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“For the people who don’t appreciate the holiday decorations around town, we just moved to Fenton from a few blocks outside of Detroit and there weren’t any decorations around our old neighborhood at all. Please don’t take for granted what is beautiful to those new to the area.”

POLITICS
“Nelson Mandela united a divided country; Obama divided a united country.”

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Fenton school officials mull bond proposal

By William Axford
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Fenton — The Fenton Board of Education held a special meeting Monday to discuss the possible passage of another bond. Updates to technology, new buses, additional security measures

and new infrastructure were discussed between the board and Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen.
The school board attempted twice last year to pass bonds to cover similar needs, asking for a \$9.6 million bond last May

“In general, the funding has gone down and the costs have gone up.”
Doug Busch
Director of finance for Fenton schools

and an \$8.4 million bond in November. Both bonds were voted down by the public.
Jalkanen discussed a three-series bond that would start at 2014, 2018 and 2022 to cover the district needs. Jalkanen said in order to remain competitive and a

top school, technology for students and staff has to be updated.
“The needs and requirements of students today are vastly different than the needs and skills required 50 years ago,” Jalkanen said.
See BOND on 8

Jinglefest warms the heart

► **Parade, fireworks, Santa Claus, 5K run bring the crowds**

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Fenton — The roaring fireworks drew applause from the crowds while the warmth and Santa Claus drew them into the community center afterward.
Festive revelers came out to support the annual Christmas tradition of Jinglefest in downtown Fenton this past weekend. Activities were preceded by the popular Jingle Jog 5K Run/Walk. Adding to the atmosphere were ice
See JINGLEFEST on 11



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Spectators in front of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center reach for falling ashes during the Jinglefest 2013 fireworks display Saturday night. Downtown was packed, despite the sharp chill in the air.

Big Three see big sales in November



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David and Karen Scott (right) of Ann Arbor laugh with sales associate Ken Moore of Hall Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram of Fenton while visiting the dealership earlier this year. Chrysler, as a whole, had double-digit gains in 2013.

► **Deep discounts, improving economy believed to be reason for sales increase**

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The auto industry has seen another positive year with numerous reports and local dealers confirming more sales in 2013 than in 2012. November was particularly strong for the Big Three as Reuters reports the car companies selling 16.41 million vehicles, the most vehicles sold since February 2007.
New deals and strong promotions may have been a factor in luring customers to purchase
See BIG THREE on 9

Summary
► GM, Ford and Chrysler all saw big gains in sales last month, with numbers comparable to 2007.

Michigan’s richest and poorest zip codes

► **Fenton, Linden, Holly in the middle, education big factor**

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The Washington Post calls them “Super zips.” These are the richest and most educated zip codes in the U.S. Researchers took average household income and college graduation stats from the 2010 census for each zip code in the U.S. and gave them a ranking from 0 to 100.
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Police&Fire report

EIGHT MICHIGAN VEHICLE DEATHS OVER THANKSGIVING, FOUR RELATED TO ALCOHOL

On Tuesday the Michigan State Police (MSP) announced that eight people lost their lives in eight separate traffic crashes over the Thanksgiving weekend, compared to nine in 2012. Of the eight, alcohol is believed to be a factor in four, and two were believed to have used restraints. The 2013 Thanksgiving holiday weekend ran from 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013. The MSP continues to urge motorists not to drink and drive, to always use proper restraints and to drive safely," said Capt. Kari Kusmierz, commander of the MSP Training Division.

MAN STEALS DRILL

At 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, Fenton police responded to a retail store in the 3200 block of Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. An employee told police she saw a white male, in his mid-20s, about 6-feet tall, 160 pounds, wearing a black coat, stocking hat and blue jeans select a \$169 DeWalt cordless drill. She observed the man exit

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A boy wanders among the Christmas trees in downtown Linden on Saturday before the Holiday Happening parade.

Linden, Holly celebrate Christmas

►Downtowns abuzz with parades, activities, actors

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Linden and Holly got into the Christmas spirit this past weekend, with Linden celebrating Holiday Happening and Holly performing the Dickens Festival.

Linden

On Friday, Linden residents enjoyed rides in a horse-drawn carriage while the Masonic Lodge sold pasties. A lighting of the lights was held at the gazebo as well. On Saturday, residents had the chance to have breakfast with Santa at Hyatt Elementary School. The Holiday Happening Parade also occurred downtown, featuring Santa Claus, the Linden police and fire department and City Manager Paul Zelenak dressed as Elmo.

The events for Holiday Happening concluded last weekend.

Holly

In Holly, carolers dressed in clothing from the early 1800s sang Christmas carols. A live nativity scene was also held downtown. This Saturday and Sunday are the last days for the Dickens Festival, which start at 2 p.m. each day.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

Bell ringers perform Sunday night in downtown Holly as part of the Dickens Festival.

Holiday etiquette 101

►What to do in certain social situations that take the 'Merry' out of Christmas

By Sally Rummel

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We all know that the Christmas season is supposed to be merry and the Holidays should most certainly be happy. But once in awhile, tricky social situations get in the way of our seasonal merriment.

Perhaps your father and uncle get into a heated political debate every year during Christmas dinner, and everyone gets a little uncomfortable. Or maybe you've been caught a few times as the recipient of a gift, when you haven't planned on gifting that person in return.

Here are a few common scenarios that you might experience during your upcoming holiday celebrations, and how an etiquette expert might suggest handling them.

SCENARIO #1

You receive a really thoughtful gift from a friend, but you have nothing to give her in return. How do you handle this?

Don't panic. She bought you a present because she wanted to, not because of any obligation. You can thank her warmly and leave it at that. If you decide you want to reciprocate and get her something at an appropriate time, that's fine, too. You can always say something like, "I'm sorry, I seem to be right down to the wire with all

See ETIQUETTE on 10

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Mandela's gift:

A model of leadership

At a time of bitterly divided politics in our country, the passing of Nelson Mandela offers us a valuable reminder of how great leaders can bridge great divides.

There was little doubt that Mandela was the republic's most popular and unifying black leader, even as he was serving a life imprisonment sentence for plotting to overthrow the country's white-minority regime. The country's white population, vastly outnumbered by nonwhites, understandably was haunted by nightmarish 'bloodbath' visions of racial retribution.

They weren't alone. Many nonwhites — divided by tribal ethnicities or by the apartheid system's bureaucratic designations 'black,' 'colored' (mixed race) and 'Asian' — also were apprehensive of interethnic rivalries as ancient as the Zulu, Xhosa and other tribal factions.

By then, Mandela had been kept out of touch with his public for so long that many wondered whether he would be able to take charge even of his own ANC, which, according to various reports and rumors, had fallen into divisions and disarray. Could he live up to his own eloquent promises of democratic rule and racial equality?

Credit goes to two qualities that gave Mandela the tools he needed to make history: his education and his deep faith as a lawyer in the rule of law. He rose from village life to be the only black law student in his class at the University of Witwatersrand, the nation's top university and a launching pad for his later activism.

Even under the daily oppression of the apartheid system of racial segregation, he saw in the law a valuable tool for both change and stability, depending on how you used it, and he used it to build a new South Africa.

Unfortunately, controversies surrounding his successors, such as South Africa's current president Jacob Zuma, sometimes fall short of Mandela's ideal. Yet his legacy set a high standard by which others will be measured in South Africa — and the rest of the world.

'What made Nelson Mandela great was precisely what made him human,' Zuma said in a speech. 'We saw in him what we seek in ourselves.'

Indeed. We also can see in him what we all should seek in our leaders.

I JUST READ the TCT 12-5-13 article, 'School board discusses need for technology.' Idea: Figure out how much each needed computer would cost and have our community people and businesses donate 'a computer.' Their name would be displayed somewhere in the high school. It can be done.

OBAMACARE \$600 COMPUTER — failure, cast aside capitalism — failure, gas prices up 100 percent — failure, food stamps up 35 percent — failure, long-term unemployment up 146 percent — failure, deny Benghazi attack — failure, \$21 billion lost from auto bailout — failure, Solyndra loan \$535 million loss — failure, decimated military — failure, continued brainwashing of Democrats — SUCCESS! Conservatives not happy — you bet! Hurry up 2016.

COME ON PEOPLE, liberal, conservative, whatever! Everyone is so hateful. Honestly, no one cares what you have to say. It's Christmas, why can't we be caring and kind? I say stop giving the haters what they want and boycott political Hot lines!

HEAR AND SEE Lake Fenton band students playing holiday music at Barnes and Noble in Flint's Genesee Valley Mall on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. as a Music Boosters fundraiser. Go Blue Devils.

I'VE NEVER HELD art in high regard but if you can find someone to pay millions of dollars for pictures or whatever, hey Detroit, I'd sell it in a heartbeat.

Hot lines

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OBAMA ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO date: fast and furious — he lied, Benghazi — he lied, IRS scandal — he lied, Obamacare — he lied, employment numbers — he lied. His accomplishments: gay marriage, at-will abortions, increased taxes on hard working Americans, increased government spending, increased illegal immigration, back door deals and bribes to unions, etc.

IT IS NO surprise that according to Bloomberg News, lower income workers would not invest in the stock market or business. I believe that only the ones who can afford to lose money are able to invest in the stock market. Regular people need it for food and clothes.

I'LL JUST BET you that even all you dumb liberals that elected Obama are wondering why Biden is running all over the world dealing with world leaders, the answers is so simple even you could figure it out. No, you can't figure it out? I think Obama is kind of tired of them laughing at him, he's so inept. All the leaders in the world giggle at him.

THIS GOES OUT to the TV announcers and celebrities that make millions and talk about it. Take that money and give to the children and there will never be another hungry child in this world. Come on share your wealth, thank you.

I'VE BEEN AROUND a long time and I've seen a lot of things, but I've never seen anything like Obama. I just saw on TV where he's got a \$1.7 trillion something or other per year. I just can't believe it, it just blows my mind how un-functional this man is. I still say he ought to be impeached.

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FROM THE RIGHT

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Detroit's decline

didn't have to happen

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes has ruled that Detroit may seek to protect itself from its creditors under Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy protection, thus making this once proud city the largest municipality in American history to go bust.

The city is \$18 billion in the hole thanks to its debt and long-term liabilities, such as pensions it could not afford and people abandoning the city in droves, which led to an erosion of the tax base.

It didn't have to be like this. There were signs of Detroit's decline that began as early as the 1950s, but politicians don't like telling voters 'no' when it comes to government freebies and benefits. They want the votes.

Last September, the Detroit Free Press printed an extensive analysis of the city's financial history over the past 60 years. It found that instead of making difficult economic and political decisions, Detroit's leaders engaged in a billion-dollar borrowing binge and failed to cut expenses when they needed to.

Most of the recent mayors of Detroit have been Democrats. Some have gone to jail on corruption charges, but they don't get the same level of attention from the national media as they might have had they been Republicans. Stirring the political pot to avoid perpetual one-party rule would have been a good way to reduce corruption and the problems Detroit has experienced under Democrats.

Washington, D.C., which has had only Democratic mayors and a majority Democratic city council since the 1960s, is another city with several corrupt politicians. As in Detroit, Washington, D.C.'s policies appear to have ensured a permanent underclass Democrats can count on for votes, as long as government handouts keep coming.

There is a grand lesson here not only for other urban cities faced with similar problems, but for states and especially the federal government that don't want to deny anyone anything, especially in an election year. The lesson is an obvious one, buried deep in our Puritan ethos: You can't spend more than you take in, as though tomorrow will never come.

If you do, your tomorrow might just look a lot like Detroit's.

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Compiled by William Axford, staff reporter

Have you ever re-gifted something?

streettalk



"No. Give it to Goodwill or donate it somewhere else if you don't want your present."

— Julia Sbastedo
Gaines Township



"Yes but I don't remember what it was. I felt really bad."

— Patricia Gauthier
Fenton



"I want to say I have but I can't think of anything specific, so I'm going to say 'no.'"

— Terrie Paulson
Holly



"No, I just wouldn't do that. I'd probably donate it to a charity if I didn't want it."

— Patty Armstrong
Fenton



"Yes, I've done many over the years. The most recent was probably a sweater."

— Pat Manion
Fenton



"Maybe years ago but not recently."

— Ted Medline
Grand Blanc

'Run Like the Dickens' to race through Holly this weekend

►Weatherman predicting cold temps and snowy conditions for famous race

By Amy Mayhew

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With the weatherman predicting a high of 28 degrees Fahrenheit and a 40 percent chance of snow, participants in this year's "Run Like the Dickens," a 5K-10K Run/Walk throughout the historical streets of Holly, might be in for a more chilling run than normal this year.

Winding through festively decorated Holly this Saturday, Dec. 14, racers can participate in a 5K or 10K run or a 5K walk, while little racers can later take part in the annual Tiny Tim Trot. Tiny Tim trotters will have the choice of running a brisk quarter, half or full mile race around the track of the Karl Richter Intermediate School.

Pre-registration fee for the race is \$28 per racer, which includes a Coolmax shirt. Runners who failed to register before Dec. 1 will pay \$35 per runner to race, which includes the shirt. Families with three members or more can receive a discount if all participants share the same address. The family discount price is \$25 per person and includes the shirts, subject to availability.

Tiny Tim Trot racers can register for \$10. The price includes a medal and a long sleeved "Run Like the Dickens" shirt.

Hot food and homemade treats provided by the Villager Restaurant will be available before and after the race. Prizes will be awarded for all age brackets in all race categories.

For more information, visit www.runlikethedickens.com or contact Race Coordinator, Rob Basydlo at (248) 328-

3200, extension 5279. All proceeds from the event go to the Holly Area Schools Track and Field program.

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Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. sharp, Karl Richter Campus (KRC) gymnasium, 920 Baird St., Holly.

Running and Walker Events start in front of Holly Middle School on the Karl Richter Campus.

5K Run starts at 9 a.m.

10K Run starts at 9:01 a.m.

5 K Walk starts at 9:05 a.m.

The Tiny Tim Trot starts at 10:50 a.m. on the track behind Holly Middle School.



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Every year "Run Like the Dickens" brings nearly 2,000 runners into the village of Holly for the family-oriented, yuletide run.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO ALL THE fast-food workers out there that think they're worth \$15 an hour — if you don't like your job, quit. There are 50 people in line to take it from you.

WHEN ARE PEOPLE going to start raking their leaves? We're in December now and nobody is raking their leaves, particularly my neighbors. They're blowing all over my clean lawn.

SHAME ON YOU for closing down the FARR store. They take care of so many in our community. With so many in need, how could you do this? Those who are responsible for this should be named so we know whom you are next election. Big mistake!

LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS is throwing away 200 boxes of books bought by taxpayers for having 'dark imagery' or being 'too sad.' LF will not donate the books to the needy. Children are not allowed to read classics and will not have access to them. 'Marley and Me' is too sad.

KUDOS TO THE Fenton Post Office clerk who is not afraid of being politically incorrect and wishes each customer a Merry Christmas before they leave!

FENTON CONEY LOOKS beautiful — wish all the stores in Fenton would decorate like they do. It really puts you in the Christmas spirit — Merry Christmas to all.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IMAGINATION HAS BEEN lost in Fenton. All 'Holiday Trees' out on Owen Road and all snowflakes up LeRoy Street. Who thought that up?

■■■■
WE WOULD LIKE to thank the couple that was sitting near the fireplace at Lucky's that bought our dinner a couple weeks ago. You showed the true spirit of Thanksgiving and you can be sure that we will pass it on. May you have a blessed Christmas Holiday.

■■■■
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM political commentary or complaints in the Hot line during the holiday season. Merry Christmas.

■■■■
THE BUFFALO WILD Wings Bowl? Kansas State should be a great match-up for the Wolverines.

■■■■
A STORY ON Fox News said scientists proved caffeine shortens ends of DNA and that shortens your life. Also, wine lengthens DNA strands, lengthening your life. The show's host says coffee drinkers look a lot healthier than 'beer' drinkers. A life's lesson. Listen before you speak.

■■■■
MY MOTHER DIED 30 years ago from a form of Leukemia that is now almost 100-percent curable thanks to research. Advances in labs take a long time to get to the public. Mostly because lawyers and corporations patenting genes and drugs. Our medical system puts profit over people.

■■■■
I AM UPSET to hear that FARR in Fenton is closing. What is Fenton thinking by saying there is no need for them. I guess they need to look at the big picture of people in need. It's a non-profit organization. They help — not profit.

News **briefs****City raises sewer rates, lowers capital fee**

On Monday, Fenton City Council voted unanimously on two resolutions, one lowering the capital fee from \$40 to \$30 for sewer customers, and the other raising the sewer rates for all users. The change will show up on the January 2014 bill, and will equate to an average quarterly increase of \$5.67 per metered user. The reduced capital fee will offset about 60 percent of the increase for most users. The sewer rates were increased because of an increase from the Genesee County Drain Commission. Fenton, Fenton Township, and Linden all use the same sanitary sewer plant, and are getting the same rate hikes, which come every five years or so. Fenton was able to partially reduce the impact on residents by lowering a fee it controls — the capital fee. This increase was previously discussed at the last work session.

City Council to be paid for four more meetings

The compensation committee made the recommendation that Fenton City Council and mayor's pay per meeting should stay at \$69 per meeting — but decided they should be allowed to claim 40 meetings a year instead of 36. Councilman Bradley Jacob said it's easy for council members and the mayor to attend 100 meetings per year, with the various committees each member is on, some of which are not directly related to city business. The

increase is only for joint meetings with city entities, like the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and special meetings.

Fenton City accepts tax-reverted properties

The city has received 10 pieces of property, which failed to sell at the Genesee County tax sale. These properties reverted to the county after tax payments were not made. After they didn't sell, ownership went back to the city, unless Fenton City Council objects, which it didn't. These 10 properties are located on Caroline and Granger streets, and Jennings and North roads. The city will likely rehabilitate the properties and sell them. Councilwoman Cheryl King expressed regret for the owners who lost properties, but said she was in favor of returning the mostly vacant land to the tax rolls.

Photographer readies his home/studio for the TV camera

Photographer Gavin Smith knows all about the term "camera ready." He just didn't know how quickly that would apply to his renovation project of the old Linden Fire Hall into his own photography studio and loft apartment. Two weeks ago, he received a phone call from the producers of HGTV's reality show, "You Live in What?" that quickened his pace in refurbishing one of Linden's oldest buildings. The show will be bringing a camera crew to Smith's studio/home this Thursday, Dec. 12 to film an episode of the show. Smith has spent the last year retrofitting the old building with early 1900s firefighting equipment, making a statement in this historic studio. His photography of professional athletes, as well as doors off the MGM Grand Casino in Detroit, to stained glass and glass doors in the garage also caught the attention of HGTV producers. The episode featuring Smith's Linden home in HGTV's "You Live in What?" will air next year.

Linden meeting times scheduled

Linden City Council has set meeting schedules for city boards. The city council will continue to meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m., except for Memorial Day and Christmas. The planning commission will meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The zoning board will meet the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7 p.m. The historic committee will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. and the downtown development authority will meet the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. All meetings will be held at the council chambers, located at 201 North Bridge Street.

Changes to sign permits in Linden

Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak said the city is attempting to make the process for reviewing sign permits easier for businesses. Signs will now be reviewed by only the planning commission sign committee instead of both the sign committee and the historic district commission. A sign permit now costs \$50 and a temporary sign permit costs \$25.

Linden City offices to close for holidays

The Linden City offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25, as well as Jan. 1, 2014. Linden City Council will not meet Dec. 23, the third Monday of the month.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

judge**SUMMARY DISPOSITION IN CIVIL CASES**

Generally speaking, the trial courts in Michigan handle two types of cases — civil and criminal.

Today I will focus on what often happens in a civil case after a civil damages complaint is filed, a corresponding answer is then filed and before the case actually goes to trial. Specifically I am referring to what is called in the law a Motion for Summary Disposition.

In our Michigan courts, we have many court rules among which is a rule that allows for a civil plaintiff or defendant to file a motion with the court before the trial requesting either a dismissal of the plaintiff's complaint or to enter a judgment against the defendant.

Our court rule on this is Michigan Court Rule 2.116 and allows for the filing of a motion based on one or more of the following grounds:

1. The court lacks jurisdiction over the person or property.
2. The process issued in the action was insufficient.
3. The service process was insufficient.
4. The court lacks jurisdiction of the subject matter.
5. The party asserting the claim lacks the legal capacity to sue.
6. Another action has been initiated between the same parties involving the same claim.
7. The claim is barred because of release, payment, prior judgment, immunity granted by law, statute of limitations, statute of frauds, an agreement to arbitrate, infancy or other disability of the moving party, or assignment or other disposition of the claim before commencement of the action.
8. The opposing party has failed to state a claim on which relief can be granted.
9. The opposing party has failed to state a valid defense to the claim asserted against him or her.
10. Except as to the amount of damages, there is no genuine issue as to any material fact, and the moving party is entitled to judgment or partial judgment as a matter of law.

The idea behind this rule is to avoid trials when they are not needed or alternatively, to narrow the issues that are to be presented at trial. The rule has long been considered as an efficient way to promote economy in our system of justice.

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By Sally Rummel

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If your hardcover books and paperbacks are just collecting dust on your bookshelves at home, there may be a better use for them by getting them to someone else who can enjoy them as much as you once did.

One good turn would be to send them to soldiers in military service overseas through www.booksforsoldiers.com. Organizers of this website are devoted to getting books to soldiers who post requests for certain books, and their addresses, allowing you to mail packages directly to them. The packages are actually mailed to military addresses in the U.S. at an affordable rate, and then the military sends them on overseas. A very helpful video is available onsite to help you through the process.

The forum is divided into different branches of military service, so you can peruse through soldier requests from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Soldiers may request different authors or various titles, and their request may be earmarked for a certain holiday and the deadlines for sending books for that holiday. In addition to books, you can also send requested DVDs and games.

Closer to home, your old books can find a new home through donations to

your local library, non-profit group or even medical offices, with permission, of course.

As of this week, the Fenton Winegarten Library is not taking donations for their Friends of the Library Cart Sale, which is already overflowing with books. However, The State Bank Silver Parkway location is accepting donations of books, and all monies raised through donations from customers buying books will go toward the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

“You can bring in your old books and set them up on a table here in the lobby.”

Chris O'Connor
The State Bank on
Silver Parkway

“We’ll have the book sale set up through the end of this year,” said Chris O’Connor, branch manager. “You can bring in your old books and set them up on a table here in the lobby.”

Your used books may also find a new home with avid readers through Lizz’s Used Book Store on North LeRoy St., behind Sagebrush Cantina. For your donation of books, you will receive a discount on any books you buy at Lizz’s.

Other options for your shelves of used books include:

- Setting up a “free books” box in a place where many people gather, such as a laundromat, waiting room, bus stop, etc. Just take a cardboard box and mark it with “Free Books,” but get permission first.
- Have a book swap with friends, each bringing some of their recent favorite reads and sharing them among each other.
- Trade your old books for new books at websites like BookMooch, Green-TextbooksRecycling, PaperbackSwap, TitleTrader, to name a few.

POLICE

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the store without paying for the item. He was seen entering a silver Pontiac Bonneville. Police are following up and attempting to identify the man.

BREAK-IN ON HICKORY STREET

At 9:40 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, a 68-year-old Fenton man reported to Fenton police that sometime between Nov. 1 and Dec. 5, someone entered a barn on his property in the 600 block of Hickory Street and stole his air compressor and five gallons of gas, together valued at \$185. The break-in remains under investigation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

FOSTER CHILD’S WRONG again! The poor did not have free healthcare by virtue of walking into emergency or after-hours clinics. They got billed for this care, couldn’t pay, ruined their credit, didn’t have money to claim bankruptcy, etc. You don’t live in the real world.

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BOND

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"We need to make sure we're able to provide our staff and students with the tools that are necessary to be successful in their lives."

Board member Drew Shapiro said, "I'm not opposed to a bond — I'm opposed to an unreasonable bond. We need to break it down and itemize it and let people vote for what they want. Otherwise, we're going to risk this thing going down again and no one wants to see that happen."

Under current Michigan law, updates to technology and new buses cannot be purchased with monies from a district's Sinking Fund. Cuts to per-pupil funding, possible decline in student enrollment and growing legacy costs for healthcare and pensions have made

Summary

► The Fenton Board of Education discussed a possible bond proposal at Monday's special meeting. No action was taken on any agenda items.

it difficult for the board to include new buses and technology into their budget.

Of the approximate \$30 million budget the district has, Doug Busch, director of finance said roughly 88 percent of it is used for personnel costs. The remaining 12 percent is used for athletics, busing, extracurricular activities and utilities.

"In general, the funding has gone down and the costs have gone up," Busch said.

Board members agreed busing and technology were the most important items to address, bond or no bond. Shapiro pointed out the bond is more than what the board asked for with the two previous bonds.

Vice President Tamara Valley said the board could have asked for a higher bond amount but didn't so that it wouldn't raise the district's current millage rate.

"I don't want the public to think we're asking for the moon and the stars. We could have gotten more but we've chosen to go for a lower rate, if we go for one at all," Valley said.

The special meeting was only a discussion on how to fund possible needs for the district. No action was taken during on any item at the meeting.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

A DEMOCRAT WANTS to have a debate because of 'mindless' Hot line submissions. Fortunately, that debate is set for the 2014 elections. When Obamacare is fully implemented, it won't be the sound of silence. It will be the roar of angry voters eradicating Democrat politicians who passed this abomination.

■■■
I KNOW THAT 54 months of continued job growth is discouraging to Republicans. They say it hasn't been fast enough or the right kind of jobs. Why does a party that says less government and more free market want so much control to do less or even better, nothing?

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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT — \$10 billion losses on the GM loans and thinking this is a success. Does this sound like Detroit? Now the Union members that got their jobs saved can pay back the remaining money owed.

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I THINK IT'S time a few of you Republicooges were visited by a ghost or three. A sip of the milk of human kindness might not be amiss, as well.

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IF THE GOVERNMENT got paid back by GM, then why are they claiming a \$10 billion loss? Oh and where is the truck plant? Not in Flint, where it belongs!

■■■
WHY WOULD I want to discuss President Obama and all of his failures? All Democrats are blinded by his misdeeds. It's the blind leading the blind. Too bad. Let's vote every Democrat out of office and replace them with Independents and Republicans!

■■■
FOR MONTHS, WE'VE been reading Hot lines touting the government didn't lose a dime on the GM bailout. The media now say the U.S. lost \$10.5 billion. Which is it? The wannabe Democrat debater should 'debate' with their Democrat ideologues first, so they can at least get their 'facts' straight.

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I PASS THE city of Fenton fire station every night on my way home from work. The lights are beautiful! Glad to see the clear lights back on the tree in front of the house on Silver Lake Road. Merry Christmas to all.

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FIND NEW ROADS

BIG THREE

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or lease new cars. With an average of \$2,500 in incentives being offered for every vehicle and the shopping frenzy of Black Friday, consumers were swayed to purchase or lease new vehicles.

"The economy has gotten better and the deals are pretty good, better than they have been," said Vic Canever Chevrolet Sales Manager Tom Turner. "Sales have been pretty steady. We had a few months that have been suspect (to lower sales), but for the most part, we've beat everything we did the prior year."

The impact of a strengthening economy and deals on newer cars has led to sales levels the Big Three hasn't experienced in nearly five years.

General Motors sold 212,060 vehicles last month, a 14-percent increase compared to a year ago. Models making up the highest number of sales include Malibu (up 41 percent), Volt (up 26 percent), Cruze (up 39 percent) and the

Camaro (up 14 percent). The Chevrolet Cruze, Equinox and Volt had their best November sales ever in 2013, according to GM's website.

"We feel good about the direction of the economy and our own momentum," said Kurt McNeil, vice president of U.S. sales operation in a press release. "The economy is creating jobs and household wealth. Energy costs are dropping and credit is available and affordable. All of this bodes well for future growth."

Ford sold 190,449 vehicles last month, up 7 percent from last year. Ford Vice President John Felice said in press release that last month was the best November for retail since 2004. "Fusion and Fiesta were particular standouts, setting November records, and Ford trucks maintained their strong

selling pace."

Chrysler sold 142,257 vehicles last month, a 16-percent increase over last year and the best November sales since 2007. Jeep vehicles saw a 30-percent

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ZIP CODES

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Since the 2010 census, information available has been made even easier to use by organizations and media outlets. This ranking system is a recent example that also includes a new interactive map.

These "super zips" are pockets of wealth spread about the U.S. — 650 of these areas that rank above a 95. Michigan has five super zips, and you probably wouldn't be surprised where they are — metro Detroit.

The tri-county area doesn't fare too poorly in rankings. The Fenton area zip code of 48430 scored a 67, with 32 percent graduating from college and an average income of \$63,382.

Linden ranked just below Fenton at 65, with \$63,693 and 29 percent graduating, showing the weight given to the percentage of college graduates in the ranking.

Holly ranked in at 59, with \$65,524 in income and 22 percent college graduation.

Close neighbor Grand Blanc scored a 75, and Hartland scored a 66.

Of the five wealthiest and education-rich zip codes in Michigan, number five is Rochester, which scored a 96, with household average income of \$118,146, with 60 percent of adults graduating from college. For comparison, Los Angeles Calif. scored a 96 as well.

Following is Franklin, Troy and Huntington Woods, with increasing education and income.

The top zip code in Michigan is Novi, with a 98 and \$138,994 in average household income, and 65 percent of adults graduating from college.

Michigan is home to many low-ranking zip codes also, and again, they're

just where you'd think — very rural and urban areas.

Detroit's 48213 zip code scored a 1, with \$23,725, and 6 percent college graduates. This is one of several zip codes just for the city.

Flint's 48505 zip code scored a 1 with similar numbers to the Detroit 48213 zip code.

Nationally, Los Angeles scored a 96, and Washington D.C. scored a 99, with 98 percent college graduates and \$133,889 in income. Rural places like Haysi, Va. scored a 2.

To check it out for yourself, search "National zip code ranking Washington Post," on Google, or click the link on our website.

Local rankings

Fenton

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Income: \$63,082
Education: 32 percent

Linden

Rank: 65
Income: \$63,693
Education: 29 percent

Holly

Rank: 59
Income: \$65,524
Education: 22 percent

Grand Blanc

Rank: 71
Income: \$64,212
Education: 35 percent

Flint (48507)

Rank: 14
Income: \$35,205
Education: 13 percent

Income is average household income and education is percentage of college graduates.

increase while Ram pickup trucks had a 22-percent increase. Chrysler claims to have 44 consecutive months of increased year-over-year sales.

Whether the consumer confidence of November will continue into 2014 remains to be seen. Each car company is rolling out next year's models and hoping the purchases keep going. Turner is optimistic 2014 will be good for car dealers as well.

"Next year will be better too," Turner said, encouraging shoppers to 'buy America.'

Jim Hall, owner of Hall Chrysler Jeep and Dodge in Fenton said sales at his dealership has increased by 19 percent. He attributed the strong sales to new products and expects it to continue next year too.

"We have been selling a lot of Grand Cherokees and we just got the new Jeep Cherokee. We've also been doing a lot of leasing on Chrysler 200s and the Dodge Dart," Hall said. "The economy continues to get better and there's some confidence in the market. It's been a good year."

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- 2. Don't regift just** because you didn't like it. Only give someone a regift if it's something you would have gone to the store and bought for that person anyway.
- 3. The gift should** be unwrapped and rewrapped for the new recipient.
- 4. Avoid situations** where the original gifter and the new recipient's worlds could "collide" and the regift could become an awkward situation.

Source: Mannersmith.com

ETIQUETTE

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my shopping this year. Hopefully, I'll be ready with all my gift-giving by Christmas Eve. "But do realize that reciprocating will likely establish a yearly tradition, so be prepared for that. — *Emily Post Institute*

SCENARIO #2

While sending out invitations for your annual Christmas Open House or party, you accidentally overlook your next-door neighbors. You hear later from a mutual friend that they were offended.

Oops! Let them know this truly wasn't intentional. If you forgot to invite them and would like to do so before the event, call and say, "Boy, we thought it was strange you didn't RSVP. It never occurred to us that we didn't hear from you because you didn't get an invitation from us! Please forgive us for being in holiday-madness move." An invitation to a more intimate gathering at your home should easily smooth over any hurt feelings.

SCENARIO #3

You hear that the boss at your new job likes to give holiday presents, so you give her one.

Then you realize you're the only employee who did.

If you've already presented the gift, don't worry about it. But next year, "do as the Romans do" and simply give her a nice card, or talk with other staffers about getting together as a group and getting her something nice that's not too personal expensive, such as a book or stationery. — *Emily Post Institute*

SCENARIO #4

You really don't want to exchange gifts this year, for financial reasons or because you just don't feel like doing so. Can you opt out of exchanging gifts with family and friends?

In a word, no. You certainly don't need to exchange pricey gifts, like the latest gadget or cookware. But it's poor form to not do any gift-giving at all. Instead, find other ways to give: offer friends a non-monetary gift, such as a night of babysitting. Give nieces and nephews a no-cost "love gift" of an afternoon of sledding and a homemade pizza lunch. Share a special skill, such as a yoga demonstration or give a knitting lesson. Remember: the point of the holidays isn't to drop a lot of cash — it's to make a meaningful

gesture, and that doesn't cost a thing.

SCENARIO #5

The holidays seem to be all about driving from one family destination to the next. You've got four sets of parents, thanks to divorces on both sides, and they all live nearby, which makes the decision about who to spend the holidays with so challenging. How can you avoid upsetting any loved ones this time of year, especially when beloved grandparents are involved?

Yay for an abundance of grandparents! As far as problems go, it's a lovely one, although it does require some delicate navigating. How about a rotation system? Each set of grandparents can look forward to the pleasure of your company every four years, depending on other factors, such as how you divvy up other holidays or whether any grandparents will be stranded all alone.

This year, visit the "neediest" parents (ones you haven't shared a holiday meal with for quite some time), then let the alternating begin. Another solution is to designate post-holiday dates for specific gatherings, such as the day after Christmas or Christmas Eve. Even the weekend before or the weekend after the holiday can make for less stressful visiting and can become their own special "holiday." — *Real Simple magazine*

SCENARIO #6

Your family is politically divided, especially when it comes to youthful liberalism and older conservative views. How can you set guidelines so the holidays don't turn into "Crossfire?"

Since America is a democracy, your family members have a duty to have informed opinions and to challenge the opinions of others while having your own views challenged. Yet there still can be guidelines of fairness, respect and civility. Another angle is to agree to talk about ideas rather than about politicians, and to find something constructive about every idea presented. How about putting a dollar in a coffee can for charity every time these guidelines aren't followed?

Hosts can also announce what a joy it is to be together, then for the sake of harmony, suggest that anything and everything can be discussed this holiday season except for politics. — *from Oprah.com*

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

FARR IS CLOSING because the board said there are no needy families in Fenton, and they are not making any money. They just sold the old abuse house for \$18,000, plus got a \$10,000 donation. FARR needs to stay open; Fenton, Linden and Holly need them.

DON'T FALL FOR it. Obama is pouring \$1 trillion into the market to prop up the economy. It's called quantitative easing — what the common man calls debt!

AFTER 23 YEARS of trusted community service, you have decided to close the FAAR store. What a terrible loss this is to everyone, especially to all the needy people who have been helped or would be helped in the future. Thank you Mickey, Ray and Jackie.

JFK DID VERY little during his administration. He did have an elected leader assassinated. He did almost start a nuclear war because the Soviets saw him as weak. Yes, he did launch the space program. He screwed up the Bay of Pigs. What else did he do?



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Fenton Community and Cultural Center visitors were lined up to meet Santa Claus on Saturday.

JINGLEFEST

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sculptures, which were sponsored by area businesses. They lined the sidewalks as warming tents beckoned shivering onlookers in from the freezing cold.

Also welcoming in the bundled and quivering people were businesses, including Brad Hoffman Insurance Agency. Inside, Teresa Mills and another co-worker served hot cocoa quickly as they could — more than 10 gallons worth, and 20 boxes of doughnut holes. “Everyone was really nice, very polite, very thankful,” she said.

Through the glass of the office, they could watch the nighttime parade go by, which included businesses and local marching bands.

Mills said Jinglefest 2013 was bigger in attendance than last year. “Word gets out — Jinglefest is awesome.”

When the parade ended, everyone made their way to the lawn of the Community and Cultural Center, where Mayor Sue Osborn rung in the tree-lighting ceremony. This was followed by a roaring fireworks display behind the community center.

Inside the community center, a line went out the door as families waited their turn to meet Santa Claus. Tatyana Mitchell and



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Jinglefest 2013 brought thousands of visitors to downtown Fenton, despite the cold weather.

friend Alexis Bundy, both 17, jumped in line to meet Santa. Even as teens, they can still get into the wholesome, family atmosphere the festival always brings.

Jinglefest chair Pat Lockwood compared this year’s attendance to last year — minus a few because of the colder weather. Still, she thinks it drew thousands to downtown Fenton’s streets and businesses. “It’s really become an event,” she said. The committee will be giving the event a critique this week, and is seeking new ways to improve it for next year. Email the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce with your feedback to info@fentonchamber.com or call (810) 629-5447.

“Word gets out — Jinglefest is awesome.”

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WednesdayJumble

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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a question that popped into my mind. What causes cauliflower ears? I don't hear this talked about anymore. It used to be a common thing for boxers. — J.J.

ANSWER: Cauliflower ears are swollen, bumpy and disfigured. They result when there's bleeding between the ear's skin and the ear's cartilage. If a pool of blood forms in that area, unless it's drained, the blood can eventually become calcified. You don't see them as much anymore because helmets are used in most contact sports now.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



FAST & FURIOUS 6
Agent Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) summons Dom (Vin Diesel) and his crew to London in order to take on a team of mercenary drivers who have caused havoc across a dozen

countries in this pedal-to-the-metal installment of the rubber-burning action franchise. Having just earned a tidy \$100 million for taking down a ruthless criminal kingpin, Dom and Brian (Paul Walker) have decided to lie low for a while. Realizing that Dom knows the only drivers in the world with the skills to get the job done, Agent Hobbs offers them all full pardons if they will come to London, and get back behind the wheel. Now, with their freedom finally within reach, Dom and the team reassemble for their most dangerous mission to date. PG-13, 2 hr. 10 min.

DESPICABLE ME 2

Having given up his spectacular life of crime, Gru now aims to produce a delicious new line of jams with the help of his tiny minions and his old pal Dr. Nefario (voice of Russell Brand). Feeling unfulfilled in his newfound role as a



jam-maker, Dr. Nefario announces that he will be departing for more evil pastures just as Gru is approached by the Anti-Villain League. Now, with Gru's paternal instincts kicking into full gear just as a dastardly plot begins to unfold, the devoted new father must divide his time between saving the world from an enigmatic supervillain, and saving his daughter from total heartbreak. All the while, a suitable mother for the girls may have been standing right under Gru's pointy nose the entire time. PG, 1 hr. 38 min.

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tip of the week

Use Siri to change settings

In addition to the change of look and feel, Siri gets an upgrade in iOS 7. It can now change system settings on your behalf. Simply say "Turn on airplane mode" or "Disable bluetooth" and Siri will update the setting accordingly.

Here are some other samples you can say:

- Adjust font size
- Dim the screen
- Adjust brightness
- Open mail setting
- Show me my location settings



The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.

KING FEATURES

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Use the couch
- 4 Fidel Castro, e.g.
- 9 Picks out of a lineup, briefly
- 12 Japanese pond carp
- 13 Last Greek letter
- 14 Ultramodernist
- 15 Office-holder
- 17 Pitcher's topper
- 18 Apiece
- 19 Merman and Mertz
- 21 Label

- founded by Clive Davis
- 24 Gets a gander at
- 25 Fellow
- 26 Pvt.'s superior
- 28 Takes five
- 31 Snapshots
- 33 Finish
- 35 Willy Wonka's creator
- 36 Narrow cuts
- 38 Sleuth, for short
- 40 Born
- 41 — moss
- 43 Fed well, as a Biblical calf
- 45 Twist in pain

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- 9 Nonstop
- 10 Transaction
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- 22 Bar
- 23 Just beginning
- 27 Explosive letters
- 29 You
- 30 Coaster
- 32 Undo a dele
- 34 Graffiti writer, e.g.
- 37 Masters, in old India
- 39 West Pointers
- 42 Doctrine
- 44 Scot's chapeau
- 45 Caprice
- 46 Mysterious character
- 50 Vegas-based crime show
- 51 Swelled head
- 52 Agree silently
- 53 Part of the foot

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SPORTS TRIVIA BASKETBALL

Q He was traded to the Pistons for Adrian Dantley. Name him.

A Mark Aguirre joined the Detroit Pistons midway through the 1988-89 season, averaging 15.5 points a game during the team's NBA championship season.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Congratulations to the Michigan State Spartans.

I am a Central Michigan University graduate, consequently I'm not really a Michigan or Michigan State fan. But there is a tiny piece inside me that can feel good for the Spartan fans who have been waiting well over two decades to earn another trip to the Rose Bowl.

For me, it's hard to grasp the fact that it's been since 1988 when the Spartans actually played in Pasadena. I was a freshman in college at Central in 1988. I had a friend who was (still is) a Michigan State fan, and he purchased a nice Rose Bowl sweat-shirt when the Spartans clinched their spot. About five years ago, I saw my friend wearing that shirt. It was in pretty good shape.

Will it be 25 years until the team's next appearance? With Mark Dantonio at Michigan State, I expect there will be another trip reasonably soon. For my friend's wardrobe sake, I hope I'm right. I don't want to see him wearing a 2013 shirt until 2038.

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Austin McNeill

McNeill (left) 4-1 for the Linden wrestling team on Saturday. Read more about the meet on page 14.

Blue Devils open with a victory vs. Dryden

►Lake Fenton's Readdy scores 11 in 44-35 win

By Greg Tunnicliff
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Lake Fenton — Football season is over at Lake Fenton.

Everything the Blue Devils used en route to posting an 8-3 overall record and securing a runner-up finish in the Genesee Area Conference Red Division has been set aside.

Everything except for their work ethic and winning mentality, two things the Blue Devils hope will spill over onto the hardcourt.

Lake Fenton got its hoops season off to a good start Monday, posting a 44-35 non-league Genesee Area Conference crossover victory over visiting Dryden.

Pacing the Blue Devils was senior center Logan Readdy, who finished with a double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The 6-foot-4, 270-pound Readdy was a three-year starter as a defensive lineman on Lake Fenton's football team, earning All-GAC Red first-team honors the last two seasons. He is in his second varsity basketball season.

"We have a lot more football players on the basketball team, and we have more high-energy practices," Readdy said. "We come to get better every day. We just want to keep improving and put Lake Fenton basketball on the map."

Lake Fenton was able to hold off Dryden Monday because of two key scoring runs, one starting midway through the first quarter and another at the start of the fourth. Leading 11-9 in the first quarter, the Blue Devils went on a 9-0 scoring run to take a 20-9 lead on a basket by junior Ryan Sisk with 5:12 left in the second quarter.

Dryden came back and gradually whittled down the deficit, getting as close as 32-29 on a free throw by Shane Raab with 7:40 left in the fourth quarter. Lake Fenton then went on a 10-4 scoring run, taking a 42-33 lead on shot by Readdy with 1:55 left.

Readdy scored nine of his points in the second half — six in the final eight minutes of the game.

"We got the basketball down low," second-year Lake Fenton coach Jake See **DEVILS** on 15



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Lake Fenton's Ryan Sisk (center) tries to grab the ball from a Dryden player in the Blue Devils' 44-35 victory Monday night.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Holly's Alyssa Copley scored 20 points in the Bronchos' victory against Lakeland on Friday.

Copley heats up, Holly cruises by Lakeland

By David Troppens

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For those who haven't memorized the name Copley over the last three Holly varsity girls basketball seasons, you will this season.

Alyssa Copley remains the household name in tri-county prep basketball, regardless if you are talking boys or girls hoops.

She provided more evidence of that point by scoring a game-high 20 points in the Holly Bronchos 45-18 victory at White Lake Lakeland High School Friday night.

She opened the game with 10 first-quarter points, leading the Bronchos (2-0) to a 15-4 lead after the first eight minutes. From there, the Bronchos easily held on with an outstanding defensive performance, never al-

lowing more than seven points in any quarter.

"She did. She had a big game," Holly coach David Hall said. "She got a few offensive rebounds, a putback, a couple of steals for breakaway layups, and we took off from there. She scored 10 first-quarter points and they were a lot of effort points. She outthustled people to the ball."

Hall said Copley was more determined after what she thought may have been an off-game against Hartland in the Bronchos' first victory of the season. She only scored six points in the contest, but Hall said her positive impact was clearly on display in that game because of the defensive attention given to her, and because

of the defensive presence she brought to the court. But to Copley, she felt like she could do better.

"She played very well against Hartland, but she was disappointed and she felt she mentally had something to prove to herself," Hall said.

Another huge aspect of the victory was the team defense. It was set up by Abby Lewandowski and Kaitlyn Smith who teamed up on Lakeland's best player, holding her to no field goals. Lakeland scored 48 points in its opening contest, but couldn't get anything going against the Bronchos.

Lakeland never got the Holly lead back under double-digits. The Bronchos led 21-8 at the See **COPLEY** on 15

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Linden wrestlers place third at own tourney

By David Troppens

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Todd Skinner has a young 2013-14 Linden varsity wrestling team.

But it looks like that squad might have some talent.

The Linden Eagles hosted their own team tournament on Saturday, taking third place among the eight squads there.

Linden went 3-2 during the Christmas Duals, earning victories against White Lake Lakeland, Flushing and Oxford. However, in the championship semifinal match, the Eagles lost to Division 1 Chippewa Valley by a narrow 39-36 margin. They then lost to state-ranked Gaylord.

"We did pretty good. They are going to be pretty good," Skinner said. "We have a lot of hard-working kids."

"We lost a heartbreaker to Chippewa Valley. We had too many falls against Chippewa Valley. We gave up a fall late in a match we were winning and couldn't recoup from it."

The Eagles had three wrestlers earn 4-1 days. They were Austin McNeil (119), Zach Shaw (125/130) and Aaron Steedman (160).

Steedman replaced a typical starter who was out with injury.

Skylar Stiles (189/215) was a

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Holly wrestlers place second at Greenville

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity wrestling team is hitting a semi-rebuilding mode this season.

On paper, the Bronchos don't appear as strong as they've been in the recent past. But apparently a team can rebuild and still be a pretty strong program.

The Bronchos opened the season with a strong 4-1 showing at the Greenville Team Tournament, only losing to the tourney hosts in the championship round.

Holly defeated Wyoming 55-12, Sturgis 51-23, Caledonia 42-27 and Spring Lake 72-6, before falling to Greenville 49-18 in the title match.

"It was a pretty good tournament," Holly coach Don Pluta said.

"I was happy with the start. Every year brings new challenges and we are up and running now, so we'll see what happens. We lost a lot of winners last year, and we are working on trying to fill some of the spots with young kids."

The Bronchos had three 5-0 wrestlers on Saturday, all representing the team's veteran leadership. Kyle Pepper (152), Andrew Scott (171) and Colton Cleaver (119) were the undefeated wrestlers. Sam Johnson (140), Keegan Soles (145) and Josh Gonzales (125) also had 4-1 marks.

Gonzales is one of the many freshmen on the Bronchos' squad, and helped lead the Bronchos to victory against Caledonia.

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Holly's Andrew Scott posted a 5-0 record at the Greenville Team Tournament on Saturday. He's pictured here wrestling in a match last season.

Eighth-ranked Lake Fenton wrestlers notch fourth at Hartland Invitational

By David Troppens

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Ranked eighth in the state in Division 3, the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team made its first tournament of the season a pretty challenging one.

The Blue Devils traveled to the Hartland Invitational, and placed fourth in the event despite fielding only 11 wrestlers in the varsity event.

"We just go there for the tough competition," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said.

"There are a lot of D1 teams. I think us and Swan Valley are the smallest teams out there, and we took fourth."

The Blue Devils had one weight class champion. Freshman Trent Hilger captured the 171-pound class title by defeating Monroe's Tyler Hammack in the final. Hilger went 4-0 with two pinfall victories at the meet.

Chase Hull (189) placed second with a 4-1 mark, losing to Byron's Nathan Phillburn in the finals. The team's other second-place finisher was Carson Whaley (160) who lost to Battle Creek Central's Davon Jackson in the final.



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Lake Fenton's Chase Hull works on a pinfall during one of his matches last year. Hull placed second at the Hartland Invitational on Saturday.

The Blue Devils had three third-place finishers. They were Jared Corcoran (125), Zach Zoll (112) and John Barry (135). Tristen Nevadomski (152) placed fourth. Andy Donoho placed fifth (189), while Nevin Donnell placed sixth (215).

Lake Fenton returns to action today with a road meet against Beecher and Perry at Beecher High School at 5 p.m.



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Erway said. "If we need a point, we need to get him the ball."

After its slow start, Dryden was able to get back into the game because of the play of junior guard Nathan Spivey, who scored a game-high 15 points, including two 3-pointers. He also had four assists and four steals.

Dryden outscored Lake Fenton 19-14 in the second and third quarters and it played even with the Blue Devils — 26-26 — in the final three quarters. Raab had eight points and eight boards and Bradley Marsh had seven points and 15 rebounds for the Cardinals (0-1), who were only 7-of-18 shooting from the free-throw line.

"We missed some puppies under the basket and some free throws," Dryden coach Brian Johnson said. "First game, a little jitters. Once they got the jitters out, they adapted really well."

Lake Fenton had three players reach double figures, led by Chase Hanson, who scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds. Tyler Browning finished with 11 points, hauled down five boards and had three assists and Merrick George had four rebounds and six assists for the Blue Devils (1-0).

"As a coach you're always nervous the first game," Erway said. "Our biggest problem now is consistency. We have to rebound. We have to take care of the basketball and we have to play great defense."

Lake Fenton (1-0) hosted LakeVille on Tuesday, and plays at Montrose on Friday.



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Lake Fenton's Merrick George takes the ball up the court in the Blue Devils' victory against Dryden on Monday.

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break, but a 10-1 run to start the third quarter blew the game open. During that run Copley hit consecutive hoops and Paige Reid and Smith each hit three-pointers.

Copley also had 13 rebounds, five blocks and four assists to go with her 20 points. Smith, who scored 18 points in the Bronchos' first game, chipped in her second double-digit offensive game with 10 points. Reid had eight points, while Katie Ordiway had five points. Among Smith, Reid and Ordiway, they scored five three-pointers. Holly took good care of the ball, turning it over just 14 times.

Molly Stec led Lakeland with seven points. No one else scored more than three points for Lakeland.

Hartland 51, Fenton 24

The Hartland Eagles (1-1) bounced back from their loss to the Holly Bronchos by earning a strong home victory against the Fenton Tigers.

Hartland led just 11-10 after one quarter, but outscored the Tigers 15-7 in the second quarter, raising their lead to 26-17. The Tigers (0-2) were only able to score seven second-half points in the loss.

Hannah Evo and Cassandra Reuschlein led Fenton with five points, while Carly Granger had four points. Evo also had four rebounds.

Hartland was paced by Mallory Slavin who had a game-high 10 points. Eleven Eagles (1-1) scored at least one point.

LINDEN

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perfect 2-0, while Luke Zimmerman (103), Brandon Brennan (112) and Patrick Kerr (135) finished with 3-2 marks.

"I was very impressed with our performance today as we started six freshmen and they responded very well," Skinner said. "This squad is extremely young. In previous years we've had young wrestlers in the lineup here and there, but in my 15 years I can't remember starting six freshmen. ... There is room for improvement, but what's nice is these young men have experience under their belts as they've all been club kids."

The Eagles travel to Westland John Glenn today and compete at the Dans-

ville Duals on Saturday.

Fenton at Warren-Lincoln Invitational

The Tigers' Scott Becker led Fenton at the event, earning a 4-0 record and a first-place finish at 215 pounds. Justin Hill took third (189), while Connor Kovacs (189) placed sixth.

No team scores were kept at the event.

"We'll take our hits this year being so young, but this is a good group of kids that I think will stick it out over the next couple of years," Fenton coach Bruce Burwitz said.

Fenton travels to Plymouth Salem to wrestle the hosts and Canton today. On Saturday the Tigers compete at the Mt. Morris Invitational.

PREP REPORT

HOCKEY

► **Metro League Griffins 5, Notre Dame Prep 5:** Bobby Temple and Nathan Allen had two goals each, helping the Metro League Griffins (0-4-1), a co-op hockey team consisting of Linden and Fenton players, to their first tie of the season. Connor Phillips added a goal as well. Brian Hackney contributed two assists, while Mitch O'Lewin, Austin Wright, Ian Crampton and Brandon Diener had an assist each.

Manny Vomvolakis made 43 saves in net.

► **KBH United 12, Grand Rapids Christian 0:** KBH United, a co-op team consisting of Kearsley, Brandon and Holly hockey players, got four goals and three assists from Brendan Guziak, leading the squad to the easy win. Kirk Wells added three goals, while Tyler Russell and Kenny Kross had two each. Shawn Larsen had one.

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"We were up 37-36 with two matches left and Josh came up with a big win for us," Pluta said.

"For a freshman to step up with the meet on the line like that, I was pleased.

"The kids are working really hard. I was worried about our conditioning because we had five duals in one day and because we only have three seniors in the lineup. We are fairly young, but we are a really balanced lineup as far as grade level of the kids."

Holly wrestles at Walled Lake Central High School today against South Lyon and Allen Park. The Bronchos travel to Crosswell-Lexington for a tourney on Saturday.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Articles 12 and 17 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance the Village of Holly Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on a request for a special land use permit on December 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 315 S. Broad St., Holly, Michigan.

An application for a special land use permit was filed by Michael Yankee on behalf of Auto Sales Unlimited to permit automotive used car sales facility in an industrial district at 212 Elm Street, parcel ID # IH-01-34-152-031. The proposed use is allowed only after review and approval by the Holly Planning Commission in accordance with Article 12 and 17 of the Holly Zoning Ordinance. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 202 S. Saginaw St., Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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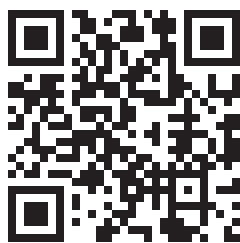


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Sandra L. Moore

1947-2013

Sandra L. Moore - age 66, of Summerfield, FL, formerly of Fenton, died December 2, 2013. Funeral services will be held 3 PM Sunday, December 15, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Saturday and from 12 Noon until the time of service Sunday. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton Adopt A Pet. Sandra was born February 11, 1947 in Detroit, the daughter of Wayne and Agnes (Tarbet) Hill. She worked for CFI Medical for many years. Surviving are: children, Kim Moore, Casey (Shawn) Moore; grandchildren, Nicholas, Austin, Aaron, Michael, Ryden and Izabella; sister, Karen Hill; brothers, Patrick (Vickie) Hill, Mike (Connie) Hill, Brian (Michelle) Hill; nieces, nephews and many cherished friends. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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William John Ulrich III

1959-2013

William John Ulrich III - age 54, of Fenton, journeyed peacefully home to his heavenly Father surrounded by family in his home on



December 7, 2013. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, December 14, 2013 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 North Adelaide Street, Fenton. Fr. Dwight Ezop celebrant. Visitation will be held 2-4 PM and 6-9 PM Friday with a 7 PM vigil service at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton and 10 AM until the time of Mass on Saturday. Those desiring may make contributions to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of MI, 1471 E. Twelve Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071 or St. John Youth Group. Bill was born September 30, 1959 in Detroit, the son of William Jr. and Patricia Ann (Przybycin) Ulrich. He was a dedicated employee of General Motors for over 30 years. He was a true "car guy," enjoyed cooking and home improvements. He supported his family's involvement at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, especially the youth group. Bill enjoyed family time and traveling. Bill is survived by his wife, Elaine "Lolly"; children, William John Ulrich IV, Kyle Christopher Ulrich, Jessica Elaine Ulrich; brothers, Dr. John Martin (Judy) Ulrich, Edward Alan (Karen) Ulrich. He was preceded in death by his father, William John Ulrich Jr.; mother, Patricia A. Holls and step-father, David R. Holls. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Russell Charles Conklin

1942-2013

Russell Charles Conklin - age 71, of Fenton, died December 8, 2013. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday,



December 11, 2013 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Dwight Ezop celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery, Howell. Visitation will be held 7-9 PM Monday, 2-5 and 7-9 PM Tuesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with a Rosary at 7 PM. Visitation will also be held 10 AM until the time of Mass on Wednesday. Those desiring may make contributions to the St. John School Building Fund. Russell was born June 27, 1942 in Flint, the son of Charles and Georgeann (Russell) Conklin. Russell was a 1960 graduate of Fenton High School and attended Mott Community College. He retired from the Fenton Police Department in 1995 after 25 years of service. Russell was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He loved to hunt and fish. Surviving are: wife, Phyllis; children, Debbie Conklin of Linden, Jennifer (Frank) Conklin Brulla of Richfield Twp.; step-children, Joellen Rhyndress of North Muskegon, Jeff (Eleshia) Evans of Grosse Pointe Woods; grandchildren, Jory, Noah, Aidan, Joseph, Josiah, Jessica and Easton; brother, Ron (Diane) Conklin; nieces, Jill (Jeff) Schafer, Erin Conklin. He was preceded in death by his parents. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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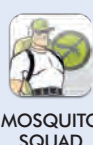
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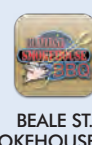
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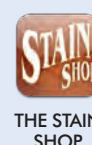
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