Black Friday sales watered down by Thanksgiving deals

Stores open before and after traditional Thanksgiving hours, giving boost to sales numbers

By Tim Jagielo
Fenton — At 5:56 a.m. on Thursday, Kmart store manager Marie Susalla lets the line of around 50 shoppers inside to defrost, though not all the “deals” were ready. “Please don’t bombard the employees,” she said with a smile.

Kmart really went for it — they opened at 6 a.m. on Thanksgiving, and stayed open 41 hours straight. But this isn’t unusual, as they’ve done this for the past 10 years.

Though Black Friday has lost some of its luster, the National Retail Federation (NRF) reported that 97 million, or 70 percent planned to shop on Friday.

See STORES on 14A

I’m morally opposed, yet financially approving

Sherry Adams-Shelton
Thanksgiving Day shopper

A little before 6 a.m. Thursday, customers are allowed to enter the Fenton Kmart to get out of the cold.

Job with a view

Kirk Stephens of the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) strings lights around the 70-foot Christmas tree in front of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center after attaching a star to the top. He was accompanied by the Fenton Fire Department, using their ladder truck for his frigid task.

Getting more bang for your ‘giving’ buck

Make sure your donation does the good you intend it to

By Sally Rummel
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The Salvation Army Red Kettles are everywhere, and envelopes are arriving daily for a donation to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan or some other worthy (or not so much) charity.

While it is definitely more blessed to give than to receive, it pays to be careful when you’re giving your hard-earned money to charity, according to a recent article in USA Today. You

See CHARITY on 17A

KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK SOMEONE REQUESTING A CHARITABLE DONATION
• What is the full name of the charity?
• Do you work for a paid fundraiser?
• How much of my donation actually goes to charity?
• Will any local programs directly benefit? If so, how?
• What is the website address of the charity?

Linden council changes to even-year elections

COUNCIL TERMS ARE EXTENDED TO FOUR YEARS

The Linden City Council voted 6-1 to switch from an odd year election cycle to even years. The vote also extended terms for councilors from two years to four years. Councilor Charles Ross cast the dissenting vote saying he preferred the terms remain at two years.

See ELECTIONS on 16A

Handgun ammo shortages easing

SUMMER SHORTAGE AND RESTRICTED SALES LESSEN AS INVENTORY IS REPLISHED

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If you’re a target shooter who has to buy ammunition frequently, you may have noticed that things are getting a little back to normal.

This summer, the deficit of target ammunition was at its worst. Today, customers are still limited to three to five boxes at Williams Gun Sight Co. in Davison Township, but Chief Operating Officer Dan Conpeau said they can now get most of what they need.

“Things are definitely getting better,” he said, though things aren’t completely normal yet. They still limit purchases for customers in order to protect their stock.

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POLICE & FIRE

WHITE SUPER DUTY TRUCK STOLEN
On Nov. 23, Fenton police responded to a residence on Silver Parkway to investigate a stolen vehicle complaint. A 35-year-old resident said sometime between 6:30 a.m. on Nov. 22 and 11:45 a.m. on Nov. 23 someone took her white 2003 F-250 Super Duty pickup truck from the park and ride lot on Silver Lake Road.

BURTON TEEN FLEES
From the park and ride lot on Ford Super Duty pickup truck, someone stole his green 2006 Ford Super Duty pickup truck valued at nearly $30,000. At 1:55 a.m. on Nov. 23, a Burton teen fled Silver Lake Road.

GREEN SUPER DUTY TRUCK STOLEN
On Nov. 25, a 46-year-old man reported to Fenton police that sometime between 4 a.m. on Nov. 22 and noon on Nov. 23, someone stole his green 2006 Ford Super Duty pickup truck from the park and ride lot on Silver Lake Road.

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Santa Claus waves to an enthusiastic crowd from atop his sleigh during the Sleighbell Parade in Manistee.

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Christmas magic in Manistee

One of the most unique attractions to the Sleighbell Parade in Manistee is the fact that there are no motorized vehicles allowed, so each of the entries is pulled by a horse-drawn carriage, a team of horses or a dog sled. Here, a team of draft horses pulls the 25- to 35-foot Christmas tree that will be the holiday centerpiece of the community.

Small Michigan town featured in Midwest Living for one of our state’s most memorable holiday traditions

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Movies

The governing board for movie and television ratings, the MPPA has five distinct classifications from movies — General (G), Parental Guidance (PG), Parental Guidance-S (PG-S), Rated R, and No One 17 and Under Admitted.

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As a lAMe dUCk president with nothing to lose, Barack Obama is far more dangerous to America and Americans than any for- eign entity could ever be.

If you believe in equal rights as guaranteed by our Constitution, then why do we need ‘women’s rights’, ‘gay rights’, ‘civil rights’, etc.? In reality, any other kind of ‘rights’ are simply a euphemism for special treatment for special interest groups.

DEFINITION OF ADVICE: Something we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn’t.

Most don’t know that the president’s closest adviser, Valerie Jarrett, was born in Iran, associated with Muslim men and passionately tried to dissuade the president from proceeding with the raid on Osama bin Laden. It was one of the few times that President Obama overruled her counsel — and one of his few successes.

Listen to children twice as much as you give them advice.

Those who don’t have a paid healthcare program already have free insurance by virtue of the law that states all hospitals — including ‘after hours’ clinics — must provide treatment to any individual who walks through their doors.

Good Advice: Before you borrow money from a friend, think which one you need more.

If smaller seats, tighter rows, shrinking food and outrageous luggage regulations/fees aren’t enough to deter you from flying the formerly friendly skies, the looming approval of no-restriction cellphone use could be the final straw. Pray you don’t sit near the inevitable clueless, loud, look-at-me moron(s) who will cell-prattle endlessly about nothing to fellow morons on the ground.

Little Timmy can now stay on his parent’s healthcare plan until he is 26 thanks to our government. By the age of 26, George Washington had already worked as a surveyor for Virginia, fought in the French and Indian War and was the rank of Colonel in the military. Today’s 26-year-olds are still living at home, sleeping til noon and wearing PJs with fire trucks on them.

My future epitaph: Every man dies, but not every man lives.

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So liberal logic dictates that it is racist to assume someone named Barack Hussein Obama is a Muslim? It is also racist to assume someone named Patrick Sean O’Malley is an Irish Catholic? Also, we are citizens not subjects. We can disagree with any politician no matter what their pedigree.

When will parents who own guns who have kids, learn that you should have your gun unloaded and that anyone who includes the round in the chamber. How many more children need to die in a stupid accident? Take care of your revolvers and rifles in the correct manner.

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Shopping with ‘Big Brother’

Should consumers be paranoid about personalized ads and data collection?

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If you’re in the market for a new television and spend some time on Google searching for one, there’s a good chance the advertisements on your Facebook account will list deals on new televisions. Or a commercial for a new widescreen may play before you watch your next YouTube video. No matter where you go online, ads related to your search history are bound to pop up in your web browser.

This form of advertisement is a part of data collection, where shopping habits and search histories are tracked online and in stores whenever a debit or credit card is used. While data collection allows businesses and marketers to more easily link sales and items to consumers, the practice has left some feeling as if their privacy has been invaded.

According to a study done by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, 75 percent of search engine users oppose having information collected about them and their search results personalized. Although a majority of search engine users are uncomfortable with data collection, only 38 percent of Internet users said they know how to limit information collected by websites.

Deleting web history, utilizing privacy settings and changing browser settings are some of the methods people use to limit the amount of information that is shared about them online, according to Pew.

Stores using data collection to target consumers argue that it’s not only a good thing but it’s what consumers want. “There’s a funny consumer thing,” said Julie Bernard, VP of customer strategy and marketing at Macy’s, during a September conference. She added that consumers are worried about the use of data, but they’re upset if stores don’t deliver relevance. “How am I supposed to deliver relevance and magically deliver what they want if I don’t look at the data?”

According to an article in Ad Age, Bernard blamed the collection of consumer data to negative coverage from the media. The revelation of the National Security Agency (NSA) secretly collecting data on people may have only further intensified fears of what type of information is being stored on each person. Bernard added that Macy’s would have to act within limits and not overstep as if their privacy has been invaded.

“Just because you can doesn’t mean you should,” Bernard added.

Chris Hickey, manager at Hometown Computers in Fenton said the numerous scams online can also lead to public weariness of data collection.

“There are some scams that will pop and say they’re from the FBI, demanding money to avoid arrest,” Hickey said. “Some people can’t tell the difference if it’s a scam or not.”

Hickey personally believes that personalized advertisement and content is beneficial, so long as people don’t give away personal and financial information to unreliable sources.

“Most websites are secure, so long as you know what you’re putting in. Most of the time you know whether you’re supposed to be paying certain accounts or bills.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE PASSED a law that exempts certified 100-percent disabled veterans from paying property taxes (or their remarried widow). They must file before Dec. 10 Board of Review to get the exemption for 2013. See your township/city assessor.

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Summary

According to a Pew research study, a vast majority of Internet users oppose companies collecting data about their browsing history and shopping habits. Companies argue data collection allows them to more effectively market goods to consumers.

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Starting in 2008, Congress has issued a proclamation officially recognizing “Wreaths Across America Day” each December. This year, it is being held on Saturday, Dec. 14.

In southeast Michigan, the event will take place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township with ceremonies beginning at 11 a.m. To date, approximately 6,000 wreaths, being transported by two semi tractor trailers donated by Walmart, will receive a law enforcement escort from Hartland to Holly Township.

To honor our fallen heroes, Walmart plans to donate 5,000 wreaths for this year’s Wreaths Across America commemoration at Great Lakes National Cemetery, along with the aforementioned semi tractor trailers to deliver the wreaths. With 91 stores in Michigan, Walmart is hoping to have at least one associate from each store in attendance to help lay wreaths.

The public’s help in laying the wreaths also is needed and encouraged along with sponsorship of additional wreaths. Coordinator Dave Watts said they are up to 6,500 wreaths, but the goal is 18,000. If you wish to sponsor a wreath, go to wreathsacrossamerica.org. The deadline is Monday, Dec 2. Waits is hoping for between 750 and 1,000 volunteers for Dec. 14. If anyone wishes to help, they can arrive at 10:45 a.m. at 4200 Belford Road, Holly Township — and dress for the weather.

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on Shiawassee Ave. As the officer checked, one pulled out and sped away on Adelaide Street. The officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop and followed the GMC Jimmy as it turned on westbound Shiawassee. The driver of the Jimmy lost control as he turned onto the entrance ramp to U.S. 23. The vehicle rolled down the embankment. The driver, an 18-year-old Burton resident smelled of intoxicants and blew a .067 on the preliminary breath test. He was arrested and lodged until sober. Police are also seeking an arrest warrant for fleeing and eluding. The 15-year-old male passenger from Fenton complained of neck pain. His parents were contacted and he was taken to Genesys Health Park. The 15-year-old was not wearing a seatbelt.

MISSING A WEDDING RING?

CALL FENTON POLICE

On Nov. 12, the owner of Mega Coney Island turned in a wedding ring and band to the Fenton Police Department. Lt. Jason Slater said the restaurant owner reported that someone had left the ring at the Owen Road restaurant on Dec. 13, 2012. The restaurant held on to the ring hoping that the ring owner would return to retrieve it. Since no one has returned, the restaurant hopes the police department can locate the rightful owner. Slater said if someone lost their ring, contact Fenton police at (810) 629-5311 and describe the ring.

RACIAL SLUR UNDER INVESTIGATION

At 12:18 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, Linden police responded to a business in the 200 block of North Bridge Street to investigate a 911 call. Police Chief Scott Sutter said a business owner reported sometime between 11:30 p.m. on Nov 23 and 12:10 a.m. on Nov. 24, someone wrote a racial slur on the hood of his 2012 Chevy Suburban while it was parked along the road. The complaint remains under investigation.

CORRECTION

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“People working here,” she said. Adams-Shelton said she won’t shop during hours people tend to be visiting, namely dinner time, and 6 p.m. is the earliest she’ll go out at night. “Noon to 5 is when most people are watching the football game, and spending time with family,” she said. “I’m morally opposed, yet financially approving,” she said with a laugh.

Rare are the stampedes to the best deal on electronics — today orderly lines are the norm, and tickets are generally given out to the first group of people in lines.

Target opened at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving, and remained open until 11 p.m. Friday. Reportedly, Target had long lines out of the store for doorbuster deals Thanksgiving Day evening.

Walmart opened two hours earlier this year, at 6 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. The NRF expected 140 million to shop in stores and online over the weekend, nearly 25 percent planned to shop on Thanksgiving Day.

Walmart said it recorded more than 10 million cash register transactions between 6 and 10 p.m. Thursday in its stores, according to the Wall Street Journal. TVs, tablets and gaming systems were top sellers.

Target reported that online sales and traffic were among the highest it has seen in a single day.

The flow of customers was goosed by certain doorbuster deals coming available at certain times, like a 42-inch RCA LCD TV for $299 at 7 p.m., and toys deals in the morning.

Sisters April Sizemore of Holly and Beth Darago of Grand Blanc filled two carts with kids’ toys for buy-one-get-one deals. They expect to save hundreds, and spend around $75 for each cart.

Susalla said deals are different every year. TVs, tablets and game systems are “hot” this year, whereas digital cameras were five years ago.

The store is as busy as any given regular afternoon, with the parking lot fairly full and all the check-out lanes open.

Susalla said there is more attention on the Thanksgiving Day shopping due to news coverage. “It seems like a bigger deal because other retailers are open,” she said. As far as workers enjoying their own Thanksgiving, “People are either working early or working later to spend time with their family,” she said.

Sales seem to be a little lighter this year, but then again more retailers are open, competing with Kmart — and also drawing some criticism for encroaching onto traditional Thanksgiving time.

Sherry Adams-Shelton of Tyrone Township came out for the electronics, not the politics, and she went out again that night. “I don’t normally come out here on Thanksgiving,” she said; she’s normally a Black Friday shopper. “They did a great job here, I appreciate the

Kmart had extra staff on hand to handle the initial rush of customers on Thursday.
Senate Bill 560 and House Bill 5095: Ban large puppy breeders
Introduced by Sen. Steve Bieda (D) and Rep. Michael McCready (R) to prohibit commercial puppy breeding operations that have more than 50 female dogs over 4 months of age, and impose a number of other new regulations on animal breeders, shelters and pet shops. Among other new regulations, shelters would have to hold an animal for at least one week and make efforts to identify the owner before euthanizing it, selling it, making it available for adoption, etc. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4774: Mandate state permit/license for all private gun purchases
Introduced by Rep. Jim Townsend (D), to expand to all gun purchases, including rifles and shotguns, a state pistol purchase “license” mandate. This pistol permit regulatory regime was repealed for purchases from licensed gun dealers by a 2012 law, but still applies to private person-to-person handgun sales.

House Bill 4796: Impose children’s products regulatory regime
Introduced by Rep. Alberta Tinsley Talabi (D), to require manufacturers and distributors of children’s products that contain substances deemed harmful by the Department of Environment Quality to submit detailed annual reports to the state regarding the products and the chemicals in them. The bill contains various exceptions and authorizes penalties of up to $150,000. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4832: Give tax break to energy-efficient new home buyers
Introduced by Rep. Jon Switalski (D), to authorize a $5,000 income tax credit for a person who buys a new home (not an existing one) that has been deemed a “green structure” by a particular private entity specified in the bill, and a $2,000 credit for renovations that meet criteria determined by this entity. The credit would not be “refundable” but the amount exceeding the person’s tax liability could be “carried forward” and used against future years’ tax liability. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4849: Ban sanctions on schools with student group “achievement gaps”
Introduced by Rep. Tom McMillin (R), to prohibit the state Department of Education from “imposing any measures” on a public school that has an “achievement gap” between “any cohort of its highest achieving pupils and any cohort of its lowest-achieving pupils.” Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Senate Bill 509: Authorize new state Senate office building
Introduced by Sen. Randy Richardville (R), to authorize the sale of the Farnum Senate office building in Lansing and construction of a new building for Senators’ offices. Reported from committee, pending before full Senate.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**THE LEAD STORY**

IT’S TERRIBLE AND sad what has happened to the Fenton seminary. It’s too bad the city didn’t do something to help the owner who had already put more than $300,000 into that house. Hopefully, something can be done to restore this amazing 147-year-old piece of Fenton’s history.

MICHIGAN HAS TWO of the worst cities for crime in the U.S. and instead of patrolling neighborhoods in our state, which would cut crime way down, the state, county and city police have decided to put their efforts into setting and shooting radar for speeders. Where’s this state going?

This is it, the beginning of the end of a wholesome and beloved American tradition. We can blame big business, capitalism and consumerism. But I believe that there is no one group with more to gain through the demise of Thanksgiving than the turkey. You have officially been outsmarted by a bird who hasn’t the sense to come in out of the rain. The stores opened up on Thanksgiving Day and swallowed our very heart and soul. Our nation ate it up with a spoon and cranberry sauce. Goodbye Thanksgiving. Congratulations turkeys, you’ve won at last.

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**WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK**

The House and Senate are in the midst of a two-week recess, so rather than votes, this report contains several introduced bills, released on Friday, Nov. 22. Note: There will be no Roll Call Report Thanksgiving week. The next report will go out as usual on Friday, Dec. 6.

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**WEEKEND TIMES**

Sunday, December 1, 2013
ELECTIONS Continued from Front Page

Councilors Ray Swan and Amanda Adams will have an extra year added to their terms. From there, three councilors and the mayor will be voted upon every two years. The mayor will continue to serve two-year terms.

“We literally started looking at this back in 2008. We worked with (then state senator) John Gleason and got that process through the legislation last fall,” Mayor David Lossing said. “We’ll save upwards of $18,000 over the next four or five years. Our costs will be diminished because (elections) will be during gubernatorial or presidential elections.”

Concerns about the effectiveness of changing election cycles came up during public comment.

“Saving $6,000 out of a $1.5 million (city budget) is four-tenths of percent of savings. It’s not very much,” said Linden Hotel owner Jack Furry. “This is like having a $3,000 electric bill and telling the kids to turn off a 40-watt light bulb in the room and expecting to see a savings. There’s got to be a better way to save $6,000.”

Lossing said under state law, municipalities have the ability vote if they want to change election cycles and extend terms from two years to four years.

Gleason, who currently serves as clerk and register of deeds for Genesee County, said extending terms from two years to four years will force municipal politicians to be more responsible for their actions.

“I never supported two-year terms. It doesn’t matter what job you did, you wouldn’t have much experience,” Gleason said.

“You have to live with the consequences you initiate. Four-year terms will get rid of a lot of single-issue candidates,” Fenton Township Clerk Tom Broecker said municipalities in Genesee County were not reimbursed for the past November elections since the MSU Extension vote was countywide. Broecker added that generally, municipalities are reimbursed during odd election years if they have to vote for school millages and other similar ballot items.

AMMO Continued from Front Page

He said most are happy with around three to five boxes of ammo.

“Ammo for most of the pistol calibers is more available at this time,” said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. During the shortages, police had to restrict target shooting—or at least be aware that ammo was limited.

Many local departments bought their “duty” handgun ammo ahead of the shortages.

As far as rifle ammunition, he said .308 rounds are still hard to find. “We currently can only find our duty .223 rifle ammo from the state contract holder,” said Aro.

He said last year, .22 and 9mm had been somewhat hard to find. "And when the gun control folks started talking legislation last summer things got really bad.”

It was the perfect storm that caused the ammunition shortage which started late last year.

The tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary on Dec. 14, 2012 kicked off another gun control debate in the U.S. This was at the same time as a holiday season that saw renewed interest in firearms, and increased sales of guns, and ammunition.

Compeau said sales grew more than 50 percent each month for six months.

By May, retailers like Walmart had thin offerings for buyers and William’s was limiting the boxes. In some places, prices increased significantly.

An increase in sales coupled with the annual two week vacation at manufacturers created a void in supply — they returned from Christmas break to find that stores were already at “zero,” and they couldn’t make enough ammo to fill demand.

The void was with .22 caliber ammunition, handgun practice rounds — not the hallow point or service ammunition as much.

Now, target handgun ammo, which is the least expensive to shoot, is back in inventory. The .22 long rifle is still a little tougher to get.

As hunting season has kicked off, some hunters find that they may have to buy a different brand of the same caliber — but they can get what they want for the most part, said Compeau.

THIS WEEK’S INSERTS

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- IMA World Health (medical help overseas)
- Kids in Distressed Situations (goods for the needy)
- Kingsway Charities (foreign medical supplies)
- Matthew 25: Ministries (humanitarian aid to the poor)
- Operation Blessing International Relief (hardship relief)

source: Forbes magazine

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The Salvation Army has an efficiency rating of 82 — making them a safe organization to donate to.

but much higher than the scam email claimed at just 10 percent.

Goodwill Industries International got slammed in the email scam for being a business that takes in donated items and resells them for a profit. However, this is not true, according to rumor-busting snopes.com. It is a not-for-profit organization that provides job training, employment placement and other community-based programs. Total CEO compensation in 2011 was $725,000, far less than the email scam reported. For an individual efficiency rating, check individual Goodwill Industries operations. When checking the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, their efficiency rating was not yet available.

Salvation Army is not required to file a Form 990 with the IRS, because it is primarily a religious organization. According to the Better Business Bureau, recent CEO total compensation of $128,920 was much higher than the Internet scam had reported at $13,000. Its efficiency rating reported by Forbes magazine was 82 percent, quite a bit lower than the scam had claimed in the email at 93 percent, but still respectable in the world of charities. More recent controversy with this organization has been with its very conservative stance on gay rights issues.

The bottom line is, it pays to be generous, but look for many local charities where all the money is going where it needs to go, i.e., local Christmas programs through area churches, schools and organizations. If your heart is bigger than your local community and you want to provide help on a larger scale, do your research before you write a check.

To check on the legitimacy of a charity, you can visit the IRS’s Exempt Organizations Select Check at IRS.gov. To see how well run and efficient a charity is, you can visit GuideStar.org or CharityNavigator.org.

For charities not evaluated on sites like Charity Navigator, do your own research by checking on the charity’s financial reports, their accountability and transparency, and watch the news for results of their mission.
RATING
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(NC-17). Generally, movies rated G and PG are appropriate for children, PG-13 contains material a teenager can handle and movies rated R or higher are for adults only.

The MPAA rating system has been scrutinized by movie critics and studies for being inconsistent. A 2004 report from the Harvard School of Public Health found “…movies with the same rating can differ significantly in the amount and types of potentially objectionable content. Age-based ratings alone do not provide good information about the depiction of violence, sex, profanity and other content, and the criteria for rating movies became less stringent over the last decade.”

A movie is not required to carry an MPAA rating by law and can be screened as unrated. Film critic Roger Ebert often decried the rating system as useless, writing in 2012, “…The MPAA never clearly spells out its guidelines, leaving it to filmmakers to guess — although they often judge from past experience.”

Television

Ratings for television programs run along a similar system as movies, ranging from all children (TV-Y) to mature audiences only (TV-MA). Known as the TV Parental Guide, the rating system also discloses if a program has suggestive dialogue (D), coarse of crude language (L) sexual situations (S) or violence (V). News and sports programs are exempt from the TV Parental Guide system, as well as some religious and shopping programs.

Rating television shows for age appropriateness has been criticized for being ineffective. TV Guide reports that most networks get to decide what rating their programs are, leading to inconsistent ratings from network to network. One unidentified network executive told TV Guide in an article last year, “There is no crossing guard on TV. If a 12-year-old watches a TV-Ma show on TV, that’s on parents.”

Books

Unlike movies or television, books do not come with a unified rating system. Age appropriate books became a heated topic in the tri-county area recently when a fourth-grader read “Girl, Stolen,” a book containing sexual themes and violence. Karen Alexander, media specialist for Lake Fenton Community Schools, said she is not aware of the procedure publishers have for rating books.

Fenton’s Open Book owner Karen Piacentini said that although most books for kids are categorized as preteen or teen, judging the content based on age appropriateness comes with discretion.

“The problem is with kids who read really well who want to read teen books. Sometimes adult books have less sex and violence than teen books,” Piacentini said. “Sexual stuff is kind of a feeling and that’s hard for parents.”

Piacentini said the best way to find out about the age appropriateness of a book is through word of mouth. Authors are known for consistently using the same themes and languages in their books. Librarians, bookstore workers and reviewers on the Internet can give parents a better picture of how mature their child should be before they read certain books.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, December 7 2013

9:00 a.m. Cookie Walk at Fenton United Methodist Church
10:00 a.m. Shopping, Visit Fenton Merchants, Christmas Tree Decorating at Rotary Park - Fenton Rotary
3:00-6:00 p.m. Mott Middle School Steel Drum performing in Diberville
3:00 p.m. Jinglejqog-S K Race, Starting at FUMC Family Life Center Ice Sculpture Carving at Fenton City Hall Horse Drawn Wagon Rides Courtesy of Caretel Inns of Linden
Children Crafts/Games - Live Nativity at Fenton United Methodist Church Fenton Community Center - Fenton Community Center - Front Lawn: Santa’s Entertainment Tent - Music Hot Chocolate, Smores’ by Fenton Kiwanis
Chili, Hot Dogs by Boy Scouts 212 Bake Goods by Mom 2 Mom Santa Paws’ Pictures with Santa - Animal Health Clinic Ice Sculpture Displays
6:00 p.m. Lighted Christmas Parade Hot Chocolate by Fenton Beautification Commission at Fenton City Hall Santa’s Helpers - Youth Advisory Committee Christmas Tree Lighting (after Parade) at Fenton Community Center Firework Finale (after Tree Lighting) In Fenton Community Center
Refreshments with Santa, Fenton Beautification Commission Pictures with Santa, N. LeRoy St. Business District
All Day Jingle on Down to the N. LeRoy St. Business District Open Houses

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Stacia Moses is the first person who will greet you when you walk through the doors of the Tri-County Times. She’s very well grounded in her work as Circulation Manager, keeping track of more than 20,000 weekly reading households. But that’s where “the grounded” ends. When she’s not at work, her plans just might “jump up in the air,” participating in a number of extreme sports, in addition to other athletic pursuits.

Sitting here in this interview, you don’t think of a woman who would participate in extreme sports. How extreme is extreme? Let’s just say I’m in a bit of a daredevil. There aren’t too many things I won’t do. I skydive, bungee jump, zipline, you name it. What’s the most daring thing you’ve ever done? I’ll call it the stupidest. I jumped off a 100-foot cliff into the water. It was a free fall, and I sprained my ankle doing it. That hasn’t stopped me, though, from doing lots of other things.

Don’t you get scared when you’re up in the air like that? I do get that scared feeling in the pit of my stomach, but for me, it’s an adrenaline rush. I love to be scared. If someone says, “I dare you!” I’ll do it, but I admit that as I’ve gotten older, I tend to be a bit more selective about the dares. I’m 39.

What scary thing would you like to do that you haven’t done? The next thing I want to try is B.A.S.E. jumping. That’s when you free fall from an object, using a parachute. B.A.S.E. is actually an acronym for the kinds of places you might jump from — buildings, antennas, spans or earth. It’s dangerous enough to be illegal in some places.

I hear you got married last summer. Is your husband daring like you are? Pat is athletic like I am, but he doesn’t do the extreme sports like I do. We met playing volleyball in the Dirty Tuesday Volleyball Gang in Fenton. We both still play together once or twice a week. What other sports do you play? Mostly volleyball, which I played in high school in Lowell, New York and college at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. Right now, I also play hockey on a league with Pat.

How long have you lived in Michigan? Just since 2008. My family moved around a lot, mostly out East. My parents are retired now and living in Arizona, but my dad became a pastor later in his career, and then my parents were both missionaries in Africa for 14 years.

Did you get a chance to visit them in Africa? My sister and two cousins went with me for two weeks in 2008. We went on safari in Kenya, cruising on the Nile, and saw the Pyramids in Egypt up close.

Back to Michigan — how did you end up here? I had been working for a pharmaceutical marketing company in New Jersey, and had meetings all over the U.S. I got close to three people who happened to live in Fenton and Linden. I came once for a visit on Lake Shannon, and fell in love with it. It seemed like the right time to make a move, so I got an apartment, moved to Fenton and the rest is history.

How do you like Michigan? It reminds me of upstate New York, with the trees and the lakes. I feel like a Michigander now. I love the four seasons, but I’ll admit, I’m growing to like the cold weather less as I get older.

“I do get that scared feeling in the pit of my stomach, but for me, it’s an adrenaline rush. I love to be scared.”

Stacia Moses is as comfortable “up in the air” as she is with her feet on the ground. This photo shows her skydiving in New Jersey, when a professional photographer took a dive with her and snapped this photo.

Do you miss your family? I do miss them a lot, but I haven’t been around my family much since college. I have my own “family” here with my friends on the volleyball gang. There are about 30 of us, and we do holiday events together, camp in the summer together, etc. That’s how I met Pat. We met playing volleyball in Bush Park and we got married in Bush Park on June 28 of this year. Our volleyball family would be our biggest reason to stay in Michigan.

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PARADE
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doing everything possible to ensure that it’s as wonderful this year for everyone as it has been for the past 25 years.”

The weekend actually kicks off Wednesday night with the Sleighbell Prince & Princess Pageant at the Ramsdell Theater ballroom. But the townwide festivities beg in earnest on Thursday through Sunday culminating with the Sleighbell Parade on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Community events and shopping fill most visitors’ time during the weekend, with a background of cheerful music, a citywide gingerbread house contest, a production of “It’s A Wonderful Life” by the Manistee Civic Players, going back to the roots of Manistee with a Scandinavian Christmas celebration, etc.

What makes the Sleighbell Parade so unique is that there are absolutely no motorized vehicles allowed in it. “First time I saw this parade in the evening, my jaw dropped, I was in awe,” said Katherine Zaring, now in her second year chairing the entire festival. “I’ve been to Disney many times and have seen lots of parades, but this was like nothing I had ever seen. It’s magical at night, with only carriages, horses, sled dogs, etc. Plus, the parade follows River Street, which meanders along the river. You can’t see what’s coming until it’s right there in front of you. It’s like nothing you’ve ever seen before.”

The parade features period costumes, horse-drawn carriages and most exciting of all — the Community Christmas Trees pulled down River Street by two horse teams. “It’s a signature holiday experience,” quotes the Midwest Living Christmas show. The trees are then lit in a moving community ceremony. Fireworks burst overhead, while a quick flip of a switch turns on the twinkling lights of the tree. Art shows, a soup cook-off, craft shows and more round-out the weekend, but most of all, it’s the community spirit that slows down time to a simpler era, when the holidays were magical.

“We’ve got more hotels staying open and planning for larger crowds,” added Riley.

“If you can’t make it this year, make sure to mark it on your calendar for next year, always the first full weekend in December.”

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This season could be the year of the Broncho

By David Troppens
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Holly — A year ago, Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis would say it to anyone that would listen, and probably some that didn’t.

Baylis said his team was getting better every day and would for the next three years.

Well, last year’s team was pretty good. The squad finished in third in the Metro League and had a 13-8 overall record with a roster that included a large group of freshmen and sophomores.

This year that group returns, and as Baylis said last year, is only getting more mature and better by the day. And, in fact, the squad has gotten deeper. Junior Jake Daniels, a transfer who had to sit out a year ago, is another sophomore who should help make the 2013-14 edition of the Holly varsity boys basketball team, perhaps, the best in Baylis’ nine-year career as coach.

The team is excited to get the season going.

“This year on this team plays together,” Daniels said. “No one looks down at each other and we are always keeping our attitudes up. It’s been a wonderful feeling in the year-and-a-half since I’ve been here, and we are going to keep getting better from here.”

“We have a bunch of veterans — two-year and three-year guys,” said junior Parker Rowe. “Our main focus is winning the league and going 20-0 overall. That’s our goal every day when we come in, and I think we can accomplish it.”

When one looks at the roster it’s easy to see why the Bronchos have lofty standards. Holly probably has enough talent to field two starting lineups with each finishing in the upper-half of the Metro race. Kyle Woodruff broke the single-season scoring record.

See BRONCHO on 23A

Lake Fenton line-
man Alex Schwartz was named to the Division 3-4 Associated Press All-State Football Team recently. Two other Blue Devils were named to the Special Mention squad, meaning they earned at least two votes from the 10-person pannel. They were Tim Symons and Neil Altor. Symons was a linebacker, while Altor played in the secondary on defense and was the team’s leading rusher.

Lake Fenton finished with an 8-3 record this fall.

In future publications the sports staff will re-
lease its All Tri-County fall sports teams, along with our Players of the Year in each sport. The staff releases a boys and girls cross country team, a volleyball squad, a boys soccer team and, of course, a football team.

Third-period struggles cause problems for Griffins in 9-1 loss

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Hartland — Just looking at the rosters on Tuesday night, it was apparent the Metro League Griffins were going to have their hands full with the Marysville Vikings at Hart-
land Sports Center.

And while the Griffins remained competitive for 36 minutes, it was the final 13 minutes of the contest that did the Fenton-Linden co-op hockey squad in.

The Vikings scored five goals in a 10-minute stretch, making what was a 4-1 Griffin deficit into a 9-1 loss against Marysville.

The rosters probably told the story. While the Griffins fought to remain competitive, it was physical challenge throughout the contest because Marysville’s lineup included nine seniors and three juniors. Meanwhile, the Griffins were playing with a roster which included 10 freshmen and three sophomores.

“We are checking everyone’s abil-
ity on the team, seeing what they can do,” said the Griffins’ senior captain Nathan Allen. “We are making sure we are putting them where they need to be, and putting them in the right spot.”

“We are definitely not going to have size with them, but we’ll have speed. And hopefully once they get used to the faster high school speed

See GRIFINS on 23A
Many strong seasons makes Elite Eight decisions tough

Football teams just miss list; Fenton girls swim squad returns to poll at No. 6

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When it comes to the fall sports season, our tri-county area teams never disappoint. The Flint Metro League contests eight conference championships during the fall season. Holly, Fenton or Linden earned at least a co-title in every single one of those championship competitions. Or put in another way, there wasn’t a sport that a tri-county team didn’t win at least a share of a Metro crown. That’s, simply, amazing. And Lake Fenton had a GAC crown of its own. The Lake Fenton boys cross country team captured a title, upping our total to nine conference champions during the fall.

This type of success makes it really tough to create the final Tri-County Elite Eight Poll for the fall season. Simply, stated, there are going to be some very good teams not on the poll. So what we are going to do is split this story in half, honoring some of the near-miss squads as well today. We’ll leave the final five for a future edition.

So here we go:

Honorable mentions

The Fenton and Lake Fenton football teams: The Fenton Tigers captured a share of the Metro crown, earning a 7-1 league mark. Overall, the Tigers were 8-2. The Tigers probably needed to earn a victory in the first round of the playoffs to make the final list. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton football team did just the opposite. The Blue Devils lost the GAC Red Division race in the last week of the regular season, bowing to Montrose. However, Lake Fenton was able to capture a playoff win, finishing the season at 8-3. Both had fine seasons.

Lake Fenton boys cross country: The Blue Devils captured the GAC championship by sweeping the dual portion of the season and the conference meet. It was a great season. However, not qualifying for the state meet has them looking on the outside of the elite eight.

No. 8 - Fenton volleyball: The Tigers captured their second straight Class A district title and recorded their sixth straight Metro League championship with an undefeated conference record. And look where they are — at No. 8! Gosh, what else do you have to do to make our poll? It was really hard to determine who should be the first team left out vs. the first in the elite eight. Fenton volleyball capturing a district title was what gave them the nod over the Fenton football team and the Lake Fenton boys cross country squad. The girls were third last season.

No. 7 - Holly boys tennis: The battle between Fenton volleyball and the Holly Bronchos was a tough one to solve. Finally, we settled on Holly’s tennis team to earn the nod. The Bronchos won the Metro League reasonably convincingly, qualified for the state meet and placed 12th while at the meet. Wow, when you read that last sentence it’s hard to figure out how they are so low in our poll. They were No. 6 last fall.

No. 6 - Fenton girls swimming: The Tigers were out of the poll for most of the fall for a couple reasons. First, while they were dominant in the Metro League, the Tigers didn’t have the “others” to establish themselves on to the list. A county championship or even a close second at the county championship would’ve done it, but the Tigers were young and really couldn’t compete with Grand Blanc this season. An eye-popping dual meet victory would’ve done it as well, but that never happened either. So the Tigers had to be patient, wait until they won their Metro crown and wait until they went to the state meet to up their credentials. They are finally in the poll, finishing sixth, after finishing eighth in last year’s poll.

For the rest of the poll, read the Midweek edition of the Tri-County Times.
GRIFFINS

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and skill level, we’ll be all right. We just have to keep practicing hard and hope things progress.’”

The Griffins have had some decent success in previous games despite their youth. They haven’t won a contest yet, but posted respectable showings. They lost to LakeVille’s co-op squad 7-4 in their opener, and lost to the Mid-Michigan Storm 5-2 on Nov. 23. In that contest, the Griffins took an early lead with a goal by Ian Crampton 4:26 into the opening period. Crampton added a second goal late in the second period, cutting the deficit to 4-2 at the time. In net, Manny Vomvolakis made 18 saves on 23 shots, playing all 51 minutes. The Griffins also showed great discipline, taking just one penalty.

Against Marysville, it seemed the Griffins were having a similar type of effort early into the third period. The Griffins’ Mitch O’Lewin cut Marysville’s lead to 4-1 just 1:16 into the third period, on a nice wraparound shot from behind the net. Connor Phillips assisted the play. And to that point, the Griffins allowed just two penalties to Marysville’s five.

However, the Griffins’ second penalty of the night was called with 13:26 left in the contest, and Marysville’s Steve Weber scored just 16 seconds later. It raised the Vikings’ lead to 5-1, and set off an avalanche of goals for Marysville. It appeared the Griffins got tired out playing against the more physical visitors, allowing four more goals in the next 10 minutes. Each was scored by a different Marysville player.

“Their maturity definitely showed,” Griffins’ coach Jeff Mynnatt said. “They were bigger and faster to the puck. We ended up chasing quite a bit, getting out of position quite a bit, and before you knew it we are halfway through the third period and are out of gas. The first half of that third period was a one-goal period.”

The 0-3 start is frustrating to players like Allen, one of just three seniors on the team, but he sees promise with the younger players.

“Being there is a four-year age difference sometimes it looks like they are making stupid mistakes, but you don’t know how they (see it). They are learning.” Allen said. “They are playing their hearts out and that’s all we can ask for right now.

“I’ve seen a lot of progression from a lot of players. (Freshman) Brendan Buerkel and Bobby Temple are working and playing their cans off. They have shown a lot of improvement and are looking good.”

“You are starting to see the kids who are stepping up to the level of play we need them to be at,” Mynnatt said. “As a freshman, we see kids like Buerkel. He plays like a junior or a senior every shift. He’s giving his all. That’s what we are going to need them to do.”

The schedule won’t get much easier. The squad faces Davison Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Perani Arena.

“We have a tough game Wednesday, so hopefully we can get some film and get a couple of practices under our belt.”
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What’s your PIZZA personality?

America’s favorite comfort food comes in all sizes, shapes and textures

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The pull and stretch of the mozzarella cheese, the sweet (or savory) sauce and just the right chew to the crunchy, yet tender crust — these are what makes pizza America’s favorite food. Our love affair with pizza brings hungry customers to area pizza restaurants on a regular basis, averaging almost a “slice of heaven” each week for most Americans, or about seven large pizzas a year.

Pizza by the numbers

- Annual pizza sales are $38 billion in the U.S.
- Americans consume a staggering 100 acres of pizza a day
- 3 billion pizzas are sold in the U.S. each year
- 350 slices are sold every second in the U.S.
- The average American consumes 46 slices of pizza each year
- 93 percent of Americans eat pizza at least once a month
- 70 percent of Super Bowl viewers will eat at least one slice during the game
- 251.7 million pounds of pepperoni are consumed by Americans each year
- 36 percent of pizza orders specify pepperoni as a topping
- There are 70,000 pizzerias in the U.S.

See PIZZA on 9B

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(Top) James Hopson of Red Devil in Fenton spreads cheese over the extra large pizza he’s making. (Just above) The gravity-powered stretching method works best, according to Hopson. It’s how he and the managers at the restaurant have been taught.

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Bridge Street Exchange owner Kevin Begola has received a positive response from the public. His store is unique and opens up new gift possibilities for the holiday season. Begola is seen reflected in the mirror of his grooming bar.

**Bridge Street Exchange**

New Linden shop caters to men

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Kevin Begola has owned his own web-based business for the past eight years, but is leading an entrepreneurial trend in opening a storefront as a support to the community in which he and his family live.

Bridge Street Exchange, which caters mostly to men, opened in early November at 109 North Bridge St. in downtown Linden.

“We’ve always had an office and showroom with Titanium-Buzz, our global sales/distribution business for titanium rings,” said Begola. “But we know that locally, a lot of people aren’t familiar with what we do here. We decided to change that by opening a sales office and retail business in the community in which we live and our kids go to school. Since most of our titanium ring customers are men, we created a retail store dedicated to men.”

Bridge Street Exchange is a man’s store for sure, where men will be comfortable stepping in and checking out retail items they won’t find anywhere else. When you walk in the door for the first time, you’ll notice unusual industrial lighting, warm brick walls and blueprint flooring back by the cash register.

“The city of Linden let us use some of their old blueprints,” said Begola. Even the Exchange part of the business comes from the fact that the Linden Hotel used to be known as “the Exchange” back at the turn of the century, according to Begola.

From Stormy Kromer flannel shirts made in Michigan’s U.P. to handmade leather belts designed for interchangebale belt buckles, there’s a lot here for men to love, or for women to buy for the men in their lives. Flasks, Stanley thermos bottles, whiskey stones are just a few of the gift ideas that most men would love to find under the Christmas tree.

Bridge Street Exchange also focuses on men’s specialty grooming products at their “grooming bar,” from barber-certified to natural and organic soaps, shaving creams, moisturizers and even a rustic, woody masculine scented called Moonshine Cologne.

More items are coming in all the time, including a few select women’s pieces, like new hats from Stormy Kromer. “We’re listening to feedback from our customers,” said Begola.

Bridge Street Exchange is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., telephone (866) 215-1861 or visit bridgestreetexchange.com or titanium-buzz.com. You can also find these businesses on Facebook.
CAN YOU READ THIS STORY?
If you are having trouble with your reading vision, chances are you are 40-plus and need to visit your eye care professional

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If you’re having trouble reading this newspaper article, chances are you are older than 40 and have begun to notice some age-related vision problems.

It just may be time for you to make a visit to your local “eye doctor” (see sidebar).

As you grow older, so do your eyes, and it’s at age 40 when many people start to notice significant changes.

Perhaps the newspaper print seems a little blurrier than normal, your eyes feel suddenly much drier, or you have difficulty seeing while driving at night. Dry eyes are common with Michigan weather, but also because after age 40, your body produces fewer tears, according to Gerianne Mulani, O.D., at Michigan Eye Institute in Fenton.

There are remedies to help correct this, including artificial tears, gels and ointments, but you will want to talk with an optometrist to discern the underlying program.

These are all common vision problems that typically occur close to a person’s 40th year, and it’s important that you stay on top of them to prevent vision problems from worsening.

The biggest issue facing people today after age 40 is the reduced ability of the eye’s focusing ability, called presbyopia, according to the American Optometric Association. At about this time, the eye’s lens begins to grow stiff, causing its inability to continue focusing properly. That’s why you may find yourself holding the newspaper or magazine further away to read it, and it’s also a sign that it’s time to take special care to monitor your vision.

Here are a few other vision changes you might expect as your eyes and vision change over time:

The simple act of aging is enough to change how well we see. Most people start to notice changes in their eyesight when they reach their 40th birthday.

Needing more light
As you age, you need more light to see as well as you did in years past. Brighter lights in your work area or next to your reading chair will help make reading and other near tasks easier.

Difficulty reading and doing close work
Because the lens in your eye loses flexibility over time, it makes it harder for your eyes to focus near objects with the same ability you had when you were younger.

Problems with glare
You may notice additional glare from headlights at night or sun reflecting off windshields or pavement during the day, making it more difficult to drive. This is the result of changes within the lens in your eye that cause the light entering the eye to be scattered rather than focused precisely on the retina, creating more glare.

Changes in color perception
The normally clear lens located inside your eye may start to discolor, making it harder to see and distinguish between certain shades of colors.

Reduced tear production
With age, the tear glands in your eyes produce fewer tears, especially true for women after menopause. This may make your eyes feel dry and irritated.

If you experience some of the symptoms listed below, you may have warning signs of more serious vision issues, and should visit your eye care professional.

Fluctuating vision
If you experience frequent changes in how clearly you can see, it may be a sign of diabetes or hypertension. These chronic conditions can damage the tiny blood vessels in the retina, the light sensitive layer at the back of the eye, causing vision loss that sometimes can be permanent.

Seeing floaters and flashes
You may see spots or floaters in your eyes occasionally. In most cases, these are shadowy images of particles floating in the fluid that fills the inside of the eye. While they can be bothersome, spots and floaters are usually harmless and typically don’t risk vision.

But if you are seeing more floaters than normal and they are accompanied by bright, flashing lights, they may be a warning sign of impending retinal detachment — a tear of the retina.

Optometrist, ophthalmologist or optician — what’s the difference?

Ophthalmologist (MD or DO) is a medical or osteopathic doctor who specializes in the eye. They perform eye exams, diagnose and treat disease, prescribe medication and perform surgery. They may also write prescriptions for eyeglasses and contact lenses.

Ophthalmologists complete four years of medical school, one year of internship and a minimum of three years of residency in ophthalmology.

Optometrist (OD) is an eye doctor who examines eyes for both vision and health problems, and corrects refractive error by prescribing eyeglasses and contact lenses. Optometrists diagnose and treat eye problems and diseases and prescribe many ophthalmic medications and may participate in your pre- and postoperative care if you have eye surgery. Some optometrists provide low vision rehabilitation and therapy.

An optometrist must complete four years of postgraduate optometry school, and some complete a residency with advanced study in a specific area of eye care.

Optician is not an eye doctor, but in some states, must complete training and be licensed, however, not in Michigan. Most opticians sell and fit eyeglasses, sunglasses and specialty eyewear made to an optometrist’s or ophthalmologist’s prescription.

Source: abawavision.com

Loss of side vision
It if seems you are losing side or peripheral vision, this may be a sign of glaucoma. Glaucoma occurs when the optic nerve is damaged and no longer transmits all visual images to the brain. It often has no symptoms until damage to sections of your vision has begun.

Seeing distorted images
Nutrition and other healthy lifestyles can have an effect on your vision, no matter what your age.

Many eye specialists recommend a healthy diet with antioxidants and lots of leafy green vegetables. Foods rich in vitamin C and vitamin E have also been shown to help your vision.

Of course, not smoking is an important lifestyle behavior, because smoking increases the progression of cataracts and macular degeneration. It’s also important to protect your eyes from UV light, with sunglasses or coating on regular glasses, according to the Michigan Eye Institute.

Most eye professionals recommend a comprehensive dilated eye exam every two years, once you’ve reached the magic age of 40. That’s when screening begins for vision conditions and diseases that become more prevalent with age.

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The township will be collecting nonperishable food items for Gleaners Food Bank and the Livingston County Pet Pantry. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the event for kids, along with a fire truck from the Fenton City Fire Department. The Tyrone Township Historical Society will also be at the event, making ornaments for kids. For more information, contactTownshipHall at (810) 629-5631.

CITY OF LINDEN
ORDINANCE NO. 345

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 48 TO TITLE 8 OF THE LINDEN CITY CODE TO REGULATE THE HOLDING OF SPECIAL EVENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LINDEN; APPLICATION, PERMIT, RE-

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Section 8.044.010 Definition. For the purpose of this ordinance, a “special event” shall mean any of the following:

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Section 8.044.030 Special Events Allowed Pursuant to Approval. A person, firm, corporation or organization shall be allowed to conduct a special event in any zoned area within the City of Linden if it has first secured approval pursuant to this ordinance from the City Council.

Section 8.044.040 Reimbursement for Municipal Expenses. The City Council shall adopt a policy which sets forth whether a sponsoring entity for a special event is required to pay for City services and to what extent such City services must be paid by the entity responsible for the special event. Such policy shall have the full force and effect of this ordinance, and any violation of the policy shall be deemed to be a violation of this ordinance.

Section 8.044.060 Application for Permit. An application for the holding of a special event shall be made upon a form provided by the City and shall contain all of the following information:

(A) The name, residence, business address and phone number of the sponsoring entity and the same information for the individual in charge of the event.

(B) A description of the activity, event or use and proposed locations, including a detailed map of where the event or activities will be taking place.

(C) The date(s) and times of all of the activities included in the event, including time re-

quired for set-up and clean-up.

(D) Whether parking is requested to be restricted or prohibited during the special event and, if so, in what areas.

(E) Proposed plans to provide necessary parking, security, crowd control, traffic control, refuse disposal, utility service, sanitation facilities, private property protection and restoration, noise control, staging areas, and other areas, personnel and equipment which is or may reasonably be necessary.

(F) The type, nature and amount of any rate, fee or charge to be paid or donation made by anyone participating in or attending the event.

(G) Copies of insurance policies naming the City of Linden as named or additional insured in amounts of coverage to be determined from time to time by the City and insuring the City against any and all liability for personal injury or death as a result of any activities involved in the event. The City Council may, at its discretion, modify these insurance require-

ments.

(H) An indemnification and hold harmless agreement acceptable to the City that the ap-

licant will indemnify the City and hold it harmless from and defend against any and all claims, lawsuits, or other liability arising from or as a result of the event.

(I) The signature of an authorized person on behalf of the applicant.

(J) A statement of the benefit of the event to the general public and the non-profit organi-

zation applicant and of the reasons for the event.

(K) Such other information as the City deems reasonably necessary in order to carry out its duties under this article.

Section 8.044.060 Time for Filing. The applicant shall submit a description of a proposed event to the City Clerk not less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled date of the proposed event. Any receipt of the description shall review the description and determine whether a permit for a Special Event is required under this Ordinance. Applicant shall receive an answer from the City within 30 days. In the event that the City determines that a permit is necessary, an application as set forth in Section 8.044.060 shall be submitted within 15 days.

Section 8.044.070 Litter Collection. Applicants shall provide for the collection and removal of all trash, garbage and litter caused by or arising out of the special event and shall advise the City of the specific plans for same. Should the applicant fail to remove all trash, garbage and litter to the satisfaction of the City the same shall be completed by City employees and the applicant shall reimburse the City at the hourly rate set forth pursuant to Section 8.044.040.

Section 8.044.080 Vendors. All vendors participating in a special event shall comply with all ordinances for the City of Linden.

Section 8.044.090 Conditions in Permit. Any permit granted under this article may contain conditions reasonably calculated to reduce or minimize the dangers or hazards to vehicular or pedestrian traffic and the public health, safety, tranquility, morals or welfare, including but not limited to, changes in time, duration, number or participants or noise level.

Section 8.044.100 Standards for Issuance. A permit shall be issued by the Clerk upon direction of the City Council when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as may otherwise be obtained, the City Council finds that all of the following circumstances exist:

(A) The applicant has not knowingly with intent to deceive, made any false, misleading or fraudulent statements of material fact in the application or in any other document required pursuant to this ordinance;

(B) The applicant has met the standards in this ordinance and agrees to such conditions as are imposed in the permit;

(C) The time, the duration and size of the special event will not substantially disrupt the safe movement of traffic;

(D) Any required or necessary street closure is of a size or nature that it will not require the diversion of so great a number of police officers as to prevent normal police protection to the City;

(E) The concentration of persons will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police pro-
tection of, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to that area where the special event is being held;

(F) Any required or unnecessary temporary street closure will not unduly interfere with the moving of firefighting equipment on the way to a fire and further will not duly interfere with the orderly operations of parks, churches, schools or other public and quasi-

public institutions of the City; and

(G) Any other findings deemed significant by the City Council.

Section 8.044.110 Notice of Issuance or Denial. Written notice of the issuance or denial of the application shall be provided to the applicant within forty five (45) days of receipt of an applica-

tion or as soon as practicable if received less than thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed date of the special event. If an application is denied, said written notice shall state the reason for denial.

Section 8.044.120 Waiver of Time Limitations. For good cause shown, the City Council may waive the time limitation in Section 8.044.060.

Section 8.044.130 Revocation of Approval. Any permit for a special event issued pursuant to this article may be revoked by the City Manager, Chief of Police or the Fire Chief, at any time prior to or during the event because of emergency, disaster, calamity, disorder, riot, extreme traffic condi-

tions, violation of this ordinance or any permit conditions, undue burden on public services or he/she/they determine that the health, safety, tranquility, morals or welfare of the public or the safety of any property requires such revocation. Notice of revocation of the approval shall be delivered in writing if time permits, or by personal contact with the individual designated to be in charge of the event. Continuance after such notice has been delivered will be deemed unlawful. The city of Linden and its employees, agents and contractors shall have no liability because of the revocation of a special event permit.

Section 8.044.140 Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and will be subject to imprisonment in the County Jail for a period up to ninety (90) days and a fine of up to five hundred ($500.00) dollars or any combination of such jail and fine.

Section 8.044.150 Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after adop-

tion and publication.

Section 8.044.160 Repeal. Chapter 8.36 is hereby repealed.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Linden City Council held on the 28th day of October, A.D., 2013.

THE CITY OF LINDEN:
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By:
Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

Sunday, December 1, 2013

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IT’S NO WONDER the American Society of News Editors has sent letters to the White House about the president’s inaccessibility. He’s such an embarrassment that he doesn’t want the American people to see him unless it’s choreographed to his liking.

WELL I WONDER how all you weak-kneed Liberals feel now. A few years ago you said, ‘Boy, I think it’s time we had a black man for President.’ You elected him and now you’re sorry. You see what you got? He lies awake at night to figure out how to cover up his lies from the day before.

THE PEOPLE WHO are alone for the Holidays, I’m sure they’re grateful for the stores that are open. At least they get to see people.

SURE ARE A lot of people who need to go back to driver’s education to learn what a stop sign is. Disgusting.

I’M JUST SITTING here watching the Thanksgiving parade on Thursday morning. Lake Fenton, you done good! You looked good, you sounded good and you should be proud. Congratulations.

HEY SALARY COMMITTEE for Tyrone Township: I hope that the so-called committee realizes the township officials are only there four days a week and base their salary accordingly. I’ve been there many times and no one in that office seems able to help.
PIZZA
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In the tri-county area, you can tell it’s Friday night, because that’s when most people are celebrating the end of the work/school week by heading out to their favorite pizza place for dinner. Where you choose to go depends partly on your “Pizza Personality.”

Are you a thin crust person? Do you prefer to dig in to deep dish? What are your favorite toppings? It also depends partly on tradition, as many families have been visiting the same local pizzeria for years and it has become a familiar, happy place in which to make memories.

Tradition is probably the biggest draw to Johnny’s Pizzeria in Fenton. “We’ve been here for 50 years,” said Sandy Barlett-Valchek, daughter of owner De- lio Barletta, who passed away this fall. “People can come in today and enjoy the same recipes from my dad as when they were kids.”

Most well known for a thin Italian-style crust, Johnny’s makes all their pizza fixings from scratch—from their dough to their sauce and hand-prepped quality toppings. But they can make any kind of crust a customer requests, as each pizza is custom-made to order.

“One of our best-selling pizzas is our Super Pizza, with pepperoni, ham, sausage, bacon, green peppers and onions,” said Bar- letta-Zdenek. “But we also put unusual combinations together, like spinach and artichokes, and chicken and ranch.”

As a 40-year-old restaurant landmark in Holly, the family-owned and operated Red Devil Restaurant, also caters to families who have been eating here for years. They also operate a smaller business in Fenton, catering mostly to pizza and pizzeli customers. A pizzeli is a pizza-like deli sandwich with ham, salami, provo- lone, lettuce, tomato, red onion and dressing “sandwiched” between two flatbreads and cut like a pizza.

“People are bringing in their grandchildren and even great-grandchildren,” said op- erator John Latonna, whose father started the business more than 40 decades ago.

“We’re totally family operated — my dad, two aunts, an uncle, my mother,” he said. “Every- thing here is made from scratch and our pizzas are all tossed by hand. When you see a traditional pizza on TV with a thick crust and thin inside crust, that’s our pizza.”

Pizza is one of the most customizable foods around — toppings can be as plentiful or as sparse as you want. Owner Mardell Landis rolls out a 14-inch pizza with up to six toppings for just $9.95. “We get a lot of people out here for this,” said Landis, whose neighborhood bar atmosphere at The Fireplace adds to the ambiance surrounding its pizza.

Their thin-crust pizza is baked in a stone oven, “which really makes a difference,” added Landis. “It wouldn’t taste the same anywhere else.”

Using unique ingredients not tradi- tionally found in local pizza places, the restaurant also adds to a special pizza flavor profile at The Fireplace. “We offer a Supreme Pizza like ev- eryone else, with pepperoni, ham and bacon, but we also do spinach, artichokes and chicken,” she said. “We make our own dough and sauce fresh to order and we don’t skim on pizza toppings like a lot of pizza places do.”

At Mancino’s Pizza & Grinders in Fenton, pizzas are also custom made to order, and each customer can choose what he or she wants on each half, at no extra charge. “Many restaurants offer half-and-half pizza, but charge extra for it,” said owner Mark Rummel. “At Mancino’s, it’s our goal to give customers exactly what they want on their pizza.”

In addition to traditional toppings like pepperoni, ham, bacon and mushrooms, Man- cino’s offers specialty pizzas that create new taste sensa- tions — from Pesto Chicken Pizza to Greek Pizza, both topped with Mancino’s traditional pizza cheese blend of mozzarella, provolone, white cheddar and mozzarella.

Mancino’s recently rolled out their new Deep Dish Pizza, to rave reviews. “It’s got the perfect texture of chewy on the outside and soft and tender on the inside,” said Rummel. “You can get up to three toppings on it for no extra charge.”

All of Mancino’s pizza dough and grinder breads are made from scratch in-house every day — starting with flour, yeast and water, then adding the secret Mancino’s proprietary “spice packs” that give their bread and pizza that extra punch of flavor. “These are secret ingredients that no one else knows,” said Rummel, a hands-on owner every day at his store. The Fenton House offers a full Italian experience, but specializes in pizza and mostaccioli.

“Our is a traditional Italian pizza,” said Kitchen Manager Rachael Bank- croft. “It’s the kind of pizza we had when we visited Rome. While many people stick with the basics, like pepperoni and cheese, others like The...
What is your favorite pizza?

“Jet’s, for the options and the flavor.” — Tom Sheh
Fenton

“Dinios, we like pepperoni and sausage.” — Rachel Thomas
Fenton

“In Holly at Red Devil, I like the Deluxe.” — Pat Biggs
Fenton

“Jet’s, I like their cheese pizza.” — Debbie Dunn
Fenton

“Cottage Inn because they have more flavor and give you extra toppings.” — Christine Allmand, Fenton

“Little Caesars. They have good deals and I like their deep dish.” — Joe Kuderko, Linden

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**Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting**

11-25-2013

Call to Order: 7:00 pm
Pledge led by Supervisor Cole
Momentum of silence observed for Jonathan Brost, Peggy Foggsonger, Paul Dobos, Kimberey Keith, John Petfier and Herbert John Jacques.
Roll Call: Cole, Hallman, Ciesielski present. Schmidt, Graves, absent.
Approved: Minutes for October regular Board meeting. Special Meeting of Nov. 5th & Special Assessment
Needs & Cost Hearing on Nov. 18, 2013.
Approved Budget Adjustments for November.
Approved November invoices.
Approved & accepted Department monthly reports.
Issued building permits in the amount of $2965.
Accepted letter of resignation of Nancy Hieber, employee.
Approved the following: PA. 116 request R. Whaley, 2014 Hardship Guidelines & Application, Flood Insurance.
Metro Planning Commission appointment of Supervisor Cole, Ordinance #65 Civil Infraction revision and set an annual $60.00 assessment for Lot 38 of Argentino Park Lobdell Lake.
Meeting adjourned @ 7:38 pm.
Submitted by Denise Graves, Argentine Twp. Clerk.

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**Featured columnist**

By Roger Campbell

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**The woman who rescued Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is usually the response of people to God’s faithfulness in times of extreme need. This was true when the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving in 1621 after being blessed with a good harvest and it has been historically true in both personal and national experience.

In 1789, President George Washington issued the first official Thanksgiving Day Proclamation to the infant republic. In this call for national gratitude, he said it was the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor. He urged all Americans to unite in ‘rendering sincere and humble thanks to God for His kind care and protection of the people of this country’.

Thomas Jefferson broke the tradition of Thanksgiving Day Proclamations, leaving any such celebrations to the desires of the states. Then in 1828, Sarah Hale, the editor of the magazine, ‘Godey’s Lady’s Book’ and the author of ‘Mary Had a Little Lamb’ began campaigning for the restoration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday.

Sarah wrote letters to government officials from the President down and sought appointments with them without much success. Time after time she was politely (or not so politely) rebuffed. Finally, after 35 years of being turned down, this persistent woman found a sympathetic ear. In 1863, President Lincoln listened with interest to her plea that North and South ‘lay aside their enmities and strive on Thanksgiving Day.’

He proclaimed the fourth Thursday of November to be the official ‘National Thanksgiving Day.’ In 1941 after 78 years of observance by annual Presidential Proclamations, Lincoln’s choice was finally ratified by the United States Congress.

Notice our thoughts have turned to God and the need to be thankful in or following four crises: the Pilgrims had survived a devastating winter in which nearly half of their number had died. Washington’s proclamation followed the birth of the nation and the difficult War of Independence; Lincoln listened to Sarah Hale and acted on her request during the Civil War. Thanksgiving Day was officially ratified by the United States Congress as the winds of war were sweeping across Europe, threatening our involvement and just before the attack on Pearl Harbor that plunged us into World War Two.

What does this tell us? It tells us we’re most likely to think of God and recognize His faithfulness either during or after a crisis. When things are tough we say ‘Please, Lord!’ and afterward we say ‘Thank You!’

We’re not the first to do so. During a terrible time of tears, Jeremiah, the ‘weeping prophet’ wrote: ‘It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, great is Thy faithfulness’ (Lamentations 3:22-23).

As an old hymn says, ‘Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.’ Too bad so many of us only start counting after being rescued from some near tragedy.

Like Sarah Hale, we should reject spasmodic thankfulness. Every day ought to be Thanksgiving.

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**Street Talk**
Holiday GIFT IDEAS FOR THE SPORTSMAN

Take advantage of the many post-Black Friday offerings

By Amy Mayhew • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Christmas will be here before you know it, so why not take advantage of some of those post-Black Friday sales and get a good start on your shopping? For most of the folks on my Christmas list, I head out to my local outdoor store to pick up many of my gifts. I know I can find a wide assortment of gift ideas and a wide assortment of price ranges. For me, it’s relatively easy shopping.

If you’ve got someone in your house who likes to ice fish, you can never go wrong with a nice ice fishing rod and reel combo set. Shakespeare manufactures Fuel ice fishing spinning rod and reel combos, and not only are they of good quality and affordable, but they allow the fisherman to fish the gamut — from the tiniest of panfish to heavier walleye spoons. The Fuel ice fishing rods are paired with Shakespeare’s reliable Alpha 20 spinning reel, featuring a one ball bearing system, a smooth multi-disc drive system, on/off reverse and graphite spool. It comes equipped with 4-pound red ice line and costs just $20.

One “homerun” of a gift I purchased a few years ago for my husband was a jerky making kit for the abundant stash of venison in our freezer.

While there are several different manufacturers for jerky kits, I bought him the Hi Mountain brand jerky gun. It’s easy to use, comes with a heavy-duty drive system, shoots out lean strips of venison jerky, ready for cooking and drying, and even comes with a couple different nozzle tips, seasonings and easy-to-follow instructions. For just $30, my husband has gotten a lot of enjoyment out of it, and the jerky strips are a great holiday snack idea.

If you have a bow hunter in the family who needs a good, affordable plastic carrying case for his bow, look no further than the Plano protector compact bow case.

As its name implies, its compact design and patented PillarLock system make it a great choice for the archer. It holds parallel limb bows and, of course, has arrow storage under the lid. The case is solidly-constructed with thick walls to ensure the safety of your gear. Black cases go for just $40, while the camo design goes for $50.

My sister-in-law couldn’t ’have chosen a better gift for my brother last year when she got him the Wildgame Mini IR game camera. Small and portable, my brother can now see first-hand what is wandering by his treestand, night or day.

Weighing less than a pound and measuring less than 6-inches in height, it’s loaded with the qualities and features my brother wanted. It’s small, easy-to-pack, and delivers either video footage or still images for easy viewing. It has a rapid trigger for multiple images and a large LED for easy viewing. The best news — it only costs around $70.

If none of these ideas appeal to you, there’s always the old reliable gift card. Most places will offer in-store gift cards to be purchased for varying amounts. Not only are the standard amounts of $25, $50, and $100 typically offered, but most times, shoppers are able to choose a specific amount, and the cashier can then program the amount onto the card at the register. Gift cards are a great idea and are destined to bring a smile to any sportsman’s face.
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Solution Time: 25 mins.

Wednesday Jumble

Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday’s issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

Wednesday Jumble Answers

Jumbles: OAKEN ABATE PICNIC HOTBED Answer: Where the stern captain always stood, naturally—at the back of the boat

Sunday Jumble Answers

Jumbles: TOKIN BLOOM REVIVE LAUNCH Answer: It’s something more than a fish! Here’s a chance to catch more...this is a MIRACLE

Try a different puzzle

Super Crossword Answers

Solution Time: 25 mins.

Wednesday Sudoku

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Notice is hereby given, that the Holly Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the use of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Application. Approximately $8,695.00 may be available to fund eligible project activities.

Eligible project activities will be available for public viewing at the Clerk’s Office, 102 Civic Dr., Holly or online at hometownholy.org/public/notices/2014 CDBG Projects.

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or to submit written comments. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. The Holly Township Board will consider any public comments received at this time. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Clerk at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, Michigan 48442.

The Holly Township Hall is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs will be made upon receiving a seven (7) day advance notice. Contact Holly Township Clerk at the number above for special services.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF LINDEIN (ORDINANCE NO. 285) TO AMEND THE TEXT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW; EFFECTIVE DATE; PUBLICATION

CITY OF LINDEIN
ORDINANCE NO. 347

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Linden City Council held on the 25th day of November, 2013.

By:  
David E. Lossing, Mayor  
Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:
ZBA13-037 Ryan Whaley 13099 Ripley Linden:
Requesting to construct accessory building on property that does not have a principal residence. Property is located at 1389 Ray Road. Parcel 06-01-100-010

COPIES OF THE ABOVE LISTED APPLICATIONS AND THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR YOUR REVIEW. YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE APPEALS.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 287 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).- Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1557.

Enactment:
This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after adoption and publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Linden City Council held on the 28th day of October, A.D., 2013.

THE CITY OF LINDEN:
By ______________________________
David E. Lossing, Mayor
By ______________________________
Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

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THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDINANCE NO. 346

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 8.24.100 TO CHAPTER 8.28 OF TITLE 8 OF THE LINDEN CITY CODE TO REGULATE THE TRANSPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF USEABLE MARIHUANA; VIOLATION AS A MISDEMEANOR; PENALTY; EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDNANCE:

Section 1. Amendment. Chapter 8.28 of Title 8 of the Linden City Code is hereby amended by adding Section 8.28.100 which shall read as follows:

“Section 8.28.100 Transportation or Possession of Useable Marihuana. A person shall not transport or possess useable marihuana as defined in section 26423 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.26423, in or upon a motor vehicle or any self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel unless the useable marihuana is 1 or more of the following:

a. Enclosed in a case that is carried in the trunk of the vehicle.

b. Enclosed in a case that is not readily accessible from the interior of the vehicle, if the vehicle in which the person is traveling does not have a trunk.”

Section 2. Penalty. A person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than $500.00, or any combination of said imprisonment and fine.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after adoption and publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Linden City Council held on the 28th day of October, A.D., 2013.

THE CITY OF LINDEN:
By ______________________________
David E. Lossing, Mayor
By ______________________________
Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk
Hastings PLAN 30-361

Keystone arches, stone veneer columns and custom Craftsman windows give the Hastings an intriguing front facade, and the stone slab bench adds to the visual interest. This large home offers 3,353 square feet of living area, plus a roomy garage and an immense skybox sunroom.

Natural light spills into the wide foyer through sidelights and transoms. The foyer, parlor and living room feel even more spacious than they are due to lofty two-story ceilings. The stairway leads to a loft that overlooks the living room. A handy laundry chute up here delivers soiled items to the utility room downstairs.

Living Area 3353 sq. ft. Dimensions 66’ x 72’8”
Second Floor 781 sq. ft. Garage 863 sq. ft.
First Floor 2572 sq. ft. Bonus Room 650 sq. ft.

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**NEW DVD RELEASES**

**RED 2**
- In RED 2, the high-octane action-comedy sequel to the worldwide sleeper hit, retired black-ops CIA agent Frank Moses reunites his unlikely team of elite operatives for a global quest to track down a missing portable nuclear device. To succeed, they’ll need to survive an army of relentless assassins, ruthless terrorists and power-crazed government officials, all eager to get their hands on the next-generation weapon. The mission takes Frank and his motley crew to Paris, London and Moscow.

**JOBS**
- It only takes one person to start a revolution. The extraordinary story of Steve Jobs, the original innovator and groundbreaking entrepreneur who let nothing stand in the way of greatness. The film tells the epic and turbulent story of Jobs as he blazed a trail that changed technology — and the world — forever. PG-13, 2 hr. 9 min.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:**

This is the second time I have had plantar fasciitis. The first time was more than five years ago. A doctor outlined a program for me, but I have forgotten the details. Will you give me a refresher course? — L.O.

**ANSWER:** “Plantar” is the sole of the feet. The plantar fascia is a band of sturdy tissue that runs from the heels to the toes. It supports the feet and the foot arches. Plantar fasciitis is one of the most common causes of heel pain. Professional baseball, football and basketball players get it. People with flat feet or very high arches, overweight people, those who stand on hard surfaces for long periods and runners who suddenly increase their mileage or running time are the ones most likely to develop this injury. It happens to nonathletes, too. It causes intense pain when an affected person gets out of bed in the morning and takes a few steps. During the day, the pain lessens, but it returns toward the end of the working day. The pain can be so severe it prevents a person from being able to walk. This injury is not his mommy. You don’t even seem to be much of a band fan. Now I have some advice for him: Seriously, dude. You need to find yourself a new woman. Look for someone who is not threatened by your presence in this century.

**DEAR AMY:** My husband and I have known another couple for many years. We have invited them to several get-togethers and we always have a good time with them. The problem is that they have never invited us to their home. I know they have parties or other gatherings because they tell us about them. I recently ran into the wife, and she said she feels bad that they have not had us over. She claims their house is a mess and that’s the reason they haven’t invited an invitation. Their house seems to be clean enough for their other friends, but not us. I am not really angry about this. I’m just curious as to what you think, and wonder why they’ve made so many lame excuses. — Confused

**DEAR CONFUSED:** You must be easily confused. You have presented something that is quite straightforward and yet claim not to understand it. Your friend has been honest with you. Something about their house (probably its state of cleanliness) is embarrassing, and this is why they have avoided having you over. She claims their house is a mess and that’s the reason they haven’t invited an invitation. Their house seems to be clean enough for their other friends, but not us. I am not really angry about this. I’m just curious as to what you think, and wonder why they’ve made so many lame excuses. — Confused

**DEAR AMY:**

I have been dating my boyfriend for five years. He performs in a band and uses Facebook to “schmooze” on behalf of his band so people will come out and see them play. He claims he is not addicted to Facebook, but I have learned that he goes on the site many times a day. When I asked him recently if he’s been on Facebook lately, he said, ‘Not for a few days,’ and yet I know he’s on it every day! I don’t like Facebook; I think it creates trouble. How should I handle this? Help! — Upset Girlfriend

**DEAR UPSET:** Facebook doesn’t create trouble, people do. So here’s some unsolicited feedback for you: You are not your boyfriend’s boss. You are not his mommy. You don’t even seem to be much of a band fan. Now I have some advice for him: Seriously, dude. You need to find yourself a new woman. Look for someone who is not threatened by your presence in this century.

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**MEXICAN TURKEY BREAKFAST PIZZA**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 lb pizza dough
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 5 eggs, scrambled
- 1 cup shredded or cubed cooked turkey
- 1 (4 oz) can Old El Paso green chiles
- 1 (4 oz) can Old El Paso green chiles
- 1 cup frozen shredded hash browns
- 1 t. Old El Paso taco seasoning
- 1 cup pepperjack cheese
- Chopped cilantro, for garnish

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
2. Roll out the pizza dough on a surface that is lightly floured or lightly covered in cornmeal. Spread the salsa over the pizza dough. Top with the scrambled eggs, followed by the turkey and green chiles.
3. Place the hash browns in a bowl and toss with the taco seasoning. Top the pizza with the hash browns. Sprinkle the cheese evenly over the top of the pizza, then transfer to the oven and cook until the dough is golden brown and the cheese has melted, 10 to 12 minutes or according to the pizza dough directions. Top the pizza with chopped cilantro before serving.

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**Sunday Jumble**

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