at tctimes.com.

Once again we are faced with the traumatic, violent deaths of a group of innocent people, this time precious children in Newtown, Conn.

First, it's important to remember that children can cope with what they know, but they can't cope with a reality they are over-protected from. As a father and as a counselor, I understand the instinct to want to protect children from such tragic news. But the reality is that many if not most of the children and teens in our lives have already heard about the recent school shooting.

We cannot protect children from the tragedy, but we can let them teach us how they feel about it. We have the responsibility to be available to them when they are struggling to understand what happened or if they have fears that the same thing could happen in their schools. We also have the responsibility to be honest with them within the boundaries of what is developmentally appropriate for a given child.

Listen (and observe), then respond

Watch the children in your life a little more closely. If it's on their mind, it's your turn to ask a couple of open-ended questions, such as, 'What have you heard about the school shooting that happened last week?'

Also watch for a change in behavior. Children who are more irritable or aggressive than usual or who are complaining of physical ailments uncharacteristically may be telling you that they have absorbed some of the horror and anxiety. Respond to them with sensitivity and warmth. This commitment to actively listening tells children that their feelings will be respected.

Safety first

If a child is expressing, verbally or behaviorally, that she is afraid, reassure her that you and the other grown-ups in her life are doing everything you can to make sure that she is safe.

Teens are ready to handle the more nuanced truth, which is that safety can't be 100 percent guaranteed in anything we do in life. Model living each day with boldness, resilience, meaning, and purpose for the teens in your life.

In the home, if a child seems to be regressing to the behaviors of younger kids — these are signs that this child simply needs some extra attention right now. Don't punish him for the regressive behaviors. Indulge them for now.

Be the grown-up

The multiple, violent deaths of precious young children and the adults who cared for them can result in intense feelings of shock, fear, anxiety and helplessness. While it's normal and natural for us to try to integrate the reality of what happened in these ways, this kind of exposure may be too much for



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Talking to teens about the recent shooting tragedy in Connecticut requires the parent to "be the grown up." Watching media coverage together can also help.

children. So limit your media viewing and conversation about the tragedy in front of your children.

Be the caregiver. If you need to talk about your own thoughts and feelings about what happened, find another adult to talk to out of earshot of the kids.

Older kids, especially teens, may, like many adults, work through their thoughts and feelings by engaging with the national media and conversation about the shooting. Try watching the news together with these teens and talking about what you see.

Search for meaning ... together

If you attend a place of worship and there is a message about the shooting during the service, this may be helpful for your older child to hear. Model prayer, meditation, singing, spending time in nature or whichever activities are helpful to you in connecting to your spirituality.

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DDA agrees to sculpture exhibit

►Come next May, works of art to liven up downtown area, cost \$9,054

By Ryan Tackabury

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Fenton — The beginning of the year saw the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) submit a letter of interest to the Midwest Sculpture Initiative (MSI). The end of the year has now seen an agreement between the two being made.

The sculpture project was first brought up a year ago and revisited last month. The matter was then tabled as the DDA was uncertain how the sculpture exhibit would be impacted by the delay of the Streetscape project.

DDA Director Mike Burns and DDA member John Strayer met with Ken Thompson of MSI to see if it was possible to delay the city's participation until after the Streetscape project. According to Burns, although Thompson said he understood

the situation, delaying Fenton's participation would look negatively on the city for future exhibits.

The sculptures will be present in the city's downtown area from May 2013 until April of the following year. The cost of renting the sculptures will be \$9,054, which includes the cost of both installation and removal.

A dozen cities are participating in the program.

"The closest city that is doing it is I believe Frankenmuth, where the sculptures have been up for some time. They are very happy with the results," said Strayer, speaking of other cities' involvement with the

program. "I think the same would happen with Fenton."

Where the sculptures are to be placed has not yet been decided. Strayer mentioned that one idea held by Thompson was to line LeRoy Street from Dibbleville to the community center. Other site suggestions included the city's parks, as well as the library.

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— John Strayer, DDA member

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SNOW

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DPW Director Dan Czarnecki said preparation for the plowing began that day, with prepping the trucks, and finishing up last minute projects.

Instead of going home when their shift usually ends, his staff plowed and salted literally all night — until 4:30 Thursday afternoon.

Summary

►The first big snow of the winter season was uneventful, thanks to careful drivers and local DPWs that kept roads clear.

"It went very well," said Czarnecki. "The roads this morning were in pretty darn good shape."

The workers plowed the roads first, and then salted the middle of the road, to allow the salt to melt, and run into the side lanes, helping to melt the snow. He has 1,800 tons of salt on order for the season, to cover the 60 miles of Fenton roads.

Sgt. Dave Reinfelder with the Fenton Police Department said there were no collisions on city streets. "We had a few that went off into U.S. 23, but no collisions reported to the state. Everybody drove pretty good."

Reinfelder said black ice tends to be more of a problem than accumulating snow.

YEAR IN REVIEW

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elevator, as well as several new rooms for cultural activities. Construction is expected to start next spring and will be completed that year.

Old Fire Hall project changes hands

The beginning of the year saw excitement for the DDA's project to transform the old fire hall into a destination restaurant. Originally, a deal had been made with the Michigan Brewing Co., who later backed out of the project. It was replaced by the owners of the Clarkston Union restaurant. Clarkston Union owner Curt Catallo plans for an expansion that will include bathrooms and an elevator, as well as patio and rooftop seating for the restaurant.

City Council passes chicken ordinance

Fenton residents found that starting in 2012, they could keep a new type of pet in their backyard — chickens. Though it underwent much debate and scrutiny, an ordinance was passed by the city council allowing the ownership of up to 3 chickens to be kept in a coup.

North LeRoy reconstruction complete

Though it suffered a short delay, the \$1.25 million project saw repaved roads from North Road to its border with Fenton Township. Though the construction imposed some difficulties for businesses, it also led to the creation of the North Leroy Business District.

Medical marijuana moratorium

The city council extended a moratorium on medical marijuana in the area, saying they have yet to receive enough information to act on the matter. Rulings

from the Michigan Supreme Court on the 2008 Medical Marihuana Act will help Fenton to address the issue's legality.

Jinglefest celebration draws record numbers

On Dec. 1, Fenton saw one of its biggest crowds ever gather downtown for the Jinglefest celebration. Families had an opportunity to meet with Santa, decorate Christmas trees, participate in the Jinglefest run, and more. The night ended this year with a fireworks display that followed a parade that drew over 5,000 attendees.

Streetscape sees one year delay

This year saw steps forward in the streetscape project which will result in the reconstruction and repaving of some roads and aesthetical improvements to the downtown area, as well as a delay due to funding issues on behalf of the federal government. Though construction was planned to both start and be complete in 2013, it has been delayed one year.

Council enacts ice rink ordinance

This year saw a neighborly feud over an ice rink make news across the state, and saw the city council draft an ordinance amendment to spell out what is and is not allowed in terms of ice rinks.

LINDEN

City manager hired, quits

The city of Linden saw its fair share of ups and downs this year. In January, former City Manager Chris Wren resigned from his position, prompting the search for a new leader. The city received nearly 50 applications and interviewed numerous candidates, including Fenton Assistant City Manager Michael Burns. The city eventually settled on Mark Tallman, who then quit after five months on the job.

Business climate changes

The city pursued the possible purchase of the former Union Block property, but decided against the purchase after discovering possible contamination with bordering properties. The city also faced friction with business owners as officials tried to impose sewer fees on many long time businesses, including the Linden Hotel, Subway and the former Linden Sweet Shoppe. Council is expected to make a decision in early 2013 on how to assess the sewer fees.

Two summer festivals

The city saw expansion with summer activities as two festivals were held, one being the Summer Happening and the other being Linden Mills Days. The Summer Happening was held on the grounds of Linden Community Schools while Mills Days was held in downtown Linden.

Plans for 2013

City officials are hoping to hire a new city manager within the first quarter of 2013. While the Union Block property remains in the possession of The LaFontaine and Smith families, councilors have expressed wishes to possibly obtaining the property in the future. A primary goal for leaders in Linden is to develop the downtown section.

HOLLY

Holly Village may implement police cuts

To bridge a \$126,000 shortfall in the 2012-13 village budget, the Holly Police Department had to make cuts. In the end, one full time sergeant was laid off, and the rest of the difference was taken from the village fund balance. Many police officers along with the village manager also gave up wage increases. The budget was finally approved in June. In July, it was found that the village was \$48,500 short for the 2011-12 budget, because of medical costs, which the council allowed the village administration to pull from capital improvement funds.

'It's time for something new'

In July, Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes announced he would be retiring at the end of his contract in June 2013. Barnes will be 62 next year and said that would be 40 years in the professional world for him. "It's just time for something new," he said. "I am not going to retire next June out of any disgruntlement. Everyone knows when it's time for them to be doing something else." Barnes has been in Holly for 12 years. The search for the next HAS superintendent is well underway, with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) facilitating the search. The next superintendent will be in place as Barnes' contract ends.

HAS faces possible \$3.3 million in cuts

In March, Holly Area Schools was once again proposing painful cuts to the tune of \$2.6 million, to more than 20 teaching positions, salary adjustments, and transportation changes. These reductions were made because of a revenue drop of more than \$3.2 million, due to declining enrollment, state revenue and property values and increased operational costs. "We really can't control all these issues, and their impact," said Superintendent Kent Barnes at a school board meeting.

Holly police chief quits

Holly Police Chief Elena Danishevskaya submitted her resignation to the Village Council in September. Earlier that same day the village announced that Danishevskaya was being placed on a paid administrative leave. She was placed on leave because of a "Vote of No Confidence" letter signed by 12 members of the Holly police officers union. Also occurring was the investigation brought about by the chief, of accusations of sexual harassment, and a hostile working environment on the part of manager Jerry Walker, and council member Tom Clark.

Clerk/treasurer Cathrene Behrens was named as helping to create the hostile working environment. In the end, most of the allegations against Danishevskaya were not breaks in procedure, and the accusations against Clark, Walker and Behrens could not be labeled sexual harassment or a hostile working environment according to independent investigators.

End of an era in Holly politics

As new council members took over in November, longtime members stepped down. Don Wingelmire served on council for 26 years, Pauline Kenner for 16 years. Neither sought re-election. Jason Hughes became president, unseating former president Jeff Miller. New members Debra Musgrave, Bob Allsop and Ryan Bladzic took seats. George Kullis was appointed to fill Hughes' council seat as he became president. Only Tom Clark and Jackie Campbell remained in place from last year.

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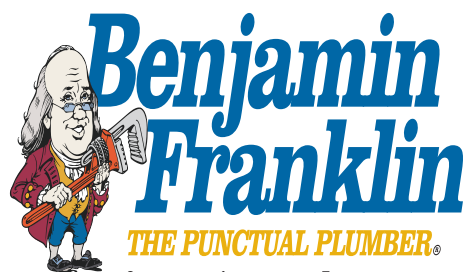
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2012 NATIONAL NOTABLE DEATHS

By Tim Jagielo • tjagiolo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

In 2012, Dave Brubek played his last live set, Zig Ziglar gave his last speech, and Dick Clark, the "America's oldest teenager," died.

Notable deaths were probably in the hundreds, however, here is a sampling of the national figures that died in 2012.

Neil Armstrong, 82, was an astronaut, explorer and pilot.



Sally Ride, 61, was the first female astronaut. She died after a battle with pancreatic cancer.



Helen Gurley Brown, 90, a publisher, was editor-in-chief for Cosmopolitan magazine for more than 30 years.



Robin Gibb, 62, of the Bee Gees died of cancer in May.



Larry Hagman, 81, is well known for his role as JR Ewing on the Dallas television show.



Dick Clark, 82, died of a heart attack. Clark was known for helping usher rock n' roll into the mainstream.



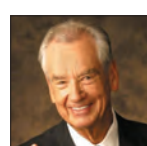
Dave Brubek, 92. The influential jazz pianist died shortly before his 92nd birthday. He performed standards like "Take Five."



Adam "MCA" Yauch, 47, died after a three-year battle with cancer. He was a founding member of The Beastie Boys, who were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of fame in 2012.



Zig Ziglar, 86. Ziglar was a motivational speaker who spoke about growing wealth.



Ray Bradbury, 91, died after a long illness. Bradbury penned "Fahrenheit 451," "The Martian Chronicles," and dozens of other works of science fiction.



Michael Clarke Duncan, 54. The "Green Mile" actor died two months after a heart attack.



Phyllis Diller, 95, was a ground breaking comedienne, after getting her break into showbiz on The Groucho Marx Show.



Ernest Borgnine, 95, died of kidney failure. He was known for TV show "McHale's Navy," and even voiced a "SpongeBob SquarePants" character since 1999.



Thomas Kincade, 54, was an artist who painted sentimental American scenes that the public loved and critics reviled.



Whitney Houston, 48. The longtime singer died of accidental drowning, but heart disease and cocaine use contributed, according to the coroner report.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN HOSTESS WENT bankrupt, it got me thinking. It is said that Twinkies can survive a nuclear holocaust, but it couldn't survive the Obama administration. Therefore, America didn't elect a solution to the problem, they re-elected the problem. In spite of all this, Happy New Year to everyone.

REPUBLICANS HAVEN'T RAISED taxes since 1991 (read my lips, Bush #1). Plan B didn't pass so they still haven't raised taxes. The ball is now back in Obama's court. Watch how the White House spins this story to the press. Taxes go up on everyone January 1, because Democrats did nothing.

COULD YOU INCLUDE the old dumpy trailer park with Frank's Tavern. Why doesn't the Township buy that park and build condos. I'm sure the owner would sell it. You could make a fortune on the waterfront property.

THEY WANT TO protect our schools during the day. What about after school

activities when the doors are unlocked until 9 p.m.?

IS THERE A coupon class offered in the tri-county area? With the New Year starting, this is one of my goals.

HE VOTED TO allow guns to be 'concealed carry' into our schools, then Rep. Joe Graves says, 'It wasn't a perfect bill.' OMG! Really? Why did you vote for it then?

IT IS WORTH noting that typically local municipalities offer an electronics recycling program at least annually, and in some cases, more often. Contact your local municipal offices to find out what is offered and when.

HEY FOSTER CHILDS, is there anything wrong in the world that the Democrats didn't cause? To quote you, 'remove head from ass.'

THANK YOU JOE Graves for having the courage and common sense to vote intelligently instead of caving in to the shrill shrieking of the liberals. Stay the course Mr. Graves.

FAREWELLS

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body was located in water 20-feet deep and pulled from the lake nearly an hour after he fell in.



Chad Schoen

Chad Schoen
Feb. 3, 1987 —
July 5, 2012

Appeared in print
Sunday, July 8

A standout athlete at Gibraltar Carlson High School, 25-year-old Chad Schoen died after drowning in Lake Fenton this summer. Schoen, a Flat Rock resident who attended Ferris State University, had been celebrating on a pontoon with some friends on the Fourth of July. Schoen did not resurface after he and his friends had all dived into the lake together. Dive teams recovered Schoen's body the next day.



Audrey Seigle

Audrey Seigle
May 21, 1995 —
July 9, 2012

Appeared in print
Sunday, July 15

Fenton resident Audrey Seigle was struck and killed by a Canadian National Train July 9. Seigle was walking westbound on the train tracks behind the urgent care center on Silver Lake Road. The train was traveling eastbound and came to a full stop just west of Fenway Drive.



Patrick O'Rourke

Patrick O'Rourke
Dec. 11, 1972 —
Sept. 9, 2012

Appeared in print
Sept. 10

West Bloomfield Police Officer Patrick O'Rourke was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, Sept. 9 in West Bloomfield. O'Rourke, 39 of Tyrone Township, was a father of four and an active member of St. John the Evangelist Church of Fenton. O'Rourke's funeral was held at St. John, where hundreds of police officers arrived to pay their respects.



Charles Shiffman

Charles (Chuck) Shiffman
Oct. 26, 1978 —
Dec. 1, 2012

Appeared in print
Wednesday, Dec. 5

The 35-year-old Pinckney man died from stab wounds in Rose Township while assisting a long-time friend during an altercation. The alleged killer, Ronald Kennedy, was apprehended by authorities after he fled the scene.



Christopher Muncy

Christopher Muncy
Dec. 13, 1958 —
Sept. 12, 2012

Appeared in print
Sept. 16

Christopher Muncy of White Lake died after losing control of his motorcycle and was struck by several vehicles along southbound U.S. 23 in Hartland Township. Muncy was the manager of Panera Bread on Owen Road in Fenton. Muncy was 53 years old.



John Rauch

John Rauch
Jan. 26, 1938 —
Oct. 6, 2012

Appeared in print
Oct. 10

A former Fenton city councilman, John Rauch died at the age of 74 of natural causes. Rauch was a veteran of the Korean War with the U.S. Army and retired from Grand Blanc DPW after 30 years. In the 16 years that he served as councilman, Rauch was involved with several significant projects including the development of Silver Parkway, the new fire station and DPW building.



Jeff Murray

Jeffrey Murray
March 8, 1973 —
July 28, 2012

Appeared in print
Aug. 1

Jeffrey Murray of Holly Township was killed in a motorcycle accident in Commerce Township. Authorities reported Murray lost control of his motorcycle while on a curved road. Murray's motorcycle went down and slid into the path of a southbound truck, driven by a 30-year-old Fenton resident. Murray was 39 years old.



Ryan Alban

Ryan Alban
Nov. 13, 1978 —
July 24, 2012

Appeared in print
July 29

Ryan Alban died after his 2004 Chevy Silverado pickup crashed in Holly Township. Alban was ejected from his vehicle, which had rolled over on him. The Fenton man left behind three young sons.



Josh Pacheco

Josh Pacheco
Oct. 24, 1995 —
Nov. 27, 2012

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A 17-year-old junior at Linden High School, Josh Pacheco committed suicide after being bullied at school and struggling with depression. Local schools have since raised more awareness about bullying and have held a candlelight vigil remembering Pacheco, where students spoke out against bullying.

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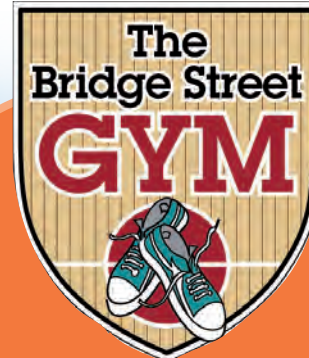
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Because it was such a high-profile case, the trial was moved to Port Huron in January. Hayes was brought back to Genesee County where he received a life sentence, plus 160 years from Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Richard B. Yuille. Dominick's mother, Corrine Baker was also sentenced for not doing enough to save her son from her live-in boyfriend. She will be released from state prison sometime between 2023 and 2040.



Brandon Hayes

Ronnie Duke

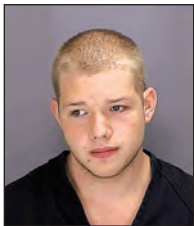
In July, Ronnie Edward Duke, 45, of Fenton pleaded guilty in connection with an extensive multi-million dollar mortgage fraud conspiracy. Federal investigators said that Duke ruled over one of this nation's largest mortgage fraud operations. Eleven others were also charged. Duke is awaiting trial for wire fraud.



Ronnie Duke

Tyler Metzelburg

Tyler Metzelburg, 19, of Holly awaits sentencing after he pleaded guilty to second-degree home invasion, larceny from auto (LFA) and manufacturing/delivering of marijuana. The Holly Police Department led the investigation after receiving several LFA complaints from residents in the Hawaiian Gardens Mobile Home Park in July. Police also took two reports of home invasion. The case is pending.



Tyler Metzelburg

Teddyjo Fliam

A 22-year-old Fenton woman and her two young children were hospitalized following a rollover crash on Center Road in Tyrone Township in July. Responding officers found that the driver, Teddyjo Fliam, had been ejected from her 1997 Toyota 4Runner. Her 1-year-old daughter, who was not properly restrained in a car seat, was also ejected. Her 4-year-old son remained in the overturned vehicle, due in part to his use of a seatbelt.



Teddyjo Fliam

A preliminary breath test at the scene revealed Fliam's blood alcohol content to be .185.

Wade Dilley

Wade Dilley, 37, of Fenton is facing five counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) for alleged offenses involving a victim under the age of 13 in Fenton and Mundy Township. If Dilley, a former Linden police officer, is found guilty as charged, he faces up to 15 years in prison for each felony. He is awaiting a Jan.



Wade Dilley

30, 2013 trial date. The three counts of second-degree CSC out of Mundy Township stemmed from alleged incidents in 2009. The two counts investigated by Fenton police allegedly occurred in 2011.

Kandis and Andrew Forney

Kandis Forney, 25 of Fenton was sentenced to six years in prison for her involvement with the death of a 21-year-old woman in Urbana, Ohio in March. Authorities in Ohio said Kandis and her husband, Andrew Forney were present during the murder and dismembering of Jessica Sacco and did nothing to stop it. Kandis pleaded guilty to failure to report a crime and complicity to tampering with evidence and obstructing justice. Andrew Forney, 26, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for his involvement. Sacco's ex-boyfriend, Matthew Puccio admitted to murdering Sacco and was sentenced to life in prison with the chance of parole after 30 years.



Kandis Forney



Andrew Forney

David Eddie Collins

David Eddie Collins, 23, of Flint is facing three felony counts, armed robbery, first-degree home invasion and weapons felony firearms. He faces up to life in prison. Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said deputies responded to a home in the 13000 block of Linden Road in Fenton Township on a report of shots fired during a home invasion. Multiple shots were fired and Collins was charged with shooting Robert Johnson, the 23-year-old resident who was asleep in an upstairs bedroom at the time of the break-in. The sheriff said detectives believe a second suspect, Kalien Stubbs, was killed in a homicide in Flint on April 16. The case is pending.



David Collins

Devin Saxon

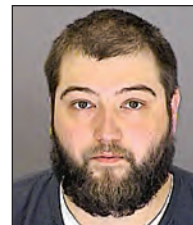
In May, Devin Saxon, 17, of Holly was charged with making a false report or threat of terrorism, a 20-year felony. He was suspected of making threats against Holly Middle School. Saxon was arraigned at Oakland County's 52-2 District Court in Clarkston and a \$25,000 cash bond was set. He is banned from all Holly schools' property. In November, the court ordered a forensic exam and independent evaluation on Saxon. The case is pending.



Devin Saxon

Robert Ray and Christopher Woodworth

Two Groveland Township men pleaded guilty to manufacturing and delivering of marijuana in Oakland County court. Robert Ray and Christopher Woodworth faced charges related to a drug trafficking operation, which involved a home on Cogshall Street in Holly and two mobile homes in Groveland Manor. According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Ray, 23, and Woodworth, 24, were each charged with one four-year felony of delivering and manufacturing marijuana. After pleading guilty as charged, each were ordered to jail time, probation and several conditions. An investigation revealed that Ray was delivering marijuana to more than 30 individuals, under the guise of the medical marijuana law.



Robert Ray



Christopher Woodworth

John McCoskey

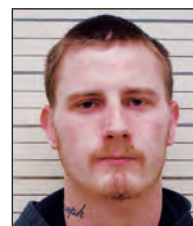
A 39-year-old Davidsburg man has been sentenced to four to 20 years in state prison after pleading guilty as charged related to an armed robbery in Holly on June 7. He also received two years on felony firearms. Det. Julie Bemus of the Holly Police Department said John McCoskey was charged with armed robbery and felony firearms and was held on \$50,000 bond. Police said McCoskey robbed the gas station at 820 North Saginaw St. in Holly Village. Holly police apprehended him a short time after the robbery was reported. While in custody, McCoskey reportedly confessed to the crime, adding that he just needed the money, according to Bemus.



John McCoskey

Joshua Malone

A 25-year-old Fenton man is on probation after serving jail time for two felony counts of attempted breaking into a building with intent to steal. Joshua John-Allen Malone faced 10 years in prison on each count. Fenton police apprehended Malone on June 14 after responding to a commercial burglary alarm at a party store on North Road. While clearing that scene, police responded to a second commercial burglary alarm at a cell phone store in the 900 block of North LeRoy Street. Surveillance video provided by the party store showed footage of Malone in the store, putting things in bags and exiting through the broken window.



Joshua Malone

John Shorez

In February, John Raphael Shorez, 36, of Fenton Township was sentenced to 20 to 48 months in prison after pleading no contest to second-degree child abuse. The Genesee County Sheriff's Department arrested Shorez on Nov. 26, 2011 after receiving an anonymous tip regarding a possible child abuse situation at a mobile home in Fenton Township.



John Shorez

Ronald Kennedy

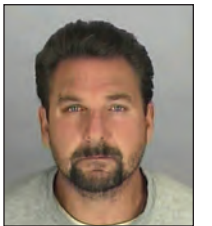
Ronald Kennedy, 37, of Holly remains lodged at the Oakland County Jail facing a felony charge of assault less than murder. He was arrested by Holly police after an altercation earlier this month in Holly where Charles Shiffman, 35, of Pinckney was killed.



Ronald Kennedy

Evan James Wells

Evan Wells remains lodged at the Oakland County Jail on a \$1 million cash surety bond. He was arrested in connection with an Oct. 12, bar fight in Holly, which left Ronald Smith, 43, of Highland dead. Smith was pronounced deceased on Oct. 15. Wells was then charged with involuntary manslaughter, a 15-year felony.



Evan Wells

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Random THOUGHTS

Recently, Detroit Lions' legend and left tackle Lomas Brown was doing an interview on ESPN radio when he mentioned his dislike for ex-Lions' starting quarterback Scott Mitchell. It extended deep enough to actually want to see the QB hurt.

He admitted on air that once during a Nov. 6, 1994 game against the Green Bay Packers he purposely allowed a defensive lineman to hit Mitchell, hoping he'd get injured and have to leave the game. His plan worked.

"He was throwing interceptions, just everything," Brown said. "So I looked at Kevin Glover, our All-Pro center and I said, 'Glove, that is it.' I said, 'I'm getting him out of the game.' ... So I got the gator arms on the guy at the last minute, he got around me, hit Scott, Mitchell, he did something to his finger."

Not the type of teammate I'd like to have. And, obviously, the news shocked Mitchell.

"People get seriously hurt in this game," Mitchell told Mike Florio during an interview on the Dan Patrick Show. "For someone to lay down like that, it's unacceptable."

It is unacceptable. And honestly, Brown, you are symbolic of everything a teammate should not be.

Tigers celebrate holidays with win vs. Northwestern

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COLLEGE BOUND

Fenton's Nick Chappell heading to Hillsdale College in fall.

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LINDEN'S ROGER PHILLIPS

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Linden's Phillips leads the pack

►Edges Fenton's Kryza for our top spot

By David Troppens

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From the start, Clint Lawhorne remembered Roger Phillips as being a kid that had some promise as a cross country runner when he joined the team his freshman year.

And maybe it was because of that promise, Phillips spent some of his freshman year in the doghouse.

"He appeared to have some talent, but much like other young kids in high school, he had to learn about becoming more responsible and reliable before he could start to make an impact on the team. He spent a fair amount of time that first year in my doghouse. ... We laugh about it now."

It's fair to say Phillips is in no one's doghouse any more. In fact, he's on the list of greatest runners in Linden school history, capping his season with a school record time at the Division 2 State Cross Country Championships. That's part of the reason why he edged out Fenton's equally talented runner Max Kryza for the Tri-County's 2012 Runner of the Year honors.

That rivalry with Kryza may have been what catapulted him to the award. Both have bounced back and forth this season. Phillips won races at Durand, Linden and Corunna in non-league action. Meanwhile Kryza also won at Corunna, Goodrich, Holly and at the county meet.

In Metro jamborees, Phillips won the first, while Kryza won the second and third. At that time, Kryza was probably ahead for this

Phillips' top times

Here is a list of Linden's Roger Phillips' best performances this season.

Event	Time
*Durand Invitational	16:41.1
*Corunna Early Bird	16:48.1
*First Metro Jamb.	16:37.5
Spartan Invitational	16:02.0
*Linden Invitational	16:13.6
Portage Invitational	15:52.0
*Regional meet	16:22.2
State meet	15:35.3
Mid-East Meet	16:02.0
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honor.

However, Phillips only got better down the stretch. He won his regional championship, leading the Eagles to a regional title. It set up a state meet finale between the two seniors. Kryza earned all-state honors in the DI race by placing 14th with a strong time of 15:36.1 at Michigan International Speedway. Meanwhile, Phillips placed sixth in the D2 race with a school record time of 15:35.3, earning himself All-State honors, helping his team to a second-place team finish and earning Phillips the tri-county nod.

"It helps (racing against him). He's a strong competitor," Phillips said. "I found out (I had the better time) when he made the All-State chairs and I heard I beat him by about a second. We both laughed at it."

"We talk sometimes. Right now we've been talking about who we think is going to take the track sea-

son this year. We usually chat over Facebook."

Phillips is proof positive that someone exposed to cross country running may stick with the sport. He started running in the sixth grade at the Wednesday Night Races, an event that his coach helps host.

"I ran there and after that my middle school coach came to my house and asked me if I wanted to try out for the team," Phillips said. "I started to like it."

The first time he ran the mile, Phillips recalled posting a time of 6:10, but quickly got the time down to 5:36 during the season.

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ALL TRI-COUNTY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Runner of the Year	Class	Team
Roger Phillips	Senior	Linden
Comment: This was a mighty tough call. Fenton's Max Kryza probably led in the race for Runner of the Year until the postseason. That's when Phillips stepped up, became a regional champion and also posted the best time of any runner in the tri-county area at the state meet with a Linden school record time of 15:35.3, earning fifth place and beating Kryza's time of 15:36.1 by less than a second. His time helped the Linden Eagles finish second in the state, the Eagles' best finish since winning a state title in 2008.		
Rest of boys first team	Grade	School
Max Kryza	Senior	Fenton
Graham Elliott	Senior	Linden
Dilon Lemond	Freshman	Holly
Zach LeMieux	Junior	Linden
Vincent Cantu	Junior	Holly
Caleb Fletcher	Junior	Lake Fenton
Note: The teams, and Runner of the Year, were selected by the sports staff. Girls first team can be found on page 19A.		



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Hot shooting Tigers cruise past Flint Northwestern, 71-44

►Cox, Shegos combine for 48 points in Fenton's Holiday Classic victory

By David Troppens

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Fenton — For Cory Cox, it's all about defensive energy and his teammates.

Ask him why he's averaging 21.7 points a game, and that's what he'll tell you.

Apparently the Fenton varsity boys basketball team oozed energy and trust on Thursday, as Cox scored a season-high 29 points in the Tigers' impressive 71-44 victory against Flint Northwestern during the 2012 Holiday Basketball Classic, hosted at Flint Northern High School.

"This year the team looks to me to be more of a leader without Ryan (Hickoff) and Dylan (Hickoff). I take that role a little more," Cox said. "But more importantly, my teammates do a really good job getting me open. Eric (Readman) can penetrate off the dribble, beat people off the dribble. Mitch (Shegos) beats people off the dribble. Damon (Thomas) beats people off the dribble. They kick it to me in the corner, and I've been kind of hot with my shooting. That's been good for me.

"And when we come out with high energy on defense, I think it leads to offense. We came out with energy, we moved the ball good. We had a couple of nice back-door layups, and that helps your shooting percentage when you can come back with layups."

Cox wasn't the only Tiger to have a strong offensive game. In fact, it was the entire team. The Tigers shot 53 percent from the field (27-for-51), with nine three-

pointers figured in the equation. And while the Tigers worked for good shots, they did a good job keeping possession of the ball, only turning the ball over seven times. It resulted in many Tigers having big offensive days. Shegos netted 19 points, scoring 11 points during the Tigers' 18-point third quarter. Readman also remained his consistent self, netting 15 points, while dishing five assists. James Claborn, one not expected to provide much offense beyond putbacks, found a spot in the offense, netting six points. And while he didn't score, Thomas helped the unselfish nature of the Tigers' play, providing four assists.

"It's the offense. We started being patient," Shegos said. "We got the ball movement — passing, cutting and hit open shots."

Really, the Tigers have been about as hot as anyone could've expected not only for Thursday night, but for the first month of the season. The Tigers are 5-0 and have won games by an average of 20.6 points, only allowing one foe to come as close as nine points. Fenton coach Tim Olszewski embraces the trust and accountability aspect on why the Tigers have played so well.

"We talk about trust, talk about doing the right things and we hold everyone accountable in practice," Olszewski said. "We have eight coaches. We have a lot of people watching things and our staff consists of very successful varsity coaches. You have Eric Senter and Steve Barlow.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton's Mitch Shegos (right) tries to work around a Flint Northwestern defender in the Tigers' 71-44 victory at the 2012 Holiday Basketball Classic on Thursday.

... You have assistant coaches that have played within the program. We don't have egos on the staff. ... And because we have such seasoned coaches all the way down, it's hard for the kids not to be held accountable."

Cox netted a three-pointer about 30 seconds into the game, giving Fenton a 3-2 lead, and the Tigers seemingly never let go of the game's control.

The hoop sparked an 11-point Fenton See **SHOOTING** on 19A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | GARRETT GORMLEY

Metro League Griffins player Alex Broadworth (right) keeps close to a Davison foe in a recent game. The Griffins, a co-op team comprising of players from Linden and Fenton, tied Goodrich 2-2 recently.

Metro League Griffins post 2-2 draw against Goodrich Martians

By David Troppens

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The Metro League Griffins are still looking for their first non-league victory.

But that said, the Griffins didn't suffer a loss against the Goodrich Martians either.

The Griffins, a co-op hockey team comprised of players from Fenton and Linden high schools, recorded a 2-2 tie

at Hartland Sports Center, recently.

"We controlled the game for the third and all of the overtime," Griffins coach Jeff Mynatt said. "Goodrich's goalie stood on his head. We had plenty of opportunities to put the game away, and could not sneak it past him. We definitely outshot them. It was a great effort by both teams and it was a fun game to watch."

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Fenton's Chappell makes athletic, academic dreams come true

►Lineman headed to Hillsdale College to continue football career

By David Troppens

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Nick Chappell wanted to play college football.

But because of his lofty academic goals, he wanted to fit it in with a school that satisfied those needs.

The Fenton offensive lineman found the perfect fit at Hillsdale College. And that's where Chappell, a 6-foot-5, 305-pound first-team All-Metro selection is headed. Chappell has accepted a full tuition scholarship at Hillsdale where he plans on pursuing a major in pre-med.

"I was looking mostly at the (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schools)," Chappell said. "I was looking at Grand Valley, Michigan, Tech, Northwood and Northern Michigan. The reason I picked Hillsdale was because I did my research and looked at the academics. Hillsdale ranks right up there with the better schools in Michigan for the major I'm looking for. I liked the coaching staff and it was a great bunch of guys. It's a great place."

Hillsdale is one of eight Division 2 NCAA football programs located in the state of Michigan in what is a very talented and competitive GLIAC North Division. The Chargers are among those competitive teams, earning winning records every season starting with 2007, and earning Division championships in 2010 and 2012. The Chargers won the GLIAC title in the 2011, the season

Wayne State, another GLIAC member, qualified for the D2 national championship contest. Of course, since 2000, another GLIAC member, Grand Valley State University, has played in six national championship games, winning four.

"It's a real good fit for Nick, especially from an educational standpoint," Fenton coach Jeff Setzke said. "Nick is very serious about his academics and he is going to a school with that same feeling."

"The big thing is with Nick (from a football standpoint) is he has the God-given size and athletic ability. Not everyone can be 6-5, at least 300 pounds and be athletic. Nick fits all of those attributes. He might be better in college playing kids his size. Playing kids his size happens less often on Friday night."

It could be a couple of years before Chappell hits the field on Saturdays. Even at the D2 level, players usually redshirt their freshman year to get acclimated to the collegiate game. However, Chappell has one plus for him with his frame.

"Most guys are usually 230 or 240 pounds, so I'm a little ahead of the game," Chappell said.

"They said they are looking for a left tackle. I don't know if it will stay that way, but that's what I've been told. ... They have a senior left tackle right now who's a pretty good player, so they'll probably put more weight on me and see how it goes."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Nick Chappell (left center) tries to help quarterback Connor Davidson (center right) gain more yards during a contest this year. Chappell will play football at Hillsdale College next academic school year.

Setzke said Chappell's mindset will work well at the next level.

"Nick is a genuinely nice person and good kid. He's sincere and well spoken," Setzke said. "He plays football and he likes to play. He's a good football player, a better person and a pleasure to coach. There's never any problems with Nick. He works very hard and tries as hard as he can. And his reward is he's going to be able to play on Saturday."

Chappell said playing at Fenton has

helped him earn this opportunity.

"I've got great drive. All of my coaches told me if I set my mind to it, I can accomplish getting to the second level," Chappell said.

"It takes your coaches to get you on the map, to look at kids. They've helped me get on the map, treated me good and, ultimately, prepared me to be where I am for sure."

"It's a great feeling. I feel like I don't need a Christmas present."



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- Noah

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GRIFFINS

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The Griffins scored the middle two goals in the contest. Goodrich scored the only first-period goal on the power play. With 12:17 left in the period, Mitchell Bushnell scored, making it a 1-0 Martians' lead.

"We were caught off guard in the first period," Mynatt said. "Goodrich plays good positional hockey."

The co-op squad tied it up with 15:42 left in the second period on a goal by Dan Delong, assisted by Hugh Comben. Then, with 11:04 left in the third period, Nat Allen and Delong assisted a goal by Ben Cislo. The Griffins led 2-1. It looked like the lead may hold, but Travis Gilmer tied it up with a goal with just 1:51 remaining.

The Griffins (1-3-1) are off until a Jan. 4 game against another prep team that uses Hartland Sports Center as its home rink, Milford. The game starts at 7 p.m.

The Griffins also host Freeland for a Jan. 9 nonleague contest at Hartland Sports Center at 7 p.m.



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The tri-county area's top two candidates for 2012 Runner of the Year were Fenton's Max Kryza (left) and Linden's Roger Phillips. Phillips (right) won the honor by the runner's equivalent of a stride.

PHILLIPS

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ing his sixth-grade season with some training. That inspired him.

"I am really competitive and when I find out I'm good at something, I try to become the best at it," Phillips said. "I have to train harder so (my competition) can't beat me."

When he got to the high school level, Phillips wasn't a household name by any stretch. Even when his sophomore season began, he was fighting just to make the varsity seven. Lawhorne recalled one day when he realized Phillips was making serious strides.

"The place I recall him making a breakthrough was at the Pete Moss Invitational at Benzie Central High School," Lawhorne said. "I intended to take the top 12 kids from our race at Durand the weekend in Traverse City and Roger was 13th, but he had made strides in terms of becoming more responsible. I wanted to reward that so I took him along on the trip. In that race he finished in our top seven, and I think he's been on the varsity ever since."

For Phillips he earned an eye-opener at the state meet that season.

"After my sophomore season, I ended up running 16:36 at the state meet," Phillips said. "I started thinking I wasn't training as hard as I thought I was and started to

think I could do this now. I started training harder and saw improvement."

By the start of his junior season, Phillips was clearly one of the top runners in the tri-county area. He capped the season by earning All-State honors with 15th-place time of 16:11.5 at the state meet.

This year, Phillips shocked himself when he ran a 16:02 at the Spartan Invitational in mid-September.

"When I broke my lifetime best from last year, that's when I surprised myself because it wasn't the fast part of the season," Phillips said.

And in less than two months, Phillips was running 15:35.3 at the state meet. Phillips plans on running collegiately, probably at Mott to start, but he's got much higher goals than that.

"This year I want to run in the 15:30s and I'm hoping by the end of my first year in college I hope to be around 15-minutes, maybe breaking 14," Phillips said. "I want to run in college because of the great competition and I am determined to try to qualify for the Olympics in 2016. I like to set far goals to keep myself motivated. I want to see how fast I can go and see what I can do."

So far what he's accomplished as a senior in high school, has been pretty impressive in itself.

SHOOTING

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run, with Cox also capping it with a three-pointer. Fenton led 11-2 after the second trey with 5:01 left in the opening quarter.

Northwestern cut the gap to just 11-6 a few minutes later, but a Shegos hoop was followed by a Readman drive and Cox's third trey of the opening quarter, leading Fenton to an 18-6 lead. A Claborn hoop inside gave Fenton a 20-8 lead at the end of one quarter.

It seemed the rest of the half was spent seeing if the Wildcats could make it a competitive game. They were only mildly successful with that task, cutting the Tigers' lead to eight points three times. The third came at 24-16 after a runner by Jordan Burks with 4:52 left in the half.

However, Cox hit his fourth of five treys in the contest, upping the gap back to 27-16 with 3:16 left in the half, and sparking a 9-0 Tigers' run. It continued with a breaking layup by Shegos and a driving layup by Readman. Readman capped the run with two converted free throws, putting Fenton up 33-16 with 2:32 left until the half. Fenton led 35-23 at the break.

Northwestern (1-3) never got the gap back under double-digits in the second half. The Wildcats scored the first two points of the half off a Marcus Watson layup, but Shegos hit the first of three third-quarter three-pointers, sparking an 8-0 Tigers' run. He also capped the run with his second trey, putting Fenton up 43-25 with 5:27 left in the third quarter.

Fenton's lead reached the 20-point plateau for the first time when Cox hit his fifth — and final — trey of the contest, making it 51-29 with just over two minutes left in the third quarter.

Fenton's hot shooting didn't end with the game's final outcome already decided. Shegos capped the third quarter with a drive, putting Fenton up 53-30. It was the first of seven straight field goals the Tigers

Tigers, Cox on fire

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team is 6-0, and winning games by an average of 20.7 points. Cory Cox has averaged 21.7 points a game this season.

Result	Cox pts
Def. Clio, 74-48	25
Def. Lapeer East, 63-26	15
Def. Kearsley, 76-61	19
Def. Swartz Creek, 70-60	21
Def. Lapeer West, 65-56	21
Def. Northwestern, 71-44	29

would convert. In fact, in the fourth quarter, the Tigers' offense as pretty close to perfect, netting all six field goals, and all six free throws they attempted. They also made it out of the eight minutes without a turnover.

The Tigers said playing the contest served several roles.

"Everyone is looking down at us because we've lost the Hickoffs, and we want to prove ourselves again," Shegos said. "And what a good team to prove it on — a city school. It looks good for us."

"We have a two-week break," Cox said. "You can lose a lot of things. You can lose that chemistry. I think playing this game was good for us, and we played a city school too. We are not used to seeing that kind of ball. Later on, when we play Saginaw (possibly in the regional tourney if both teams advance that far this year), it will help us be a lot quicker."

"We had a good competition today," Olszewski said. "We have had some really tough scrimmages to get ready for the new year. We've played well and played well today. We can always take a couple of things we need to work on, but right now we are enjoying this, especially after the holiday."

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From farm to fashion: Area family raises alpacas for fiber to create one-of-a-kind fabrics for clothing, decor

Judy Petrovich of Groveland Township not only sews her own line of clothing, she also raises the fiber that creates the fabrics — from the alpacas that are also raised locally, at Pebble Brook Farm Alpacas, in Brandon Township. Phil and Judy Maybee tend to the alpacas, and Judy Petrovich uses an industrial loom to create her own fibers, and then her own fashions.

PUBLISHED: NOVEMBER 23

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

Take a look at your purse, as it will tell more about you than you think. This season, fringes and imbedded crystal designs are popular, proving that the right purse can make an outfit

a real fashion statement, said Nicole Bergeron of Eclections. “Purses are all about attitude,” she said in the article. She also said there are two types of people who buy purses: one who buys for its organization qualities and wears it out, and the other who uses several at once as part of an outfit.

PUBLISHED: OCTOBER 24

Is Holly Haunted? Many businesses embrace spooky reputation

Everyone loves a good ghost story. The hauntings that have reportedly taken place in historic Holly are more than just tall tales.

Real life paranormal investigations have put Holly on the map in books like “Haunted Travels of Michigan” and “Ghost Hunting Michigan.” Three Holly businesses, the Holly Hotel, Main Street Antiques and Arcade Antiques each have a chapter in the Ghost Hunting Michigan book, and embrace the haunted reputation. Holly has also become famous on the science fiction TV channel called SyFy — making Mari-Lynn Hay, the owner of Main Street Antiques, a local celebrity.

NATIONAL

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believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it... my job is to not worry about these people,” and President Obama saying, “If you’ve got a business — you didn’t build that. Somebody else made that happen.”

Both conservatives and liberals took advantage of numerous quotes, making this particular presidential campaign as nasty (if not more so) than past presidential elections.

Hurricane Sandy

— The largest Atlantic hurricane on record, Hurricane Sandy devastated the Caribbean and much of the East Coast, causing more than \$60 billion in damages. The storm reached category 2 at its peak and has left widespread devastation since it hit in October.

**The Fiscal Cliff**

— President Barack Obama and Congress have not been able to come to an agreement on various federal tax cuts and jobless benefits, which has economists worried about another possible recession. If there is no agreement by the end of the year, taxes could increase for Americans and government agencies could see spending cuts. The George W. Bush tax cuts, Medicare and Social Security may be effected if an agreement isn’t reached by the new year.

**Gen. David Petraeus resigns**

— A four-star general who commanded U.S. forces in Afghanistan and most recently served as director of the CIA, Petraeus resigned from his position after it was discovered he had an extramarital affair with his biographer.

**Mass shootings**

in a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, a movie theater in Colorado and an elementary school in Connecticut — America was horrified by a number of mass shooting that happened this year. In May, six people and a gunman were killed at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wis.; in July, 12 people were killed and 59 others were injured, and in December, 20 children and six adults were killed at an elementary school in Connecticut. The mass shootings have brought debate from opponents and proponents of gun control.

**Supreme Court upholds, ‘Obamacare’**

— It came down to a 5-4 decision between the highest court in America, but in the end, the Patient



Protection and Affordable Healthcare — most commonly known as ‘Obamacare’ — was upheld by the Supreme Court. Most people were stunned when Justice John Roberts, a conservative, voted to uphold Obamacare. Effects of the new legislation have yet to be realized, as significant portions of the law don’t go into effect until 2014.

Lance Armstrong

— The legendary athlete was banned from cycling this year after The United States Anti-Doping Agency accused Armstrong of blood boosting and doping during his Tour de France victories. Armstrong at first denied the charges but eventually gave up, stepping down from his organization, Livestrong. His seven tour titles and Olympic bronze medal was taken from him as well.



The summer drought of 2012 — This summer was one of the hottest summers on record.

With the lack of moisture and the excessive heat, the U.S. Drought Monitor reported that 63 percent of the country was suffering from the drought. Crops nationwide were affected, leaving many farmers to speculate whether they would make enough money this year to cover their costs. It remains to be seen if this year’s weather was unique to one season or will continue in the summers to come.

**Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman**

— In February, 28-year-old George Zimmerman shot unarmed 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. Zimmerman was patrolling his neighborhood, which had at the time was experiencing break-ins, when he encountered Martin. Zimmerman claims he approached Martin and was attacked, prompting him to shoot Martin in self-defense. However, numerous conflicting eyewitness accounts and allegations of police mishandling have led others to believe Zimmerman sought to harm Martin rather than acting out of self defense. Zimmerman is currently charged with second-degree murder and is going through the court system.

**States legalize medical marijuana**

— Colorado, Washington and Oregon joined Michigan and 16 other states after the general election when voters decided to legalize medical marijuana and in some cases, recreational marijuana. Marijuana opponents say the legalization does not matter since federal law has classified marijuana as an illegal drug; proponents say it’s a state’s right to decide which drugs and policies should be legalized.



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WORLD HEALING DAY

The Life Enrichment Center invites everyone to attend its special New Year's Eve morning service as part of World Healing Day. Since Dec. 31, 1986 at 12 p.m. Greenwich time, people all around the world have been coming together in one of the most comprehensive prayer activities in history — a planetary affirmation of peace. This local service is set for 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 30. The center is located at 2512 South Dye Rd., in Flint. Peace on Earth for all cannot become a reality until a majority of people reach the understanding that peace, not war, is the birthright of humankind. The Life Enrichment Center invites residents to come and share their prayers for world peace and the healing of the planet. The special New Year's Eve morning service will feature world-wide peace meditation, a burning bowl ceremony, candle lighting for the world's religions and special music. Breakfast will be served following the service.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Toothpaste... what's in it?

►Tooth-scrubbing compound dates back to ancient Egyptians

By Tim Jagielo

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That minty tube of paste that improves breath and dental health has come a long way.

The American Dental Association (ADA) approves toothpastes before they hit the shelves and it's a necessity for dental hygiene today.

According to the ADA, toothpaste removes plaque, the layer of bacteria on your teeth, and helps to make the brushing action more effective. Fluoride toothpaste can help strengthen tooth enamel.

It is believed that the ancient Egyptians first used a mildly abrasive powder or paste to scrub their teeth. A water-based cream was made from eggshells and powdered ashes of oxen hooves. This was mixed with myrrh and pumice.

China, Greece and Rome started using a similar formula by 500 B.C. Charcoal and bark powder were sometimes added for freshening and Romans added hartshorn, which included the bleaching properties of ammonia. And believe it or not, human urine was a commodity used for cleaning properties — in toothpaste.

Tooth powders of chalk, soap and salt were homemade, and also patented in Europe by the 1800s. The 1890s brought toothpaste in a collapsible tube with Colgate, who partially poached the idea from Bob Sheffield.

Tubes of tin and lead were popular until WWII, when aluminum was used, and plastic-only tubes were introduced in the 1990s.



What's in modern toothpaste?

1. Mild abrasives to remove debris and residual surface stains. Examples include calcium carbonate, dehydrated silica gels, hydrated aluminum oxides, magnesium carbonate, phosphate salts and silicates.

2. Fluoride to strengthen tooth enamel and remineralize tooth decay. All ADA-Accepted toothpastes contain fluoride.

3. Humectants to prevent water loss in the toothpaste. Examples include glycerol, propylene glycol and sorbitol.

4. Flavoring agents, such as saccharin and other sweeteners to provide taste. Flavoring agents do not promote tooth decay. (No ADA-Accepted toothpaste contains sugar or any other ingredient that would promote tooth decay.)

5. Thickening agents or binders to stabilize the toothpaste formula. They include mineral colloids, natural gums, seaweed colloids or synthetic cellulose.

6. Detergents to create foaming action. They include sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium N-Lauryl sarcosinate.

Source: ada.org

Summary

►Toothpastes have been in use since the ancient Egyptians, and became commercially produced starting in the late 1700s.

A year of changes at the Times

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New leadership, media, risks, rewards

On Jan. 1, 2012, the Tri-County Times front page featured the dismantling of the 'B' building of the Loose Senior Citizen Center and a look ahead at public projects in the area.

It also featured, albeit unofficially, the new editor Sharon Stone, and myself preparing to take the reins of the editorial department of the paper. Stone officially became editor on Feb. 1, and I became the associate editor officially in May.

A shift in management is only one of the changes, and notable moments 2012 brought.

The Times won its first "Newspaper of the Year" Michigan Press Association (MPA) award in 10 years. Every edition since October 2012 has featured the gold star near the Times masthead, which we won for our competing against more than 100

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other newspapers of comparable size. In 2012, the "Living" section, which serves as the front page of the B section was relaunched as "Lifestyles" to expand the story base. The Times Sports section was also moved into the main A section, and B3 is now a light-hearted feature page.

The Times has also begun producing and featuring news and feature videos on the website. Now you can not only read about a notable community event, you can watch, and listen to them as well.

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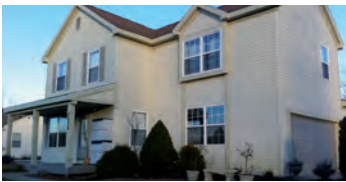
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Welcoming 2013

“The party starts at 8:30 p.m., and it’s an open invitation whether you ski or not. The slopes close at 11:30 p.m. to get ready for the Torch Light Parade by the ski patrol at midnight. It’s a lot of fun for everyone, especially families.”

Mark Tibbitts
Manager of Mt. Holly Ski Resort

Make your New Year's Eve special at home, or while out

By Sally Rummel
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Whether you toast the New Year at Times Square in New York City or sneak a romantic kiss at midnight at home, you’ll be joining billions of people across the globe who celebrate New Year’s Eve this Monday, Dec. 31.

While many people dream of being among the throngs of Times Square

party-goers, most tri-county residents are content with staying closer to home on this holiday — often enjoying the company of friends with dinner out, or celebrating with family and friends at home.

For younger party-goers looking for big city entertainment not far from home, the Palace of Auburn Hills will host its first ever all night party from 6 p.m. on

New Year’s Eve to 4 a.m. on New Year’s Day with music by Skrillex and Boys Noize — The Bang.

Staying closer to home, revelers will enjoy a festive atmosphere at several local venues — from Fenton Winery & Brewery to Navistarz Bar & Grill in Argentine Township. Fenton Winery will host a 7 p.m. dinner with its main

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Fenton Vision Center

► Leads the way in local optometry, recent move to downtown Fenton excites staff and patients

By Sally Rummel

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Keep your eyes on the Fenton Vision Center. They continue to be the leader in style, technology and medical advances in the practice of optometry in the tri-county area.

The Fenton Vision Center offices of Juan Alvarado, O.D. and Cynthia Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.O. have moved this year to 212 W. Silver Lake Rd., in the heart of downtown Fenton. "Our patients and staff love our new location," said Alvarado. "We're in the cultural area of the city with shopping and coffee shops. We also have lots of convenient parking."

Their new building includes a fashion optical boutique, spacious exam rooms, an on-site optical lab, a conference room for staff training and families of young patients – plus lots of large windows to enjoy the downtown area while waiting for appointments, etc.

Their new offices offer not only the latest in technology, but also one of the largest inventories of frames in the tri-county area. Patients will appreciate their high fashion optical area designed after upscale optical boutiques in metro areas. "Rather than having all of our frame selections out on a counter, they are narrowed down by design and kept in easy access optical drawers," said Alvarado. "Patients coming in to select frames can easily narrow down their frame choice with our new system."

Some of the most in-demand frames include styles by Oakley, Coach, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada, Ed Hardy,



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Fenton Vision Center's move to downtown Fenton this year has created a positive new energy within this local optometry practice.

Harley-Davidson, Juicy Couture and Aframes. There are frame styles to suit just about every taste and budget.

Fenton Vision Center is pleased to have on staff the services of licensed optician Cherie Campbell. "She has been with us for more than 12 years and brings her skill in dispensing glasses and contact lenses as a licensed optician to our patients," said Cupal. "It's rare for a practice to have a licensed professional in this area, and we are very happy that she's part of our team." The staff of Fenton Vision Center includes five employees, in addition to the husband and wife optometry team of Cupal

and Alvarado.

Together, they bring to their patients a high level of practice and specialization. "We're a full service optometry practice for all ages," said Alvarado. "We see patients under age 1 at no cost, so we can test their vision and eye development. Our patients then go through their senior years under our care, treating them for glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes-related vision issues and more."

Cupal's specialization in the diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma brings many patients from the Kellogg Eye Institute at University of Michigan for close monitoring at Fenton Vision Center. "We get referrals from the Kellogg Eye Institute at U-M Hospital to monitor the surgical success of patients who live in our area," said Cupal. "We take this work very seriously." Cupal had practiced for five years at Bascom-Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida and five years at the Kellogg Eye Institute before coming home to the Fenton area to open the practice in 2001.

Fenton Vision Center is also proud to specialize in vision therapy and low vision, offering vision help to all ages. They're committed to providing the latest in technology so that vision impairment, eye injuries and diseases of the eye can be detected and treated early.

Their latest equipment is a new Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) machine, which helps the doctors see how well the eye is communicating with the brain — in patients as young as 6 months. "It's like an EKG or EEG for the eyes," said Alvarado.

Both Cupal and Alvarado are passionate about the importance of nutrition and eye health and are pleased to have been accepted as members of the Ocular Nutrition Society — a very strict group of doctors of optometry and ophthalmology that studies nutrition as it relates to the eyes. "Your eyes tell a lot about your overall health," said Cupal.

For more information, call (810) 629-3070 or visit fentonvision.com.

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— Dr. Juan Alvarado, O.D.
Fenton Vision Center



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Husband and wife optometry team Dr. Juan Alvarado, O.D. and Dr. Cynthia Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.O bring a high level of practice and specialization to their patients.

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

to open and enjoy a bottle of Champagne



► Everything you learned in the movies is wrong

As New Year's Eve is almost upon us, here's a tip: Everything you learned from the movies about Champagne is wrong. A big pop when the cork slips out? Wrong. A surge of Champagne from the bottle? Wrong. Filling up the glasses right away? Wrong. Using wine glasses? Wrong.

The right way to serve and drink cold Champagne from a bottle that has been properly opened, is out of an upright Champagne flute (flat glasses let too much of the gas that gives bubbly its fizz escape).

To start, the bottle should be chilled for at least several hours in the refrigerator, said Douglass Miller, a professor at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. Experts put the ideal temperature at between 39 and 48 degrees. Cold Champagne is less likely to spurt out of the bottle — when you see that in the movies you know they're either drinking warm Champagne or they've been shaking the bottle. "The object is to get it in the glass," said Miller.

Take the bottle out of the fridge carefully, no jostling or shaking. Next remove the foil coating. Underneath you'll



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find the wire cage that holds the cork in place. It should take six counterclockwise twists to undo; that's the industry standard. Loosen the cage but keep it over the cork to avoid an "uncontrolled cork exit."

Hold the bottle at a 45-degree angle, making sure it's pointing away from any person or thing that might be injured

should the cork pop unexpectedly. Here's the part that will mark you as an expert: Hold the cork with your fingers and twist the bottle, not the cork. As the bottle turns, the cork will slowly ease out.

That big "pop" that starts so many movie scenes just makes for flat bubbly, say experts. "You want just a 'kiss' of

sound," said Sarah Dostert, who spent three years working in the tasting rooms at Korbel California Champagne in Guerneville, Calif. "That big pop 'bruises' the bubbles. Just a tiny little hiss, that's all you want."

“A typical bottle of French Champagne can shoot a cork 42 feet.”

Each year hundreds of people end up at their eye doctor's office or the emergency room because of Champagne cork injuries.

Champagne is under tremendous pressure in the bottle, 90 pounds per square inch. A typical bottle of French Champagne can shoot a cork 42 feet. Corks have been clocked at 50 mph, and at that speed the blinking reflex isn't fast enough to protect the eye. However you manage it, once the cork's out it's still not time to pour. "You hold it for about five seconds to let the gas escape," said Miller. Otherwise "it can foam up on you" and all that lovely Champagne will be on the table, not in your glass.

Now, expertly pour, and enjoy, an excellent glass of Champagne for you and your guests. Happy New Year!

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“I love helping people hear.”

— David Mahan,
Owner of
Miracle-Ear of
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ness has an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. David Mahan, has dedicated his life to helping those who are hearing impaired since 1971. He has owned the local franchise for almost 20 years.

Since hearing loss can be slow and gradual, many people have a hearing loss and are not aware of it.

Here are some common symptoms of hearing loss:

- Particular words or portions of words are difficult for you to understand.
- You request others to repeat themselves too frequently.

• Phone calls are hard for you to fully understand.

• You've turned the TV or radio up to levels that annoy others.

• You have difficulty hearing clearly in noisy environments, like restaurants.

If you or a loved one is experiencing any one of these symptoms, we invite you to give Miracle-Ear of Fenton a call.

You can stop in for a free, no obligation hearing test.

“I love helping people hear,” said Mahan. “My greatest reward is when I see how well a person hears after they get new hearing aids. Tears of joy come to their eyes when they hear their grandchild for the first time.”

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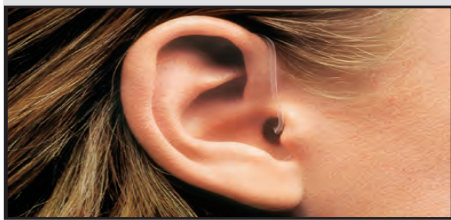
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Time to re-evaluate your health and finances in 2013

Schedule annual physical,
meet with a financial professional

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Once the calendar turns over to 2013, it's a fresh start for you with a whole new set of opportunities. Two important areas to reevaluate this year are your health and your finances.

Your health

If you've been putting off your annual medical checkup, now is the time to schedule that important and get a jumpstart to your good health in 2013. **What to expect at your checkup—**

- **Health history** — your doctor will likely take your own personal health history and habits, family medical history, vaccination status.

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What to
expect
at your
checkup
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Your finances

Whether we fall off the fiscal cliff, it's time to take personal responsibility for the financial decisions you can control. Life doesn't stand still so it is important to review your financial situation every year to make sure your financial plan keeps up with your life circumstances and changing laws.

The start of the New Year is an appropriate time to sit down and look at five key areas:

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Advanced Physical Therapy Center

►Has worked hard for 21 years to be the best facility in mid-Michigan

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Where you go for physical therapy is a choice, and that's why Advanced Physical Therapy Center, with seven area locations, has worked so hard to earn the trust of each patient for more than 21 years.

Owners Linda Gibbs, P.T. and Kim Turner, P.T., C.H.T. know that each person who walks through their doors makes a decision to select them as their therapy team. "We understand this, and that's why our goal is to provide exceptional care with the latest technology," said Gibbs.

There's an APTC location close to just about anyone in mid-Michigan, from Hartland to Flint, Grand

Summary

► Advanced Physical Therapy Center wants to be your choice of facilities for Physical Therapy, Occupational therapy, Certified Hand Therapy and treatment for low back pain and headaches, sports injuries and more.

Blanc, Clio, Goodrich, Davison and Clarkston.

Patients choose APTC for a variety of reasons, but the most common response from patients is the care that is evident from each therapist and the quick results for most treatments. One very satisfied patient said, "Everyone at APTC really cares about your recovery. I have been to therapy many times, but I have seen and felt improvement much quicker here than at other places."

APTC offers physical and occupational therapy, certified hand therapy and lymphedema therapy. In addition, the clinics provide massage therapy, personal training and



Owners Kimberly Turner, PT, CHT and Linda Gibbs, PT

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— Linda Gibbs, P.T.
Co-owner of Advanced Physical Therapy Center
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technology unmatched anywhere else. From Bioness Treatment to help patients recover from strokes, MS and other neurological disorders to MedX for low back pain, APTC is the area's foremost professional in physical therapy and related treatments. In fact, APTC is the area's specialist in back/neck pain and headaches through its Advanced Spine and Neck Program.

APTC's most unique treatment is certified hand therapy through its Advanced Hand Rehab program — a specialized area of physical and occupational therapy related

ing the hand, wrist, forearm, elbow and shoulder. Certified hand therapists treat and rehabilitate patients with conditions resulting from accidents or trauma, or those who are disabled from repetitive motion disorders, arthritis and neurological disorders.

"Injuries to the upper extremities can be complex, involving bone, tendon, nerve and/or skin," said Kim Turner, P.T., C.H.T. "Our certified hand therapists have a minimum of five years and 4,000 hours or more of clinical practice. They must also pass a national exam."

Many times a splint is required as part of a patient's rehabilitation. Advanced Hand Rehab provides state-of-the-art, customized splinting, depending on the patient's needs, with same day service. "We can also fit pre-fabricated splints that can assist with the correction of deformity and improving independence with activities of daily living for patients with rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis," said Turner.

APTC also offers other specialized programs not commonly associated with physical therapy. If you have problems with dizziness, the Vestibular Rehab program is here to help you. There's also a program for people diagnosed with TMJ.

APTC also offers a fitness program for family or friends of past or current patients to utilize the gym facilities. "Come in anytime our clinics are open and work out where our experts are readily available," said Gibbs and Turner. "There are no contracts to sign or initiation fees, but friends or family members must schedule a personal training session in order to get a health history. This consultation is also designed so the trainer can create a specific program for you to achieve your goals."

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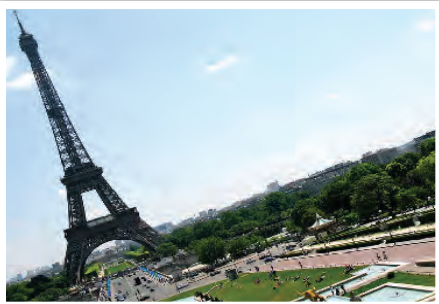
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Plan now for your 2013

VACATION

► **Start saving money now for a trip your whole family will enjoy**

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Planning ahead is a wise course of action for just about anything you do – but it can pay off for fun things in life, too.

If you'd like to take a vacation in 2013, now's the time to begin planning and saving for it, so that you're done paying for it long before the memories have worn off.

"A lot of families are traveling together now, and most people can't afford to pay for a big trip all at once," said Cheri Church, owner of Travel Brokers, Inc. with her husband, Randy. "You can put down an initial deposit, then make payments on it as often as you'd like. Depending on the trip you've planned, you then pay the remaining balance 30, 60 or 90 days before you travel. It's a great way to spread out the cost of travel over a period of several months."

"I never suggest that someone waits for a better deal. You have too many variables that have to come together in planning your trip – from nonrefundable airfare to taking time off work."

Cheri Church

Owner of Travel Brokers, Inc.

Other ways to save for a future trip in the coming year include setting up a savings account at a bank or credit union, designating the monies saved for this purpose. The State Bank's Business Development Manager Dennis Richardson said that customers have several options when setting up savings for a future vacation. "You can set up either a regular savings account keeping a minimum balance of \$100, or a Club account which allows you to choose when the savings will be electronically deposited into your checking account."

A third option, which works especially well with vacations taken during Christmas time, is a Christmas Club account. These accounts electronically deposit your savings into your checking account about the third week of October, in time for Christmas shopping or a planned Christmas vacation.

A lot of travel customers wonder if booking their trips early or booking them later gives them a financial advantage. Church is quick to say that in the case of cruise travel, unless you live in a port city,

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Shopping for a swimsuit in winter

Plenty of people prefer to take advantage of hard-earned vacation time by escaping to somewhere warm when the weather at home gets cold. Buying new items for a wardrobe is customary before a trip, and for those who will be spending time swimming and snorkeling, a new swimsuit is often a necessity.

As anyone who has had to shop for warm-weather clothing and accessories during the winter in a cold climate can attest, finding the right swimsuit can be challenging. However, it is not impossible, especially when the Web makes shopping for speciality items relatively easy. In addition to the Internet, there are other retailers who may keep swimsuits in stock during the offseason.

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"Not to make a New Year's Resolution, because I can't ever keep them."

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"To eat healthier, because I need to put on weight."

— Allison Wilson
Fenton



"To lose the 12 pounds I've regained since I lost 40 after last year's New Year's Resolution."

— Larry Habitz
Fenton



"To be more patient with the kids, not to yell so much."

— Bill Saunders
Fenton



"I want to be able to play tennis again after having recently had surgery for a torn rotator cuff."

— Patti Willmarth
Fenton



"I just want to be a better parent and get back to giving it 100 percent."

— Sylvia Randazzo
Linden

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Lingerie stores: Shops that stock intimate apparel often have a section devoted to swimsuits as well. Retailers like Victoria's Secret generally carry swimsuits year-round, though your options may be limited.

Department stores: Some department stores understand that winter escapes are popular and will begin stocking bathing suits and other seasonal merchandise

in limited amounts come January.

Specialty swim shops: Centers that offer swimming and SCUBA lessons may sell swimsuits and supplies, like goggles and bathing caps, throughout the year. A specialty store may be a good place to start if there is one in your area.

Finding a swimsuit for a winter getaway can be challenging. But there are some options available both online and in brick-and-mortar stores.

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► **Estate planning** — to avoid probate, unnecessary death tax and smooth transition of assets to heirs.

► **Retirement planning** — proper titles for beneficiaries, retirement cash flow analysis.

► **Life insurance** — do you still need it, if your assets are at a certain point? You may want to move the cash value of your life insurance to an investment for a better rate of income. Experts recommend you talk to your agent every two years

to review coverage. You may also want to discuss your need for long term care insurance, especially if you're over age 60.

► **Investment planning** — Make sure your portfolio is properly diversified.

Financial tip for 2013:

Now is the time to set up a Christmas Club account or other account designated for a specific purpose, whether it's to save for Christmas 2013 or a vacation.



The Downing Clinic

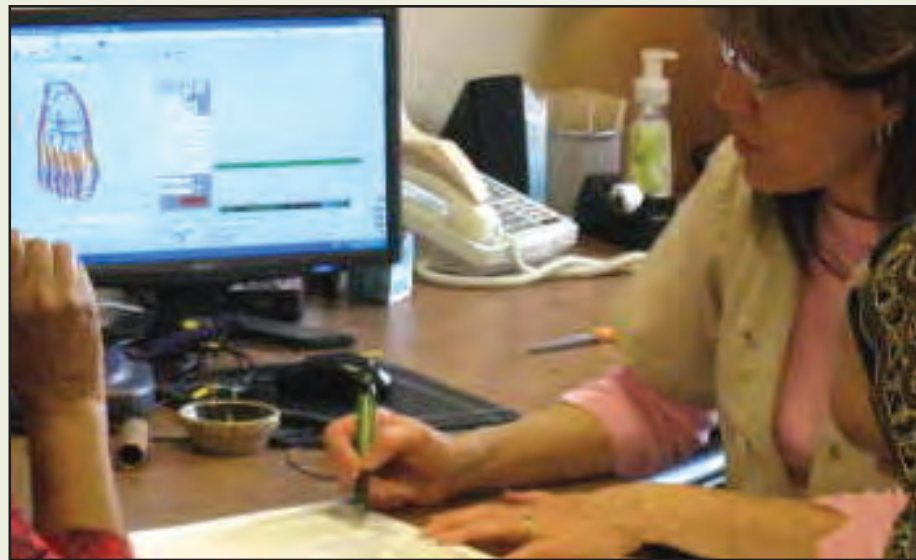
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The clinic is well-known in the northern Oakland County area as a medical practice which seeks natural and nutritional solutions when possible. It also has a reputation for helping men and women seeking treatment for menopause and andropause symptoms with the use of bio-identical hormones and other natural supportive therapies.

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Best buys

►Shop by the calendar when it comes to getting the best prices

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To everything there is a season, and it's especially true when you're making major purchases throughout the year. Check this list before you head out shopping for certain items to buy in 2013.

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Digital cameras
HDTVs and home theaters
Videogames
MARCH
Boats
Frozen foods (It's National Frozen Foods Month)
Gardening tools
Golf clubs
Luggage

SECOND QUARTER

April/May/June

TVs and electronics • houses • boots and winterwear • cookware and kitchen accessories • vacuums

APRIL

Car accessories and parts
Cruises
Laptops
Office furniture
Sneakers
Snow blowers
MAY
Mattresses
Patio furniture
Party and picnic supplies
Refrigerators

JUNE

Champagne
Dishes
Gym memberships
Paint
Tools
Men's suits



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Buying the right items at the right time can save money.



General buying trends that will help you save money
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THIRD QUARTER

July/August/September

Computers • Major appliances
• MP3 Players

JULY

Broadway tickets
Furniture
Grills
Paint

AUGUST

Linens and storage containers
Outdoor toys and camping supplies
Kids' clothing
School supplies
Wine

SEPTEMBER

Bicycles
Cars
Grills and lawn mowers
Holiday airfare
Patio furniture
School supplies
Wine

FOURTH QUARTER

October/November/December

Cars • Cookware and kitchen • Gas grills and air conditioning • Shrubs-bushes-bulbs • Toys and games • Wedding events

OCTOBER

Broadway tickets
Health insurance
Jeans

NOVEMBER

Aluminum foil and plastic wrap
TVs and other electronics

DECEMBER

Champagne
Golf clubs
Pools
TVs and other electronics

SOURCE: Lifehacker.com

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HEALTH

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- **Vital signs** — height and weight, blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory function, temperature.
- **General appearance** — skin, gait, memory.
- **Heart exam**
- **Lung exam**
- **Head and neck**
- **Abdominal exam**
- **Neurological exam**
- **Dermatological exam**
- **Lab work** — complete blood count, chemistry panel, urinalysis, cholesterol (every 5 years unless needed more often).
- **Men's physical exam** will also include checks for testicular cancer, hernia, prostate, sexually transmitted diseases.
- **Women's physical exam** will also include a breast exam and pelvic exam, including pap smear.



Along with financial planning, setting up an annual check-up should be a part of your plans for 2013.

Prevention is key

AT AGE 20: Everyone should have their cholesterol (lipids) checked every five years after age 20, according to the American Heart Association.

AT AGE 40: Some women may begin annual mammogram screening for breast cancer at 40. Experts suggest women talk to their doctor to determine possible benefits and risks to starting mammography before age 50.

AT AGE 50: It's time to begin regular screening for colorectal cancer. People with immediate family history of this cancer may need to be screened before age 50.

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES:

- Do 30 minutes of brisk walking or other exercise most days of the week to dramatically lessen your risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer.
- Eat a mostly plant-based diet, low in animal fats.
- Don't smoke.

Know your numbers

- **Total cholesterol** — less than 200 mg/dL
- **LDL "bad" cholesterol** — less than 100 mg/dL
- **HDL "good" cholesterol** — 50 mg/dL or higher
- **Triglycerides** — less than 150 mg/dL
- **Blood pressure** — less than 120/80 mmHg
- **Fasting glucose** — less than 100 mg/dL
- **Body Mass Index** — less than 25 kg/m²
- **Exercise** — minimum of 30 minutes most days of the week

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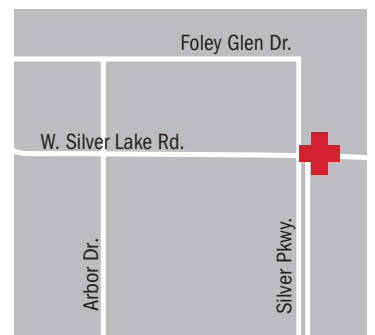
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The best day to buy appliances is Sunday, when the majority of shoppers will be looking as well.

General buying trends that will help you save money

When buying certain items, there are particular days of the week or year that might be advantageous to the buyers. Here are a few general rules, according to Lifehacker.com

- **Appliances** tend to be cheap on Sundays, when most people are out buying new ones. Other great deals can be found on any major holiday, like Memorial Day or July 4th.
- **Computers and other electronics** are cheapest on Mondays, when manufacturers apply their rebates. This applies to TVs, cameras and video games as well.
- **Entertainment venues** like museums and amusement parks often have dis-

counts in the middle of the week. Some museums even have free admission days, so it's worth checking out before you go.

- **Gas prices** are higher on the weekends, hitting their peak mid-morning on Thursday in anticipation of heavy weekend travel. Fill up on Wednesdays or early morning Thursdays for the best price.
- **Jewelry** is best bought on Wednesdays, when most people tend to shop for it, according to Lifehacker.com.
- **Chocolate** is a great buy after major chocolate-buying holidays, because retailers will need to clear out their holiday-themed candy.

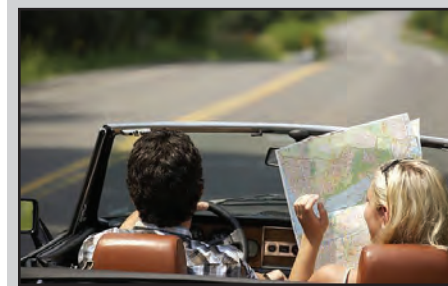
VACATION

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it's much wiser to book early. "I never suggest that someone waits for a better deal," said Church. "You have too many variables that have to come together in planning your trip — from nonrefundable airfare to taking time off work. It's best to plan ahead. Some cruise lines do offer a 'best price guarantee' that will lower the price of your trip if a special discount comes up after you've already booked."

Travelers should also check into different travel insurance policies, some which offer a lowest price, guarantee after you book. "Not every cruise company offers this, but some do," said Church. "These companies get utilized a lot, and also offer refunds in case of injury, illness or a death in the family. It pays to ask."

Saving money while traveling all comes down to being informed about the best deals available in the marketplace, and that information is available through your local travel agent. "You can still make all of your own travel plans on the Internet, but if you do it on our website, we can help you in the event you run into trouble on your trip. Otherwise, our hands are tied and we won't be able to do anything for you."



Plan now to save money on your vacations in 2013.

TRAVEL TIPS FOR SAVING MONEY ON YOUR NEXT VACATION

Tip #1: Plan ahead of time where your family will go. Do your research. Call your travel agent. Some places will give deals for advanced purchases or allow you to combine several activities into one discounted price.

Tip #2: Seek out all-inclusive options where one price includes everything. Whether you choose an all-inclusive hotel, cruise, or just a day at an amusement park with an add-on value, you can lessen your expenses by choosing activities that provide extra value.

Tip #3: Book a hotel with extra amenities that will provide comfort after a long day of sight-seeing or cook in the suite's kitchen for a relaxing night in.

Tip #4: Cut your food costs by choosing a hotel that provides a complimentary breakfast, or choose to pack a lunch for a day of sight-seeing. A family of four can spend \$40 a day on breakfast, which adds up to \$280 for a week's vacation.

Tip #5: Pack light when flying. If you cut down on the clothes and supplies you bring, you can save a lot of money on baggage fees. Choose a hotel with on-site laundry services.

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By Sally Rummel

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Every dental office has its own niche in the very important area of oral health care.

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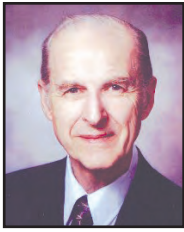
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Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



What part of 'Fear Not' don't you understand?

Who would have thought a children's Christmas program would make such a lasting impression on me? I've been going to programs like this one for more than half a century. Well, not

quite like this one.

There I was sitting a few rows back from the stage at the children's Christmas special at our church, laughing at the cute antics of the toddlers singing carols in their pajamas, totally unprepared for what was to come when those a bit older would get into the act.

I should have known we were in for some creative comedy in this kid's Christmas program when two of the actors came center stage to explain the taxing by the Roman Empire that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, fulfilling the prophecy of Micah 5:2 about the place where the promised Savior would be born.

"What's taxing?" asked one.

"How much money do you have?" replied the other.

"A dollar," said the confused questioner.

"Give it to me," demanded the tax collector-actor, the not-so-subtle truth of his line pleasing the audience and nearly bringing the house down with laughter.

But the real mind-sticker for me came later when the angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds who were watching their flocks on a dark hillside to tell them of the birth of Christ in Bethlehem's stable. The shepherds were frightened by this heavenly visitor and the light that engulfed them, but the angel reassured them saying, 'Fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people' (Luke 2:10).

The young shepherd-actors overdid their portrayal of fear a bit, so the irritated angel thundered: 'I SAID, FEAR NOT!' Then added, 'WHAT PART OF FEAR NOT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?'

What a question to consider at Christmas! Why are we afraid?

We may be afraid because we aren't sure God loves us. Trials have swept in on us, taking us by surprise, and we wonder if God cares. Few people have trouble believing God loves them

when things are going well, but things do not always go well. Joseph thought his world was falling apart when he discovered Mary was going to have a baby, but then put away his fears when he learned this was all part of God's plan for him and Mary...and for us all.

We may be afraid because we think the obstacles to our happiness are too big for God to handle. Mary was troubled when Gabriel appeared to tell her she was to give birth to the Savior. How could this be? How could a virgin bear a child? What would Joseph, her husband-to-be, think? Would this mean the end of her dreams?

Not at all. God would work out the details. She didn't need to understand. 'For with God nothing shall be impossible,' said the angel (Luke 1:37).

We may be afraid because we have not begun to walk by faith. We're trembling because we're not trusting. Mary didn't need to be afraid because she had found favor with God. And, because Christ entered history at Bethlehem, fulfilling the promises given to the prophets, we can find favor with Him too. We can accept the 'fear nots' of the Bible by faith, even when we don't fully understand them.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

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Navistarz Bar & Grill offers three different dinner packages, giving diners a chance to enjoy a meal, champagne and a limo drive home — depending on the package they choose.

The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille continues its long tradition of New Year's Eve celebrations, offering reserved seating from 4 to 10 p.m., according to Manager Brittany Lockwood. A special party menu includes many signature dishes, plus entertainment by musicians Eric Bontekoe and Shannon Dion. "Dining reservations are on the half hour," said Lockwood. "We're pretty much full from 6 to 10 p.m., but have some earlier dining times open."

If your "night out" includes the need for a babysitter, hopefully your plans have already been made. Fenton teen Aubrey Higham has been babysitting every New Year's Eve since she was 13, earning \$10 an hour last year. "It's hard to get a sitter at the last minute," said Higham, who'll be out of town for this year's holiday. "I advise people to line up their babysitter early, and make a commitment."

For an active New Year's Eve with a party atmosphere, check out the annual New Year's Eve Party at Mt. Holly Ski Resort. "The party starts at 8:30 p.m., and it's an open invitation whether you ski or not," said manager Mark Tibbitts. "The slopes close at 11:30 p.m. to get ready for the Torch Light Parade by the ski patrol at midnight. It's a lot of fun for everyone, especially families."

Younger families often opt to stay home on New Year's Eve and plan their own family activities, or share the eve-

ning with other couples and their children. "We're looking for a kid-friendly evening where we can spend the night," said Anna Gibson of Holly. "There are too many drunk people out after midnight."

For families looking to make their own fun, there are tons of ideas to make New Year's Eve a family-centered event. If you're celebrating at home this year, you can use some of these ideas from familyeducation.com:

- **Make your own party supplies**, from hats to noise-makers and confetti.
- **Enjoy family home videos**, favorite snacks and popcorn.

- **Have a fondue party**, dipping meats and breads into a cheese sauce, and then enjoy dessert fondue with fruits and pound cake dipped in chocolate.
- **Have a family slumber party** or "camp out" with everyone sleeping on the floor with pillows and blankets or sleeping bags, eating a fun meal by candlelight.
- **Make a Good Luck cake** during the day, following a Greek tradition of serving Vasilopita (New Year's cake) at midnight. The cake is baked with a coin or charm hidden inside. The head of the household cuts the cake exactly at midnight. Whoever gets the piece with the coin in it will have good fortune throughout the year.
- **Pretend you're in** a different time zone and celebrate the holiday earlier than midnight. Pick a country, and then celebrate the holiday with that country's food and music traditions.

To celebrate the spiritual side of the coming New Year, some local churches have special services. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton invites people to join them in worship for a New Year's Eve Mass at 5 p.m. and on New Year's Day at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

However you celebrate it, New Year's Eve closes the chapter on the past year and New Year's Day becomes an "open book" for a whole new year of opportunities.



Mike and Paula DeMoss serve up lots of food and refreshment from behind the counter of MoDoggie's Bar & Grill.

MoDoggie's Bar & Grill

Local bar serves up food and fun for 20 years

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

It was easy for Mike "MoDoggy" DeMoss to remember his 20th wedding anniversary this year. That's because he married his wife, Paula in 1992 — the same year he bought the bar in Fenton that became MoDoggie's Bar & Grill.

"It was a big year in 1992," said DeMoss. "I got married and I bought the bar."

MoDoggie's was formerly the Cedar Mill Lounge before DeMoss took ownership, and turned it into one of the most well-known entertainment venues in southern Genesee County. Since 1992, MoDoggie's has featured thousands of entertainers, including Bad Finger, Dizzy Reed from Guns 'n Roses and other well-known musicians.

"We're a sports bar, grill and rock 'n' roll night club all in one," said DeMoss.

DJ Brett Fortney, aka "The Hitman," has been the featured nightly entertainer on stage for more than two decades. Live music is featured every Friday and Saturday night. "We love to give local musicians a place to play," said DeMoss.

Food is also a large part of the success of MoDoggie's over the years. "We've got the best 'bar food' around," he said.

"From burgers to buffalo wings, awesome chili, quesadillas and salads, I make it how I like to eat it."

Fun and games is also part of the MoDoggie's experience. With 16 mounted TVs, MoDoggie's is a destination for sporting events and Club Keno, plus pinball and videogames. "There's something for everyone to do," said DeMoss.

But it's his customers that have made the most memories for DeMoss. "The best part of the past 20 years has been the people,"

Summary

► Mike "MoDoggy" DeMoss and his wife, Paula have owned this local bar and entertainment venue for the past two decades.

he said. "You meet them when they first turn 21, then you go to their weddings and watch them raise their own kids, etc. It's pretty cool." Because he considers his customers his friends, he's careful to watch out for their best interests while they're at MoDoggie's.

"I've been known to give a person a ride home or call them a cab," said DeMoss. "We want everyone to be safe after leaving our bar."

While the non-smoking legislation has made business more of a challenge in recent years, it has enabled DeMoss to work on his own good health after suffering a heart attack last year. "I'm doing great now," said DeMoss, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery. "I've never felt better. Here's to the next 20 years."

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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

December 12, 2012

Supervisor Gambka called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan and filed the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Roll Call: fff Board Members Present: f Gambka, f Miller, f Trevethan, f Kemp, f Scheib-Snyder
- Board Members Absent: fff None
- Approved: fff Agenda for the December 12, 2012 regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees as amended.
- Approved: f Consent agenda. f
- Presentation: f Ken Palka, audit went very well again. f Receipt of the Audited Financial Statements from Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka. f Revenue of \$828,000.00, operating expenditures of \$691,000.00, surplus of \$137,162.00, fund balance increase of \$87,401.00. f Highest fund balance in many years, fund balance over \$1,000,000.00.
- Presentation: f Matt Weil, NOCFA Fireworks presentation. f NOCFA has opportunity to share revenues with the state generated by fireworks sales.
- Approved: f Delegation of the authority for the fire authority to perform retail inspections for fireworks sales establishments.
- Tabled: f Resolution PT 2012-XXI - Reprogramming PY 2011 Funding \$8,293.00
- Appointed: f Trish Trevethan and Paul Gambka to the NOCFA Board for a term of four (4) years.
- Date Set: f Oakland County Equalization Department - 2013 SEV (State Equalized Value) Statements will be mailed between January 20, 2013 and February 1, 2013. f There will be time in February when citizens can come in and discuss/dispute, will save Board of Review time in March.
- Appointed: f Michael Brooks and Theresa Lynn to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term ending in December, 2015.
- Appointed: f James Walters and Tom Kempf (Board representative 4-year term) to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term.
- Appointed: f Glen Noble to the Board of Review for a two (2) year term ending in January 2015.
- Appointed: f Tom Kempf to the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Appointed: f Trish Trevethan to the Cemetery Committee for a four (4) year term.
- Approved: f Waiver of the \$2,000.00 performance guarantee for Pat Johnson for a temporary structure permit and inspect the premises every ninety (90) days.
- Adjourned: f By motion at 8:27 p.m.

Paul Gambka, f Supervisor f Debbie Miller, f Clerk

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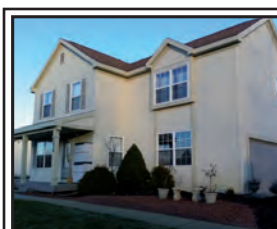
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 5. **Goodbye Yellow Brick Road**
- Elton John
 6. **Hello It's Me**
- Todd Rundgren
 7. **Top Of The World**
- Carpenters
 8. **Show And Tell**
- Al Wilson
 9. **Smokin In The Boys Room**
- Brownsville Station
 10. **Never Never Gonna Give You Up**
- Barry White

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ACROSS

1 Served in blazing liquor
7 Wise saying
12 Little hit
15 Pea protectors
19 Of direct descent
20 True-blue
21 Lifting melody
22 Region
23 Classic 1942 horror film, in old Addis Ababa?
26 Lab animals
27 Ovid's "Lo!"
28 Salute
29 Nephew of Abel
30 Question to someone who's not responding, in Isfahan?
37 Lasagna cheese
38 P, in Greece
39 Advice bits
40 School for Prince Harry
41 Reply to "No you're not"
44 Born, in a bridal bio

45 1965 Jane Fonda comedy, on an Indonesian island?
50 Firearm-cleaning aid
55 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
56 Fish hawk
57 Partner of ifs and ands
59 Singer Nyro
60 Costa —, California
61 "La Cage aux Folles" role
63 Much-loved Harry Chapin hit, on Mt. Everest?
71 Ellipsoidal
72 Ump's cry
73 Molecular bit
74 Rigatoni, e.g.
76 Bonkers
77 Italian port
80 Soft drink
83 Under one's control
85 "Peace Train" singer, in Rangoon?
88 — step further
90 Nothing

91 3/15, e.g.
92 Asthma spray, e.g.
97 — -Magnon man
98 Pooch pace
101 Tennessee Williams play, in old Bangkok?
105 Lot division
106 Drive along
107 Socks
108 Switzer-land's capital
109 Flogging whip, in Mogadishu?
117 Sooner State city
118 Comic Gasteyer
119 Concerning birds
120 Old Toyota model
121 More or — it by ear)
122 Longing
123 Dogs' cries
124 Covered with frozen rain

DOWN

1 Tampa loc.
2 Ad- — (play it by ear)
3 "— news?"
4 Month, in Monterrey
5 Most sordid
6 Bring out
7 Noncitizen
8 — good job
9 Objectivist writer Rand
10 Chasm
11 Mourner's poem
12 Bind with a bandage
13 Airplane part
14 Less ugly
15 Mom or dad
16 Navel, e.g.
17 Reroute
18 Is cheeky with
24 Univ. sports org.
25 Genoa gold
30 Gyro wraps
31 School, in Somme
32 Rice-A- —
33 Loonlike bird
34 "—, can you see ..."
35 Travail
36 NBA's Shaq
37 Soldiers in gray
41 Suffix with law or saw
42 U.S. vice president Barkley
43 Get up onto (try)
46 Caroling song
47 Lamb writing

48 Fixed, as a dog
49 Orrin Hatch's state
51 Woman of the house
52 Repented of
53 Verbal
54 Take a risk
58 Is larcenous
60 Island off Sicily
61 Slowing, on a mus. score
62 Four duos
64 Southwest tribe
65 Tennis' Lendl
66 Squoosh
67 Iraqi or Saudi
68 Quite a drag
69 Karamel — (Ben & Jerry's flavor)
70 Wooer's flower
75 It may be acute or right
77 United — College Fund
78 Take — at (try)
79 Animal companion

80 Pitcher Martinez
81 "It's just — those things"
82 Low-key "Hey!"
84 "Obey me!"
86 A great deal
87 Head Corleone
89 Sea — (reef creature)
92 Actress Sanford
93 — Creed
94 Emmylou or Franco
95 Alters formally
96 Boss
98 Leader of the Belmonts
99 First phases
100 Hansel's sib
102 3 R's org.
103 Pacify
104 Waters down
110 "— heard enough!"
111 Texas tea
112 40 winks
113 Live
114 Apply frosting to
115 Authorize to
116 Stealthy

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SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

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CITY OF FENTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Fenton City Council on January 14, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at the Fenton City Hall, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan to accept public input on the request to amend the Pine Creek North Preliminary PUD Plan, Parcel #53-25-400-011, to be known as the Fenton Wellness Center, (Medi Lodge). The proposed amendment would allow for development of a licensed nursing home facility that specializes in rehabilitation along with attached senior housing units. The project is located north of Main Street and west of Eddy Lake Road. Additional information is available at Fenton City Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Please contact the City Clerk's office if accommodations are needed due to a disability.

Jennifer Naismith
City Clerk

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP LEGAL NOTICE PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Z 2013-001

Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 21.00.00 of the code of the Township of Groveland. Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed amendment. Said amendment, if adopted by the Groveland Township Board, would revise the Groveland Township Codified Ordinances, as amended, and change the zoning map text of the Township of Groveland of the following described property:

**Z 2012-002, PIFER REAL ESTATE, SEC. 30. 02-30-200-015.
SW CORNER OF GRANGE HALL AND HAWLEY ROADS,
HOLLY, MI. REZONE RE/F (Rural Estate/Farm) TO B-2 (Community
Business)**

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

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Donna Belle Miller

1931-2012

Donna Belle Miller - age 81, of Fenton, died Monday, December 24, 2012 at Avalon Hospice. Services will be held 1 PM



Saturday, December 29, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Rev. Jeremy Peters officiating. Interment will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. Visitation was held 2-9 PM Friday at the funeral home. An Order of Eastern Star memorial service was held at 7:30 PM Friday evening. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Childrens Hospital. Mrs. Miller was born September 16, 1931 in Lansing, the daughter of Arthur and Anna (Holmes) Swartz. She married Bobbie Joe Miller on May 4, 1968 in Fenton and he preceded her in death on December 20, 2007. Mrs. Miller earned a Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and retired from Linden Community Schools in 1978 as a teacher. She was also the director of house-keeping and laundry for 12 years at Crestmont Nursing Home and was a receptionist at Weight Watchers. She was a member of Fenton United Methodist Church, an officer in the Order of Eastern Star, member of Fenton VFW Ladies Auxiliary and tutored at West Shore Elementary School. Surviving are: daughter, Gloria (Gustav) Bauer of Crystal Lake, IL; son, Larry (Tena) Smock of Jackson, MI; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Frederickson of Lansing; brother, Gary Swartz, Lansing; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents; husband; daughter, Deborah Kay (Smock) Cushman; son, Bobbie Miller, Jr.; siblings, Frank Swartz, RoseAnne Cole and Harold Swartz. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ann Kleinedler,
Ann Kleinedler - age 94, died December 27, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ruth Maxine Schultz

1925-2012

Ruth Maxine Schultz - age 87, of Fenton, passed away, Monday, December 24, 2012 at her residence. Funeral services will be



held 11 AM Saturday, December 29, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 806 Main St, Fenton, with Pastor Dean Dumbille officiating. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM and will also be held at church Saturday from 10 AM until time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church or a charity of one's choice. Ruth was born July 26, 1925 in Flint, the daughter of Edward and Pearl Moreau. She married Raymond E. Schultz February 7, 1948 in Flint. She had resided in Fenton since 1948 coming from Flint. Ruth was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Ruth devoted her life to her husband, children, and grandchildren and was beloved by all. Surviving are: husband, Raymond; 5 children, Kenneth and wife Roberta Schultz of Otisville, Barbara and husband Dale Yurk of Fenton, Douglas and wife Lisa Schultz of Fenton, Steven Schultz and Leeann Zeffer of Linden, and Robert Schultz and Mary Wehner of Fenton; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Eric Osburg; great-granddaughter, Claire Peake; brother, Earl Moreau; and sister, Dorothy Young. The family wishes to extend thanks to Home and Hospice Advantage with special thanks to Kim Barrett and Lisa Stone. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joyce Neely (Anderson) Hansen

1925-2012

Joyce Neely (Anderson) Hansen - age 87 of Fenton, passed away December 23, 2012 surrounded by her family. Joyce was a vibrant and energetic woman that loved her family,



shopping, music, dancing and played the piano by ear. She grew up in a large family in Fenton, the daughter of Robert and Mary Neely. She was the last surviving sibling of 11. Her first husband, Ervin Anderson, preceded her in death in 1966. They had four children that survive, Randall Anderson, Heidi (Curt) Mosher, Paula (Scott Pyles) Anderson and Todd (Laura) Anderson. Grandchildren, Erica (Marshall) Colley, Nathan (Emily) Mosher, Andrea Mosher, Amanda Ather-ton, Tyler Anderson and Cheyanne Anderson. Great-grandsons, Morgan, Gavin and Spencer. In 1971 Joyce married Arthur Hansen, they were married for 41 years. Surviving are two step-sons, Michael (Betty) Hansen and Mark Hansen. Step-grandchildren, Logan (Maribelle) Hansen and Whitney (Lisa) Hansen. Step-great-grandchildren, Jack, Maddy, Claudia and Conrad Hansen. Her funeral service was held on Thursday, December 27, 2012 11 AM at the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton, 503 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Friends visited Wednesday 3-7 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton and also Thursday at church, 10 AM until the time of service. Burial followed at Crestwood Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Pastor Larry McMellen officiated. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Michael Zaleski,
Michael Zaleski - age 69, died December 23, 2012. Visit www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Gary Poole,
Gary Poole - age 78, died December 23, 2012. Visit www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Dorothy Kenney,
Dorothy Kenney - age 78, died December 27, 2012. Private services were handled by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Roseanna Lynne Purzycki

1950-2012

Roseanna Lynne Purzycki - after a courageous battle with cancer, Roseanna Lynne Purzycki of Studio City, California formerly of Fenton, Michigan, passed away peacefully Monday morning, December 3, 2012, at 5:02 AM - surrounded by her children, her mother, and her fiancé. A prayer service will be held on Saturday, December 29, 2012, 10:30 AM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Rev. Fr. David Harvey celebrant at the side chapel. Roseanna was born the first of four children to Joseph R. Purzycki and Helen (Jankowski) Sutkowi on October 11, 1950. She graduated from Fenton High School, in Fenton, Michigan, and went on to earn a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy from Central Michigan University, a Masters Degree in Accounting from Eastern Michigan University, and a Masters Degree in Business Taxation from the University of Southern California. She served on the faculty of the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business and taught accounting courses at the University of Southern California. Roseanna became a certified public accountant in Michigan, and moved to Los Angeles in 1984. She joined the Gursey Schneider Accounting Firm, later became the firm's first woman partner, and still later became the head of the tax department, a capacity in which she served until illness forced her retirement. Known for her keen mind, unshakable integrity, and caring heart, Roseanna became one of



the most prominent and highly respected tax accountants in our community. Enthusiastic in everything she did, Roseanna was an avid University of Michigan football fan, attending

games to cheer on her beloved Wolverines in Ann Arbor when she could and leading cheers at a local sports bar when she could not. Roseanna's deep concern for others and her thirst for politics were also important parts of her life and she generously supported the causes that were important to her with both her time and her contributions. Roseanna was most proud of her children. She never missed their school, sports, or other events, and both children stood by her side and supported her with loving devotion during her last days. Roseanna was preceded in passing by her dear sister, Peggy Searight, who died on November 8. She is survived by her children, daughter Katherine Doehring and son Jack Doehring; her parents; her brothers, (Michael and Keith Purzycki of Fenton, Michigan); her step-father, Walter Sutkowi; her five step-brothers, (Gary Sutkowi, Kenneth Sutkowi, Dan Sutkowi, David Sutkowi, Rich Sutkowi); her fiancé, Stuart Tobisman; and countless devoted friends, colleagues, and clients. With her grace, humor and kindness, we wish she could have had more time to inspire us with her courage and comfort us with her love. We will deeply miss her. **Arrangements are under the direction of Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, CA.**

Shelby Morgan,
Shelby Morgan - age 67, died December 23, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sherman Squires,
Sherman Squires - age 88, died December 23, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Steven Braunscheidel I,
Steven Braunscheidel I - age 52, died December 23, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marian Thayer,
Marian Thayer - age 91, died December 24, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marjorie Hines,
Marjorie Hines - age 89, died December 26, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thomas Weslowski,
Thomas Weslowski - age 69, died December 25, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lora Turner Petzler 1926-2012

Lora Turner Petzler - passed away on December 26, 2012. Lora was born in Speigletown, New York, on January 18, 1926, the daughter of Stephen Turner. She was pre-deceased by husband



William Petzler and children William, Leslie, and Lora. She is survived by daughters Linda and Lois (James Sporer); grandchildren Kara (Shane Lardinois) and Jonathan Sporer (Kelly); and great-granddaughters Clara Joy and Lucy Rose Sporer. Lora grew up on a farm in the 1930s and learned a resilience and resourcefulness that she carried throughout her life. After graduating from Lansingburg High School she became a comptometer operator and then homemaker. She introduced her daughters at an early age to a life-long love of reading, and she used her excellent seamstress skills to sew many school outfits and Easter dresses. As a Girl Scout leader Lora organized overnight bus trips for her daughters' troop to sight-see in New York City. Later in life Bill and Lora enjoyed a retirement that included golf, travel, and good friends. Lora loved to play bridge and poker and was an outstanding player. She delivered Meals on Wheels and crafted beautiful items for the church bazaar. Lora cared for other people, and even on the last day of her life helped a friend find her way home. The family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to the kind community at Lockwood of Fenton, MI and to the special friends Lora made at Loose Senior Center. Internment will take place at St. John's Cemetery in Troy, New York, at a later date.



Brenda Childers,
Brenda Childers - died December 23, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Margaret Backus,
Margaret Backus - age 87, died December 26, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Virginia French,
Virginia French - age 96, died December 26, 2012. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Doris Thomason,
Doris Thomason - age 71,
died December 27, 2012.
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Robert Cherba,
Robert Cherba - age 87,
died December 22, 2012.
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Anthony Godlesky,
Anthony Godlesky - age 83,
died December 26, 2012.
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James Sharp,
James Sharp - age 84,
died December 23, 2012.
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Judith Bemus,
Judith Bemus - age 53,
died December 24, 2012.
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Mary Hawkins,
Mary Hawkins - age 89,
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Junia Linn - age 85, died
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Dean Buzzard,
Dean Buzzard - age 86,
died December 25, 2012.
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Joy Hough,
Joy Hough - age 44, died
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Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Alberta Verkennes,
Alberta Verkennes - age 92,
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

Dear paw's corner,

I just adopted a pet, now what?

Congratulations! I recently mentioned to the new owner of a cat that it's important to schedule an appointment with the veterinarian as soon as possible to make sure it is healthy, and to get its vaccinations.

With the new year, I want you to make some new resolutions that will last beyond just this year and the next:

- I will recognize that my pet is a "forever pet."
- I will not abandon my pet when the novelty of being a pet owner wears off.
- I will not discard my pet when house training gets tough, or when it starts chewing up my shoes.
- I will take my pet for a regular annual checkup and keep its vaccinations and licensing up to date.
- I pledge to spend time with my pet every day.
- I will teach my family to respect animals, to have compassion for them and to care for them as they would another family member.
- I will train my dog to respond to basic commands, and I will socialize it with other dogs so that it is better behaved in public or at dog parks.

PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please help. I have had two colonoscopies with 10 polyps found — half and half, both kinds. I noticed on my medical bill that I am at high risk. I was told that some new medicine might be available soon. I'm very scared. What could help me? — R.H.

ANSWER: A polyp is a growth of cells projecting from the lining of a structure. In this case, the structure is the colon. Close to 90 percent of polyps do not become cancers. Fifty percent of the population older than 60 has at least one polyp.

Ten percent of polyps are adenomatous polyps, ones with a potential of becoming cancer. I take it that some of your polyps were of this variety, and that's why you are at "high risk." Having those polyps removed eliminates the present cancer risk. Adenomatous polyp size is one factor involved in judging these polyps' threat. Those larger than 2 cm (0.8 inches) have a 40 percent chance of transforming into cancer. The microscopic appearance of these polyps' cells is given the designation of high-grade or low-grade. High-grade cells also increase the risk of cancer.

Actually, you are sitting pretty. You've had all your polyps removed. The fact that some of yours put you into the category of high risk only means that the doctor will work out for you a schedule for future colonoscopies. Those scope exams will disclose if any new polyps have formed. You are less likely to develop colon cancer than are people who have never had such an exam. I don't know about the medicine you speak of.

Cutting back on red and processed meats (hot dogs and other luncheon meats), losing weight, decreasing the fat in your diet, cutting back on alcohol consumption, increasing the amount of fruit and vegetables you eat and increasing dietary fiber are things that diminish the likelihood of colon cancer. I have to be candid. Some authorities say these changes are not as protective as they're made out to be. They are, however, conducive to good general health.

Prospective fiance mulls over his choice

DEAR AMY: I'm thinking about asking my girlfriend to marry me, but I'm not sure. We get along very well most of the time, but when we do argue it tends to be about politics, about where we should live and other big-picture things. I'm worried that what seem like nebulous or abstract differences will eventually become concrete and create problems. Am I making too big a deal of these things? I'm worried about waking up (in 12 years) at 40 and realizing that I've compromised on things that were really important to me. —Vexed Boyfriend

Amy Dickinson

Ask Amy

DEAR BOYFRIEND: To have a successful long-term relationship, you and your partner need to learn how to talk, fight, visit and revisit issues — and how to leave some things well-enough alone. Successful relationships are those in which both partners feel they share basic values and approach big-picture issues as a team.

DEAR AMY: My boyfriend recently broke up with me. I still love him. The reason we broke up was because I agreed to tutor a male co-worker during lunch breaks. I have been faithful to my boyfriend. He called me a flirt and told me women should not engage in any conversations or activities with other men. I respect my colleagues and trust myself not to do such a thing. Is this the case with every relationship? I am curious to know if the vast majority of couples feel the same way, or was I dealing with a jealous guy with a double standard. — B

DEAR B: This relation-equation is also dependent on partners' trusting each other to exercise good judgment. You should be able to work with, have lunch with or tutor a colleague. If your boyfriend's standards only apply to women, then yes he has a double standard. At the very least, his unreasonable jealousy is a red flag. Please don't pine for him.

iPhone tip of the week

Customize your keyboard.

Create your own personal dictionary, including shortcuts for each word. So your keyboard not only autocorrects, it knows exactly what you want to say as you type. In Settings, tap General > Keyboard > Add New Shortcut. From there you can add new phrases and assign optional shortcuts to them.

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