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“Great job Fenton on the beautifully decorated light poles around the town. We had out of town guests who just loved them. Well done.”



“For the first time I went Christmas shopping in Holly last weekend. It was a wonderful experience and I enjoyed meeting the owners of these shops and seeing their unique inventories. The Dickens Festival was great. Thank you.”



**“Stop criti-
cizing
President
Obama.**

Great-ness always attracts whiners and complainers. Support your president like we supported Bush.”

**“Those complain-
ing about** critical comments are very likely the Obama voters who, lacking any actual positive accomplishments by their candidate, now believe he should be above any type of accountability.”



Dickens Festival

kicks off
40th year
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North Pole's Got Talent

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debuts Friday
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Holidays present unique sales opportunities for homes

►December real estate sales provide less competition, more serious home buyers

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Shopping for gifts, and then wrapping them all. Entertaining guests. Sending out Christmas cards. These are just a few of the activities on most people's "to do" list that keep them very busy during the month of December.

That's why the busy holiday month of December has traditionally been a slower month for real estate transactions, but you just might be "missing the boat" with some unique selling opportunities.

Several local real estate experts advise people to take advantage of the typically slower winter season to find a buyer for their home or to purchase one. While many people are distracted by the holidays and don't want to undertake the challenge of selling or buying,

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For many reasons, listing a home during the holiday season could help it sell more quickly.

Minimum wage being outpaced by inflation

►Lowest pay possible has never been equal to a living wage

By William Axford

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Minimum wage has been in the public fray for some months now as workers held demonstrations throughout the year for a \$15 an hour increase. Arguments range from people claiming minimum wage should be equal to a living wage to some fearing over-inflation if wages rise. Federal minimum wage is currently set at \$7.25.

Whether you agree with raising, lowering or having a minimum wage at all, requiring employers to offer a minimal amount for labor has only existed in America less than 80 years.

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Workin' off the turkey, Zumba style



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

While Zumba instructors move to the music, the class does their best to follow. All were welcome to the post-Thanksgiving event on Saturday and no experience is required. See **story on page 7**

Runner attacked, knocked out

►Police try to identify male suspect, possibly driving an older white SUV

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A 56-year-old Fenton Township man was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township after being struck in the head on Sunday, Dec. 1.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said the man is a runner and was out doing his nine-mile run at about 7 p.m. on Sunday. As he ran along Alloy Drive, near the old cinema, he heard someone call out to him to get his attention.

Suddenly, he was struck in the

head by an unknown object. He fell to the ground unconscious. When he awoke, he was lying flat on his back and bleeding from his forehead. He attempted to make his way home, however, he made it as far as the Joe & Lewie's Penalty Box where police were contacted.

Slater said the injured man believed the person yelling to him while he was out running came from an older white SUV, possibly a Tahoe. He was treated for his lacerations.

The case has been turned over to detectives for further investigation. If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

School board discusses need for technology

►Bond possibility for funding new computers

By William Axford

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Fenton — Will the Fenton Board of Education push for another bond in an upcoming election? The idea came up again as the school board listened to a presentation from Kevin Powers, technology director for the district. Powers said teachers, administrators and support staff are in need of 300 new computers. "We have incredible produc-

tivity loss due to performance issues. I have talked to teachers who are literally taking hours to See **TECHNOLOGY** on 11



Antiquated computers are interfering with teacher productivity according to Fenton schools' technology director.



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Police & Fire report

STOLEN AUTO RECOVERED

At 2:20 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, third-shift deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to a business parking lot in the 3200 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township to investigate an auto theft complaint. The stolen vehicle was later recovered at a gas station in Grand Blanc Township. One suspect has been arrested.

LAKE VALLEY DRIVE BREAK-IN

On Monday, Nov. 25, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to the 1100 block of Lake Valley Drive in Fenton Township on a report of a breaking and entering. Suspects gained entry without force through the garage sometime between Nov. 18 and Nov. 25. Tools were stolen. There are no suspects at this time and the case remains under investigation.

EARLY MORNING ROLLOVER

At 4 a.m. on Nov. 26, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to a rollover crash on northbound U.S. 23 near Thompson Road in Fenton Township. The driver of a red Ford pickup truck lost control on the icy road surface. The driver was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The truck was totaled.

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Producer/Director Laura Legant takes the stage to assist in rehearsing a musical number for the 2013 children's production at the Fenton Village Playhouse Monday night. Each 'elf' will display a talent, with a role geared toward them.

Calling all elves...

► Fenton Village Players present their popular annual kids' holiday show beginning Friday

By Sally Rummel

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Santa's Elves at the North Pole are taking a break from making toys, and having a talent show all their own.

Summary

► The Fenton Village Players will present their popular kids' production of "North Pole's Got Talent," which debuts this Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Village Playhouse.

The elves' antics, even a special appearance by "Elvis" singing "My New Elf Shoes," will be on stage during the show, "North Pole's Got Talent." Judging the elves for their talent will be Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Ebenezer

Scrooge, Frosty the Snowman and a special appearance by Howard Stern.

This Fenton Village Players children's holiday show will debut this Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Playhouse located on Torrey Road. The holiday fun will continue through the weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8

with matinees at 2 p.m. The show will continue next Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., with a final performance on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

"The show is all about the kids," said Producer/Director Laura Legant. "This year, we have about 40 elves, ranging in age from 2 up to 55. In the auditions, I try to find out what the kids want to do, and gear the show toward that. My goal is to have all the kids love doing theater."

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While dressed for his role as Santa Claus, Tim Terpening reviews notes during rehearsal on Monday.



Christmas songs? Humbug, I say

► The evolution of holiday jingles and why one Times writer would rather listen to anything else

By William Axford

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It starts after the last piece of Halloween candy is passed out and doesn't end until a few days before the New Year. I've been listening to it since I was a kid and dislike it a little more as I get older. It seems to start earlier with each passing year, so much so that I would rather endure Michigan's harsh January and February weather than hear the words 'jolly' or 'ho ho ho.'



Will Axford

Call me a Grinch, but I can't stand Christmas music. Yes, I know some will say it's just not Christmas without the music (my mother being the first to remind me) and that holiday

See **SONGS** on 10

“Someone — anyone — please write new, original Christmas music. One can only hear ‘White Christmas’ so much before losing their mind.”

William Axford
Times reporter

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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**K.O. the 'knockout game'**

It's called the 'knockout game.' It's violent, stupid and just plain wrong. It also has been wildly exaggerated.

Of course, that last part brings cold comfort to those who have been brutally attacked.

The so-called 'game' is so simple and pointless that even its pinhead perpetrators understand it: Just walk up to unsuspecting passersby on the street and, without warning, punch them so hard that they go down with one hit — a 'one-hitter quitter,' as it is called on some streets.

'Knockout' is neither new nor invented in America. It first caught media eyes in London's South End in 2005. It soon spread to other parts of Europe. Now it has landed here in the US of A.

Cases are 'piling up,' said a recent report on NBC. It is 'catching the attention of law enforcement throughout the nation,' reports CNN.

Conservative media, in particular, have taken a keen interest when the cases have involved blacks attacking whites. The 'knockout game' reports play well in minds that already suspect 'politically correct' media of deliberately downplaying black-on-white crimes.

There's no question that the 'knockout game' exists and that some people have been attacked. Some of the sucker punches here or abroad have been caught on video and, of course, replayed over and over on video-hungry TV news shows. Yet authorities are justifiably reluctant to call this so-called 'knockout' game a new trend when most violent crime nationwide continues to show a 20-year decline.

The 'knockout game' is no joke, but there's no need to panic. Senseless youth violence is the point of the spear, in my view, leading to a larger social breakdown that follows young people who have too much time and too little guidance.

As an African-American father, I think the answer ultimately must come from parents, communities, churches and other civil society working with police and social support agencies to find the perpetrators and prevent new ones.

We also need more straight talkers like Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter. Speaking to a black church audience in 2011, addressed local flash mobbers with, 'You have damaged your own race.'

Amen, Mr. Mayor. Amen.

IN REGARDS TO the airhead that said, 'You cannot be forced to work on a day you don't want to. Just tell your boss NO.' What planet do you live on? I think I might move there!

■■■■
LIBERAL LOGIC — DEMAND a Republican Congressman resign for using cocaine, although it's perfectly OK to elect a president who belonged to the pot-smoking 'Choom Gang' and a self-admitted cocaine user, not once but twice. For the record, if I was on the public dole, I should be drug tested.

■■■■
TO THE MISINFORMED Obama supporter who thinks the auto bailout was repaid in full. Try looking at real numbers and not just Wards Auto for your information. Chrysler is owned by Italy. We will lose around \$26 billion and screwed the bondholders out of billions. Hope you're not a CPA.

■■■■
OBAMA WANTS TO be dictator. Fortunately, he has only one talent — speech making. Adolf Hitler had that talent. Failure of the healthcare website is a plan for the government to run healthcare. NSA monitors all electronic communication. Some call for an end to Presidential term limits. Perfect storm?

■■■■
I READ ANOTHER victim of liberal education. Communism and National Socialism were both leftists. They only differed on how much the state controlled production. Read Albert Speer's book.

■■■■
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One war, not two. Following the Constitution on healthcare — proper. Consumer spending — up. Recession — gone. American auto industry — back. Federal deficit rate — headed down. Deportation of illegal immigrants — up. Conservatives not happy — what's new?

■■■■
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■■■■
THANK YOU TO Fenton City for putting up the Christmas tree on Silver Parkway. It is the first year I've noticed it there and was a great kick-off for the holiday season. It also brings a smile to my little one's face every time we drive by.

■■■■
SO THE AUTO bailouts were all paid back? Is that why the government is looking to sell off the remainder of their GM stock and only take a \$10 billion loss? Let alone portions of the money given were handouts, not loans. And now Chrysler is owned by Fiat. Sounds like a great deal.

■■■■
OUR CAPITALIST SYSTEM with all its flaws is better than communism or socialism. If we draw closer to God, we can make it better. If you don't like it, you're a hypocrite.

■■■■
SURPRISE, SURPRISE, I just got my sewer bill, just in time for Christmas. Thanks, Fenton Township.

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FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Black Friday — Dark Knight Rises**

'If everyone demanded peace instead of another television set, then there'd be peace.' — John Lennon

'Black Friday' was a metaphor beyond the merchants' bottom line. Headlines on last Friday's Drudge Report reflect a culture that is being trampled by the greed and me-only attitude of a growing number of us:

- 'Mall mayhem...
- Suspected shoplifter shot after dragging cop through Kohl's parking lot...
- Brawls... Man stabbed over parking spot...
- Shopper Kicked Out Of WALMART For Filming Fight...
- Man shot walking home with big screen...
- Shoppers Trampled in Race for \$49 Tablet...
- SALVATION ARMY kettles stolen...
- Woman pulls stun gun in argument over Walmart shopping cart.'

Once such stories seemed isolated, even bizarre. Now these far too frequent instances now seem to be symptomatic of a decaying culture.

The dark night is rising and it isn't a Batman movie.

People and nations must be ruled by something, or there is anarchy. Either it is God, or secular laws that control our lower nature. Today, we are out of control as we pursue happiness through prosperity in the false hope money and things will satisfy. Who today is satisfied with their income and circumstances?

We have more stuff than any generation before ours. The overflow we deposit in rented public storage units. The stock market is up substantially, but we want it to go higher with no bursting bubble this time. Then what? What will we do with more? Will tomorrow's more satisfy when today's more hasn't?

Previous generations had less and yet seemed to have more of what matters: more character, more virtue, more contentment, all of it reinforced by parents, clergy and, for the most part, culture. In our day, materialism has become a false god we worship in the vain hope it will bring peace.

Given the behavior of so many on 'Black Friday' and other examples of cultural decay and national decline, many of us seem to be doing just that. Israel's King David warned, 'The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men.' (Psalm 12:8).

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Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

What Christmas song do you dislike most?**streettalk**

"'Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer' it's just annoying."

— Dale Payne
Fenton



"All of them. Christmas is overblown and it has lost its meaning."

— Don Beck
Fenton



"I'm sick of 'Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer,' it is over played."

— Lindsay Shook
Fenton



"'It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas' they play it too long."

— Shawn Hurst
Fenton



"I like them all. It gives me a reason to get together with family."

— Liz Robinson
Fenton



"'Silver Bells' I don't like it because it's too loud and over the top."

— Jasmine Lee
Fenton

Fenton monthly sewer rates to increase by \$5.67 per month

►Increase to be partially offset by \$10 decrease in city's monthly capital fee

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Fenton — Though Fenton City has no choice but to pay more for county sewer services, which started Sept. 1, it does have a choice on how much cost to pass on to its customers.

This cost is for the District 3 sanitary sewer plant, which is shared by Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden.

At the Fenton City Council work session on Monday, council members discussed the rate increase handed down from the Genesee County Drain Commission in August — the first since 2006. This change is expected to stay until 2018, according to the drain commission.

To ease shock of the increase, the city is lowering its capital charge from \$40 to \$30,

which will offset the fee for many users. "This is the system, it's not like we can refuse to participate," said Councilwoman Pat Lockwood. "I'm happy we can reduce (the capital fee) by \$10."

The city is able to reduce this fee because tap-in fees are increasing again, allowing the city to manage its bond debt.

The city runs its own water plant — sewer and water rates are separate and water rates will not be affected by this increase.

According to the drain commission, the average customer will experience an increase of \$5.67 each month, though the amount for many will be less because of the lowered capital charge.

The fee breakdown for each resident is as follows: "readiness to serve" is increasing from \$8.85 to

\$18.35. Metered users will see an increase from \$2.46 to \$2.73, or \$.30 per 1,000 gallons. Un-metered users will experience an increase from \$77.85, to \$98.85.

"This is the system, it's not like we can refuse to participate... I'm happy we can reduce (the fee) by \$10."

— Pat Lockwood
Fenton City councilwoman

Do those portable stain remover pens and wipes really work?

By Sally Rummel

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This is the time that stains seem to follow you everywhere. You spill a glass of wine on your shirt at your company's

holiday party or you drop a cocktail shrimp with dipping sauce on your lap.

Summary

►The holiday season is the time you'll get unexpected stains on your clothing at the most inopportune times. Portable stain removal products are very popular, and many seem to work well when you're on the go and a mishap happens.

Luckily, for you, you remembered to stash a stain remover pen in your purse, and you make a mad dash to the restroom for a quick repair.

Do these portable laundry aids really work, or are they just an expensive waste of time and purse space?

Tide to Go is a marker-sized magic pen designed to remove fresh food and drink stains without the need for water or a washing machine. Users appreciate its portability. It's handy to have in a purse, car, desk drawer or luggage for those unexpected stains that need to be dealt with immediately, before they set into the fabric. It also comes in the form of a stain eraser.

According to consumerresearch.com, Tide to Go does well against a variety of fresh food stains, including ketchup, coffee and juice. Its manufac-

turer, P & G, recommends it for use on tomato juice, ketchup, barbecue sauce, grape juice, coffee, wine, tea and chocolate syrup. Users say it doesn't perform quite as well on grease stains or stains that have set into the fabric.

Reviewers like the fact that Tide to Go is portable, making it easy to treat stains as soon as they happen. According to the review, testers were happy to see stains disappear almost immediately, but they noted in agreement that it doesn't work universally on everything. In fact, sometimes, it can cause stains to spread and may even damage some fabrics or remove dye.

Real Simple magazine recommended Tide to Go as the best stain remover for clothing, yet received very mixed reviews from Amazon.com and Viewpoints.com.

Following the directions exactly is essential with this product, testers suggest.

Tide to Go is easily found at many point-of-purchase displays at grocery stores, drug stores, discounters, etc. At less than \$3, it would make an affordable, useful stocking stuffer.

Another popular on-the-spot stain remover is Shout Wipe & Go, individually wrapped moist wipes for stain removal. Most effective on fresh stains from food and beverages, they can be safely used on most fabrics, according to about.com/laundry.

Package directions tell users to remove any excess

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there are generally more listings that come onto the market, bringing with them, more competition.

"We approach the month of December the exact same way we do every month," said Shane Adams, of The Shane Adams Group of RE/MAX Select in Flint. "I've been in the real estate business for over 20 years, and we've always sold houses in every single month. December can be a really good month. If you're looking for a home in December, it's likely for re-location reasons for a new job at the first of the year."

For sellers, you're getting serious buyers and much less competition in a smaller pool of for-sale properties. For buyers, you may get a better price and terms because you're likely negotiating with a motivated seller.

"When you've got people calling to look at homes during the month of December, they're not 'tire-kickers,'" said Tom Jones, of RE/MAX Platinum in Fenton. "These are serious buyers who need a house."

He advises people interested in listing their home to seek out the advice of a pro-

fessional to help them price their property. "We're in a '60 days and under' market," said Jones. "If your house hasn't moved in this environment during this time period, it would suggest that the market is not willing to respond to your property at that price point. We have a very brisk market, and the numbers are holding up nationally."

Staging is also an important aspect of holiday home sales. "Your house is all decorated and looking its best," said Adams.

Jones emphasized the importance of curb appeal on the outside. "When a person drives up to your home, they're already forming an opinion about the property. If they feel positive about it from the outside, they're looking for confirmation when they walk through the door."

There is still a shortage of inventory, added Jones. "For every house sold, there are only about four on the shelf," he said. "That means we have only about a quarter of the inventory of homes we usually have."

"If you're looking for a home in December, it's likely for re-location reasons."

— Shane Adams
RE/MAX Select

While that makes it a challenge for buyers looking for "the perfect house," it does set the stage for fairly stable or increasing pricing going into 2014. "Our housing prices have gone up 12 percent in 2012 and 2013, year-to-date," said Jones. "I wish I had a crystal ball for 2014."

"In Fenton, houses have appreciated in value, and demand is higher," said Adams.

While interest rates are going up, which may seem discouraging for first-time buyers in their 20s and 30s, Jones points back in history to give a clearer perspective.

"Interest rates are going up for what you know," said Jones, referring to young buyers. "But we remember back in 1992 when interest rates were between 14-18 percent. When they finally dropped to under double-digits, we thought it was unbelievable."

While typically fewer homes sell during the winter season than any other time of the year, the season still represents a hefty chunk of sales. "In the course of 12 months, we do about 8 percent of our business in December," said Jones.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the
judge

Life without parole for juvenile offenders — an update

Several months ago, I wrote a two-part column regarding the 2012 United States Supreme Court case of *Miller v. Alabama*, which held that the imposition of a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole in certain homicide cases was unconstitutional as being contrary to the Eighth Amendment, which prohibits cruel and unusual punishment.

I won't detail everything I said here but suffice it to say the basis of the Opinion was that juveniles should not be treated the same as adults in such cases.

The Supreme Court did not rule as to whether its decision should be given retroactive effect as to juveniles who had already been convicted and sentenced.

Today by way of an update, I can report that on the state level neither the Michigan Legislature (by way of enacted legislation) or the Michigan Supreme Court (by a judicial decision) have given their final answers on the retroactivity issue. However there is pending legislation and the Supreme Court is currently considering three cases that will presumably furnish these answers.

On the federal level in the case of *Henry Hill et al v. Rick Snyder et al*, federal Judge John Corbett O'Meara issued an Order on Nov. 26, 2013 which in essence requires the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Michigan Parole Board to provide an opportunity for parole to individuals who had previously been convicted as juveniles of first degree murder and given life sentences.

Judge O'Meara ruled in his Order that the defendants have until Dec. 31, 2013 to comply with eight specific requirements to implement the opportunity for parole process and they have until Jan. 31, 2014 to submit the program and process to the court to comply with the specifics set forth in his Order. If the deadline isn't met, a Special Master may be appointed to make available to prisoners sentenced to life without parole for juvenile crimes the process that the Order envisions.

On Dec. 2, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette announced he would appeal this Order to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

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Barb Parks of Fenton follows the moves of the instructors on stage, along with 150 of her peers.

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►Annual post-Thanksgiving event draws 150 to Chassé Ballroom in Fenton

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Fenton — Two days after a delicious turkey dinner, 150 women and men were at the gym, working on their fitness.

Summary

►The annual “Burn Off The Turkey Zumba” event at Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton consistently brings more than 100, many of whom sign up for classes. This high energy, two-hour session is free.

“Burn Off The Turkey Zumba” has been an annual post-Thanksgiving tradition at Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio for five years, and owner Michael LaJoice said it has stayed

steady at these high numbers. The majority of who attended were women.

The class was free, but LaJoice said many will sign up for more classes in January and February.

Visitors rotated in and out during the two-hour event.

Zumba does its best to not act like, or look like, a traditional work-out class, such as aerobics.

There are short segments where moves are based on a particular song. After the song changes, the theme of the segment shifts. On the stage were one to three Zumba instructors. One led the other two, and the class in turn followed all of them.



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Kalli Kinslow (front) enjoys working out in a group, as opposed to working out alone at home.

High energy and enthusiasm are part of the Zumba culture, as well as an emphasis on movement, instead of making exactly the correct moves.

WWCK105.5 FM radio was on hand, and there were few to no spots available in the parking lot.

“It’s fun, I work up a good sweat,” said Barb Parks, of Fenton.

Kalli Kinslow followed the moves from her wheelchair in front. “I love Zumba,” she said, adding that she has trouble exercising by herself at home, but has more fun in groups like this.

next year, according to Savannah Waldchen, longtime volunteer. The event typically draws many volunteers who give their time in wrapping more than 1,000 community-donated Christmas gifts at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, which are then distributed to nursing homes and families in need.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I RECENTLY WALKED out of a business that had a counter display of gum, with foul language on it. Anyone selling that gum is just as bad as the company producing the gum. Clean it up.

THIS MIGHT BE a question for our fine judge who prints the articles in the paper. Why is it that the laws that the politicians apply to us don't apply to them. They don't have to buy 'Obamas-care,' they go with their own sweet set up. So what do they care whether we suffer or can't afford it.

I CAN'T WAIT to see what happens when it's time for President Obama to leave Washington. The Democrats will ignore him like he never existed because he killed their party. The Republicans will have to drag him away and he'll scream 'no, no I was elected for life,' there's no doubt about it.

WELL IT IS true that being the president comes with being accountable for your actions. I just wish that people would also talk about all the good things President Obama has done, such as helping the poor and needy.

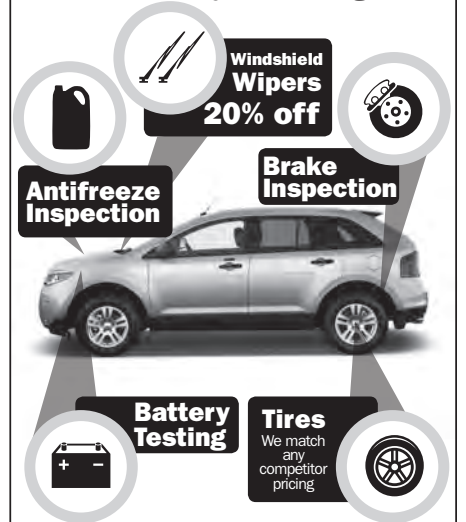
TO THE PERSON who wanted to know if the president is fascist or socialist, and we should pick one or the other. He's neither — he's a communist, plain and simple. When the person that's running the government wants the government to control everything in our lives, that is 'communism.'

TO THE WRITER on GM bankruptcy. The government expects to sell its last shares of the 'new' GM, this month. Expected loss — in excess of \$10 billion. Holders of the 'old' GM have a total loss. No dividends or interest has been paid on either issue. Only a bonus to the UAW employees from the first meager earnings.

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News briefs

Annual Community Wrap-In cancelled

What would have been the 62nd Community Wrap-in has been cancelled for this year due to a lack of support. Organizers hope and expect to bring the event back

STAIN

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stain before using the wipe. Then, working from the outside of the stain toward the center, blot or wipe away the stain. Additional tips are included inside for getting the best results. The package states that Shout Wipe & Go is safe for all colorfast washable and dry cleanable fabrics. For delicate fabrics like silk or rayon, test first on a hidden area before using on a visible surface.

Wine on your clothes, carpet?

Here are the winners to remove red wine:

► **Wine Away Red Wine Stain Remover** (\$9.50 for 12 oz.), which comes in a variety of sizes, even purse-sized for travel.

► **Wine Enthusiast Wine B'Gone Ultra** (\$19.95 for 16 fl. oz.) Whether you're seeing red on fabric, countertops or carpet, this is a miracle worker on both hard and soft surfaces. It also works well on coffee, tea and fruit. Reviewers said to apply this cleaner to carpeting lightly, as it's a bit sudsy.

One reviewer on amazon.com tried the wipes on a several stains, including mud and coffee on a cotton shirt. Both stains were fresh and the wipes removed both stains. Reviewers also commented that the wipes are quite wet and will leave a damp spot where the stain was, but it will dry quickly. To speed the process, blot the cleaned area with a white paper napkin or paper towel.

The downside is that many reviewers said they were hard to find in many stores, so many resorted to buying them online.

The Spray and Wash Stain Stick is another on-the-go pre-treat product with a lot of convenience and ease of use. Busy families can treat stains now and wash.

Once you're at home or near a washing machine, you can place garments with multiple stains into the washer with a stain remover that is added to the laundry. There are many stain removing products that can be used successfully at laundry time.

The Good Housekeeping Research Institute tested 10 red wine stain removers to find the top three at removing red wine from both fabric (polyester and cotton) and carpeting. The top removers worked better than salt, laundry pre-treater or a carpet cleaning out getting out Cabernet.



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(Above) Fred Austin's Alaskan huskies and beagle are getting plenty of attention, especially from 2-year-old Mae McCanney, during Dickens Fest on Saturday. These former sled dogs pull Austin around on a modified scooter. (Right) The Simply Dickens choir performs "Huron Indian Carol" on Saturday. Centered is Diana Moses, on guitar is Tom Giorlando, and at right is Tom Campbell.



Dickens Fest kicks off for 40th year

► Old world Christmas music, sledding hill and shopping highlight annual event

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Holly — It could be the warmest kick-off to a Holly Dickens Festival; at 46 degrees, downtown Holly was downright balmy — but visitors didn't seem to mind.

The festival is back to running three consecutive weekends and two days per weekend, although without the theatrical group and flame throwing of previous years. Saturday was a preview of what's to come this next weekend. The weekend after is expected to be even busier.

The biggest hit amongst the kids was the sledding hill, which kept up steady sledding. Kids careened down the hill, smashing into the bales of hay at the end, which had to be re-set by volunteers.

"It's really good this year," said Tammy Kestner, who watched her son fly down the sledding hill just moments before. She brought her sons to the festival last year also.

When to catch Holly Dickens Festival

The festival opens each Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Games and festivities last all day. Saturdays are open until 8 p.m., Sundays until 6 p.m. Dickens runs Dec. 7 and 8, and 14 and 15. There are free movies showing on each Saturday at 7:30 p.m. as well. On Dec. 7, "A Christmas Story," will be shown and on Dec 14, "A Christmas Carol," will be shown. Tickets are \$2 each, except for children under 5, who get in free. Pictures with Santa are free — just bring your camera phone or iPad to get a photo.

Floating through the air were the sounds of the horse drawn carriage and the Simply Dickens choir that specializes in old world Christmas music — perfect for the holiday din. Venders sold traditional holiday comforts, like roasted nuts and meat on an open-air grill.

Near Holly Hills Primitives, bowling pins crashed to the ground by either a small suspended bowling ball or a duct-taped frozen turkey thundering down the wooden lane. Dick Russell, co-owner of Holly Hills Primitives and one of the organizers said for the opening day, it was twice as busy as last year.

"It's bloomed, I'm thrilled," he said, sporting a top-hat among other period garb. He said venders also reported strong sales.

The layout for Dickens was different this year, with half of the shopping district staying open, giving the first day of the festival a "ladies night out" feel, with visitors browsing from shop to shop.

The "A Christmas Carol" play was held inside this year, as were other Simply Dickens performances, which included another opportunity to buy snacks under the same roof, and to get warm.



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Preston Bolyard, 4, gives the turkey bowl game a shot, as mother Amanda watches. "He had fun with all the games," she said.

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SONGS

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jingles are nearly as American as baseball in the summer. But decades of repetitive songs has driven the joy out of the music. In a country where disc jockeys are constantly looking for the next hit and listeners have the attention span of a newborn puppy (especially myself), I'm amazed that the same songs by the same singers rule the airwaves every year.

According to WhyChristmas.com, carols first began to appear in Catholic churches around 130 A.D. in the Roman Empire. Public caroling became popular when local leaders like mayors and council members appointed groups of people to sing throughout the streets. Legend goes that local leaders were the only people in town who could legally take money from citizens. Taxpayers were more likely to give during the holidays if local government officials had carolers with them during the holidays.

By the 1940s, World War II was underway and people were looking for anything to take their minds off it. Irving Berlin captures America's mood with

'White Christmas,' a secular song that speaks fondly of past holidays. Bing Crosby sang it over the radio in 1941 and it was an instant hit, setting off a frenzy for more Christmas songs. Elvis recorded his own Christmas album in 1957, setting the standard for other musicians looking to record Christmas songs.

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) top 10 Christmas songs last year included 'Jingle Bell Rock,' 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' and other overplayed staples.

"Music is one of the most important and defining aspects of the holiday season. Favorites like 'Sleigh Ride' and 'Winter Wonderland' help to set the mood and brighten spirits each and every year," Paul Williams, ASCAP president and chairman said in a press release.

The rest of America seems to agree with him. Crosby's version of 'White Christmas' is believed to have sold more than 50 million copies, making it the biggest-selling single ever. Elvis has sold more than 10 million copies of his Christmas album. Kenny G, Celine Dion and Mariah Carey have all sold more than five million copies of their Christmas albums.

More than 30 artists have recorded an album that has sold more than a million copies, according to Yahoo news.

I'll admit it — I'm a fan of Elvis' Christmas album and start to cringe less about the music around the middle of the month. But can musicians and songwriters please come up with some new and original Christmas songs? I'll suck it up for another year, dreaming about the next generation of artists who can craft catchy new jingles.

Top Selling Christmas albums of all time

Elvis' Christmas Album

More than 10 million copies sold

Miracles: The Holiday Album by Kenny G

7 million copies

Noel by Josh Groban

5.5 million copies

Merry Christmas by Mariah Carey

5 million copies

These are Special Times, Celine Dion

5 million copies

-Source: Nielsen Company

ELVES

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This holiday performance is more than just a one-hour musical show on stage. Each child in attendance will be given a number before being seated for the show, and after the show, that number will determine the group he or she will be in for visiting Santa.

"That way, it's not a mad dash after the show with long lines to see Santa," said Legant. "While kids are waiting their turn, they will have just as much fun in Winter Wonderland, playing games, enjoying cookies, etc."

This children's holiday show has been going on for about five years, and is a labor of love every year for costumer Karen Craner, who turns all of these local kids into elves with unique and imaginative costumes.

"We've been building up our elf costumes for years, but every year, we add new characters and new 'touches' to the costumes," said Craner. "It's a rush to the finish as we only have a few weeks to prepare for it. This year, in addition to elves, we'll have Jacks in the Box, Tin Soldiers, even a lamb and a dog. It's a kids' production for the kids. It's a lot of fun."

The Fenton Village Playhouse is located at 14197 Torrey Road. Tickets are available for \$5 at the door. For more information, call (810) 750-7700.

Children's holiday show debut

Tickets: \$5 at the door.

When: Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. The show will continue through the weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8. Matinees are at 2 p.m. The next show is Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Final performance is Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

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WAGE

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According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD), minimum wage was enacted in 1938 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration at the height of the Great Depression. The first minimum wage was set at 25 cents an hour and was aimed at stopping sweatshops, where women and children were typically employed to work many hours for next to nothing pay.

Minimum wage rose from 40 cents to 75 cents an hour in 1949 and reached \$1 by 1955. Minimum wage continued to increase through the decades but never reached the point of a livable wage. Minimum wage reached \$1.45 in the 1960s; \$2.90 in the 1970s and \$5.15 in 1997. The current minimum wage rate was established in 2009.

States are allowed to set their own minimum wage rates, yet the Fair Labor Standards Act states "where an employee is subject to both the state and federal minimum wage laws, the employee is entitled to the higher of the two minimum wages." South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee do not have a minimum wage. Georgia, Arkansas, Minnesota and Wyoming have minimum wage rates lower than the federal \$7.25 rate. Western states like California, Montana, Arizona and other states like Michigan have minimum wage rates higher than \$7.25.

Michigan's current minimum wage of \$7.40 is not enough to live off, according to a living wage calculator created by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On average, MIT estimates one adult in Michigan would have to make \$8.73 an hour in order to be above the poverty

rate. Add one child and the minimum hourly rate needed to stay out of poverty is \$18.33.

Historically, minimum wage has not been equal to a living wage nor has it kept up with inflation. According to usinflationcalculator.com, an item costing a quarter in 1938 would cost \$4.14 in 2013, after adjusting for inflation. A \$1 item from 1955 would cost \$8.71 today. An item costing \$1.45 from 1960 would run \$10.75 in 2013. Inflation dipped slightly by 1997, where a product costing \$5.50 would now cost \$9.83.

So should minimum wage be comparable to a living wage? Bloomberg News reports raising minimum wage could actually hurt lower income families, since more money would disqualify them from the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Bloomberg News also points out that lower income workers are more likely to spend money on goods rather than invest in stock markets and businesses, stating that raising minimum wage "has ambiguous effects on economic growth."

Princeton economist Paul Krugman argued in the New York Times that having a low minimum wage hurts everyone, since low-wage workers will have to depend on food stamps and Medicaid for survival. Krugman calls the current minimum wage "very low by historical standards." Since most minimum wage workers are in the retail or food industry, Krugman theorizes that these jobs can't be exported and that they're here to stay.

"Despite the lingering effects of the financial crisis, America is a much richer country than it was 40 years ago," Krugman said. "But the inflation-adjusted wages of nonsupervisory workers in retail trade — who weren't paid well to begin with — have fallen almost 30 percent since 1973."

TECHNOLOGY

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get grades in because the systems at our workstations are so slow," Powers said. "Continuous breakdowns... we have that on a weekly basis and we don't have a back stock. It's frustrating working with workstations in our network right now."

Powers suggested the district could raise funds for new technology through a bond, which would need approval from voters within the Fenton school district. Two other alternatives included leasing computers from manufacturers like Apple or Dell and possibly purchasing refurbished computers. Powers said for \$150,000, the district could get 300 refurbished workstations from a company in Canada.

"\$150,000 is a far cry from a \$9 million bond," said trustee Drew Shapiro. "Personally, I think it's more important to look at essentials."

Shapiro told the board that the two previous failed bond proposals could hurt the district's financial rating. Director of Finance Doug Busch said the district uses the state's credit rating when pursuing bonds and that school officials will know by February what the district's official credit rating will be.

Powers added Fenton schools could attempt a leasing option through Apple, similar to what Holly Area Schools (HAS) currently has. According to a May 2012 Times article, the Holly school board approved a \$335,000 investment

for 400 computers over a three-year lease. Powers said the Apple computers were sold to Holly teachers at a bargain price by the end of the leasing cycle, raising \$6,500 toward the next lease.

Moody's, a credit rating company, downgraded Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) credit rating from Aa3 to Aa2 in

June 2012, stating on their website "\$46.2 million in outstanding parity debt is affected by the rating action." Limited financial flexibility and declining trend of financial reserves are two challenges Moody's predicts FAPS will face in the future.

Fenton superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said the board might have a meeting next Monday, Dec. 9 for further discussion. By law, a governing board has to post time and place of a meeting 48 hours before it is held.

"We're not sure what's going on. Talking about district finances would be a part of the discussion," Jalkanen said.

The board of education attempted to pass bonds twice last year, once in May and the other in November. Technology upgrades were a major part of both bonds, where the board sought a \$9.6 million bond in May and an \$8.4 million bond in November. New buses and upgrades to infrastructures and parking lots were included in the May bond proposal. The board reduced the second bond proposal by focusing on technology and buses. The May bond failed by a margin of 189 votes and cost the district \$13,466. The November bond failed by a margin of 1,333 votes.

"\$150,000 is a far cry from a \$9 million bond."

— Drew Shapiro
Fenton school board trustee



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9:00 a.m.
Cookie Walk
at Fenton United Methodist Church

10:00 a.m.
Shopping, Visit Fenton Merchants, Christmas Open Houses
Christmas Tree Decorating
at Rotary Park - Fenton Rotary

3:00-6:00 p.m.
Mott Middle School Steel Drum
performing in Dibbleville

3:00 p.m.
Jinglejog-5 K Race,
Starting at FUMC Family Life Center
Ice Sculpture Carving
at Fenton City Hall
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Children Crafts/Games - Live Nativity
at Fenton United Methodist Church
Fenton Community Center - Front Lawn:
Santa's Entertainment Tent - Music
Hot Chocolate, Smores' by Fenton
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Chili, Hot Dogs by Boy Scouts 212
Bake Goods by Mom to 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 & Cultural Center:
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WednesdaySudoku

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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WednesdayJumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CAMPH
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SUROE
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HERITH
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BLUMFE
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: "[][][][][][][][][]"

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PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.
To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My son is 43. When he was 20, he started getting lumps, which the doctors called lipomas. He has them on his whole body in varying sizes, except for on his face. No one else in the family has them. What can be done besides cutting them out? — M.F.

ANSWER: Lipomas are mounds of fat encased in a tough covering material. They range in size from a golf ball to two or three times that size. They're soft, and they are not painful. Surgical removal, at present, provides the best results. If your son has too many for total removal, a select few, the most bothersome ones, can be excised. Research is ongoing to find a substance that will dissolve these fatty tumors. Injection with cortisone medicines can shrink them a bit, but it doesn't totally get rid of them. The results are somewhat mixed, and it isn't a popular treatment.

NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



THE WOLVERINE
Hugh Jackman returns as Wolverine in this sequel to the member of the X-Men's first solo outing. Mark Bomback and The Usual Suspects' Christopher McQuarrie penned the

script, which takes its inspiration from the Chris Claremont/Frank Miller Marvel miniseries from the 1980s dealing with the character's adventures in Japan as he fights ninjas in the ceremonial garb of the samurai. Knight and Day's James Mangold directs. PG-13



perfect for each other, except that they're both in relationships. Luke is in the midst of marriage talks with his girlfriend of six years, Kate is playing it cool with her music producer boyfriend Chris. But

you know what makes the line between "friends" and "more than friends" really blurry? Beer. R, 1 hr. 30 min.



THE SMURFS 2
The Smurfs are back with this follow-up to the blockbuster smash hit from 2011. J. David Stem and David Weiss provide the script, from a story they wrote with Jay Scherick and David

Ronn. PG, 1 hr. 45 min.

DRINKING BUDDIES

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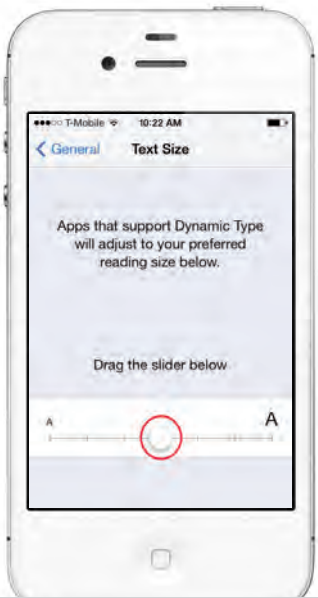
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To enlarge the font size, go to Settings -> General -> Accessibility. Tap "Large Text" and select your preferred font size. Once configured, launch either Calendar, Contacts, Mail, Messages or Notes app and you'll find the font size is enlarged.

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.



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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Crony
- 4 Light (Sp.)
- 7 Summary
- 12 Carte lead-in
- 13 "A Chorus Line" song
- 14 Entertain
- 15 Energy
- 16 Good product, idiomatically
- 18 Recede
- 19 Be frugal
- 20 Record
- 22 Id counterpart
- 23 Loathe
- 27 Possessed
- 29 "Clue" item
- 31 Cavalry unit
- 34 Guiding principle
- 35 Goes over the books
- 37 Weeding implement
- 38 Brewery output
- 39 Med. plan option
- 41 Creche trio
- 45 Eucalyptus eater
- 47 Heavy weight
- 48 Duke Ellington classic
- 52 Clear the

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- 54 Deteriorate
- 55 Time of your life?
- 56 Thick
- 57 — Jima
- 58 Still
- 8 Ostrich's cousin
- 9 Scoundrel
- 10 Fool
- 11 Em, en, o, —, kue
- 17 Recognize
- 21 Psalm group
- 23 Seraglio
- 24 Mimic
- 25 Pirouette
- 26 Conclude
- 28 Suitable
- 30 "The Name of the Rose" author
- 31 Bill
- 32 Regret
- 33 Praise in
- rhyme
- 36 Not barefoot
- 37 Empty
- 40 New Zealand native
- 42 Cornered
- 43 Overcharge
- 44 Smaller map
- 45 Dandling locale
- 46 21-Down member
- 48 Turf
- 49 Exist
- 50 Erstwhile
- 51 "— Impossible"

DOWN

- 1 Surfaced
- 2 Out of sorts?
- 3 "The Silence of the —"
- 4 Privation
- 5 One
- 6 Woody Allen movie
- 7 Engrossed

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SPORTS TRIVIA BASKETBALL

Q He once roomed with Jim Boeheim at Syracuse and is a Pistons' legend. Name him.

A We didn't want to make the question too easy by mentioning he's the current Mayor of Detroit. David Bing recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Detroit Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski has been busy. He's been so busy that this is the second time I'm writing this column.

About an hour ago I completed a column commenting on Doug Fister being traded for three unheard players.

Initially, I mentioned people should wait until the end of the offseason before judging any of the perceived "salary slashing" going on to find out how this move (and the Prince Fielder trade) would correlate to future moves. Some of that has already happened. The Tigers picked up ex-Twin and Ranger Joe Nathan to take the closer's role in the pen.

The move should improve the Tigers' pen and probably was made possible by the salary cut trades. It has made me a little more comfortable about Fister's departure. However, I am still waiting to see what happens the rest of the offseason before grading any of these trades. There's a long way to go.

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Savannah Ferrara

A member on Linden's fourth-place girls cross country team.
Among the fall's top teams in TC area.



Linden's Smith leads charge vs. her old school

►LF transfer scores 23 to lead Eagles by Sahouri's 18 points, Blue Devils 48-44

By David Troppens

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Linden — Being neighbors, there already is a healthy rivalry between Linden and Lake Fenton schools.

On Monday, it meant a tiny bit more to Linden sophomore Taylor Smith and Lake Fenton senior Sophia Sahouri. Both started their prep careers at the opposing school, meaning both were facing their original high school teams during their squad's first game of the season. Both were outstanding.

However, Smith was a tiny bit better, scoring a game-high and a career-high 23 points, leading the Linden Eagles to a come-from-behind 48-44 victory at home.

"I just wanted to work as a team and win most of all," said Smith, who played in Lake Fenton's program as a freshman last year. "It felt great (scoring 23 points)."

Linden coach Ben Varner is happy with his new addition.

"She has a lot of talent. And the way she works and practices, she's just going to make us better," Varner said. "We needed somebody to kick-start some guys around here, and she

definitely has. Her work ethic and how hard she plays is rubbing off on people. It's going to make us better."

Smith spent most of Monday night trying to keep the Eagles close to the Blue Devils, who appeared more than once poised to blow the game open. Led by Sahouri's 18 points, the Blue Devils led by as many as nine points twice in the contest. Linden's last lead in the first three quarters came at 8-6 on a 17-foot jump shot by Alyssa Logie with 1:00 left in the opening quarter. However, Sahouri ended the quarter with a converted free throw and a fastbreak layup off an assist by Miranda Quick, giving the Blue Devils a 9-8 lead entering the second quarter.

Linden tied it twice, the second time coming at 12-all on two converted free throws by Miranda Green, but the Blue Devils responded with five straight points on a Sahouri breaking layup and three-pointer. The Blue Devils led 17-12 and never trailed again until late in the fourth quarter.

Blue Devils' first nine-point lead came on a Jordan Newman layup
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Linden's Taylor Smith (center) prepares to take a shot during the Eagles' 48-44 victory against Lake Fenton on Monday. Lake Fenton's Autumn Beardsley (right) is defending.

Linden XC teams finish 1-2 in final fall poll

By David Troppens

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Last week we looked at numbers six through eight and a few honorable mention squads in the final Tri-County Elite Eight Poll for the fall sports season.

Among those teams we had five undefeated league championship squads, a team that finished 12th at its own state meet, a football playoff game winner, a district crown champion and a regional winner.

Wow, if those are the credentials of the bottom part of our poll, I can only imagine the credentials of the final five. Well, why

wait any longer than we have to? Here's the rest of our Elite Eight.

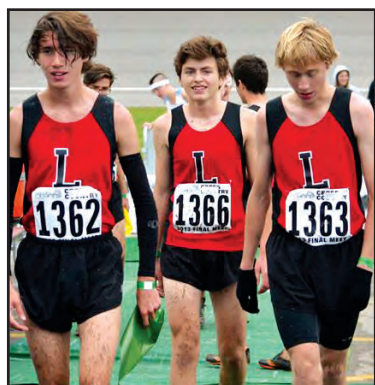
No. 5 - Holly boys cross country: This season was sort of a welcome back party for the Holly boys cross country squad. There was a time when the program was among the elite in the state and the Metro League. It looks like those days started coming back this year. The Bronchos captured first in the first two Metro jamborees and then took first at the final meet, earning what ended up being a relatively easy Metro League championship season, their first

since the 1996-97 school year.

The Bronchos didn't stop with regular season success. They also advanced to the Division 1 state meet by taking third in regional action. And once at Michigan International Speedway, the Bronchos capped the season by earning 15th place at the meet.

One should expect the Holly boys cross country team to remain a challenger in this poll for a few years to come.

No. 4 - Linden boys soccer: The Eagles had a few challenges
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Linden's (from left) Jeremiah Gossett, Ryan Torok and Kagen Griffith lead the boys cross country team to a fourth-place finish at the state meet.



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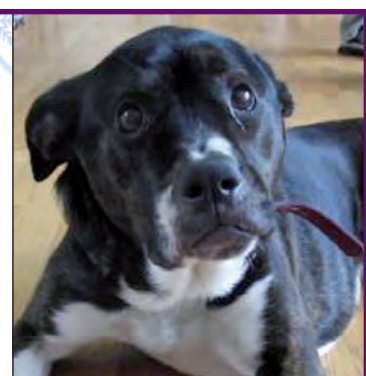
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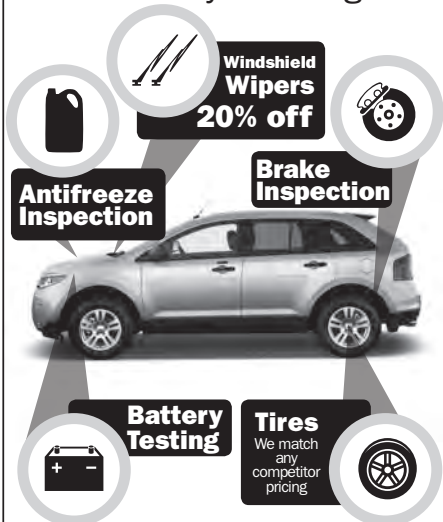
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Wright : 'We need to change the culture'



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One of Linden's key returning players is Collin Hoeberling (left). The Eagles are looking to improve upon last year's 2-19 mark.

►Eagles striving to improve boys basketball product from grade school to prep level

By David Troppens

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When Anthony Wright looks at Linden High School's banner for championship basketball teams, he gets a bit bothered by the experience.

The Eagles haven't won a Metro League crown since the 1995-96 season and haven't captured any postseason glory since winning a regional title in 1998.

Since then, only Fenton and Lapeer West have captured district crowns, but when it comes to Metro League titles, six other schools have won conference championships. The two others that haven't — Clio and Kearsley — are the league's most recent additions and have actually played Metro contests for a handful of seasons. That fact bothers the second-year coach. And he realizes there's only one way to change it.

"We need to change the culture," Wright said.

"We have the oldest most recent banner up on the wall in our gym (compared to the other Metro schools). We haven't hung a banner since 1998 and everyone else has hung some since then. That is the goal moving forward the next three to four years. We need to change the culture of the entire program. That is the big step we need to take right now."

Wright sees some of that change tak-

ing place from the fourth grade right up to the current squad. JV coach Jason Lund took a group of several elementary players to six 3-on-3 Gus Macker tournaments last summer. While competing, the players — a mixture of Blake Lund, Eli Beil, Mikey Cemezar, Gavin Shepherd and Reichen Lund — captured four titles.

"That was a blast," Wright said. "They went to all these towns and beat other teams from other cities in these towns."

"For them though, basketball is their thing they do and that's what we need. A lot more kids are starting to take it seriously."

That same mindset is starting to sneak into the high school program as well. More kids that are considered basketball players first before most other athletic events are sneaking up the ranks. And it should eventually make Wright's job easier. However, it might take at least a couple of years before Wright's dream of another league or district crown is earned since the varsity team remains young.

The only two senior players returning from last year's 2-19 squad are Collin Hoeberling and Travis Rinks. Hoeberling plays at the point and should help set up the offense. Rinks should play at guard as well.

"He's gotten better by a leadership perspective," Wright said about Hoe-

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Linden's Benford named GAM's Women's Senior Player of the Year

By David Troppens

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If one is looking for Michigan's top amateur senior golfer, Donna Benford would have to be in the argument.

In fact, over the last couple of years, the Linden resident has proven to be just that according to the Game Association of Michigan's (GAM) Senior Women Player of the Year award.

Benford won the honor by earning the most points during the 2013 season, collecting 405 season points, 25 more than second-place Julie Massa of Holt. It marked the second straight year Benford has won the honor, earning it with 403 points in 2012 and beating out runner-up Susan Nathan by 213 points. In 2011 and 2010, Benford finished third in the standings.

Benford said fellow Linden resident, recent Michigan Hall of Fame inductee and good friend Fritz Balmer told her she won.

"I was very pleased," Benford said. "I knew I was close, but I didn't want to count on it until it was for sure. This year no one won more than one tournament, so it was a race for the rest of the points."

Benford's biggest event of the season was repeating as winner of GAM's Senior Women's Championship for a second consecutive season. Her 73-69-138 at The Pines in Gaylord earned her the title by a whopping eight strokes. The score was a career low for Benford.

Benford also took third at the GAM Tournament of Senior Championship and made it to the semifinals of the Michigan Women's Senior Amateur (a match-play event).



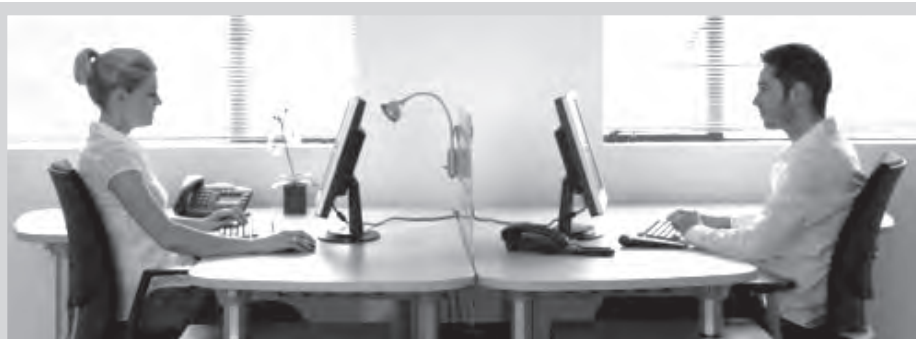
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Linden's Donna Benford was recently named GAM's Senior Women Player of the Year.

Benford, a long-time member of Spring Meadows Country Club and the women's champion there many times over, has always been a strong golfer, but her GAM success has been notably stronger since the start of the 2012 season.

"I am not sure why now and not before," Benford said. "Maybe all the lessons are finally paying off. I keep going back to the swing thoughts and practice drills from Paul Haas at Miles and Golf, which has helped me tremendously keeping the drives in the fairways. When I can do that, the rest comes easy."

The men's senior GAM player of the year was Grand Blanc's Greg Reynolds, a past member of Spring Meadows Country Club.



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inside the Metro League, but ended up finishing their conference season with a perfect record. They came darn close to making it a perfect regular season, losing only one contest during it.

Linden then entered the post-season ranked second in Division 2 in the state, and proved why they were that high by winning a district crown. The Eagles beat their area rivals, Fenton, for a third time in the regional semifinals, earning a spot in the regional title game. Unfortunately for Linden, their postseason tourney run ended in the regional finals against the eventual state championship squad, East Lansing.

No. 3 - Fenton girls golf: We'll be the first to admit that we didn't think the Tigers would hold their No. 3 spot through the rest of the fall after their season ended, but they did

just that. They dominated Metro action, capturing the league crown. The Tigers followed that success by taking second at regionals and by capturing fifth at the state meet. Samantha Moss established herself as one of the elite golfers in the entire state of Michigan. Last year, the squad finished second in this poll.

No. 2 - Linden boys cross country: The Eagles are the only team within the Elite Eight not to win a league championship, yet they are the No. 2 team of the fall? Can that be right? It certainly is. The Eagles saw Holly break its run of six straight Metro crowns by pushing Linden to second. However, once Linden was at the D2 level in the postseason, they really showed their muscle. The Eagles captured another regional title and followed that up by placing fourth at the state meet.

The Eagles were last year's No. 1 team of the fall. I think

Linden has established itself as truly the best team in the tri-county including all seasons.

No. 1 - Linden girls cross country: Last year's No. 4 squad had a nice team coming back. But there were some questions that had to be answered. And when the Eagles filled those concerns with strong runners, Linden was up and coming. No one came close to catching them in league action, as the Eagles earned the top spot in all three league jamborees/meets.

Once the postseason began the Eagles continued to push forward, capturing a regional crown and then placing fourth at the state meet, the highest finish in school history. Figuring out who deserved No. 1 between the two Linden cross country teams would've been tough but for one thing — the girls won their league title. That gave the Linden girls the edge, earning them their first spot atop the final Tri-County Elite Eight poll of all time.



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Linden's (from left) Savannah Ferrara, Briana Holscher and Sydney Elmer (443) were three members of the Eagles' cross country team which earned the No. 1 spot in our Fall Elite Eight Poll.

WRIGHT

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berling. "He's a good teammate. He's talking more, which helps out a lot."

Others who should help make up the starting lineup are Austin Buerkel, Kyle Korman and Corey Green. Buerkel missed all of last year with an ACL injury, but should be a big help with the guards. Korman was a sophomore starter a year ago, and represents most of Linden's size. At 6-foot-3, 220 pounds, the Eagles don't have many other size options. One other option should end up being Mike Gold, who is about the same height.

"He started every game last year except senior night because he was a sophomore," Wright said about Korman. "He does a great job. Defensively, he's a big body. He's grown a lot individually as a person, not just on the court, but in life in general."

Finally, Green should see ample time as a guard. Green began on the varsity last year, so he has varsity experience. And he's one of the gym rats that Wright loves seeing on the team.

"He's grown a lot as well," Wright said. "He's probably in the gym more than anyone else. He's always doing drills with the young kids. The fourth- and fifth-graders come to the gym and he'll be there with as well."

Others who should see some serious time include Kevin Hoeberling and Brady Sarkon.

Wright wants to start with some realistic first steps during his second year, namely competing for a .500 record.

"The goal is to get to .500," Wright said. "I am not sure the last time Linden was .500, so that's going to be a great goal. Also, changing the entire culture is going to be big."

Linden opens action at Lapeer East on Tuesday.

SMITH

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with 2:26 left in the half. Lake Fenton led 23-14. The second one came at 25-16 with 7:10 left in the third quarter on a Sahouri layup. However, with each large lead, the Eagles fought back. Linden cut the gap to 25-23 on a putback hoop by Brianna Holscher with 5:09 left in the third, only to see Lake Fenton raise the gap to 31-23 with a six-point run. It was capped by Sahouri's assist on Autumn Bearsley's layup.

Linden still trailed 40-34 after a three-pointer by Quick with 4:30 left, but Lake Fenton started making its charge. Smith led that charge with a layup and three converted free throws in consecutive possessions, tying the score at 41-all with 2:01 left in regulation. The Eagles took their first lead since the first quarter at 45-43 on an eight-foot jumper by Smith. Lake Fenton's Kim Roe cut the gap to 45-44 with a converted free throw, but Smith assisted Rachael Starrs' layup with 45 seconds left, raising the gap back to 47-44. Lake Fenton failed to score on any of its last four possessions, eventually losing the contest.

Smith also had eight rebounds and five steals, leading Linden. Holscher finished with nine points and nine rebounds and four steals. Logie had eight rebounds and three steals, while Elmer had six steals.

"I think we work together and have heart on this team," Smith said. "We are talking a lot more and we are working as a team more than we were before, so that was good."

Sahouri went out of the game with just under five minutes left, maybe helping account for Linden's charge. She did return late. She scored most of her 18 points due to attacking the lane with drives.

"The coach (first-year coach Dan Schloegl) yelled at me for kicking it out a lot, so I had to get in a mindset to just drive it," Sahouri said. "We all get along well. We are all close. We are like a family."

Newman added nine points, three assists, three steals and three rebounds, while Fuller had a team-high five rebounds.

"It was a fun game," Schloegl said. "It was a tough one to lose. You lead the whole game and let it slip away the last minute."

"They played with a lot of heart. If we keep playing that hard, we'll do fine."



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Lake Fenton's Ashton Fuller (left) fights to keep possession of the ball against Linden's Madison Polen during the Eagles' 48-44 victory against the Blue Devils on Monday.

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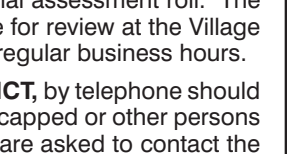
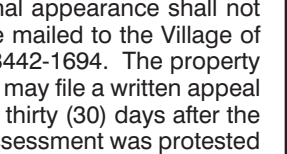
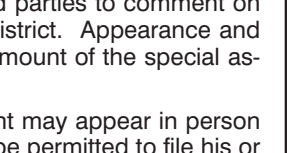
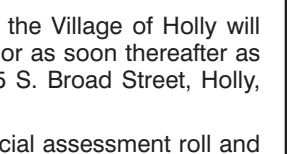
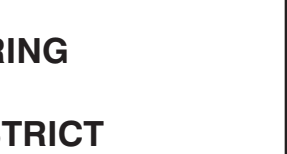
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jerome R. Dasky, a Married Man and Michele L. Dasky, His Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2005 and recorded October 13, 2005 in Instrument # 200510130099436 Genesee County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: EverBank, by assignment dated July 11, 2013 and recorded September 5, 2013 in Instrument # 201309050100493 and corrected by affidavit dated October 11, 2013 and recorded October 22, 2013 in Instrument # 201310220110562 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$ 166,782.64) including interest 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on December 18, 2013 Said premises are situated in Township of Montrose, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel C: Part of the Northwest fractional one-quarter of Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 5 East, Montrose Township, Genesee County, Michigan, described as beginning South 00 degrees 31 minutes 03 seconds West 2243.54 feet, and South 75 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East 1545.09 feet, from the Northwest corner of said Section 10; thence continuing South 75 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East along the centerline of McKinley Road 170.02 feet; thence North 13 degrees 20 minutes 38 seconds East 301.89 feet to the Southerly line of Consumers Energy Company property as surveyed by Brewer Engineering dated May-June 1968; thence North 81 degrees 38 minutes 09 seconds West along the Southerly line 170.64 feet; thence South 13 degrees 20 minutes 38 seconds West 284.36 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 13292 McKinley Rd, Montrose MI 48457 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 11/20/2013 EverBank Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-88691 Ad #63467 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11/2013

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Community Development Block Grant Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Holly will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on December 17, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Village of Holly Council Chambers located at 315 S. Broad Street, Holly, MI 48442 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2014 application in the approximate amount of \$21,876 to fund eligible projects.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the Village of Holly Municipal Offices located at 202 S. Saginaw, Holly, MI 48442 until December 17, 2013 at 5:30 pm.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact the Cathy Behrens, Clerk/Treasurer at 248-634.9571 for special services.

Cathrene A. Behrens
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HOLLY MILL POND

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Village Council of the Village of Holly will hold a public hearing on December 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Village Council Chambers located at 315 S. Broad Street, Holly, Michigan.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING is to confirm the special assessment roll and provide an opportunity for property owners and interested parties to comment on and/or protest the Holly Mill Pond Special Assessment District. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal.

AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. Comments and/or protest by mail should be mailed to the Village of Holly Clerk-Treasurer, 202 S. Saginaw Street, Holly, MI 48442-1694. The property owner or any person having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if the special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll. The special assessment roll and related materials are available for review at the Village Offices located at 202 S. Saginaw Street, Holly, MI during regular business hours.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, by telephone should be directed to the Village Offices at (248) 634-9571. Handicapped or other persons needing assistance to attend or participate in the hearing are asked to contact the Village Office 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Cathrene A. Behrens
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Holly

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Lawrence Stephen Laszko 1942-2013

Lawrence Stephen Laszko
- age 71, of Linden died



Wednesday, November 27, 2013. Services will be held 1 PM Friday, December

6, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Visitation will be held 12-1 PM Friday. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the American Lung Association. Mr. Laszko was born March 29, 1942 in Detroit, the son of Stanley and Stella (Pazcak) Laszko. Lawrence served in the U.S. Air Force in the 551st Strategic Missile Squadron. He worked at Consumers Energy for 33 years starting as a meter reader and working many years training service workers. He loved photography. He also played golf and enjoyed travel. Mr. Laszko is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, James (Roberta) Laszko, David Laszko; step-children, Edith Wagner (David Forde), Robert Wildman; grandchildren, Sara Wagner, Justin Laszko, Dennis Hayden, Brandi Webb, Billy Jo Looney; brothers and sisters, Robert (Jeanne) Laszko, Christine Wallace, Michael Laszko; many nieces and nephews; best friend, Carl (Carol) Julius. He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Stephen. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Barbara Ann Krause

1937-2013

Barbara Ann Krause - age 76, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2013. Born in Detroit on January 30, 1937, she was the daughter of Bruno A. and Genevieve A. (Cendrowski) Strzelawicz. Barbara was a resident of Hartland and Fenton since 1970. She was a 1954 graduate of the Felician Academy in Detroit and graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Mercy College Detroit in 1958. Barbara worked in public health nursing in Detroit and also Genesee County public health from which she retired in 2002. She was a devout Catholic and member of St. John Catholic Church in Fenton where she served as a Eucharistic minister. Beloved wife of the late Thomas S. Krause (May 22, 1982) whom she had married on November 26, 1959 in Detroit. Loving mother of Tom Krause of Traverse City, Steve (Beth) Krause of Fenton, Dave (Shari) Krause of Jefferson, OH and Todd (Mary) Krause of Hartland. Proud and loving grandmother of 13 grandchildren, Kara (Garret), Alexis, Sidney, Kendal, Grant, Amanda, Tommy, Kelsey, Tedd, Alex, Trent, Ryan and Noah; great-grandsons, Andersen, J.R. and Bransen. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bruno and Genevieve and brother, Bruno. Visitation Wednesday, 6-8 PM at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). The funeral Mass will be held Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 11 AM (in state at church 10 AM) at St. John Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Interment to follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Howell. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Cloistered Dominican Nuns. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.

Loretta Elaine Harmon

1924-2013

Loretta Elaine Harmon - age 89, of Fenton, died Friday, November 29, 2013 at Argentine Care Center. Funeral service will be



held 11 AM Thursday, December 5, 2013, at Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor David Lenieke officiating. Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. An O.E.S. #175 Linden Chapter Service will be held at 7 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to Boy Scouts of America or Order of Eastern Stars #175 Linden Chapter. Loretta was born November 28, 1924 in Waldenburg, AR, the daughter of Donald Jack and Opal (Tapp) Moore. She was a graduate of Utley High School in Flint Township. Loretta married Carl Harmon on November 6, 1943 in Flint and he preceded her in death on July 18, 2012 after 68 years of marriage. She was a past Matron of Linden O.E.S. #175, Girl Scout leader, and Den Mother. Loretta enjoyed painting, sewing, quilting, making crafts, and decorated cakes for many years. Loretta enjoyed traveling with her husband Carl in their motor home around the country. She is survived by her children, Thomas (Karen) Harmon of St. Helen, Larry (Debby) Harmon of Hendersonville, NC, Joanne (Keith) Purzycki of Fenton; six grandchildren, Scott (Shelby) Harmon, Amanda (Aaron) Cooley, Steven Harmon, Erin Purzycki, Matthew Harmon, Chad Purzycki; great-grandchildren, Tristan Harmon and Lila Jane Cooley. She also leaves behind her niece, Janie Corneliussen from Ocala, FL and several cousins and grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Carl, and brother Donald "Jockey" Moore. Online tributes can be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Frederick A. Brower

1937-2013

Frederick A. Brower - age 75, of Fenton, passed away on November 27, 2013. He is the beloved husband of the late Marilyn for



43 years. Dear father of Dennis (Melissa) Brower and Rebecca (Mark Abbee) Dick. Step-father of Clarence Dear, Cindy Brodie, Juanita (Tom) Nemecek and Dwight Dear. Grandpa of several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Brother of Rebecca, JoAnn and Bill. Fred also leaves nieces, nephews and many dear friends. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, 11 AM at Fenton United Methodist Church, Reverend Bill Donahue officiating. Friends may visit on Monday 3-8 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Contributions may be made to his family c/o Rebecca Dick. Fred was a member of the Fenton United Methodist Church and was a janitor there in his younger years. He was a Fenton Public School Crossing Guard for almost 20 years until he recently became ill. He was a Golden Eagle and member of the Loose Senior Center. Fred was very well known for his helping hand, as he prepared macaroni salad for the VFW hall on fish fry Friday's, bagged apple pies year after year for St. John's Applefest, poured beer at the Genesee County fair beer tent, assisted at most elections, and was the cook for Coney night at the Fenton Eagles Hall. He was on the church bowling league, played horse shoes and was on the pool league at the Eagles Club for several years. He loved to go camping, fishing, hunting and ride motorcycles. The Fenton community will miss such an amazing man who truly made a difference in the lives of so many. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Larry John Makimaa

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Larry John Makimaa - born November 19, 1945, passed away Thanksgiving Day November 28, 2013 in Naples, Florida, after a long and



courageous journey with cancer and illness. He was surrounded by family and close friends. Larry was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend, businessman and community leader. He is survived by his wife of 45 years Lynne Makimaa and adult children Kelly (husband Steve), Brad (wife Renee) and Holly - as well as his sister Violet. Larry leaves behind 4 grandchildren who were the absolute light of his life in his last years. He has numerous nieces and nephews who he adored and loved to spend time with throughout his life. Larry was a business owner in the Flint area for over 30 years and was an active member of multiple community organizations in Michigan throughout his life. He volunteered in numerous ways to support activities at Lake Fenton High school where his children went to school and at St. John's Parish in Fenton where his family attended church. In Florida, Larry was an active member of the golf community. A multi-talented athlete, Larry passed on his love of sports to many through coaching youth, mentoring young athletes and enjoying every sporting event possible with friends and family. He was known for creating golfing events, tailgating parties, charity fundraisers and opportunities for people to come together throughout his life to celebrate. Anyone who knew him would say he was a passionate man who lived life large with determination or Finnish "Sisu." Larry was raised in the Upper Peninsula in Ontonagon and was a small town man at heart who believed in giving back to one's community whether it was in Fenton, Michigan, or Naples, Florida, or wherever he visited. Larry was known for making friends wherever he went. He was joking with and expressing appreciation to the nursing staff that cared for him up to the last minutes of his life. He did not want people to be sad but rather to live life fully appreciating the gift that life is and the people who are part of it. Larry used his gifts and talents to mentor and help others wherever he could. When thanked for the good he offered, his clear response was just "pay it forward" to others. So, in lieu of flowers, his request was for all his family and friends to use their talents, resources and gifts to pay it forward to others in need that they may rise to be their best in life.

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