Black Friday creeps into Thanksgiving

> Stores running bigger deals, opening earlier to compete with online shopping

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One day is no longer enough for Black Friday. This year, numerous retailers across the country will be opening their doors on Thanksgiving, just hours after families have gathered and stuffed themselves full of turkey. Big-box stores like Walmart, Best Buy and Target will be opening their doors as early as 6 p.m. Thanksgiving and staying open all through Black Friday, Nov. 29.

Mitzi Osborn, assistant manager at Kmart in Fenton, said store hours were expanded this year due to the successful Black Friday sales of previous years. “We’re opening at 6 a.m. on Thanksgiving and not closing until 11 p.m. on Friday. We’ll be open for 42 hours,” Osborn said. “This is the first time we’ve done this. Last year, we closed and re-opened during the day.” See BLACK FRIDAY on 15A

‘Welcome’ signs still controversial

> Times poll reveals mixed reactions, observations

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Signs are a part of what makes the image of a city — new signs, or signs in good repair are better than dilapidated ones falling apart. In October 2011, Fenton City installed the controversial “Welcome to Fenton” signs, which include the teal paint and large concrete bases.

So how does the public feel about the signs today? The Times received no shortage of comments about the signage, with a significant amount of them being negative.

In the poll 40.3 percent said they were a waste of money. See SIGNS on 20A

“I’ve always wanted to mark the entrance to the city.”

Sue Osborn, Fenton mayor

New holiday lighting brightens up Fenton

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DPW skilled laborer Brian Waller helps laborer Dan Wayne take a measurement to install the light, resting on the ground. They installed 15 on North LeRoy Street on Wednesday.

New lights for North LeRoy Street, 18-foot-tall tree on Silver Parkway and 96 decorated utility poles

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Fenton — The lights look like inexpensive white frames shaped like snowflakes in the daylit, but when they glow blue at night, they add bursts of color to an otherwise strictly business north-end.

On Wednesday, the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) See LIGHTS on 17A

Billboard mystery solved

> Kan Rock Tire welcomes Old Man Winter

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Kan Rock Tire owner Tim Roche wasn’t going to do a billboard campaign unless it was unique.

“Billboards are a dime a dozen, they don’t get noticed for the most part,” he said. But CBS Outdoor came up with a teaser campaign that he liked.

The $13,000 campaign began on Nov. 11, and includes about 10 billboards in Genesee, Saginaw and Bay counties.

The billboard reads “Come on old man,” and can be seen by motorists on North Road in Fenton, and on U.S. 23, between Flint and Fenton. See BILLBOARD on 8A

“We’re the long-time locals, who are just trying to get noticed.”

Tim Roche
Owner, Kan Rock Tire

This is the current billboard design. It will be updated on Monday at all nine locations in three counties.
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Sister Thereseann Zywicki fills out the lunch menu, while Sister Jane Marie Lebiedzinski sets up drink pitchers last Thursday ahead of the silent lunch they’ll serve for the 19 priests attending the retreat at Maryville Center in Holly. Hosting and serving groups is their ministry.

Where are the nuns today?

There are thousands around the world, 56,000 in the U.S. — two in the tri-county area

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Holly Twp. — The cafeteria is almost silent as 19 priests in various garb move through the buffet line. Sister Thereseann Zywicki and Sister Jane Marie Lebiedzinski refill the juice pitchers as the men eat lunch quietly, sunlight silhouetting them through the panorama of glass windows. The pair are two of 700 of their order in North America — and certainly the only nuns in the tri-county area. There was a convent, which is where a nun lives, at St. John Church in Fenton, but it now houses church administration. This week also marks 140 years of nuns serving in America.

These two nuns are part of the order of the Felician Franciscan Sisters. There are also The Dominican Sisters of Mary in Grand Rapids, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lansing.

“They are real and truly, I think the two of us, are the only two nuns or sisters in this whole area here,” said Sister Lebiedzinski. She and Sister Zywicki are recognized wherever they go to shop. Although the term “man” is interchangeable with “sister” today, Lebiedzinski said nuns used to refer to sisters who mostly stayed in their convents to pray and stay behind the

See NUNS on 11A

Will we have a cold, bitter winter?

Forecasters offer various opinions, but little consistency

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Last weekend’s warm temperatures and volatile winds were one of the weirdest-weather spots Michigan has experienced this year. From tornadoes in early spring to the wet and mild temperatures that persisted throughout the summer, predicting the weather hasn’t been an easy task.

So what does the winter look like for a state with notorious and sudden weather changes? Here is what some experts believe Michiganders may face this winter.

The Farmers Almanac is predicting a frigid, snowy winter this year, dubbing it “The Days of Shivery.” The almanac is calling for the exact opposite of last year’s winter.

See WINTER on 15A

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Sister Jane Marie Lebiedzinski says the Lord’s Prayer before lunch, along with the rest of the priests. She has been serving for 60 years as a sister.

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COMES ON OLD MAN WINTER

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No shopping pledge? I think not.

Sometimes the stupidity displayed by the bleeding hearts of the world makes me shake my head in wonder. Other times I laugh out loud. This is one of those ‘other times.’

Perhaps you’ve heard of the latest absurdity — it’s a Facebook pledge that states: ‘Because I believe in family, I pledge to NOT shop on Thanksgiving. If I’m shopping, someone else is working and not spending time with their family. Everyone deserves a holiday.’

Let’s just get it right out there and be done with it. If you wasted even a moment of your valuable time clicking on this pledge nonsense then you are officially an idiot.

Yes, I understand that many believe that the sanctity of Thanksgiving is being violated by greedy retailers and that the true meaning of the holiday is thus lessened. But, did you ever stop to consider a few details? Most households in this area will be watching the Lions play on TV. But if you signed the FB pledge, you won’t be watching the Lions, or any TV for that matter. After all, the players are family men. Shouldn’t they be allowed to be home also? And what about the broadcasters? And the refs? And the security personnel? And the vendors at the stadium? And the parking attendants? And what about all the TV producers, technicians and other personnel? Don’t they also ‘deserve a holiday’?

And I also assume that any ‘pledgers’ that are traveling somewhere to ‘shop Thanksgiving’ will not be stopping for fuel anywhere. After all, the clerks at the gas stations would likely rather be home and they too ‘deserve a holiday.’

And God forbid your vehicle breaks down — tow truck drivers also ‘deserve a holiday.’

And if someone at your Thanksgiving table accidentally chokes on a turkey bone, or Granda has a heart attack, or your kitchen catches fire cuz Grandma sipped a few too many glasses of port while cooking — don’t you dare call an ambulance or fire truck because …well, don’t firemen and EMTs ‘deserve a holiday’ also, as do the nurses, technicians and doctors who will be on duty at area hospitals.

Truth be told, there are hundreds of thousands of Americans who will be going to work on Thanksgiving. And maybe that’s not such a bad thing. Call me crazy, but with over 30 percent of the country’s work force unable to find a job, and with welfare and food stamp consumption at an all time high, those who are working — even on a holiday — are probably thankful for their jobs.

So let’s ignore the incessant bleating of the professional bleeding hearts of the world and enjoy our Thanksgiving holiday in the manner that suits each of us. And if that includes a little shopping before or after our turkey-feast, well… go with a clear conscience, thankful that you have the means to buy gifts for family and friends.

From my family to yours, have a happy and thankful Thanksgiving — and gooood Lions!

Opinions offered in It’s My King the author’s ideas and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Tri-City Times or its staff. E-mail the King at king@childrens.org. Some information reported from the internet.

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All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 20 words or less and an e-mail address is required. The Tri-City Times reserves the right to edit, clarify, lengthen and/or abbreviate.

ISN’T IT ABOUT time that the Hot lines include the name of the person writing them? Week after week I read several Hot lines, obviously by the same person, spouting unsubstantiated, outlandish, uneducated opinions. If you are going to write incredibly stupid stuff, you should take the credit.

— David Maier

JEFFERSON AND MADISON pointed out that the federal government had been granting authority by the states to do only 20 things, and that each of these must be carried out for the general welfare of the whole nation. None of them included healthcare. Do your research.

— Sue Kearns

THE PROBLEM is healthcare costs are killing our government, our economy and our country’s competitiveness. Obamacare does not go far enough to fix the problems but at least it tries. All the solutions will be criticized as socialist, communist or worse but everyone needs a solution that works.

— Fenton

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“A kitchen and bath addition with new appliances, a sun room and dining area.”

“A bigger garage to store all of our tools and the lawn mower.”

“A master bedroom and bathroom. I would decorate it simple with plain white walls.”

“I would like to get a home. I live in an apartment.”

“Our house is perfect. We have everything we want, but we could repaint the inside.”

— Sue Kears
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Graves and Ananich discuss recent votes

Times ‘Michigan Votes’ column highlights tri-county representatives’ votes on state bills

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Diligent readers may have noticed the new feature in the Times titled “Michigan Votes.” The column breaks down recent bills that have passed or failed in the state Senate and House of Representatives. It also shows how local representatives vote.

The Times will regularly run the Michigan Votes column so readers can stay informed on which bills our state legislators are considering and how local representatives react to them. Here’s two bills that Ananich and Graves recently voted on.

Senate Bill 660 authorizes medical marijuana pharmacy sales. The bill passed 22 to 16 in the Senate, with Ananich casting a dissenting vote.

“I decided to vote against the version of the medical marijuana pharmacy sales because I would prefer we seriously consider legislation that would decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana,” Ananich said of his decision.

“There is currently a bill in the House, HB 4623, that would do just that and is supported by Republicans and Democrats. I believe that while we must do what we can to protect our families from dangerous drugs and the misuse of prescription medications, common sense drug reform would help us direct resources to preventing violent crime in our communities.”

House Bill 5046 allows customers to bring wines to restaurants. It passed in the House 105 to 5. Graves voted in favor of the bill.

“Quite honestly I’m not a drinker, but I always assumed you could do this,” Graves said. “To me it’s just common sense. It’s one of those silly laws that’s on the books and isn’t required.”

Under the legislation, Graves said restaurants could charge customers a ‘cork fee’ or a price to drink wine brought from home. Restaurants will be able to decide if they will allow outside wine to be brought into their business and how much the cork fee will be set at.

Are you a fan of the Michigan Votes feature? See a bill that you would like to comment on? Be sure to let the Times know how you feel in the Hot lines or through online comments at ctimes.com.
FENTON STUDENTS ADVANCE IN LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST
Jack Hayashi, a seventh-grader at A.G. Schmidt Middle School, Meredith Good, a seventh-grader at Lake Fenton Middle School and Bryce Murray, a seventh-grader at St. John School, won local competitions sponsored by the Fenton Lions Club. Their posters were among more than 140 entries at the three schools and among more than 375,000 entries that will be submitted worldwide in the 26th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace everywhere. The winning posters were selected based on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the contest theme, “Our World, Our Future.” Their posters will advance to the district, multiple district and international competition. One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award ($5,000), plus a trip for the winner and two family members to the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of $500. Previous international and grand prize and merit award winners can be viewed at www.lionsclubs.org.

WORKSHOP FOR COPING WITH GRIEF
Hill Road Baptist Church, 3500 West Hill Rd. in Flint is hosting a free “Coping with Loss and Grief During Seasons of Celebration” from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 30. This two-hour workshop will provide a safe and understanding environment to learn the process of grief. No childcare is available. For more information or to pre-register call (810) 824-4579.

LINDEN LIONS CLUB TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES
The Linden Lions Club will continue their 25-year tradition of selling Christmas trees beginning on Saturday, Nov. 23. The lot is located at ACE Village Hardware on Silver Lake Road in Linden and will be open on weekdays from 4 to 8 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. A variety of trees will be sold — Douglas Fir, Scotch Pine, White Pine, Blue Spruce and Fraser Fir. Price range is $25 to $90. Come out and support the Linden Lions Club so they can support various projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind. The Lions Club thanks you for your support.

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WIN A $500 SHOPPING SPREE!
The Jinglefest committee and the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce are excited to announce the 5th annual area Shopping Sprees that include gift cards from local businesses totaling $500.

To be entered in the drawing, bring your shopping receipts dated December 1st to the Chamber’s tent between 3-6. For every receipt from a business with a Fenton or Linden mailing address totaling $10 or more, you will be given a drawing entry form to fill out. Receipts will be marked and returned to the owner once presented. The winner of the shopping spree will be notified on Monday, December 3rd.

What a great way to begin your holiday shopping!

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PUNCTAL OCCLUSION FOR DRY EYES
Having “dry eyes” is a very generic term. Dry eyes are actually a symptom, not a diagnosis. The cause of the scratchy dry feeling can be from decreased tear production, an oil deficiency in tears or from a type of protein deficiency in tears.

The best treatment for a significant “dry eye” is punctal occlusion. This is when a very tiny plug is inserted in the tear drains located on the eyelid. This procedure keeps your own tears on the eye longer than normal so that you can get more use of your own natural tear instead of using artificial tears. The procedure is very technical, but non-invasive. No shots are necessary, only a simple eye drop. It is also completely reversible.

Artificial tears are great for certain mild cases of dry eye, but not all are created equal. I cater the type of drops to the type of tear deficiency. Some drops can make your dry eye even worse.

Dry eyes can also be caused by severe eye lid problems. The majority of these problems require simple procedures that are done at home, are quick, and don’t hurt.

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Calendar of events

‘DANCING THRU A WINTER WONDERLAND’ HOLIDAY SHOW AND SHOE DRIVE
Young People’s Ballet Theatre will kick off the holiday season on Nov. 30 with their annual holiday show, ‘Dancing Thru a Winter Wonderland.’ Dancers will perform excerpts from the Christmas classic, ‘The Nutcracker,’ and a new YPBT favorite, the Christmas Polka. Families can visit with Santa and meet the Snow Queen as well as enjoy refreshments and photo opportunities. The show will be held at the Pavilion, 5251 Commerce Rd., Flint. Tickets are $7. Call (810) 309-9501 to order. During the show, YPBT will wrap up their shoe drive. Donations of unused shoes will support YPBT, developing communities around the world and reduce waste in landfills. Shoes can be dropped off at the show, or Monday-Thursdays 4:30-8 p.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Pick-up service can also be arranged by calling (810) 230-1395.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
I HAVE THE best husband in the world and he just left to go hunting. I’ve got take-out and the remote in my hands. God love him, I’m not cooking for week.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the Linden kitchen staff, the student council and any other students that helped feed the seniors at the Loose Center. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. I’m glad you’re growing up with an interest in the seniors.

JUST GOT DONE watching Obama’s press conference and when he was answering questions, I don’t know if I’m dumb and didn’t understand, but I’ve never seen a man talk without giving an answer.

I KNOW COLLEGE is expensive but people are borrowing way more than the cost of tuition. They’re buying electronics, cars and even swimming pools. When I was in college, I didn’t have a car and only had two pairs of jeans.

AS OF TODAY, more than six million Americans have lost their healthcare because of Obamacare. Obama and all the Democrats who rammed this down our throats are responsible for this mess of decreased coverage and increased premiums. Over 80 percent of Americans were satisfied with their coverage and two-thirds of Americans did not want this.

BILLBOARD
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The background is black, with specks that look either like snowflakes or raindrops, and the lettering is bold, angular and white. Its meaning is not supposed to be clear. The goal was just to “tease the viewers for a couple weeks,” he said, and tease they did — enough to draw live TV and print news coverage.

These TV news spots sought opinions from drivers on what they thought the message was trying to say. Many thought it could be a reference to Old Man Winter. Comments on the Saginaw News website also speculated it could be a statement made from an impatient driver.

Roche said Kan-Rock’s “reveal” will be on Monday. The new text will read “Come on old man winter,” and include the Kan Rock logo, a tire and a dusting of snow. It will be posted on all existing billboards and run for four more weeks.

“We’re the long-time locals, who are just trying to get noticed,” he said. So far, it has worked.

Suspect confesses to five break-ins in Tyrone Township

Accomplice also charged, both Howell men remain jailed

While being questioned by Livingston County Sheriff’s Department detectives on Nov. 15, Thomas McCrackin, a 20-year-old Howell resident confessed to eight breaking and entering cases, five of which occurred in Tyrone Township.

On Nov. 14, a detective located McCrackin, who was wanted for questioning in connection with several break-ins in Livingston County. When located, McCrackin was in possession of stolen property, including firearms. Aside from the break-ins in Tyrone Township, detectives were also investigating one in Cohoctah Township and two in Genoa Township. Stolen property included guns, jewelry, cash, tools and scrap metal.

The investigation led detectives to question Vincent Fowler, 30, also of Howell. A search warrant was executed on a storage unit, which Fowler utilized. This search led to the recovery of three additional handguns, two of which were taken in one of the Tyrone Township break-ins.

McCrackin and Fowler are currently lodged in the Livingston County Jail. McCrackin was arraigned on one count of breaking and entering with additional charges expected. A $50,000 cash surety bond was ordered.

Fowler was arraigned on receiving and concealing stolen firearms and possession of firearms by a felon. A $50,000 cash surety bond was ordered.

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Signing their book
Rocks Across the Pond
You are all I want for Christmas…
said no woman ever.
POLICE
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A similar story, indicating that his child was sick, according to Fenton Police Chief Rick Arz. The unknown man was driving an older Pontiac. Police have not been able to identify the subject, but the police chief wanted to warn residents of the incidents.

RUNAWAY LOCATED
On Nov. 8, Holly police responded to Hawaiian Gardens trailer park to assist Grand Blanc police with recovering a juvenile runaway. Based on information provided, Holly police located the 16-year-old male at a residence. The girl was taken into custody and turned over to Grand Blanc police.

ASSAULT AT HOLLY HIGH SCHOOL
UNDER INVESTIGATION
The Holly Police Department is investigating an assault and battery, which occurred at Holly High School on Nov. 13. According to police, a 15-year-old male student had allegedly sent threats to a 14-year-old male student via Facebook. A school official told police that the suspect had made threats over a continuing conflict between the sisters of the suspect and victim. School officials were about to counsel the suspect about handling the situation, however, he walked up to the younger male and hit him in the jaw, which knocked the teen to the floor. The school’s surveillance video recorded the incident. Staff members intervened and took the suspect to the school office while the parents were called. The injured student was taken to the hospital and his parents advised police that they wish to prosecute the older teen. The case remains open, pending petition for Family Court.

TRAILBLAZER PULLED FROM LAKE, OCCUPANTS NOT INJURED
At 6:28 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20, the Fenton Township Fire Department responded to South Jennings Road between Rolston and Lahrning roads on a report that a car had just gone into Loon Lake. Fire Chief Ryan Volz said one of the township’s dive team members was the first to arrive on scene and saw that the Chevy Trailblazer was on its side in shallow water. The three young people inside the Trailblazer were able to get out of the vehicle on their own. The driver claimed he swerved to miss a deer. None of them were injured. Firefighters made sure that no fuel or oil leaked into the lake as Fenton Towing pulled the vehicle out. The rescue went without incident and the fire department cleared the scene at 7:25 p.m. Despite the S curves through this area between Loon and Crane lakes, the fire chief can only remember one other incident in 1989 or 1999 where a motorist lost control and wedged his vehicle between two trees.

LASCO FORD AND ‘ASK DR. NANDI’ SHOW STEP UP TO KATIE COURIC’S ON-AIR CHALLENGE
Christmas wish list inspires local residents to give

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When Katie Couric of the Katie’s Show challenged her viewers to do something to better their community, a few tri-county area residents stepped up to help.

The idea to help resonated with Dr. Partha and Kali Nandi of the “Ask Dr. Nandi” medical talk show produced in Detroit, and with Matt Lasco of Lasco Ford of Fenton. Together, they will be making things better for a women’s shelter by taking care of several items on a Christmas wish list put together by Alternatives For Girls (AFG), in Detroit.

Currently living in Sterling Heights, Kali Nandi is a 1992 graduate of Fenton High School. Lasco is a Fenton resident. During her Katie’s Show, Couric called out her viewers, and beyond, to begin a change for the better in a number of communities, including Detroit. The Nandis and their show’s producer Kristen Wolosonowich jumped at the chance to help since they film the show in Detroit. Seeing that the shelter also needed a vehicle, a call to Lasco followed.

Alternatives For Girls helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation. It also helps them to explore and access the support, resources and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong and to make positive choices in their lives.

Wolosonowich said the Nandis took care of 50 items on AFG’s Christmas wish list, which will benefit those seeking help from the shelter. She said their call to Matt Lasco resulted in him quickly accepting the challenge to donate a car to AFG. Because of Lasco Ford’s donation, the shelter is now the proud owner of a brand new 2014 Ford Escape.

“Matt Lasco is an angel from Heaven,” said Wolosonowich. “He was on top if it immediately.”

Lasco said his family-owned dealership is always looking at ways to give back to the community. Lasco Ford also helps to sponsor LACASA and Cinderella’s Closet, organizations similar to AFG, but based in Livingston County.

“This [Kate’s] Challenge touched us,” said Lasco. “It’s a similar cause and great charity.”

The Ask Dr. Nandi show is hosting their inaugural charity fundraiser, the Holiday Coat Drive, on Dec. 7. Auction item funds will go to medically needy families. For more information on this event, go to askdrnandi.com.
Sister Jane Marie Lebiedzinski quickly prepares a bed as part of her hosting duties at the Maryville Center retreat.

“I felt that this was my calling, I prayed about it, and felt this is what the Lord wanted me to do,” she said.

They prepare menus, start the cooking process and make sure the rooms are ready. This is their ministry, which each nun has, unless they are retired. It’s not completely unlike being part of the military — a sister will go where she is needed, and where her skills lie, though administration and sisters can discuss where they want to go.

Sister Lebiedzinski was a teacher, principal and nursing home administrator. She shows through her kind patience and energy.

Sister Zywicki’s other ministries included 35 years, serving in a hospital. She is now a certified dietary manager. She does the menus, and helps start meal preparation.

They also volunteer where they can. The pair is deeply involved in Angel Haven Foundation efforts. This is the group that prepares goods for impoverished families in rural western Virginia. They don’t travel to Virginia, but they do package shoe boxes and holiday mugs to be taken on the semi-annual trips.

As long as they remain nuns, they will be provided everything they need, and own little or nothing. The term “sister” infers a community of sharing. They do/did pay into Social Security, and their medical needs are met. While there are nuns all over the world, it’s not your imagination if you think there are fewer today.

As far back as 1993, the question of how long there will be nuns in America was already being asked. At that time, the percentage of nuns under the age of 40 was only 3 percent, as written in a 1994 L.A. Times Article. In 1993 there were 94,022 nuns in the United States, according to the article. This is compared to the peak of 181,421 in 1966.

A Religion News Service article reported 56,000 nuns in the U.S. in 2012.

Sister Thereseann Zywicki delivers juice pitchers in preparation for lunch last Thursday.

**Summary**

There are far fewer nuns in the U.S. than even 20 years ago, yet there are still many orders of nuns, a few in Michigan. Holly Township is home to two nuns, whose ministry is hosting retreat groups at the Maryville Center.

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  5. **Conserve heating and cooling system resources**

     The use of programmable thermostats will modulate your energy uses to suit your business needs. Clean or replace HVAC filters routinely so your systems are running more efficiently. Inspect and repair weather-stripping, doors and windows.

  6. **Properly maintain, repair and/or replace business equipment**

     It is important to adequately maintain and repair business machinery. Running equipment that has not undergone routine maintenance is in need of repair damages the machinery, wastes energy resources and may endanger your health and safety.

  7. **Reduce commuting and business-related travel**

     Transportation of people and goods accounts for approximately 28.5 percent of all energy resources consumed in the country. Certain jobs may be effectively handled through full- or part-time telecommuting and employees working from home rather than driving to work.

  8. **Comply with Existing Environmental Laws and Regulations**

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BLACK FRIDAY
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Osborn said workers at the Fenton Kmart will work average shifts and whatever hours they’re available to work. Osborn does not expect the extra hours to affect the operations of the store.

Since Thanksgiving is as late as possible in the calendar this year, the National Retail Federation (NRF) anticipates 140 million shoppers to hit stores the weekend of Black Friday. On Thanksgiving alone, an estimated 33 million shoppers are expected to wait in long lines and battle it out for the best deals of the season.

Stores have been facing mounting customer complaints from customers on Facebook and other social media sites since the announcement of Thanksgiving shopping hours, but it hasn’t stopped the retailers. From opening up earlier, Walmart opened up at 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving in 2011 and a slew of other stores followed suit. Black Friday Sales were pushed to 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving last year, generating record revenue for stores. In addition to extra hours, retailers are beefing up their stock, banking on higher sales this year.

“Black Friday is our day — our Super Bowl,” said Simon, president of Walmart, in a recent press release. Simon adds that Walmart will have 65 percent more televisions and double the number of telephones and computers.

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where temperatures were mild and snow was light. The periodical has been around since 1818 and boasts that its predictions are at least 80 percent accurate.

There are however, various studies re- buking such claims, going even as far as saying weather predictions made months in advance cannot be completely accurate. According to the Farmers Almanac website, the weather is predicted through a “top secret mathematical and astronomical formula that relies on sunspot activity, tidal action, planetary position and many other factors.”

If guarded secret formulas won’t do the trick, perhaps satellites and meteorologists can give a more accurate prediction. Since August, AccuWeather has offered a 45-day forecast and if it’s anywhere near accurate, the Flint area won’t see much snow in December. AccuWeather lists just five days for snow next month, with most days being cloudy and few days being sunny. The temperature will be cold however, averaging between the teens to low 30s.

Michigan meteorologist Mark Terrogrossa sees bitter cold and snow in store for Michigan this winter. In a recent online post, Terrogrossa said January-like temperatures could reach the state by the end of November. He attributes the sudden presence of winter to strong cold winds sweeping over the Great Lakes this weekend. With generally below normal temperatures sticking around, Terrogrossa sees winter coming earlier and sticking around until April.

The Weather Channel gives a completely different outlook on the winter of 2013 and 2014 — normal temperatures and an average amount of snow. The rest of November and December is expected to be colder than normal however, temperatures should start warming up by the New Year.

So what should we truly expect this winter? The characteristics of Michigan winters include cold temperature and a decent amount of snow. But ask any life-long Michigander about the weather and they’ll tell you it’ll change at least three times in one week. And, if the past few years have been any indication, just about anything could happen, including tornadoes in late autumn.

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Installed 15 of these 4-foot snowflakes to the utility poles along North LeRoy Street. The goal is to eventually get all 39 decorations sponsored by the businesses, and installed.

These part of the lighting committee’s efforts to more than double the amount of holiday street lights in Fenton for the 2013-14 season. The regular garland wraps with lights are already up on Silver Lake Road close to Dibleville. They are new this year and were purchased with help from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Each of the 96 poles of the DDA district will be covered this year — up from 46 in previous years. They will be decorated with new LED lights, fresh garlands and red velvet bows.

The Lighting Committee also took inventory of existing lighting and pieces of decoration, which are more than 30 years old. Some of it will be refurbished, while other pieces are sold to neighboring communities.

The gazebo at City Hall will also receive new lights, and a new 18-foot-tall LED Christmas tree to be lit on Silver Parkway along with the tree is going up at the community center.

Decorating along the median of Silver Parkway is part of the committee’s long-term goals.

The committee also worked on ways to enhance the holiday lighting outside the DDA district. The snowflakes along North LeRoy Street came at the recommendation of Bronner’s in Frankenmuth that suggested a simple, uniformed look.

The current North LeRoy Business District Holiday Adopt-a-Pole contributors are Animal Health Clinic, Auto One Glass & Accessories, Classic Family Restaurant, Dr. Douglas W. White, the Fenton DDA, Diamond Sport Gear, Edward Jones-Kevin Messing, ELGA Credit Union, Fenton Family Chiropractic, Hungry Howie’s Pizza, J.D. Michel Salon & Spa, Lil’ House of Carpet, Prudential Great Lakes Realty, Travel Brokers Inc. and Verizon Wireless.

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Pat Lockwood, holiday committee member, Fenton City councilwoman

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The snowflakes that line North LeRoy Street are part of a larger effort to enhance the existing holiday lighting plan in Fenton.

Fenton holiday tree lighting 2013

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Fenton Mayor Patricia Lockwood was recently elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors.

Lockwood, past-president of the Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustees, was selected to a two-year term on the NLC board during the organization’s annual Congress of Cities and Exposition in Seattle, Washington, Nov. 16. The NLC is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities and is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

Lockwood is the only delegate from Michigan to serve on the new NLC board.

“It’s a tremendous honor to be selected by my peers from throughout the nation to help lead this outstanding organization,” Lockwood said. “I am truly grateful and look forward to serving the next two years on behalf of not only Michigan communities, but also communities across the United States.”

Lockwood and the other officers were selected by a 15-member nominating committee and elected by NLC’s membership to serve a one-year term.

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Bald eagles sighted over Bush Lake

Local photographer catches it all on camera

By Amy Mayhew
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Holly — Val and Harold Peterson had quite a view from their living room window earlier this week as a bald eagle decided to perch in a large tree in their backyard, overlooking Bush Lake. The eagle was one of two that Holly Bush Drive residents had the pleasure of seeing Tuesday.

“A neighbor of ours a few doors down called and asked if we had seen the eagles out there,” Peterson said. “When we looked, we could see one of them perched in our tree right there.”

An award-winning nature photographer, Peterson grabbed his camera and headed outdoors. “Even from a distance, I knew it was an eagle — the white head really stood out.”

The Petersons believe the eagles to be a pair, and have been on the lookout for them ever since their mid-week sighting.

“I think it’s a good sign,” Peterson said. “Bald eagles are not something that you typically see out there over Bush Lake, but hopefully it just means that eagles in Michigan are really on the come back.”

The bald eagle has had its ups and downs in Michigan, being described as “generally distributed, but nowhere abundant” in the early 1900s. Their decline throughout the mid-1900s was most likely related to a slow and consistent loss of habitat and available food sources. Loners by nature, eagles are so disturbed by the presence of humans near their nests that they may be inclined to abandon it entirely, including any chicks if they’ve already hatched.

During the 1950s, the slow decline significantly picked up until suddenly, bald eagles were on the brink of extinction in 48 states. While several factors played a part in the eagle’s decline, chemicals like PCB and DDT were mainly to blame. The chemicals affected the eagles in many ways, including causing them to delay breeding until it was too late in the season, or to not even breed at all.

Even if an egg was laid, it usually had a very thin shell, causing it to break in the nest. By 1967, only 38 percent of Michigan’s bald eagle population was able to raise at least a single chick. Productivity has to be at 70 percent for the bald eagle population to remain stable.

The ban of DDT in the 1970s was a good start, and eagles finally received the protection they needed. But with greater protection came the ratification of the Endangered Species Act in 1973, and the Michigan endangered species act in 1974.

By 1975, the 70 percent productivity mark was reached, although the number continued to yo-yo for much of the decade. In 1981, the population began to steadily increase until a 1999 survey found 343 nesting pairs had produced 341 chicks. The number since then has steadily been on the incline.

In 1970, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated there were 85 nesting pairs of bald eagles in Michigan. The number doubled by two pairs in 1980, but rebounded substantially to 181 nesting pairs reported in 1990. The number nearly doubled over the next decade with 359 pairs recorded in 2000, and in 2010, the number jumped again to 630 pairs. In 2011, the organization estimated that there were more than 700 nesting pairs of bald eagles in Michigan.

Even so, there are still a few problems — eagles found nesting along the Great Lake coasts have higher levels of contaminants in their blood than inland nesting pairs.

The pair may stick around Bush Lake for a while, but according to the Department of Natural Resources, come winter, eagles "migrate" northward, and are seen nesting mainly in the Upper Peninsula, especially the western portion, and in the northern portion of the Lower Peninsula. The eagles, the DNR says, go north enough to enjoy winter, but stay south enough to be ahead of the ice, and in areas where they can congregate and find food near open water.

“I hope they stick around,” Peterson said Wednesday. “What a beautiful bird it is — I’m so happy I had the chance to photograph it.”

Holly resident and award-winning photographer, Harold Peterson photographed two bald eagles earlier this week, in his backyard overlooking Bush Lake in the village.
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Friends of the Fenton Center, which will be underway soon.

“I’ve always wanted to mark the entrance to the city,” Osborn said. “I want people to know when they enter the community that they’re in Fenton.”

The committee wanted them to be unique.

Signs have also been installed at the entrance to the North LeRoy Business District — a district independent of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Osborn said the city contributed $10,000 to help promote the district, which included the signs. “They have been so cooperative, they’re a pleasure to work with."

The next phase of signage won’t directly match, but will coordinate with the “Welcome to Fenton” signs, and be part of the overall look of Fenton. These signs will number around 90, and be handled in the upcoming 2014-15 budget. These will be placed around the city to give directions to notable city landmarks, like city hall and the library.

“I think people will be very pleased with all the signage once it’s completed,” she said. “People like to know where different things are located. I’m all for trying to draw people to the community.”
Williams vaulting to DI level, headed to Nebraska

Two-time Jr Olympic champ ready for challenge

By David Troppens
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Grace Williams has known since she was about 8 years old that she wanted to compete at the collegiate level in gymnastics. About 10 years since those days, the Linden resident and Brighton senior, accomplished her goal on Nov. 13 at Twistars Gym, located in Lansing.

Williams signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on the University of Nebraska’s gymnastics team.

“Receiving a full-ride scholarship to an out-of-state school is pretty great,” Williams said. “It’s definitely something people strive for, and to be able to accomplish something like that and be rewarded like that at the end of my high school career is pretty awesome.”

Besides Nebraska, Williams was looking at the University of Oklahoma, the University of Georgia and the University of Michigan.

“Nebraska felt like home to me,” Williams said. “I always wanted to go to a school that I could consider my home away from home. I considered Michigan because I was familiar with the school and the coaches, but I didn’t want to be able to come home every weekend. I wanted to experience something new and something by myself.”

Training out of Twistars, Williams has already had an outstanding career. She’s captured the Women’s Junior Olympic Level 10 National Championships twice in her career, earning the honor in 2010 and 2012. She also captured the 2011 Nastia Liukin Supergirl Cup all-around title, also earning first on the balance beam and on the floor exercise. At the time, Williams was competing at the elite level — a level to possibly train for events such as the Summer Olympics — but soon after that she started shifting her goals to college training instead due to injuries.

“I stopped doing elite after I won the Nastia Cup, I started training level 10 for the team and since then have really focused on getting a scholarship,” Williams said. “I have had little aches and pains. In April of this year I had surgery on my elbow and another surgery in June. So I’ve had two surgeries in the past year. Right now I am feeling pretty good.”

Holly’s Kennedy continuing soccer career at Siena Heights

By David Troppens
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Megan Kennedy didn’t want the decision to continue through the school year.

So when she got a chance to sign for her collegiate school of choice, Holly senior Megan Kennedy will continue her soccer career at Siena Heights University in the fall. She plays midfield for the Holly Bronchos.

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**KBH hockey opens season with 12-3 blowout victory**

By David Troppens
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KBH United has to be pretty pleased with how the squad opened its prep hockey season.

The co-op program comprised of players from Kearsley, Brandon and Holly high schools opened its season by beating Flushing 12-3 in its opener on Wednesday.

KBH United took a 4-1 lead in the first period, but really blew the game open in the second, scoring an eye-popping eight goals during the stanza.

The win means KBH (1-0-0) has already matched their victory total from a season ago.

Three newcomers to the roster provided eight goals in the contest. Shawn Larson, Brendan Guizak and Kross Kenny provided those goals and nine assists. Guizak (three assists) and Larsen (two assists) each had three-goal hat tricks. Meanwhile, Kenny had two goals and four assists.

A.J. Yuchasz chipped in two goals, while Kirk Wells and Nate Flanagan had a goal each.

In net, Tristan Younes made 10 saves, earning the victory.

**Griffins end strong, but drop 7-4 verdict**

**Phillips scores twice for Fenton-Linden co-op varsity hockey squad**

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It’s a roster that contains nine freshmen.

It also includes just five returning players from last season.

So it shouldn’t come as too much of a shock that the Metro League Griffins may take a little time to settle into a mid-season groove this prep hockey season.

The Griffins, a co-op hockey team between Linden and Fenton high schools, opened regular season action with a 7-4 loss to Team Alliance at Hartland Sports Center on Wednesday.

“I think they came out as all freshmen on the team and were pretty nervous,” head coach Jeff Mynatt said. “Once they got out of the first couple of periods, I think they settled down and played their game. They got better each period. In fact, we won the third period.”

The start was difficult, as Team Alliance — a co-op squad including players from LakeVille, North Branch, Dryden and Goodrich — scored five goals within the first 10 minutes of the contest. The Falcons scored 40 seconds into the game and added another with 12:11 remaining in the period. The Griffins (0-1) answered back when Connor Phillips scored his first of two goals in the contest. It was unassisted with 10:32 remaining in the period, cutting the Alliance lead in half at 2-1. However, Alliance scored goals with 9:30, 9:21 and 5:37 left in the first period to take a 5-1 lead. The Griffins were able to cut the gap to 5-2 shortly after that fifth Alliance goal, when Tyler Bourassa scored on a Buck Hudson assist, but the squad never closed any closer than three goals the rest of the way.

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However, one bright spot was the play during the final two periods. The Griffins ended up tying the final 30 minutes 2-2 with Alliance, suggesting that the team did calm down a bit. And there were other stats that suggested the team played the Falcons relatively evenly. For example, the local co-op hockey squad actually outshot Alliance 33-32 for the contest.

The third period was the Griffins’ strongest, shutting out Alliance 2-0. Phillips collected his second goal of the game just 2:59 into the third period on a Bobby Temple assist, while Nate Allen collected his first goal of the season with 2:04 left on a Brian Hackney assist.

“They worked their butts off,” Mynatt said. “They have a lot of heart and play with a lot of effort. Offensively, we are going to be just fine. We have a lot of offensive power, but we have some work to do in our defensive zone. I was certainly happy with our offense getting the puck into the net.”

In net, Natalie Miller made five saves in the first period. Adam Glomb played the final two periods and made 20 saves on 22 shots.

The Griffins returned to action on Saturday against Gladwin. Mynatt feels the squad will have a stronger veteran feel to itself quickly.

“We definitely had a feel of a new team,” Mynatt said. “We only have five returning players and we have a lot of new players getting used to the size and the speed of varsity hockey. These freshmen are playing against kids that are three and four years older than they are, so it’s a big step. However, they are already falling into place faster than I imagined they would. Within a couple of games, we’ll be right where we need to be.

“Usually if you have freshmen, they don’t get a lot of playing time. But right now we have a lot of freshmen getting a lot of playing time. We have freshmen going every other shift. From what I saw last night, though, we should be able to compete.”

WILLIAMS
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now I’m almost to the end of my recovery, and am now getting ready for my season.

Nebraska’s gymnastics program has a pretty impressive past. The Cornhuskers have won each of the last three Big 10 Championships. They have made six NCAA Super Six appearances over the past nine seasons and have produced three NCAA individual champions and has captured more than 100 individual All-American awards.

Williams would love to get a chance at those honors.

“I want to contribute to the team and not just be a part of a team,” Williams said. “I definitely want to compete in all four events, at least during my first two years. I want to compete overall and not be specialized. One of the reasons I picked Nebraska was to contribute to the team winning, making it to nationals and winning nationals as a team.”

Gymnastics has meant 5:30 a.m. training sessions, long trips to her training building and many long trips around the United States. The many hours have taught her a lot about herself.

“Definitely never to give up on something,” Williams said. “I know it sounds cliché but it’s true. After going through injury after injury and two surgeries, my scholarship was on the line, and it’s hard to get your self-confidence back and get the drive back. I had to get back in the gym every day just to get back in shape. It’s such a big part of my life.

“It feels crazy, almost surreal. I’m one of a few to receive such a great scholarship and it’s an amazing accomplishment. It’s like it’s not real yet.”

Metro League Griffins’ Brian Hackney (left) tries to get beyond a defender in a recent scrimmage. The Griffins lost their first actual game of the season on Wednesday.

Fielder Traded
When the Detroit Tigers signed Prince Fielder to a nine-year $214 million deal two years ago, the signing reeked of one thought in my mind.

That thought was the Tigers better without Fielder. With the Championship during the first three or four years of that contract, because of Fielder’s large body frame. He is listed at 275 pounds, and that seems to be fairly nice. My guess is he’s a bit closer to 300 pounds. And on that frame, he’s put the constant strain of playing nearly every game for every season since 2006. To me, that just sounded like a lot of strain, and I figured the Tigers would be lucky to get three — maybe four — “peak” seasons from Fielder. If I was right, that meant the Tigers would be overpaying a player for five seasons as his game deteriorated. That would be fine if he led the Tigers to a World Series title before that happened, but otherwise it would just become a huge albatross and a great reason why the Tigers couldn’t compete during the final five years of his contract.

Two years into the Fielder contract, I think it’s fair to say most thought he was a bust. He produced reasonable numbers at the plate during the regular season, but they weren’t numbers expected for the salary drop he was for the Tigers. He was a poor defender and couldn’t run the bases worth a lick. And that situation was made worse when you consider the liability his bat was during the past two post-seasons. Simply put, he wasn’t paying off, and the Tigers were still locked up to seven years of his huge contract.

Who would want to add those issues to their team? Well, apparently the answer is the Texas Rangers. Tigers General Manager Dave Dombrowski has turned what looked like a huge concern into a positive. By trading Fielder to Texas for second baseman Ian Kinsler, the Tigers settled many issues. While they are still going to be on the hook for about $4.3 million of Fielder’s salary for the next seven years, they have erased some of that salary, have gotten themselves a second baseman and have created a venue where they can now look at re-signing Cy Young Award winning starting pitcher Max Scherzer. It also opens up a position for prospect Nick Castellanos at third, moving Miguel Cabrera back to first, where he was a better defender.

Really, it’s an all-win situation for the Tigers. It was a no-brainer for Dombrowski with few (if any) negatives. But how he pulled it off, that’s another story. If you asked me around Halloween I would’ve thought Fielder was doomed to be a Tiger the next seven years. But, to his credit, he found a way to get it done. And because he did, I’m feeling a bit better about April 2014 today than I did just days ago.

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It’s a new world of connection and collaboration for people who like to create crafts, gifts

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

Coreena Storms of Fenton worked for more than 20 years in advertising sales when she was laid off four years ago. It turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to her.

Since she loved to sew from the time she was a little girl, she quickly dusted off her old sewing machine and began to sew, and sew. Soon www.sewcrazybaglady.com was born, and she hasn’t looked back since.

From purses to totes and kids’ items, she spends most of her days and evenings creating unique pieces from recycled used clothing and scrap fabrics, then sells them all over the U.S., when people find her website and contact her.

“My specialty is Memory Bags, making purses and totes out of items left from a loved one,” she said. “I recently made a tote for a lady out of her dad’s Detroit Lions leather coat, and a lady from Pennsylvania just contacted me about making a crossover-style bag from her dad’s neckties.”

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Summary

Handmade crafts have been around as long as humans have been, but the way that crafters market and sell their goods has completely changed with the advent of the Internet and social media.
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Nearly all Americans have Thanksgiving off. Unless you’re in the foodservice industry (and recently, in some retail positions), this is a holiday celebrated across the land. No religious overtones, no need to be from any specific culture — it’s a holiday for all of the U.S.

No one wants to entertain the night before hosting a big Thanksgiving meal. With all the effort going into the big day, the night before the turkey is carved is a time for respite and relaxation. Spend Thursday in front of the stove, take Wednesday night off.

Everyone is home for the holidays and wants to see old friends. The night before offers a chance to get out and catch up with others returning to the area you grew up in. Kids are home from college, folks who have moved away return to where other family is, and Thanksgiving Eve is the perfect opportunity to see each other.

Thanksgiving dinner is a perfect hangover cure. With plenty of starches and rich, fatty foods, Thursday’s meal is good for taking the edge off if you happen to tie one on the night before, and it’s often eaten early in the day. Plus, that tryptophan-laden turkey will set you up for a nice post-dinner nap.

Sources: readersdigest.com, thedrinknation.com

Bartenders share their secrets, tips and best etiquette advice

1. Yell, whistle, or wave money and I’m going to make you wait. Make eye contact and smile, and I’ll come over as soon as I can. Know what you want and have your money ready. Don’t create a traffic jam.

2. Start a tab. If I swipe your card five times this evening, that’s five times as much paperwork I have to do at 4 a.m.

3. You want a drink made ‘strong?’ Then order a double — for double the price.

4. I do more than mix drinks. I love being your psychiatrist-matchmaker-entertainer-friend. Otherwise, I wouldn’t tend bar.

5. I love sharing what I know. If it’s not busy, ask me about the history of a drink or the latest cocktail.

6. If your tipping guideline is ‘still ‘a buck a drink,’ listen closely: That doesn’t fly if you order a $12 cocktail. Tip at least 15 percent.

7. At some bars, the sliced fruit garnishes sit out until they’re gone, sometimes for days. Munch accordingly.

8. Don’t order a round of drinks after last call. Last call applies to everyone — even you.

9. Last week, a couple had a little too much and got into a dumb argument, then asked me to choose the ‘winner’ of the fight. There isn’t a tip big enough to get me involved in that situation!

10. I can tell if your date is going well or not. And I notice if you bring in a new date every week.

11. I have the police on speed dial, and I never hesitate to call.

12. It happens every time. The songs you line up on the jukebox will play right as you’re leaving.

13. Please, take a cab.
Christmas Tree Safety Tips

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- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces or radiators.
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Tips from the National Fire Protection Association. For more Christmas tree safety tips, visit www.nfpa.org/education.

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Don’t get scammed by ‘free credit reports’

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Consumers across the nation are learning the hard way that not all free credit reports are in fact free. Numerous people in the past few years have reported instances of being charged fees from companies claiming to give away free credit reports. Even the website freecreditreport.com lists a disclaimer at the top of its website wherein custom- ers will be charged $1 initially and $19.99 each month until they cancel their membership with the company.

For consumers who are truly looking to get an update on their credit score without the hassle of hidden fees, visit annualcreditreport.com. The website was created along with the federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act (FCRA) of 2003, allowing consumers up to three free credit reports annually from TransUnion, Experian and Equifax, three of the biggest reporting agencies in the country.

The website operates under the authority of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), a national agency that protects consumers and businesses from unfair practices and monopolies.

While the buzz of credit reports has caught traction in recent years, freecreditreport.com’s numerous jingles and companies sprouting like weeds, the FTC urges consumers to visit its website to periodically check their credit score.

Good or bad credit can be the difference in securing a loan, as well as the amount of credit the person can obtain. Applications for a mortgage, insurance and even some jobs can be determined by credit scores. At the very least, the FTC recommends checking a credit report annually to help prevent identity theft. Information like Social Security or credit card numbers can be used to commit fraud, damaging the credit score of the honest person.

According to bankrate.com, a credit score is a three-digit number used to determine “The likelihood that you will become seriously delinquent on your credit obligations in the 24 months after scoring.” FreCICO is the most dominant credit-scoring system and is used by TransUnion, Experian and Equifax. FICO scores range from 300 (high risk) to 850 (low risk). Myfico.com reports that payment history and the amount of money owed make up 65 percent of a credit score. Length of credit history, new credit and types of credit used make up the remaining 35 percent of a credit score.

If a consumer does receive a credit report with erroneous information, the FTC instructs the consumer to inform the company in writing due to the discrepancy. Per the FCRA, the credit reporting company and the provider of the credit report are responsible for correcting the credit score.

Quick ways to raise your credit score include paying bills on time, paying down credit card balances and avoiding maxing out your credit cards.

Erroneous credit reports can literally dictate where a person can live. The New Jersey Star-Ledger interviewed a Navy veteran earlier this month who was denied an apartment lease due to discrepancies in his credit report. The veteran later discovered his younger brother, who has a criminal background, had been using his credit information while he was serving in the military. The veteran is continuing to have his credit history correctly updated.

For a free credit report, visit annualcreditreport.com, a website maintained by the Federal Trade Commission. Other websites claiming to offer free credit reports often come with hidden fees, much to the frustration of consumers.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

OBAMA WILL go down as the worst president in history I just hope I live long enough to see it.

WHAT GOOD WILL it do for our na- tion to deny healthcare, especially to the most needy?

THE POWER OF reason is the belief that free citizens can govern them- selves wisely and fairly by resorting to logical debate, on the basis of the best evidence available rather than raw power, money and media control. Reason remains a central premise of American democracy. It is now under assault.

GREED AND WEALTH now allocate power. That power is now used to increase power for the few.

WHEN I WAS growing up, women were called actresses and men were called actors. I’ve noticed they call all the women actors now. Must have been a Harvard graduate who said they all ‘have to be actors.’ Thank you, you educated halfwits.

THE CAREER POLITICIANS in Washington of the last 30 years have taken this strong, beautiful country and made it into a welfare state all for their own personal gain.

WHAT A PITY Obama didn’t wait a few years, he could have started his own insurance company. I could see him selling insurance to people telling them if they didn’t buy it, he’d fine them. We’ll just have to wait and see what our dictator does.

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I ATTENDED the Tyrone Township board meeting and I’m wondering why they need to have a committee to discuss salaries for the elected officials, especially when the supervisor is hardly ever in the township to begin with. Seems like a waste of time and energy to me.

NO WONDER Congress can’t get anything done in Washington with GOP representatives like Trey Radel on cocaine.

TO BE PRESIDENT of the United States, you should have served in the military in some capacity. Also, you should not be allowed to run for public office if you’re an attorney.

ANOTHER WEEK, ANOTHER scandal. While running for re-election, we learned that Obama lied about unemployment numbers. What else can we expect from the most corrupt, dishonest president we’ve ever had?

I’D LIKE TO give a big shout out and thank you to the men and women of Consumers Power. Our power is back on after less than 24 hours after such a big windstorm. Thanks, you guys rock.

WHEN GERALD FORD pardoned Richard Nixon, what part of integrity is that? He still got all his perks and lived a life of luxury in California. Where did he get punished?

THE PERSON CRITICIZING the women with three kids judged not unless ye be judged. What a good Christian you must be. Haven’t you ever heard of fathers abandoning their children? You don’t know what you’re talking about.

YOU LISTEN TO idiots like Foster Childs and Rush Limbaugh. You have the nerve to say there’s too much liberal radio? What a joke.

WE COULDN’T GET police patrols out on Hickory Ridge so we just got road patrol out here to redirect traffic. Maybe that will help cut the speeding off.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR as you love yourself. Unless you can’t afford healthcare. Then you should just die.

THE RIGHT TO bear arms but not the right to good medical care, how very Christian of you.

IS OBAMA PRESIDENT or is he a professional hack? That’s someone who tries to sell you something you don’t need. It would be comical for this country if it weren’t so sad.

TV IS BECOMING an outlet for Hollywood’s immoral filth. Letting a child go anywhere near TV should be considered abuse.

THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS to step in and give everyone free healthcare? Where do you think the money comes from for that? It comes from idiots like you that come up with stupid ideas like that.

HOW CAN IT be legal for the Genesee County drain commissioner be CEO of the water authority?

IT’S JUST ONE more example of our woefully inept educational system when someone would call in and say a family getting rich for providing products that all of America wants is like corporate welfare, like the Waltons. It’s called capitalism, free enterprise. Learn it, live it, love it.

TO THE GUY in the black pickup truck that ran me off the road near Bennett Lake and White Lake roads, you ran the stop signs and didn’t slow down. If it wasn’t for my quick response, you would have smashed into a 73-year-old woman, you would have ruined my perfect driving record.

BOY I’LL BET you Obama is mad now. He just lost his position as the dumbest politician in the world. The mayor from Toronto just beat him out for number one.

I’M CALLING REGARDING the street-light on the corner of Linden and East Rolston. It has been out for months. Just wondering when the city of Linden is going to replace it.

JUST GOT MY dreaded letter from my health insurance carrier. We now each have a $2,000 out-of-pocket cost, which must be met before the policy can be met. Remember, only Democrats voted for this. When I get a time comes, I’ll remember.

ROB FORD, the mayor of Toronto, and Obama must have been college roommates.

VERY SOON, CONGRESS is going to impeach Holder for the Fast and Furious scandal. This seems to be the norm for Obama, lying about Benghazi, Obamacare and the IRS scandal. Not since Clinton have we had so many embarrassing scandals.

THE DETROIT NEWS said they had a real good Halloween. They only had 92 fires.

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BOY I’LL BET you Obama is mad now. He just lost his position as the dumbest politician in the world. The mayor from Toronto just beat him out for number one.

I’M CALLING REGARDING the street-light on the corner of Linden and East Rolston. It has been out for months. Just wondering when the city of Linden is going to replace it.

JUST GOT MY dreaded letter from my health insurance carrier. We now each have a $2,000 out-of-pocket cost, which must be met before the policy can be met. Remember, only Democrats voted for this. When I get a time comes, I’ll remember.

ROB FORD, the mayor of Toronto, and Obama must have been college roommates.

VERY SOON, CONGRESS is going to impeach Holder for the Fast and Furious scandal. This seems to be the norm for Obama, lying about Benghazi, Obamacare and the IRS scandal. Not since Clinton have we had so many embarrassing scandals.

THE DETROIT NEWS said they had a real good Halloween. They only had 92 fires.
Thanksgiving should be more than another holiday

The winter of 1620-21 at the Plymouth Colony was cold and tragic for the Pilgrims; nearly half of their number died through sickness and accidents. One wonders how they could rise above such losses and by fall be so grateful that they celebrated God’s goodness to them by giving thanks.

While the spring and summer of 1621 were pleasant and a welcome contrast to what they had just come through, the wounds of that first winter must have been hard to overcome. The good harvest and the help of Squanto, Chief Massasoit and their tribe in providing food, as well as teaching them how to survive in this harsh new place so far from home, were causes to be thankful, but the reasons for their amazing attitude of gratitude must have run deeper than those blessings.

Can an abundant harvest and enough to eat make up for the vacant chairs of loved ones at mealtime? Can making new friends take away the pain of losing old ones? Can moving into a new home compensate for the absence of family members?

Obviously not.

Why not then enter the second winter bitterly over the pain of the past rather than being filled with praise for present provisions?

There is only one answer: these people had developed the ability to be thankful no matter what was going on around them. Their thankfulness was rooted in their acceptance of Biblical teachings that called on them to be thankful all the time.

We can learn from them. It takes too little to get us down and too much to get us up!

We are too quick to pout and too slow to praise.

Compare our tendency to complain over trifles to the vow of the Old Testament prophet, Habakkuk, to be thankful in tough times: ‘Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail; and the fields shall yield no food; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.’

Contrast this vow to being upset over the Dow.

What would Habakkuk’s vow do for us now?

It would change the focus of our lives, our homes and the nation. We would be more interested in giving than getting, more eager to worship than to be entertained, more likely to help than to hurt, more positive about the future. A.W. Tozer, the author of many Christian classics, wrote: ‘Now as a cure for the sour, faultfinding attitude I recommend the cultivation of the habit of thankfulness. Thanksgiving has great curative power. The heart that is constantly overflowing with gratitude will be safe from those attacks of resentfulness and gloom that bother so many religious persons. A thankful heart cannot be cynical.’

One of the great calls to be thankful is found in the Bible in Psalms 103:1-5. Focusing on reasons to be thankful can brighten every day and cause us to rejoice in God’s gracious goodness to us all.

Thanksgiving should be more than a holiday.

It ought to be our way of life.

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Find ‘peace and joy’ this holiday

Don’t let depression or stress wear you down during the holiday season

By Sally Rummel
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While the holidays are an exciting time of year for most families, there are those among us who struggle with stress and depression during what should be a joyful time.

Some of the stress we put on ourselves with a constant list of demands for “the perfect holiday” — shopping parties, baking, cleaning, entertaining, Christmas cards, etc. Other stresses come about from life circumstances of loss, family dysfunction, etc.

These unwelcome “holidays guests” of stress and depression can ruin your holiday and hurt your health. Being realistic, planning ahead and seeking support can help ward off these negative influences. You may even enjoy this Christmas season more than you expected, if you have realistic expectations.

Summary

Don’t let the holidays become stressful. Take control of them by setting priorities, planning ahead and having realistic expectations. Learn to recognize your holiday triggers, and avoid them before they result in a meltdown. With a little planning and positive thinking, you can find peace and joy.

Don’t let depression or stress wear you down during the holiday season.

Reach out. If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events that offer support and companionship. Consider volunteering your time to help others, which will also lift your own spirits and broaden your own social network.

Be realistic. The holidays don’t have to be perfect, or just like they were last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals may have to change as well. Choose a few to hold onto, and be open to creating new ones. For example, if your grown children won’t be celebrating with you this year, find new ways to celebrate together, by sharing pictures, emails or videos.

Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don’t live up to all of your expectations. Set aside grievances for a more appropriate time. Be understanding if others get upset or distressed, as they’re probably feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too.

See STRESS on 11B

Local grief support groups

Dryer Funeral Home, Holly
Holiday Memorial Service
Monday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.
Online Grief Support 24/7
www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com
(248) 634-8291

Genesys Regional Medical Center
First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
For more details, call (810) 629-9321

Sharp Funeral Homes
First Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m.
Fenton Chapel
For more details, call (810) 629-9321

Swartz Funeral Home, Flint
Grief support groups will resume in January on the third Thursday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
For more details, call (810) 235-2345

Temrowski Family Funeral Home
Holiday grief support group
Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
At Hill Road Baptist Church, Flint
Pre-register by calling (810) 624-4579
Go are the days when crafters like Storms sold their crafts only at bazaars or to friends and neighbors. The world of crafting has gone global, and has changed the way most crafters do business.

Global websites like Etsy.com and social media sites like Facebook and Pinterest have brought crafters together in a global marketplace and have created an online connection between them and a world of potentional customers.

On Etsy, for example, crafters can reach a potential 30 million customers around the world and it costs nothing to set up shop for crafts, vintage goods or craft supplies. There is a charge for listing items on Etsy, which lasts for four months or until the item is sold. Etsy assesses a 3.5-percent transaction fee on the item’s sale price, according to etsy.com.

On a more local basis, crafter Stephanie Pytlowanyj recently created a Facebook page for area crafters to market their goods, called Etsy of GenLiv. Crafters and supporters can join the group on Facebook.

“It’s a site for crafters to sell their high quality handcrafted items, and also a place to purchase them,” said Pytlowanyj.

Laura Legant, of Holly, began making stuffed “happy” monkeys out of sweaters to fill up her reading nook in her kindergarten classroom at Rose Pioneer Elementary in Holly. What makes these monsters special is that Legant created an open mouth on them where kids can feed them, leave notes, etc. They were such a hit with the kids that www.wildsweatermonsters.com was born one year ago.

Since then, more than 500 wild sweater monkeys have been “adopted out” to happy kids. She now writes her own blog, wildsweatermonsters.blogspot.com, which allows her to put up pictures of her monsters, and then followers can pin them on Pinterest. A lot of customers find her on Facebook, too.

“I’ve had the most interest from my Facebook page,” said Legant. “People ‘like’ my page, then that information goes to the newsfeed for all their Facebook friends to see and ‘like.’ It’s like the modern-day version of word-of-mouth.” She has sent wild sweater monsters as far as Florida and California. “They’re all over the place,” she said.

Locally, Legant also sells her monsters at Fenton’s Open Book and Morgan’s Boutique in Holly.

Coreena Storms enjoys having a dedicated workspace for the first time for her crafts.

Coreena Storms works on a bag made from designer fabric.

Laura Legant stocks about four monsters at a time at Fenton’s Open Book, like these two on the shelf.

Laura Legant also has owls for sale near her sweater monsters.

my blog, simplytamiK.wordpress.com to share information about our family and the adoption process/orphan care, in general. In fact, the use of social media to promote crafts has helped create a movement toward making meaningful, quality handcrafted goods, often using recycled or repurposed items. Flinthandmade.org is another group that has been encouraging local crafting since 2007, with more than 45 vendors selling and marketing their wares.

While crafting has experienced the use of new marketing techniques, craft shows continue to be alive and well and as popular as ever.

The tri-county area’s largest craft show, the St. Road Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, is set for this weekend on Sunday, Nov. 24 from 10 to 4 p.m., featuring 160 juried artists. It’s following another large craft show on Saturday, Nov. 23, the Holiday & Small Business Expo, at Fenton United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Coming up will be the Flint Handmade Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Masonic Temple in downtown Flint. Etsy of GenLiv will host a Cabin Fever Craft Show in February, according to Pytlowanyj.

“Our wheels are spinning with the opportunities around me,” said Storms, in looking at the journey her life and crafting has taken. “This is my soul food and I am completely fulfilled with it.”
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I’ve heard of the Old Newsboys, but don’t really know much about them. What do they do? Our main focus is to take care of needy kids, from newborns through high school, at Christmas time. Over the years, however, we’ve developed other programs that keep us busy year round. In addition to supplying a Christmas box to each child at Christmas, we also have a Warm Hearts, Healthy Hearts program that provides shoes and coats to every needy student in elementary schools in Genesee County, including Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden. We provide Emergency Boxes for families who have suffered a tragedy, such as a fire, tornado or other loss. We’re right behind the American Red Cross in coming to help. What’s in each Christmas Box? All of the clothing, shoes and toys we provide are brand new. Each child gets a sweat suit with a top and a bottom, two pairs of Hanes underwear, two pairs of Hanes socks, a stockin cap, one pair of 3M Thinsulate gloves, dental hygiene products, and an age-appropriate gift or toy. For younger kids, we also add coloring books, crayons, Matchbox cars and other donated items.

How many kids do you help at Christmas? Last year, we gave boxes to 5,000 kids and we’ve raised our goal this year to help 7,000. It’s a jump we know we can do. We estimate there are about 45,000 kids living at the poverty level in Genesee County. There’s a lot more for us to do. That’s why outreach is one of our big goals this year, especially to out-county areas like Lakeville and Montrose. Those residents don’t want to go so far to sign-up for the program.

Speaking of signing up, how does that work? You have to apply at the Old Newsboys office on Taylor Road in Flint. If you have children in school, you can sign up at the school, and have the Christmas box delivered there for parents to pick up. You don’t even have to go into Flint to do this. To be eligible, your family must either be on some form of assistance program, or be under the poverty guidelines of $32,000 for a family of four.

How do you raise the money for all this? We have a budget of $500,000, which is mostly raised by individual donations. You can watch for us on Friday, Dec. 13 when we’ll be in Fenton on the corner of Leroys Street and Silver Lake Road and Silver Lake Road and Silver Parkway. We’ll also be in Linden at the main traffic light downtown. We’re well supported by businesses that put a Sponsored Child Tree on a wall or window, inviting customers to spend $20 to sponsor a child. Every year, we hold an ultra successful golf outing and a huge fundraiser at Warwick Hills for our Valentine’s Day Gala.

We are very pleased to have help from businesses like Complete Runner in Flint. Owner Curtis Thompson struck a deal with New Balance athletic shoes and we pay only $25 a pair for shoes valued between $60 and $100. The kids come in and get fitted just like any other customer and it’s a wonderful thing. I’ve had parents cry when they’ve seen their kids get properly fitted for a quality shoe like New Balance—something they’d never be able to afford on their own.

What is your biggest financial challenge? Having the General Motors workforce shrink from about 70,000 15 years ago to a mere 6,000 today. We were always very well supported in GM plants and still are today. It’s just that there are so few. Luckily, when the GM plants were busting years ago, Old Newsboys invested the money well and today, we’re still using some of those funds to support our programs.

In the world of huge salaries for CEOs even in the non-profit world, how does your Executive Director pay rate compare? Let’s just say I would qualify for help from Old Newsboys, based on my salary. I don’t do it for the money. I do it because I feel I can make a difference. I love what I do.

What’s the most exciting thing that has ever happened to you? On a personal note, I was on the winning Purdue Rose Bowl team in ’67, beating Southern California 14-13. Professionally, I was very honored when I received an award from Priority Children two years ago for the work I’ve done. That was pretty special. It made me feel good.

In case people miss the Paper Sale on Dec. 13, how can they donate to Old Newsboys? Go online at onlinelflint.org and click on Donate. There are lots of ways to donate. If you want to send a check, send it to: Old Newsboys of Flint, 6255 Taylor Dr., Flint, MI 48507-4665.

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Chris Hamilton, 67, hasn’t stayed too far from his Linden roots, still living in the same community in which he was born and raised, graduating from Linden High School in 1964. Retired from Delphi Corporation in 2007, he was retired for less than a year when he was asked to assume the Executive Director position with Old Newsboys in Flint. While it was a new role for him, he had been actively involved for more than 25 years on its board of directors. He admits he has always had a passion for kids.

By Sally Rummel
Fresh venison doesn’t need to be tough and gamey

By Amy Mayhew
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With opening day in the rearview mirror, chances are you have a full freezer chest of venison for the winter. Tony bagged a nice 4-point, and chances are there will be more to come with our daughter heading out into the woods next weekend after Thanksgiving.

We’re lucky — most of our friends and family members like the taste of venison, but many hunters come home to spouses or other loved ones who refuse to eat it. The two main turn offs for eating the meat are toughness and/or the gamey, wild flavor.

Why so tough and gamey, you ask? Well, meat tenderness decreases as age increases, so if you bag a crafty old buck, chances are you’re going need some sharp teeth to go with it. According to experts, the best venison for the dinner table comes from a young doe.

The gaminess, on the other hand, is directly related to how much the animal runs after being shot. When a deer panics, its body becomes flooded with adrenaline. As the heart races, the muscles of the deer become flooded with blood. The extra blood may pump up the muscle for Bambi’s last hurrah, but it also produces lactic pyruvic acids in return. These acids along with the extra blood and adrenaline are all major factors as to why venison tastes "gamey.”

Field dressing it later as opposed to sooner also adds to the problem.

To overcome these issues, there are actually a few easy things you can do. For the toughness, try marinating the meat. Mild vegetable acids like vinegar or tomato sauce are both good choices. Even French dressing has proven to be a good tenderizer. Cover the meat in the marinade and leave it in the fridge for no more than 24 hours. If you marinate longer than a day, the venison will be mushy. Other marinades that work on venison include milk, fruit juice such as pineapple, lemon, a combination of fruit juices concoction or tomato soup. It sounds weird, but it works.

Eliminating gaminess, on the other hand, depends on how you cook it. Since venison is fairly lean, using cream, butter or other cooking oils to maintain the juiciness of the meat help reduce the game flavor. You might also consider putting bacon strips over a venison roast as a self-basting method.

A thing my husband swears by in his annual deer camp chili is adding a cup of coffee to the recipe. There are actually several venison chili recipes that call for coffee as an ingredient — either in the form of a cup or simply a couple tablespoons of instant coffee thrown in with the other spices. For us, the addition of coffee seemed to work — everybody thinks Tony’s famous venison chili is fab.

If someone in your family has gone to the trouble of putting food on the table, you might as well make it taste good. And what better time than Thanksgiving to try out a new venison recipe? At least if the Lions lose, you won’t have a bad taste in your mouth!

Crock Pot recipes are great!

Try adding the following ingredients to a venison roast:

- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 pkg. onion soup mix
- ½ c. milk
- ½ c. red wine
- Pour mixture over 2-3 pound roast and cook in a crock pot on low for 7-8 hours. Use the gravy from the crock pot on the venison and serve over mashed potatoes. And it’s Game On!

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MARINADES

Here are a few marinades to try. Note that marinating for more than 24 hours can cause meat to be mushy.


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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2014 BUDGET HEARING**

The Charter Township of Fenton Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2014 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center on Monday December 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. The property tax millage rates to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Fenton Township Office, located at 12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**HOUSE PLAN OF THE WEEK**

- **Lantana** PLAN 30-177
- Corner quoins accent wide stucco columns that support the Lantana’s dramatic portico. In fact, all its front-facing exterior corners are quoined. Raised planters and a parade of windows soften the lines, creating a front facade that is at once friendly and impressive.

This plan’s interior reflects the same mix. The stately ambiance permeating living room, foyer and dining room transitions into a free-flowing, relaxed feeling when you enter the kitchen, nook or family room.

A 12-foot ceiling adds volume to the spacious foyer, while 10-foot ceilings grace formal gathering spaces on either side. Classic ceiling treatments enhance the impact of these rooms. The dining room’s coffered ceiling, the living room’s tray ceiling echoes the room’s elongated octagonal shape.
TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marra Bunting-Smith, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz, David Walker, and Cam Gonzalez.
2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2.
4. William SaintAmour from Cobalt Community Research presented the township’s survey results.
5. Authorized the release of PEG fees for school equipment.
6. Authorized the transfer of budgeted funds to subsidiary funds.
7. Approved the purchase of three office computers for the 2013-14 fiscal year.
8. Authorized the payment of the summer and winter taxes due on the recently purchased property.
9. Approved the purchase of a secured drop box.
10. Approved the Supervisor’s appointees to a salary committee.
11. Convened in closed session to discuss real estate purchase at 8:26 p.m. Reconvened in open session at 8:45 p.m.
12. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us.

The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

ROSE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Rose Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) as follows: Request to Re-Program Year 2013 application in the approximate amount of $16,849.00 and Program Year 2014 in the approximate amount of $16,849.00 to fund eligible projects.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442.

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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS November 13, 2013

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

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snider
Board Members Absent: None
Approved: Agenda as submitted.
Approved: Consent Agenda as submitted.
Date Set: Public Hearing to hear public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) to Re-Program Year 2013 $16,849 and Program Year 2014 $16,849 on December 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan.
Approved: Resolution Designating Depositories.
Approved: Reduced hours of part-time employee to less than 30 hours per week due to ACA.
Adjourned: By motion at 8:23 p.m.

Paul Gambka
Rose Township Supervisor
Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk

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Sunday Sudoku

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Puzzle Answer Keys

King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday’s issue. All other puzzles are included in this edition.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: William B Harenberg and Christine Husband and WELLS-ABN/AMERICAN Mortgage Group, Inc, Mortgages, dated June 20, 2013 and recorded July 8, 2013 in Instrument # 20130002200008 in Genesee County Records. Said mortgage was assigned to: D.E. Schultz Custom Builder Inc, 6769 Crownridge Lane, Flint, MI 48532. On January 16, 2014, a Notice of Intent to Foreclose was recorded in Instrument # 201400000156 in Genesee County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.2341(2), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.2341(1), whichever is later or unless MCL 600.2341(1) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.2341(1), the borrower will be held liable to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 11/03/2013 D.E. Schultz Custom Builder Inc, as Trustee for: D.E. Schultz Custom Builder Inc, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-5, by assignment dated October 31, 2013 and recorded October 12, 2013 in Genesee County Records. For more information, please contact the number listed below: MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Larry J Siedlik, A Single Member of Digital Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Digital Mortgage Inc., of Bluffton, Indiana, and assignee, Mortgages, dated June 3, 2006 and recorded June 3, 2006 in Instrument # 200606060054488 on Genesee County Records. Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: D.E. Schultz Custom Builder Inc, 6769 Crownridge Lane, Flint, MI 48532. On January 16, 2014, a Notice of Intent to Foreclose was recorded in Instrument # 201400000156 in Genesee County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.2341(2), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.2341(1), whichever is later or unless MCL 600.2341(1) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.2341(1), the borrower will be held liable to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 11/03/2013 D.E. Schultz Custom Builder Inc, as Trustee for: D.E. Schultz Custom Builder Inc, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-5, by assignment dated October 31, 2013 and recorded October 12, 2013 in Genesee County Records. For more information, please contact the number listed below.


Carol A. Gillette 1940-2013 Carol A. Gillette - age 70, married Tuesday, November 19, 2013 surrounded by her children in Rose City. MI. Funeral service will be held 11 AM Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Sharp Funeral Home. 1225 West Hill Road, Flint, Brian Highway officiating. Burial in Crestwood Cemetery, Visitation was held 10-9 PM Friday at the funeral home. Carol was born in Flint May 18, 1940. On October 12, 1957, she married Richard Gillette. Surviving are her children Richard, children, Richard (Connie) and Jennifer; 18 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 9 brothers; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by daughter, Teresa Highway and granddaughter, Amy Bentley, parents, Norman and Barbara Stone and 2 brothers. Your cards and letters may be shared with the family at sharpfuneralhome.com.


Elizabeth Anna “Betty” Dery 1916-2013 Elizabeth Anna “Betty” Dery - age 97, of Fenton, loving wife of the late Claude Jennings Dery, died November 21, 2013. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 AM Monday, November 25, 2013 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 100 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Dwight Expart officiating. Burial will follow in St. John’s Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-8 PM Sunday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 3:30 PM until the time of Mass Monday at church. A Rosary will be held at 7 PM Sunday. Elizabeth was born March 7, 1916 in Lansing, MI. Elizabeth was a graduate of Flint Northern High School and Baker Business School in Flint. She married Claude Jennings Dery on November 21, 1931 at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church in Flint. She worked many years as an assistant librarian at North Road Elementary School. Surviving are her children, Fredrick and wife Margaret Dery, John and wife Ritty Dery, Ronald and wife Barbara Dery, Mary Catherine and husband William Lambert, 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude J. Dery, parents, Fredrick and Florence Fromholz, brother, Robert Fromholz and his wife, Donna. Those desiring may make contributions to Great Lakes Hospice, Breast Cancer Society of St. John Building Fund. Special thanks to the entire staff of Grace Haven Assisted Living and Great Lakes Hospice Caring for their attention to our Mom in her final years of life. Online condolences may be posted on the death page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Carmen Marie Lilis 1928-2013 Carmen Marie Lilis - a resident of Fenton, and former resident of Redford, MI, died on November 21, 2013 at the age of 85. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald in 1995; and is survived by daugh-ters, Carolyn Lougheed and Barbara Harris; grand-children, Andrew (Jaime) Lapham, Melissa Archer, Katie Lapham, Ben Lapham and Michael Shew; brother, Edward (Pat) Verduzo. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Joseph, Francis and Ralph Verduzo. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 5700 E. Commerce Road, Milford, on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 10 AM, with Fr. George officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Friday, November 22, 2013 4-8 PM with a Rosary held at 7 PM. Memorial Mass will be in her name to At Home Hospice. For further information, or to sign an online guestbook, please visit www.lynchfuneral.com.


**NEW DVD RELEASES**

**2 GUNS**
Two crooked undercover officers — one from the DEA and the other from the Navy — unknowingly lead investigations on the other in this crime thriller from director Baltasar Kormakur. Mark Wahlberg, Denzel Washington, and Bill Paxton head up the starring cast. R, 1 hr. 49 min.

**WE’RE THE MILLERS**
David Burke (Jason Sudeikis) is a small-time pot dealer whose clientele includes chefs and soccer moms, but no kids-after all, he has his scruples. So what could go wrong? Plenty. Preferring to keep a low profile for obvious reasons, he learns the hard way that no good deed goes unpunished when he tries to help out some local teens and winds up getting jumped by a trio of gutter punks. Stealing his stash and his cash, they leave him in major debt to his supplier. Brad (Ed Helms). In order to wipe the slate clean-and maintain a clean bill of health—David must now become a big-time drug smuggler by bringing Brad’s latest shipment in from Mexico. Twisting the arm of his neighbors, cynical stripper Rose (Jennifer Aniston) and wannabe customer Kenny (Will Poulter), and the tat-ted-and-pierced streetwise teen Casey (Emma Roberts), he devises a foolproof plan. One fake wife, two pretend kids and a huge, shiny RV later, the “Millers” are headed south of the border for a Fourth of July weekend that is sure to end with a bang. R, 1 hr. 50 min.

**ASK AMY**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** After shampooing my hair, I looked in the mirror and found a large bald patch near my ear. I screamed. I can comb my hair to hide it. Does this mean I am about to lose all my hair? Is there a treatment for it? — A.A.

**ANSWER:** With a fair degree of confidence, I can say you have alopecia areata, bald patches that vary in size and number. Close to 4.5 million American adults and children suffer from this condition every year. Like so many other illnesses, it’s the result of an immune system gone berserk. The immune system attacks hair follicles, the skin pores that are homes for each hair. What turns on the immune system to do this is something that waits to be discovered. As heartbreaking as alopecia areata is in the short run, there is hope high of complete restoration of hair in time. Around 50 percent will have hair regrowth within a year even if no treatment is given. Treatments exist to speed the healing process. One is injection of a high-potency cortisone drug, like triamcinolone, into the bald patch. Another treatment consists of applying an allergen directly to the bald spots. The reaction it produces leads to hair regrowth. The allergen often chosen is DPCP, diphenylcyclopropenone. These are only two of the options open to alopecia areata patients. Hair follicles retain the capacity to regenerate. Complicated alopecia areata can affect the entire scalp and body hair. These are not common instances, when you consider the entire population of sufferers of this malady. If you like more detailed information, contact the National Alopecia Areata Foundation on line at www.naaf.org.

**TERIYAKI CHICKEN RICE BOWLS**

**INGREDIENTS**
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- Salt and pepper
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- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 2 T. oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 t. red pepper flakes
- 4 T. cornstarch
- 6 T cold water, or less
- Sriracha sauce, to taste
- Sesame seeds for garnish

**INSTRUCTIONS**
1. Salt and pepper both sides of the chicken breasts and place them in crock pot. In a small bowl, combine honey, soy sauce, onion, ketchup, oil, garlic and pepper flakes. Pour over chicken. Cook on low for 3 to 4 hours or on high 1 1/2 – 2 1/2 hours, or just until chicken is cooked through. Use a slotted spoon to remove chicken to a plate or cutting board, leaving the sauce.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together 4 teaspoons of cornstarch in 6 tablespoons of cold water (or just enough to dissolve the corn starch, it’s up to you). While all the lumps are gone, pour it into crock pot. Stir to combine with sauce. Put the lid back on and cook sauce on high for ten minutes or until slightly thickened.
3. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, cut or shred the chicken into bite size pieces, then return to pot and toss with sauce before serving. Add a dash or two of Sriracha sauce. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve over rice or noodles.

**Private browsing in Safari**

iOS 6, Safari comes with a private browsing mode. When Private Browsing is on, webpages are not added to the history list. AutoFill information isn’t saved and searches are not saved.

For iOS 7, Apple changes the way to enable private browsing in Safari. Now when you need this mode, tap the tab button. Next, tap Private button. You’ll be prompted with option to close all pages before entering private browsing mode. Select your preferred option and private browsing mode is turned on.

When you’re in private browsing mode, the background colors of both toolbar and address bar are changed to gray.

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhoneLite.

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