Prostitution, human trafficking in Fenton?

Prosecutor padlocks Torrey Road business after undercover officers confirm illegal activity

By Sharon Stone
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Genesse County Prosecutor David Leyton has obtained a temporary restraining order shutting Lake Spa located at 1490 Torrey Road in the city of Fenton. The business is under investigation by Fenton police for prostitution and possible human trafficking.

The investigation was initiated after Fenton police began receiving complaints this fall of prostitution activity taking place at Lake Spa. Police Chief Rick Aro coordinated an investigation involving Fenton police, Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), and the Michigan State Police. Together, they uncovered acts of prostitution being offered to customers of the spa. See PROTESTION on 6A

Film crew from HGTV show features Linden photographer’s studio/home

To air on episode of “You live in what?”

By Tim Jagielo
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Linden — With a camera, a light and microphone pointed at him, Gavin Smith professed his love for Linden to the small crew for Home and Garden (HG) TV.

While the crew of four watched him as they made a few takes, the whole country will see him next year when the popular television show airs. Smith’s studio is being filmed for an episode of “You live in what?” an HGTV show that airs nationally and features unique living spaces.

See HGTV on 8A

Christmas at Crossroads

Dress warm, reserve a railroad seat, and start a new family tradition

The “Tree of Light” serves as the backdrop for many photos at Crossroads Village in Genesee Township. More than 4,000 people, drawn by Huckleberry Railroad and the festive atmosphere, visited the village last weekend.

See full story on page 7A

FARR thrift store to close doors

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The Fenton Area Resource and Referral (FARR) thrift store will be closed by the beginning of the New Year but that doesn’t mean the organization is dissolving.

FARR President Lynn Hopper said the organization’s resale store cannot compete with the numerous resale and big box stores in the area. He believes that the closure of the thrift store will give FARR organizers the opportunity to focus more on services and helping others, which he said has been the true focus of the organization since its formation in 1989.

“We’ll be helping to guide people to other places.”

Lynn Hopper
President of FARR

The resale portion of the Fenton Area Resource Referral store will be closing by the end of the year.
What **men** and **women**
want for Christmas

**Years of practicality are now giving way to sentimental gifts**

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If the last few years have been years of practical gifts, this just may be the year that the pendulum has turned to sentimental and special.

Past years have been all about electronics, but once you’ve bought all new TVs, you don’t need to buy them every year. "It seems that we’re getting past the years where every gift had to be practical, or we didn’t buy it," said Chip Bentinck, of Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton. "Now we’re heading again toward sentimental. I hear guys saying all the time, ‘We really had to cut back for a few years and now I can’t wait to treat my wife (or girlfriend) to something special.’"

Emozioni is a new line of jewelry for women at Sawyer Jewelers that has really caught on, because it is unique and affordable. "It’s a system of interchangeable ‘coin’ jewelry that can be changed to suit different styles and occasions," said Bentinck.

Diamond stud earrings, diamond pendants, diamond bracelets are all popular gifts this year. "It has really been a diamond year," added Bentinck. He says that men will wait all the way until Christmas Eve to pick out cherished gifts, and it has actually become a tradition for many men to shop at Sawyer’s on Christmas Eve, right up until closing time at 4 p.m.

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**What NOT to buy your wife or girlfriend this Christmas**

- Anti-wrinkle cream or skin repair system
- Socks
- Laser hair removal
- Cooking utensils
- Appliances — anything with an electric cord
- Exercise equipment
- Cheap perfume
- A gift you really want, disguised as a gift for her

**Source:** Squidoo.com

**Gift ideas for women:**

- Spa treatments, including massage
- Jewelry, including personalized pieces like birthstones, mother grandmothers, etc.
- Coach charge-cord pouch
- Prima cotton pajamas, nightgowns robes or other lingerie
- DVD series of her favorite TV Show
- DVD of her favorite romantic or classic movies
- iPad leather cover
- Her favorite expensive perfume or a new one you’d like her to try
- Cosmetic travel set
- Monogrammed lote
- Charm bracelet she can personalize
- Cruise wear
- Diamond stud earrings
- Jewelry box
- Tickets for her favorite concert
- A romantic weekend getaway for two

**Top gift list for men**

- High quality leather goods
- DVD collections
- Cologne
- Phone upgrade
- Espresso maker
- Classic blazer
- iPod Dock
- Fine single malt whiskey
- Sports, concert tickets

**Source:** Askmen.com

**Most men don’t want:**

- Ties
- Sweaters
- Socks and underwear
- Snuggies
- Lovey-dovey wall décor
- Cheap tools
- Clothing
- Cheap cologne
- Fruit basket

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**Defendant referred to Mental Health Court**

Brody Knox, the 22-year-old Fenton man who led several police departments on a chase in a stolen vehicle this past summer pleaded guilty to eight felonies in Genesee County Circuit Court on Nov. 12. In turn, the court agreed to refer his cases over to Genesee County’s Mental Health Court, according to court records. Knox was facing seven counts of auto theft, plus fleeing and eluding police and possessing a controlled substance. He has remained in the Genesee County Jail in lieu of posting his $248,000 cash bond. The Mental Health Court, created as a cooperative venture between the court system, the prosecutor’s office and law enforcement agencies, will now handle his cases. This court’s goal is to refer mentally ill individuals who have been charged with a civil or criminal offense into long-term mental health treatment.
P.T. Barnum would’ve loved the lottery

Your odds of winning any Mega Millions jackpot is about one in 175 million. Statistically, you are far more likely to be born a twin (one in 90), die from a lightning strike (one in 2.3 million) or travel on a commercial aircraft with a drunk pilot (one in 117) than to win the lottery. Nonetheless, I will likely join the masses in buying a couple chances at the over $400 million jackpot up for grabs on Friday the 13th.

**BIGGEST JACKPOT EVER:** On March 30, 2012 a record smashing $656 million jackpot was split between 3 winning tickets – that meant $218.6 million for each winner!

**ODDS OF BEING MURDERED:** 18,000 to 1.

**MOST POPULAR NUMBERS:** The most common numbers picked by lottery players: 3-7-9-11-25-27.

**ODDS OF GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER:** 2 to 1.

**MOST COMMON MISTAKE:** The natural tendency of novice lottery players is to bet the lower numbers, especially the calendar numbers of 1 to 31, because of the heavy play given to birthdays, anniversaries and children’s ages. This means that the most heavily played numbers are 1 through 31. Therefore, the odds of some one winning using a birthday dramatically decrease due to the numbers virtually eliminate half the numbers.

And even if the calendar numbers do win, the jackpot is greatly diminished due to it historically being divided among dozens of other winners. The prize payouts are always higher when the higher numbers hit because fewer winners are sharing the prize pool.

**LEAST BET NUMBERS:** The least common numbers picked by lottery players: 20-30-39-41-48.

**ODDS OF DYING IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH:** 1 in 354,319.

**TIP:** You should never play all six numbers from one number group, such as all single digits, or all teens, or all twenties, etc. All six winning numbers are drawn from one number group is astronomically high, and therefore highly unlikely. It is so unlikely that it has never happened before in any lotto game, in America or elsewhere.

**ODDS OF BEING CANONIZED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** 1 in 21,000,000

**LITTLE KNOWN FACT:** All of today’s lotteries are simply rip-offs of the mafia’s infamous ‘numbers’ game. The government stole the concept, legalized it for government entities only, and now operates it for everyone, as well as the fact that it was illegal when it was privatized. If I were a mafia kingpin, I would be super-rich!

**ODDS OF CATCHING A BALL AT A MAJOR LEAGUE GAME:** 563 to 1.

**NUMBER ONE BEST TIP:** Never play the lottery. In reality, it’s a tax on the poor – who play the lotto far more disproportionately than any other demographic. Our predatory government knows this and leverages it, buying more billboards in poverty stricken areas than anywhere else. They are preying on the very people they are supposed to be protecting.

**BOTTOM LINE:** The lottery is a great business model because, to paraphrase P.T. Barnum, there are 443 new suckers born in the U.S. every minute.

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— Felicia Caponi Fenton

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— Gail Moreno Linden

“I started drinking it when I was in the service, so I was 18 years old.”

— Charlie Blain Linden

“Yes, I was 35 and ordered one at a restaurant. I didn’t like it.”

— Joan Forrest Fenton

“Yes, I was at home and newly married.”

— Brenda Aris Fenton

“Yes, it was a few weeks ago actually. I started after we had a baby.”

— Emily Brown Fenton
Area man faces up to five years

Thief pleads guilty to one felony, court drops other in deal

By Sharon Stone

A 29-year-old Rose Township man charged in connection with two felonies in Fenton will be sentenced later this month in Genesee County Circuit Court after pleading guilty to one of the counts.

Russell Aussicker has remained lodged at the Genesee County Jail since his Nov. 23 arraignment, in lieu of posting bond.

Fenton police initially responded to complaint on Oct. 15, when a woman reported that her vehicle was broken into and her belongings, including a laptop computer and checkbook, had been stolen. One of the stolen checks was later used at a party store in Livingston County.

On Oct. 19, Fenton police responded to a breaking and entering complaint in the city. Through their investigation, Aussicker became Fenton police’s main suspect in both cases.

After obtaining a warrant for receiving and concealing stolen items, Livingston County Sheriff’s Department located the man at his Rose Township home. He was taken into custody and eventually turned over to Fenton police.

According to court records, through a plea agreement, the court agreed to dismiss the breaking and entering count if Aussicker pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property ($1,000-$20,000).

Aussicker will be back in court at 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 23 for his sentencing. He faces up to five years in prison and/or $10,000 fine.

Intruder attempts to steal Playstation 3

Tips lead police to possible suspects

By Sharon Stone

Fenton detectives are following up on a few leads on a recent home invasion. Lt. Jason Slater said officers responded to a home in the 800 block of Silver Lake Road at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5 after the homeowner reported that she walked in on an intruder.

The woman told police she had taken her daughter to school and when she returned home, she saw a man in her home. The woman’s other child, an 11-year-old, was asleep in his bedroom.

The homeowner told police that when she confronted the man, he claimed that a child had let him in. The man then walked past the woman, exited the house and ran west on Silver Lake Road for a while before cutting between a couple of houses.

It was apparent from the mess left behind that the intruder was trying to steal the family’s Playstation 3 when the woman returned home. Evidence has been sent to the state police crime lab in order to get fingerprint information.

Grand Blanc Township police responded to the scene with its K-9 unit and Argentine Township police and the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department assisted with canvassing the area. The K-9 unit’s track of the suspect’s scent broke off by the railroad tracks near Poplar Street.

Slater said they do have a couple of suspects based on tips and detectives are following up.

The intruder was described as a white male, in his early 20s, with a mustache, about 5-feet, 9-inches tall and 150 pounds. If anyone has information on the suspect, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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**PROSTITUTION Continued from Front Page**

Based on the preliminary investigation, Leyton filed a complaint in Genesee County Circuit Court under Michigan’s nuisance abatement law asking the court to issue the temporary restraining order. That would allow his office to padlock the building to prevent any further activity at the location.

“We will not tolerate this sort of illegal activity in our community,” said Leyton. “These types of establishments will be enjoined from continuing their operations and we continue to pursue the fullest extent allowed under the law.

“A very real concern of ours is that this situation could involve a human trafficking operation involving young girls brought here for the purpose of prostitution and other exploitation. Further investigation into this matter will continue and we will look at every possible angle to ensure that any form of human trafficking be stopped and those responsible be prosecuted.”

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said the police department had gotten some tips from citizens about alleged prostitution. He said undercover officers with FANG were sent in and they reported that prostitution was taking place.

Fenton police obtained a search warrant and executed it on Dec. 5. Evidence was obtained during that search and was turned over to the prosecutor’s office, which in turn obtained the temporary restraining order (TRO) from Judge Judith Fullerton on Dec. 11. The TRO prevents anyone from entering the premises.

Slater said a court hearing is scheduled for Dec. 20, when the court will issue its final determination on the prosecutor’s complaint based on the investigation’s findings.

As far as the alleged human trafficking, Slater said, “We don’t know yet.” As the investigation continues, they will be able to determine if human trafficking was taking place.

Potbury also believes that at least two of the employees at Lake Spa were living at the leased space, which violates city ordinance, as the facility is not zoned for residential use.

Walk-up, special assistant prosecuting attorney with the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office said human trafficking is one of the most serious issues facing people today. There is a sense of urgency with the need to address this issue.

There is so much to this problem. Since there are not any girls with foreign names working at the spa, the prosecutor’s office is compelled to consider it.

“We have no hard evidence at this time though,” said Potbury regarding the suspected human trafficking. He said that right now the prosecutor’s office believes Lake Spa is purely a prostitution operation but that human trafficking is something that may possibly be taking place. Further investigation will be required to determine if that is the case.

Potbury said an Ohio resident is leasing the space where Lake Spa was operating its business.

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**CALL FOR PROSTITUTION TIPS!**

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Fenton Police Department at 810-629-1566. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept confidential.

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**WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?**

According to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), human trafficking is one of the most heinous crimes that ICE investigates. In its worst manifestation, human trafficking is akin to modern-day slavery. Victims pay to be illegally transported into the United States only to find themselves in the thrall of traffickers. They are forced into prostitution, involuntary labor and other forms of servitude to repay debts—often entry in the United States. In certain cases, the victims are mere children. They find themselves surrounded by an unfamiliar culture and language without identification documents to prove their lives and the lives of their families.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

Thank you to the two men who made our bitter cold a bit sweeter by buying all three of our teenage girls Starbucks gift cards and hot chocolate while we were bell ringing for the Salvation Army!

We will miss you, guys. Mickey, Jackie and Ray. You have helped so many. Bless you.

Our family would like to say a big thanks to the family on Argonite Road for continuing their tradition of Christmas joy by putting up their Christmas blow-ups. Even in the midst of their sorrow, we hope they continue to bring happiness to their community!

I have an idea for art/woodshop project. How would I go about presenting this to Fenton High School? I would be willing to pay for some supplies for this project.

Should we omit political hot lines during Christmas? According to Luke, wasn’t the first Christmas precipitated by Augustus Caesar’s decree that all Roman subjects must register by census? Regretfully, politics and political correctness today control how we celebrate Christmas. Vigilance from rogue politicians should never take a holiday. Merry Christmas!

Do you really believe the union would have to pay people to protest starvation wages? If you do, I have a bridge I would like to sell you.

Hey, writer for the Tri County Times, this is the third time I’ve seen one of your stories with the word Vendors spelled wrong, vendors, meaning local merchants, vendors.

Loved the fainting squid video on your website. Poor little guy, did anyone figure out what’s wrong with him?

You cannot help anyone by doing what you would, and should, do for yourself. The majority of men on disability are perfectly healthy. Who approves this?

The hot lines are for people that want to speak their minds. Seeing that it’s the holidays, I’m wondering if everybody could say something positive and nice to each other? Happy Holiday’s everybody.
Christmas at Crossroads

▶ A peek into 19th century life, with 21st century lighting

By Tim Jagielo

Genesee Twp. — The streets are almost empty on Sunday until the train arrives at 6:45 p.m., spilling hundreds of visitors back into the nostalgic holiday din of Crossroads Village, north of Flint. This Genesee County Park is seasonal, and is in full swing for the holidays. Crossroads’ recreation of 19th century Midwestern life includes artisan craft work, costumes and lighting. There are still two weekends left at Crossroads Village — Dec. 18-22, and 26-29. Hours are 4:30 to 9 p.m.

Lights are the first sign you’re somewhere special — they surround and envelop your vehicle as you enter the park, and once the sun goes down, surround you as you tour the richly atmospheric grounds. Manager Gary Pringle said there are millions of light bulbs around the village, but because the displays change each year, he can’t give an exact number.

More than 2,800 guests regularly visit on Saturdays, the peak day, Pringle said. Around 1,500 visit on Sunday.

Aside from the lights, Huckleberry Railroad is also a huge draw, and acts as the centerpiece to the experience for many.

Before the 5 p.m. ride, visitors line the boardwalk just outside the village as the train waits. Don Gray, 85, of Burton is a volunteer conductor, and is dressed as such. He punches tickets, and is a veteran of the real rail system himself. “I like kids and people,” he said. All volunteers, performers and even a few visitors are dressed for the time period.

The 40-minute winding ride carries 410 people past Mott Lake, the historic Pere Marquette roadbed and back to the village. On the ride, dozens of lighted decorations can be seen. It travels at 20 mph or less to take everything in.

Tickets for Huckleberry Railroad can be bought at the park, but it is suggested that purchases be made ahead of time online. Adults 13 to 59 are $10, seniors over 60 are $9, children 2 to 12 are $8, and under 2 are free.

The prices are the same to enter the park, and for $3 more, visitors can also get the train ride experience.

At the old stage coach stop, a line goes out the door to meet, and take cell phone pictures with Santa Claus. Next door, in the building where the first automobile was built, families can meet a real-life reindeer.

Mike and Sarah Summit of Grand Blanc brought daughter Saddle, 4, and son Jackson, 2, to meet Santa, after waiting in the crowded line in the warmly lit room. Mike said he hopes the kids remember the bright lights, and meeting Santa Claus.

Back in the “downtown” section of the village at the Colwell Opera House, visitors catch a free performance of The Gift of the Magi, and warm up during the 20-minute performance.

Available for purchase are wares from a blacksmith and a toymaker, kettle corn, roasted nuts, and gifts at three different stores in the village.

A highlight of the trip is the Tree of Light, which itself has hundreds of thousands of yellow lights, and brings families up for photos, marriage proposals and just amazement. Pringle won’t divulge the exact number of lights, because there is a nightly contest on how many there are.

He said many families come here to build new traditions and start off the holiday season. “It’s a tradition,” he said. “It’s just a family-friendly event.”

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The shoot took all day, from 8 a.m. to the early evening.

The loft and studio have been many things in its more than 100 years of history and the idea of a photographer renovating it into a unique space mixing old and new elements caught the attention of the network.

Though things took calm and finished for the shoot, the date to shoot was actually very sudden. Cindy Colemen, Smith’s assistant said they had been up since Monday preparing the place. They were cutting tile at 3 a.m. that morning.

Leading up to this shoot, Smith was still having work being done to the basement, with 12 contractors inside just the day before.

Home and Garden (HG) TV isn’t filming the spot itself — AMS Pictures out of Dallas, Texas is handling the shooting with a crew of two — field producer Monika Watkins, and director of photography Bob Chestnut.

Two Michigan professionals have been brought on, one to handle audio and one production assistant who describes her job as a “gopher,” which still requires professional abilities. She helped with lenses, unloading, even finding a spot for breakfast for the crew.

At 8 a.m. sharp, their nondescript white Chrysler van pulled up to the studio, finding a parking spot out in front.

Watkins met Coleman downstairs and they toured the building while production assistant Bridgette Pacholka and production sound mixer Mark Haygen brought in his equipment.

Chestnut had Pacholka help him get his camera ready to grab an establishing shot of the Linden Mills, before all three left to get shots around town and also get breakfast.

“What I hope most about this exposure is bringing attention to Linden and what a great little town it is,” said Smith during a break from the action. “I hope it can show what can be done in small towns across the United States, with these old buildings.”

In the early afternoon, Watkins and Chestnut used a 12-foot-long swinging boom arm to take smooth, sweeping video of the studio interior.

Photographer Gavin Smith prepares to be interviewed on camera by field producer Monika Watkins, as Bob Chestnut shoots the footage and Mark Haygen records audio. The footage will be part of an episode of “You live in what?” on HGTВ next year.

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Local emergency rooms know they’ll be especially busy on day after holiday

By Sally Rummel
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Fenton resident David Troppens knows a thing or two about spending Christmas at the ER. After suffering a severe asthma attack on Christmas evening last year, his wife, Anna, drove him to the Genesys Regional Medical Center ER in Grand Blanc Township. He was rushed right in to see a doctor because he was having trouble breathing, and estimates he was there in total for only about 2 ½ hours. “They did a good job,” he said, of the holiday ER staff.

He did remember accidentally pushing a button that sent a nurse right to him. “I just told her I wanted to wish you a Merry Christmas,” he said, with a smile.

‘Silent Night’ will not be a likely description for a Christmas spent in a hospital emergency room.

Contrary to what you might think, all is not calm when it comes to health emergencies on the year’s most celebrated holiday in the U.S.

“We average about 180 emergency room visits a day, and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will likely be relatively average, if not slightly below,” said Raymond Rudoni, M.D., medical director for the Emergency Department at McLaren Flint. “The day after the holiday, in fact, the day after any holiday, will be especially busy.”

That’s because people will do just about anything to avoid having to step away from all the holiday festivities. “Many people will drink a little more and stay out a little later than usual, resulting in accidents or injuries needing attention the next day,” said Rudoni.

A lot of the busyness of the day will depend on the weather, he added. “If there’s a blizzard, it will slow people down and keep some people away who might otherwise visit the ER for ‘emergencies’ like the flu or abdominal pain. There are some people who just can’t get here.”

However, bad weather will also bring others to the ER, from auto crashes related to slippery road conditions, slips on the ice and surprisingly, snow blower injuries. “I’ve never seen a snow day go by where I haven’t seen a person put their hand in the chute while the motor is on to clean out jammed up ice and snow,” said Rudoni, an ER doctor for almost 20 years. “They often lose a few fingertips.”

Other likely scenarios bringing holiday visitors to the ER will be injuries to the wrist or ankle from falls, chest pain from shoveling snow, the flu, and, of course, those people who have too much to drink. Alcohol often drives many ER visits, especially during the holidays.

Hurley Medical Center in Flint, the area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center, is anticipating a busy Christmas Eve, a slightly slower Christmas Day and then a very busy day after the holiday.

“We’re expecting fewer cases of violent crimes that day with less penetrating trauma like gunshot and stab wounds,” said Dr. Michael Jaggi, chief of Emergency Medical and chief medical officer at Hurley Medical Center. “Typically, we’ll see more seasonal flu and virus patients, slip and fall and other cold weather injuries. Because most urgent care facilities and medical offices are closed on Christmas Day, we’ll pick up a lot of those patients too.”

Jaggi also expects to see several routine Christmas-related injuries, especially related to young children, who may put small pieces inside their mouths, noses or ears. “Usually, about one-third of our emergency room visits are from children,” said Jaggi. Out of 100,000 patients we see a year in the ER, about 30,000 are kids.” Hurley typically has between 260-300 ER patients on any given day.

“New Year’s Eve tends to be a shift you ramp up for. You prepare for the worst and hope for the best, whether it’s a mass trauma situation or many isolated cases,”

Chair of Emergency Medical Department
and Chief Medical Officer at Hurley Medical Center, Flint.

Christmas just another day at busy area ER’s
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While women tend to have more gift buying experience through their roles as mothers, nurturers, decorators, party hosts, etc., they know that their husbands struggle with gift buying every year. That’s why many retailers offer “Wish Lists” that women can fill out and take the guesswork out of choosing a gift. Many retailers then host a Men’s Night that gives men a chance to shop in an atmosphere designed specifically for them.

At Sawyer Jewelers, Men’s Night is coming up on Dec. 18 from 5 to 9 p.m., complete with craft beers and wines from Fenton Winery & Brewery, and football boosters streaming through TVs. Elec- tions in Fenton is hosting its own Desperi- ate Dude’s Day on Dec. 18, all day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with ‘man’douvres’ being served amidst a holiday backdrop and helpful staff.

Not only retailers offer a chance for people to make Wish Lists — often families try to make gift guessing a bit easier with a helpful list.

“I’m supposed to make a list for (hus- band) Mark to give him some ideas,” said Kerrie Mustola of Lin- den. “Sometimes I’ll even send him the link for the item, to make it easier for him.”

She’s hoping to find a fitness wrist monitor under the tree this year to help her determine how many calories she’s burning while exercising. “I’m look- ing at a Fitbit or a Polar, like some of the Jazzercise instructors use,” she said. “I’m also hoping to get a jewelry carousel for my dresser, to organize all my earrings.”

Husband Mark is dreaming about a new recliner, while his more practical side will likely cause him to ask for smaller-sized clothes, since he has lost quite a bit of weight. But he’s also looking for a dartboard and even a pool table to furnish a game room’s build- ing this winter.

The Mustolas will stick with their an- nual tradition of buying new pajamas for each other to open on Christmas Eve.

“Sometimes he’ll surprise me with some- thing random that I hadn’t expected,” said Mustola. “We also buy little things for each other’s Christmas stocking.”

Michael LaVoice of Fenton said his famil- ily tells him he’s very hard to shop for, but he disagrees. “I’m really OK with simple things, like wine, scotch or some of the new whiskey flavors that are out now from Crown Royal. I also wouldn’t mind a new Rolex if Santa is really in the mood.”

As the father of three small children, he said he finds more joy now in watching them get excited by setting out cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve and waking up to gifts on Christmas morning.

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Both Jaggi and Rudoni expect their respective emergency rooms at Hurley and McLaren to be filled with more behavioral health issues like depression, anxiety and overdoses, which typically spike during the holiday season. Some people are by themselves for the first time after losing a loved one.

Most of this activity takes place between noon and midnight. “We tend to get busy at lunchtime until about midnight,” said Ludoni. “We are a second shift, late afternoon business.”

While it’s impossible to predict the number of patients who will come into a hospital ER on Christmas, statistics from past years usually guide staffing decisions. “We treat all holidays like a normal day,” said Ludoni. “Our schedule in the ER is open 24/7. It takes a lot of advanced planning.”

For doctors or physician assistants working that day, it’s “business as usual,” as far as pay. “There’s no extra pay for working a holiday,” said Ludoni. “We take our turn using a rotating schedule. “Our big four holidays for scheduling are Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, the days people want to spend with family.”

Nurses will typically earn “holiday pay” for working on a holiday, according to the terms dictated by their labor contract, according to Jaggi. “We’ll be open and ready for anyone and everyone who will need us over the holidays. We expect to be fully staffed.”

With the New Year’s holidays a week later, emergency rooms will take on a more heightened “busy” because of the nature of that holiday. “New Year’s Eve tends to be a shift you ramp up for,” said Jaggi. “You prepare for the worst and hope for the best, whether it’s a mass trauma situation or many isolated cases.”

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Hoops teams proving strong during early weeks

Winter Top 5’s first poll has Holly girls basketball standing atop the list.

By David Troppe

Unfortunately, the Pistons earned that honor on Dec. 7, 1993, scoring only six points against the Orlando Magic. The Pistons led 83-66 entering the third quarter, but ended up losing 91-89.

Fenton hosts Christmas Relays

The Fenton varsity boys swim team placed seventh overall in a meet with some strong competition.

The Tigers had three relays finish in the top three. The 400 free relay team of Brant Cassidy, Austin Landis, Zahne Macklin and Mike Banner placed second (3:33.95). Meanwhile, the 200 medley relay team of Landis, Macklin, Zac Melici and Cassidy took third (1:49.80) and the 800 medley relay team of Kyle Luck, Brent Nakakula, Kyle Banner and Mike Banner also placed third (8:49.26).

Cassidy also earned state-qualifying times in the 50 and 100 freestyles during his events. “We were expecting those times with the work he put in during the offseason,” Fenton coach Brad Jones said. “He should set both the 50 and the 100 (school records this season).”
**Lesson begins in loss vs. Clio, 61-52**

By David Troppens
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Fenton — With four starters graduated and very little varsity experience back, it’s not a shock that this Fenton varsity boys basketball season might be more of a rebuilding year and a learning experience.

The learning experience began on Tuesday at Clio High School. The five-time defending Metro League champions shot just 35 percent from the floor, resulting in a 61-52 loss against the Mustangs.

“Of yeah it is,” said Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tim Olszewski when it was hinted this was the first step of a learning experience. “We have a lot of new guys to the varsity experience but let’s not make any excuses about that. We didn’t play well. We didn’t execute necessarily as well as we should’ve and we turned the ball over more than we typically do. We missed some layups and some free throws and they were hitting shots. You have to give them credit. Their defense was much improved. They play great defense. They hit shots, some spectacular shots... Clio worked hard.”

The Tigers (0-1) worked hard as well, but it was evident during some periods of the game that Fenton’s players had some learning to do about playing on the varsity stage.

“We have to take it from and we have to learn from it,” Olszewski said. “It’s like the first frame of bowling. This one is over and that’s fine. This one isn’t going to define us. This one isn’t going to make or break our season, but it is definitely an opportunity to learn some things and get better.”

Fenton’s James Claborn (right) tries to defend a shot by Clio’s Jazlyn Arkwright in the Mustangs’ 61-52 victory Tuesday night.

“They forced some of our mistakes. They’re not been in those situations before. What our hope is we identify those situations for the next game, and when they find themselves in those situations, they remember and think, ‘Wait a minute, this is something that happened last time, let’s try to do this.’ There are no red flags. There are no arms going up. It’s just getting better.

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**Lady Bronchos, Eagles remain perfect; Fenton wins first game**

By David Troppens
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The Holly varsity girls basketball team continues to roll.

The Bronchos opened Flint Metro League action by holding Flint Kearsley to just seven first-half points, en route to a 51-29 victory.

The Bronchos (1-0, 3-0) allowed just one first-quarter bucket, and led 12-2 entering the second quarter. A 21-5 scoring edge gave Holly an insurmountable 33-7 halftime lead.

Kaitlyn Smith led the Bronchos with a game-high 12 points, while Alyssa Copley chipped in 11 points, nine steals, eight rebounds, four blocks and four assists. Abby Lewandowski, who always provides strong defense, chipped in eight points, while Paige Reid had six. Brooke Jackman led the Bronchos with 11 rebounds. Through three games, Holly’s defense has allowed only 28.7 points a contest.

Linden 49, Lapeer East 33

The Eagles (1-0, 3-0) scored 20 second-quarter points, leading Linden to a victory in their Metro League opening contest on Tuesday.

The Eagles pressed East and it resulted in the visitors scoring just two third-quarter points. With East already trailing 31-19 at the break, Linden’s 12-2 run in the third pretty much ended the competitive aspect of the contest.

Rachel Starrs hit a pair of three-pointers, sparking a career-best 17 points. Jessie Spencer chipped in 10 points, while Taylor Smith and Alyssa Logie had nine points each. Logie also had seven rebounds, while Smith had five assists. Starrs chipped in five steals, but that didn’t lead the team.

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**PREP REPORT**

**WRESTLING**

- Holly vs. South Lyon, Wallied Lake Central: The Bronchos (6-1) defeated South Lyon 36-33 and Wallied Lake Central 42-30.

“We fell behind South Lyon 30-6 before winning and to Wallied Lake Central 30-12 and rallied back,” Holly coach Don Pluta said. “We showed great effort and heart.” Holly’s double-winners were Jacob Caldwell (110), Sam Johnson (140), Keegyn Solis (145), Tre Flores (150), Kyle Pepper (160) and Andrew Scott (180). Wyatt Lurpo (215), Vince Bianchi (170) and Jash Gonzalez (125) each won a match.

- Lake Fenton 54, Perry 7: The eighth-ranked Blue Devils got victories from Bobbie Kincard, Hunter Corcoran, Zach Zoll, Jared Corcoran, Leo Shustock, Tristan Nevadomski, Carson Whaley, Trent Hilger, Andy Donoho, Chase Hull and Nevin Donnell. Hilger, a freshman, had the match of the day when he pinned Perry’s ranked wrestler in the second period.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

- Linden vs. Lapeer East: The Linden varsity basketball team was out-scored 18-0 in the first quarter against Lapeer East, eventually resulting in a 61-29 loss to East.

The freshmen boys opened the season capturing a 43-41 victory against Central.

**HOKEY**

- Lapeer 6, KBH United 1: The KBH United squad, a hockey co-op involving players from Carleton, Brandon and Holly, got a goal from Kross Kenny, Brendan Guzik and Tyler Russell assisted the goal. Tristan Yonets had 32 saves in net.

- Pinckney 8, Metro League Grifins 0: Manny Vormolokas made 24 saves in net for the Fenton-Linden co-op hockey team.
Holly posts strong win vs. Kearsley
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There was a lot of hype surrounding the 2013-14 edition of the Holly varsity boys basketball team. One game into the season, the hype has been warranted.

The Bronchos outscored Kearsley 52-19 in the first half, eventually resulting in an 84-36 road victory against the Hornets Tuesday night.

“It was really good,” Holly coach Lance Baylis said. “We prepared so hard. Not only have we worked really hard over the last nine months, but we’ve also worked really hard the last couple of weeks since the season began.”

It did for Jake Daniels as well. Daniels, playing in his first game as a Holly Bronco after having to miss last season as a transfer, scored a game-high 27 points. Not far behind was Holly’s leading scorer a year ago, Kyle Woodruff. Woodruff hit five three-pointers and netted 18 points.

Holly blew the game open quickly, leading 26-10 after one quarter.

After Woodruff’s and Daniels’ offense, Logan Spiker added 10 points, seven assists and 10 rebounds, while Isaac Casillas had nine points. Josh Simms chipped in eight. Parker Rowse dished off 10 assists.

HOLLY BRONCHOS
Coach: Don Pluta
2012-13 Record: 8-0 Metro League champions. Advanced to the team regional finals.

Top wrestlers: The Bronchos don’t have as many returning household names as in past years, but they do have some. Andrew Scott (177) placed fifth in the state a year ago, and returns. Kyle Pepper (152) has won three Oakland County League championships, and is hoping to have a breakthrough year for the state series. "We have several kids who are really solid, so we are going to have," Pluta said.

Prediction: The Bronchos have captured each of the last three Metro League titles, but if Holly wants to make it a fourth straight league crown, it won’t come easy. Still, the Bronchos should be among the contenders, and a solid contender to get out of team districts and maybe regionals as well.

LAKES OF FOUNTAIN BLUE DEVILS
Coach: Vance Corcoran
2012-13 Record: Second in GAC. Lost in team regional semifinal.

Top wrestlers: The Blue Devils return two state wrestlers from last year’s team and another from Grand Blanc. Jared Corcoran (125) placed fifth a year ago, while Andy Donoho (171/189) was a state participant. Carson Whaley (160) placed sixth for Grand Blanc but is now a Blue Devil. Chaise Hull (189) is a four-year starter, and Cody Sanders (152) is another senior to expect big things from. The squad also has some strong freshmen. Trent Hillger (125/130) has already made a name for himself during the young season, while Zach Zoli (112/119) and Hunter Corcoran (125) could do the same. Tristan Nevadoniski (145/152) is another strong transfer, from Kearsley.

Corcoran says: “We have a great mix of kids with stud freshmen and senior leadership in place. It’s going to be a fun season. In 2011 we had all killer seniors and this year it’s a great mix. Maybe this year’s team is not quite as talented as that year, but our depth and lineup is solid all the way through.”

Prediction: The Blue Devils enter the season ranked eighth in Division 3, and it’s easy to see why. This is a talented squad. The Blue Devils have captured three district titles, and have the talent to make it deeper than that in the state team tourney. In the GAC, they are a definite contender.

LINDEN EAGLES
Coach: Todd Skinner
2012-13 Record: 3-5, fifth in Metro. Lost in team district.

Top wrestlers: The Eagles have one returning state performer, senior Zach Shaw (125/130). There are others with solid varsity experience. Dylan Myszia (125/130) and Luke Zimmerman (103/112) did a lot of summer wrestling. Others looking to make their mark are Austin McNeill (215), Eli Fuguth (152) and Nick Sioui (285). All are veterans. The freshman class is strong. Those wrestlers include Dawson McNeill (119), Patrick Kerr (135), Aaron Steedman (160), Jaylen Steedman (171), Skylar Stiles (189/215) and Brandon Brennan (112).

Skinner says: “It’s an exciting year, I’m expecting a lot of good things to happen with the program. We have 44 kids in the middle school and 90 kids in the youth program. This group is almost a mirror group of our 2006 squad, but there’s more of them. They’ve all competed at higher level tournaments.”

Prediction: The Eagles hope to contend for a league crown, but probably are a year away from breaking into the top couple of spots. Finishing third or fourth with a winning Metro record is realistic.

FENTON TIGERS
Coach: Bruce Burwitz
2012-13 Record: 1-8, ninth in Metro. Lost in team districts.

Top wrestlers: The Tigers have 25 wrestlers this season, but remain young. There are some veterans of note, however. Senior Norm Golden (160/170) is looking to make states this year, as is junior Scott Becker (215). Justin Hill (189) has had a start nice to the season, and Connor Kovacs (189) has already placed in an event this year.

Burwitz says: “We have a lot of young kids. We’ll take our hits this year being so young but we have a good group of kids that I think will stick it out the next couple of years. Our age group program is starting to pay off. In the next few years things are going to get exciting.”

Prediction: The Tigers won’t compete for a high placing in the Metro League this season, but getting a couple of wins in the conference would be nice. The team remains young, so expecting much more than that this year probably isn’t realistic.

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Sunday, December 15, 2013
Blue Devils improve to 2-0 in just two days

Second half sparks win vs. Genesee Christian

By David Troppens
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The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team probably did something that no other hoops squad in Michigan did on Tuesday.
The Blue Devils won their second game of the season.
While most teams were playing their first games on the season on Tuesday, the Blue Devils were playing their second in two days and capturing their second victory as well, defeating Genesee Christian 67-60.

Trailing 27-25 the half, the Blue Devils' offense erupted during the final 16 minutes, scoring 42 points.
Lake Fenton outscored Genesee Christian 22-14 in the third quarter and then added 20 more points in the fourth period, allowing the Blue Devils to ice the game away.

“We started running our offense in the second half a little bit better, and were able to get some great looks and finish down low,”
The Blue Devils (2-0) had a balanced scoring attack, paced by Chase Hanson’s 15 points and seven rebounds.

Logan Ready led the Devils in points, including nine in the fourth quarter, while Ryan Sink chipped in 12 points.
Tyler Browning had nine points and Mitchell Bollinger had seven.

"Chris Bell did a great job of handling the ball for us," Erway said. "He was able to control the tempo in the second half.”

Logan Mowry led Genesee Christian with a game-high 20 points and eight rebounds before he fouled out.
The Blue Devils did a strong job on the boards, earning a 42-32 rebound edge.

"Defensively, we didn’t have an answer for Logan Mowry," Erway said. "He is a tough player, and he did a great job on the boards. He was able to get in the paint all night, so credit him."

"We still need to become more consistent on both sides of the floor, but that should come the more our players play together.”

Lake Fenton’s Logan Readyd (left) prepares for a shot. Readyd scored 14 points in the Blue Devils’ 67-60 victory against Genesee Christian.

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Sydney Elmer had six steals.

Fenton 53, Clio 48

Hannah Evo provided 16 points, five rebounds and four steals, leading the Tigers (1-0-1-2) to their first victory of the season.

The Tigers only turned the ball over 14 times, and had a pretty strong showing on the boards, collecting 32 rebounds.
Sarah Cummings led the way with eight rebounds. She also had nine points. Ellie Cowger chipped in eight points, while Carly Granger and Emma Evo had seven points each.

Clio’s Cara Horst had a game-high 25 points.

Lake Fenton 65, LakeVille 33

Jordan Newman is well known for his scoring on the soccer field.
But on Tuesday, she did some on the basketball court.
Newman scored a game-high 21 points, leading the Blue Devils (2-1) to the easy road victory at LakeVille.

The Blue Devils basted the game open during a 20-6 run in the second quarter, giving Lake Fenton a 52-17 halftime lead.
A 21-point third quarter effectively ended any hopes of a LakeVille comeback.

Ashton Fuller added nine points, while Taylor Sheyachich had eight points.

On Saturday, Beardsley chipped in seven points, four steals and three blocks, while Sophia Sahouri had six points, five assists and three steals.
Newman also had four assists and four steals.

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One in four drivers likely to fall asleep at the wheel

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While everyone knows that drinking and driving is dangerous for everyone, many motorists usually don’t think twice about driving while they’re sleepy. In some circumstances, driving while drowsy can be just as dangerous as drunk driving.

According to a study released earlier this year by AAA, 28 percent of drivers on the road are too tired to be behind the wheel. Drowsy driving accounted for 13 percent of crashes in 2013, as well as 7 percent of crashes requiring a tow truck.

Like drunk driving, knowing when you’re too drowsy to drive can be difficult, especially since it can’t be measured through a device or test. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists commercial drivers, night-shift workers and drivers with sleep disorders or taking sedation medications as most likely to drive while drowsy.

“Drowsy driving remains a serious threat to the motor- ing public, with many drivers underestimating the problem of driving while extremely tired and overestimating their ability to deal with it,” said Peter Kissinger, president and CEO of AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety in a recent news release. “We know that people can’t reliably predict when they are going to fall asleep and a very fatigued driver may fall asleep after several seconds without even realizing it.”

Motorists who find themselves yawn- ing or blinking frequently may be too drowsy to drive. The CDC also lists drifting between lanes, hitting rumble strips and difficulty remembering the past few miles driven as other signs of being too drowsy to drive. If a motorist has any similar symptoms, AAA and the CDC urge the driver to pull over somewhere safe and to rest.

Other safety tips include getting at least seven hours of sleep before a day of long driving, taking a break for every two hours of driving and avoiding heavy foods before driving. Having an alert passenger and avoiding drowsy medication can also improve safety driving conditions.

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Safe winter driving techniques

Leave time to prepare vehicle, leave time on the road

By Tim Jagielo

With traffic fatalities, Christmas and New Year’s tops the list at around 13 deaths in Michigan for 2012, according to Michigan State Police.

Snow is also expected to fall the rest of this week, according to NOAA.gov.

Michigan Tech University (MTU) hosts a winter driving school. It publishes a helpful slippery conditions driving guide, which is shared by Michigan.gov. The guide provides detailed suggestions for handling hazardous winter driving, detailed from before cranking the engine.

The safest driving experience starts before the vehicle is even started. Take time to properly clear snow from the windshield, windows and signal lamps.

The vehicle tires are one of the most important factors for safety — don’t under, or over inflate them.

Balding wheels will have less traction and winter radials will have the best traction. Either way, have good tread on all four tires.

Assume the correct seating position for driving. Do not sit too close or too far away from the wheel. The wrists should be able to rest atop the steering wheel, with the arms slightly bent. The wrong position can make the pedals difficult to reach and cause airbag deployment concerns.

All passengers, including the driver, should be seatbelted and airbags should be turned on.

The steering wheel for the winter months should be held at the 9 and 3 o’clock position and both hands should remain on the wheel for turns. Avoid using the crossover method of steering in turns.

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General rule: be smooth

According to the MTU guide, many drivers brake too much, gas too much, and provide too much steering input. Remember to look where you want to go, and you’ll likely end up there. Remember to practice in an open parking lot.

Summary

In general, care should be taken to brake, accelerate and steer smoothly and carefully in slippery conditions. A safe drive also starts with careful vision with clean windshield.

In fact, driving starts with conditions. A safe drive also starts with carefully in slippery driving, detailed from before cranking the engine.

Hi there. I have a 2008 Honda Civic 2.2cdti. Anytime I turn the heat on, the fan starts making a noise which gets louder and louder. However when I turn the heat off, the fan makes more noise and immediately stops. When I’m driving and steer the wheel to the left as I turn, the heater rattles then starts making noise. Any ideas?

Please help, Thanks.

- Randall

Randall, this sounds like a blower motor wheel that is coming loose. You will need to take the blower motor out to check this, but also be aware that this time of year that small animals like to hide nuts and other items in places like this. Don’t be surprised to find this and if you do, try spraying some perfume or ammonia around the fender wells and under the car as this odor will offend the little rodents. Be careful not to spray on to anything that may get hot or create a spark as these items can be flammable.

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White-out conditions caused a multi-car pile-up on northbound U.S. 23 south of Thompson Road on a busy Saturday last February.
Michigan has a history of hazardous winter driving conditions, especially in the months of January, February and March.

**TECHNIQUES**

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The guide suggests leaving headlights on at all times while driving — day or night, as winter weather usually means gloomy lighting and a lot of salt-stained cars that easily blend in.

Though it’s always best to avoid distractions like the radio, mobile phone or food while driving, it’s even more important in the winter — as is leaving more time to both stop and accelerate.

The guide suggests reserving an extra four seconds of space between vehicles, and more for really snowy conditions. This is because at any time, there is only a small patch of tire contacting the road.

When braking without anti-lock brakes (ABS), pumping the brakes or holding the brake above the point of lock-up is best — you can’t steer tires that aren’t turning.

When using ABS let the system work for you — mash on the brakes and you should still be able to steer.

This leads us to steering. Front wheel drive (FWD), and rear wheel drive (RWD) each respond differently on the road; this is when practice makes perfect.

In general, RWD vehicles are more likely to fish-tail when slipping, and must be counteracted.

If you over steer and the rear end of the vehicle starts to come around, steer into the slide — meaning if the tail is coming around clockwise, turn the wheel counter clockwise.

If driving slow and oversteering happens, let off the gas. If driving at higher speeds, ease on the gas slightly.

**ROAD TRIP**

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kids will likely sleep more, allowing parents to focus on the road and traffic rather than if the kids are entertained.

Taking food with you will cut down on the need to visit a drive thru restaurant, allowing for continuous driving rather than frequent stops.

Write down directions before heading out the door. Yes, GPS and smartphones can often point drivers in the right direction but as anyone who’s used technology will tell you, online maps have been known to give wrong or confusing directions. Don’t wait until you’re already underway on the road to figure out if you’re heading in the right direction. Write your destination’s route down before hand.

Switch drivers if you’re driving for several hours. If there’s only one person in the vehicle capable of driving, plan a few pit stops. Spending long hours behind the wheel can lead to fatigue, causing drivers to become less alert.

Make sure your vehicle has an emergency kit including blankets, flashlights, batteries, a first-aid kit and flares. The possibility of hitting a deer or your car breaking down in the middle of winter isn’t far fetched. Hopefully, you won’t need to use an emergency kit for holiday travels but it’s better to have it now before you and your family end up stranded outside in the cold.
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Coffee

Americans consume huge share of this multi-billion dollar industry

Tim Jagielo

Fenton — Some people just can’t start their day, or work without it.

Cars, likely on their way to work, jam the parking lot at Tim Horton’s Wednesday morning. According to owner Don Andrews, they won’t have to wait long to get through the goal is to hustle each through in 25 seconds.

He said regular brewed coffee accounts for 26 percent of his business per his six stores, and business peaks between 6 and 10 a.m. Ten percent of his customers come in for coffee only, sometimes a few times a day.

If you work at an office, there’s probably a pot or two, of varying quality, waiting in the break room. At the workplace, it is ubiquitous as a pick-me-up, and can uplift moods, energy, spirits and even temperature on a cold weekend. To coffee drinkers, the words “coffee” and “coffee shop” can immediately lift the mood.

It’s available everywhere, and according to the International Coffee Organization (ICO), coffee is the number one traded tropical commodity in the world, selling 93 million bags in 2010, worth $15 billion.

In places like Benghazi, Libya where the mostly Muslim population doesn’t drink alcohol, getting coffee from one of the many tiny kiosks, and hanging out on the curb replaces the bar environment.

In the U.S., 54 percent of adults 18 and older drink coffee and $18 billion is spent in the U.S. annually on specialty coffee drinks. According to statisticsbrain.com, the annual coffee bill for the average coffee drinker is $164.71.

The Laundry can provide more of a coffee shop environment, with French press being the standard served at tables. There are enough drinks on the menu and so much coffee being made, they need an employee to specifically focus on coffee — Gillian O’Hara.

“Since we do the French press exclusively, we need them filling the French press all day long,” said O’Hara, who is coffee lead.

Many renditions of the house coffee have been tried. They use a French press to capture the oils in the beans instead of passing it through the water.

Owner Mark Hamel said coffee accounts for 15 percent of their business — not a small sum considering their business does $3 million annually. He

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At Tim Horton’s in Fenton, coffee is brewed and only allowed to sit out for 20 minutes before being dumped out. The recipe is an industry secret.

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5 • SCAMS ANYONE COULD EASILY FALL FOR

1 CONTACT LISTS IN YOUR CELL PHONE
SCAM: A woman’s handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her husband from a pay phone telling him what had happened, her husband said “I received your text asking about our PIN and I’ve replied a little while ago.” When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text “hubby” in the contact list and got hold of the PIN and within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

HOW TO AVOID: A) Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc. B) And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, confirm by calling back. C) Also, when you’re being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don’t reach them, be very careful about going places to meet ‘family and friends’ who text you.

2 GPS SYSTEMS IN VEHICLES
SCAM: Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the lot which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents.

HOW TO AVOID: Something to consider if you have a GPS - don’t put your home address in it... Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

3 LONG TERM PARKING lots at AIRPORTS
SCAM: Some people left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car’s registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people’s home in Pebble Beach and burgled it.

HOW TO AVOID: If you are going to leave the car in long-term parking, you should not leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener.

4 GIFT CARD GOTCHAS
SCAM: Taking gift cards from display racks, thieves peel and copy or use a portable scanner to get the code underneath the scratch-off strip. Then they put the cards back on the rack and wait for them to be bought and activated. By dialing the cards’ toll-free numbers, they can find out exactly how much value is on the card. All’s clear now for them to make online purchases or generate cloned copies for in-store use, leaving your intended recipients with worthless cards.

HOW TO AVOID: Purchase gift cards from a store’s customer service counter or website, rather than from unintended display racks. If you do buy from a display rack, make sure the cashier scans and activates the card in your presence — you don’t want the cashier just pocketing the money. And make sure you get a receipt to give to the gift recipient in case there’s a problem.

5 PURSE UNATTENDED in the GROCERY CART
SCAM: A lady went grocery shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children’s seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf. Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the mall security saying that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it still had her personal papers, credit cards and driver’s license. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by mall security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were mall security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it. They even watched her leave.

HOW TO AVOID: Keep your purse on your shoulder to help avoid theft. Also whenever possible it can help to shop with another person.

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Lost and found at Christmas

In her book, ‘Who Am I?’ Marjorie Holmes leads her readers in a prayer for all who get lost at Christmas.

And who are these lost ones? Holmes identifies them as children lost in stores, adults lost in the confusion of crowded parties and crowded lives controlled by drugs, drink, sex and mistaken goals.

She includes husbands and wives lost to each other through habit and neglect and misunderstanding; sons and daughters lost to their parents and those who are lost in prisons and at sea.

Christmas has a lot to do with losing and finding.

The wise men, who traveled from the east, bringing gifts to the newborn king, lost their way when they stopped following the star and ended up at the palace of Herod. There, the king’s advisors consulted the Scriptures and told them the king they sought was to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Following this good advice, they found their way again and soon they were worshipping and presenting their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the one they had traveled far to find.

Many have lost their way in life and then found their way home through faith in the one born in Bethlehem that first Christmas. Recognizing the power of God’s love revealed in Bethlehem’s stable, Marjorie Holmes wrote, ‘Reach out your arms to us, bring us back into the warm shelter of the stable. Let us gaze into your arms to us, bring us back into the warm shelter of the stable. Let us gaze upon the miracle of the manger. Let us become one with it, drawing new hope from it, and a sense of new worth so that we know we are all very dear to You, so that we are less likely to stray.’

Some, however, think they’ve lost Christmas, itself, in the celebration. Perhaps you’re one of them. If so, in order to help you find what you’ve lost, I submit the poem below by our daughter, Cheryl, one of my favorite writers of rhyme.

**T**AKE **SOME** **T**IME 

*Take some time from all the bustle of the season.*

*From the rushing crowds of people everywhere;* 

*Find a quiet room and close the door behind you;* 

*Take a moment…meet your Savior there.* 

*Take some time to read again the Gospel stories.* 

*Start in Matthew, move to Mark and Luke and John;* 

*Read the truth about the life and love of Jesus,* 

*The only One to rest your faith upon.* 

*Take some time…and treasure what you find there;* 

*Let the wonder of Christ’s birth embrace your soul;* 

*Meditate upon the Gift God chose to give you,* 

*In sending Jesus Christ to make you whole.* 

*Take some time…or the season will overwhelm you.* 

*Just let go of all your worries, all your care.* 

*Find that quiet room and close the door behind you.* 

*Take the time…your Savior’s waiting there.* 

Cheryl Campbell Powell

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The next generation of gaming

By William Axford

The next generation of video game consoles has hit store shelves just in time for Christmas. Microsoft’s Xbox One and Sony’s PlayStation 4 are battling it out for the title of top system this holiday season. With the Xbox One priced at $499 and the PlayStation 4 running for $399, parents and gamers probably only have enough funds to purchase one system. So, which system is worth the money?

According to Microsoft’s website, the Xbox One comes with an eight core processor that lets users switch from strict video game consoles. The PlayStation 4 and Xbox One each have eight gigabytes of RAM and a 500 gigabyte hard drive for storing movies, games, music and more. Movies and games are supported in Blu-ray for high definition graphics.

On the PlayStation 4 side, the system also comes with an eight core processor, 500 gigabyte hard drive and Blu-ray player. So when it comes to specs, both gaming systems are similar as to what they can produce, graphics wise.

Both systems are billing themselves as entertainment systems rather than strictly video game consoles. The Xbox One and PlayStation 4 each have a camera built into them for motion activation. They can access the internet for online games and download apps. The PlayStation 4 controller has a built-in touchpad and the system links to Sony’s handheld gaming device, the PlayStation Vita. The Xbox One lets users link their tablets to the system and comes with a microphone that enables voice commands.

Outside of price, games are likely to be a deciding factor in which system consumers will purchase. The Xbox One cannot play Xbox 360 games and likewise, the PlayStation 4 cannot play PlayStation 3 games. The PlayStation 4 has more games than the Xbox One so far however, both systems have only been available for less than a month so more games are soon to follow.

Sony and Microsoft have their own line of exclusive titles that the PlayStation and Xbox are known for — shooting gaming franchises like Call of Duty, Madden, Final Fantasy and Assassins Creed are available on both systems.

Xbox 360 fans will probably go with the Xbox One and PlayStation 3 fans will probably upgrade to the PlayStation 4 due to familiarity. No matter which system gamers choose, they’ll have to pay an annual fee in order to get online. Xbox Live Gold is going for $60 a year while Sony’s PlayStation Plus costs $50 a year. So far, the PlayStation 4 gets the slight edge as the better system simply due to being more affordable.

For parents and gamers looking to hold out for better games or a price drop in a few years, older gaming systems PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 have seen a price drop to as low as $200. With hundreds of games available for both of the older systems, waiting a little longer to see how each of the new systems play out may not be such a bad idea.

Playstation 4 gets slight edge for lower price and online fees

While both systems have extremely similar features such as Blu-ray capabilities, online play and linking to other electronic devices, the PlayStation 4 has the slight edge for being $100 cheaper and charging less for annual online access.

Path of Duty

Madden, Final Fantasy and Assassins Creed for the Xbox One. Bigger gaming franchises like Call of Duty, Madden, Final Fantasy and Assassins Creed are available on both systems.

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Familiarize yourself with Bitcoin — the world's first digital currency

The physical act of dealing with money is slowly being replaced by electronic transactions.

By William Axford

Technology continues to transform nearly every aspect of American life and currency is no exception. From debit cards to PayPal accounts, the physical act of dealing with money is slowly being replaced by electronic transactions. Technology is continuing to go one step further by creating an entirely new currency altogether called Bitcoin.

According to USA Today, Bitcoin is a “decentralized digital currency” that relies on “its own ability to hold value.” Bitcoin was developed in 2008 by a group of developers known as Satoshi Nakamoto. Bitcoins consist of code, which is verified by specialized computers and can be traded for other currencies.

Like any other currency, the value of Bitcoin fluctuates in value when compared to other currencies. In 2011, the digital currency jumped from $0.32 to $32 in value, dipping down to $5 and then rising up in price again. A Dec. 9 CNN article placed the value of a single Bitcoin at $870. A Bitcoin collector recently bought a $103,000 Tesla Model S for 91.4 Bitcoins. In addition to cars, Bitcoin has been used to purchase pizza, plastic surgery, airline tickets and clothes.

Bitcoin also has a connection to the Internet. The digital currency has been linked to the world’s first digital currency. Familiarize yourself with Bitcoin — the world’s first digital currency.

Summary

Bitcoin is a digital currency system. It is growing in popularity amongst merchants in America and has been linked to the Black Market on the Internet.

BY TYRONE TOWNSHIP

REZONING OF PROPERTY FROM R-1 TO RE

At their regular meeting of December 3, 2013, the Tyrone Township Board approved the request of Paul and Shannon Weber to rezone their property at 12356 White Lake Road between Hartland and Fenton Roads, Parcel 4704-11-401-014, from R-1 Single Family Residential District to RE Rural Estate Residential District. A public hearing on the subject property was held on October 8, 2013; no objections were made. (Published December 15, 2013.)

Keith L. Kremer

Tyrone Township Clerk
Meet Tracy Boettcher

• Head Angel, Fenton Rotary
• Angel Tree Project
• Auto broker
• Unicyclist

By Sally Rummel
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Tracy Boettcher first became involved in the Fenton Rotary Angel Tree Project three years ago, and this year, headed up this local holiday endeavor. The Fenton Rotary Club has a history of “service above self,” helping to provide Christmas for 233 children in need in the Fenton community. There are still six children in need of a Christmas “angel,” and Boettcher is confident that an angel will be found for each of them, based on the overwhelming support of the community.

How does the Angel Tree Project work? Applications were sent out through the schools, giving families an opportunity to apply for help. The families truly must be in need to get on the list, and the teachers and counselors at Fenton schools have gone “above and beyond” to make sure that the families who are truly in need get help, even taking on a role of Angels themselves. It costs about $100 per child, but if you cannot afford that, you can donate money to the project and it will be used to sponsor a child.

After shopping for the gifts, you wrap them, place them in a white garbage bag and drop them off at various locations in town. The final sorting takes place at a warehouse that was generously donated for this use by a local business.

When are the gifts delivered? Sorting of all the bags will take place on Dec. 20 and then Rotarians will be the Angels who deliver the gifts on Saturday, Dec. 21. It’s all very well organized with routes and all. My yorkie, Carly will be the reindeer guiding my sleigh (car) as I make the deliveries. It’s like a Hallmark Christmas movie moment for sure, tears and all.

Without the help of several key players in Rotary, this wouldn’t be possible. Nor would it be possible without all the help from the community. Just when I think I can’t possibly find a sponsor for a large family or multiple kids, someone in the community comes through. We are truly blessed to have so many giving people in our area. This project is what made me a Rotarian.

How great is the need this year? It’s amazing the troubles people have here in our own community. Job losses, evictions, absent fathers, you name it. But we don’t turn anyone away that truly needs help. We also collaborate with the Fenton Kiwanis Club, which provides food baskets for these families.

I hear you have helpful neighbors. How did they get involved? My neighbors in Coachlight Pines actually sponsored 12 kids of their own. I sponsored nine kids, and on Wednesday night, I treated my neighbors with a pizza party and wine and they helped me wrap all the gifts for nine kids. We got it done in an hour because of all the help. You wouldn’t believe how much time it takes to shop and wrap gifts for nine different kids! Once you start helping with a project like this, you never stop. I’ll never NOT do this. I’m hooked.

How did you keep up with this project and still work your day job? Luckily, there are a number of key people in Rotary who share the same love of this project and have been doing it for years. All the glory needs to go to the Rotary Club. Plus, I work from home as an auto broker, so I’m able to work flexible hours. I’m also selling my home and building a new one, so it has been a busy time. Truly, I didn’t realize how time consuming this project would be, but it is well worth it.

You also found time to participate in the Jinglefest Parade? Yes. I rode my unicycle with the Rotary float, sporting a lighted scarf and lighted wheel. I found out it’s hard to unicycle in the dark, but it was a lot of fun.

If there are kids left who still need an Angel, how can people contact you to sponsor one? All they have to do is call me at (810) 577-3362 or email me at tmcars@charter.net.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Tracy Boettcher is heading up this year’s Fenton Rotary Angel Tree Project, along with the help of her head Yorkie reindeer, Carly.

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Senate Bill 636: Facilitate “land line” phone service transition to cell phone service

To streamline regulations on “landline” telephone service providers so as to facilitate transitioning customers to a wireless (cell phone or VOIP) system, and allow phone companies to discontinue landline service after 2016. The bill authorizes appeal procedures for individual customers for whom the replacement service does not work well.
Passed 31 to 4 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County voted: ☑ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 509: Authorize new state Senate office building

To authorize the sale of the Farnum Senate office building in Lansing and construction of a new building for Senators’ offices.
Passed 22 to 14 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County voted: ☑ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 679: Establish scrap metal theft legal presumption

To establish a “rebuttable presumption” that a person caught stripping more than $100 or 100 pounds of metal from a building or structure does not have the permission of the owner, and so is committing larceny as defined in a 2008 scrap metal theft law.
Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County voted: ☑ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4242: Raise burden of proof to justify new government regulations

To require government agencies to demonstrate that a rule they want to impose is “necessary and suitable to achieve its purpose in proportion to the burdens it places on individuals.”
Passed 26 to 11 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County voted: ☑ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5156: Court of claims change “cleanup” bill

To establish that nothing in a new law changing the state’s “court of claims” from the Ingham County circuit court to the state Court of Appeals eliminates a current right to a jury trial for a person filing certain types of claim against the state, or to filing these claims in a person’s local circuit, district or probate court.
Passed 110 to 0 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☑ YES ☐ NO
I agree — it’s been pretty cold this last week, and according to the weatherman, it’s supposed to stay that way well into the next week, too. Even so, before you venture out onto the ice with your ice fishing equipment, make sure there is enough ice and that you have everything you need to stay safe out there.

Ice fishing safety experts agree — 4 inches of clear, solid ice is crucial before you head out. You need to also be wary of snow-covered ice. Snow not only insulates the ice, preventing it from solidifying, but it also hides cracks and open water areas.

As you make your maiden journey of the year out on the ice with your buddy, a good rule of thumb is to walk a fair distance apart. Besides distributing your combined weights better, if one of you should go through, chances of surviving the ordeal increase greatly with the partner’s 911 call and assistance.

If you take an ATV or a snowmobile out on the ice with you, add another inch to the needed ice requirements. Five inches is deemed to be pretty safe for those types of toys, but if you’re crazy enough to take a car or light truck out on the ice, you’re better off if the ice is 8 to 12-inches thick or better.

When you’re ice fishing on an unfamiliar lake and you pop into the local bait shop for some waxies and minnows, ask the locals about ice thickness. Not only will they be able to tell you that, but they’ll probably tell you where folks are having the best luck, too.

Another thing you can do to ensure your safety is to take a set of spikes out on the ice with you. You can make the device at home very easily. Get yourself an old broomstick and saw off two six-inch pieces. Insert a long nail into each end of the dowels, and grind each nail off to a sharp point. On the opposite end of each dowel, drill a hole through which you can insert and tie off a large section of cord. The cord needs to be long enough so that it can run up your arm, across your shoulders, and down your other arm. Thread it through your jacket and let the dowels dangle from your sleeves. If you go through the ice, you now have a way to dig into the ice and pull yourself out.

You can also buy pre-made spike of this sort from just about any outdoor store — and they’re not that expensive. It’s also a really good idea to let someone know that you’re going ice fishing. Be sure to tell them where you’re going and what time you expect to return.

Better to leave the beer or liquor at home and opt for a big thermos of hot cocoa instead. Not only does alcohol impede your good judgment, but having alcohol in your system if you crash through the ice into freezing cold water makes you more susceptible to hypothermia.

Stay safe out on the ice, and you’re guaranteed to once again enjoy one of Michigan’s wonderful ice fishing seasons!
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Andrews isn’t sure why people love coffee — for him it’s been a part of his life since he was young. “It’s a way people like to start the morning,” he said and added that coffee is great for after meals, and great for sitting and visiting with family and friends.

Whether fancy or quick, coffee begins its life as a cherry on the branches of one of the 25 to 100 different species of coffee plant. Though the plant can become a tree 30 feet high, it tends to be cropped close to the ground as a shrub.

Coffee is grown in rich soil in mild climates with lots of shade and rainfall. Arabica coffee grows best between 2,000 to 6,000 feet above sea level. Robusto coffee has 50-60 percent more caffeine, and is grown in Central and Western Africa, parts of Southeast Asia, including Indonesia and Vietnam, and in Brazil, according to the National Coffee Association of USA (NCA).

Approximately seven million tons of milled coffee beans, or “green coffee” is produced worldwide each year.

The caffeine content per cup varies greatly depending on things like composition and brewing. Instant coffee contains less caffeine than regular ground coffee, and dark roast coffee also contains less caffeine. A 5-ounce cup of coffee will have about 115 milligrams of caffeine, if the “drip” brewing method was used.

Caffeine’s chemical compound is called trimethylxanthine and it is a naturally occurring stimulant. In pure form, it is a white and crystalline powder with a bitter taste. Caffeine withdraws is a medically recognized condition, and caffeine addiction is real.

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Warming up with coffee and Karaoke

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Dan Bates of Farm Bureau Insurance in Fenton’s yearly tradition involves Karaoke and free coffee, doughnuts and muffins. The food is provided by the Tim Horton’s in Fenton where it was held on Wednesday between 8 and 10 a.m. Bates provides the Karaoke, and a lot of singing himself. He said most people sing along to the warm holiday classics, and some want solos. “This is just giving a little back to the community,” he said.
Certified Nurse Assistant (CNAs) positions available, full-time and part-time, 2nd & 3rd shift, hours will vary. Must have certification from the State of Michigan as a nurse aide and worked with the elderly in long term care environment.

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**Qualifications:**
- Must possess current, active license to practice as an RN in Michigan
- Graduate of an accredited school of nursing
- Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing is desired, but not necessary
- 1-3 years of management experience with LTC / SNF and enjoy working with the elderly.

**Duties:**
- Drug administration • Day/Day nursing • Employee relations and staff development • Safety compliance • Equipment and supply monitoring • Care plan and assessment for guests • On-call availability

The afternoon supervisor position requires management experience.

**Requirements:**
- Must be knowledgeable of nursing and medical practices and procedures, as well as laws, regulations, and guidelines that pertain to LTC.
- Must be able to make decisions and take independent action when circumstances warrant such action.
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TAKING FURTHER NOTICE that any personal property so deposited in the front lawn or street right-of-way constitutes a public nuisance. The City of Linden will take immediate action to abate the nuisance. Any costs or expenses incurred by the City of Linden will be charged as a special assessment against the property and subject placed upon the tax rolls for collection.

CITY OF LINDEN

By: Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.8701 TO DEFINE THAT THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE CONSIDERED GENERAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS

SECTION I

That this Ordinance shall be known as the General Civil Infractions Ordinance and the following shall be considered General Civil Infractions:

A. Concealing Material Facts, Making False Or Misleading Statements, Or Providing False Or Misleading Writings Or Documents During A Criminal Investigation.

(1) Except as provided in this section, a person who is informed by a peace officer that he or she is conducting a criminal investigation shall not do any of the following:

(a) By any trick, scheme, or device, knowingly and willfully conceal from the peace officer any material fact relating to the criminal investigation.

(b) Knowingly and willfully make any statement to the peace officer that the person knows is false or misleading relating to a material fact in that criminal investigation.

(c) Knowingly and willfully issue or otherwise provide any writing or document to the peace officer that the person knows is false or misleading relating to a material fact in that criminal investigation.

B. Intimidation, Harassment, Or Obstruction Of Public Officer Or Employee Police Officer.

A person shall not attempt to intimidate, hinder, disoblige or obstruct a public officer, public employee, peace officer, or peace officer trainee in the discharge of his or her official duties.

C. Dumping Filt, Garbage Or Refuse On Property Of Another.

Any person who shall dump, deposit or place any filth, garbage or refuse on the grounds or premises of another, without the specific permission of the owner thereof.

D. Public Urination.

Any person who shall urinate in public.

SECTION II – PENALTY

Violations of these provisions shall constitute a civil infraction, and upon a finding of guilt, any person found guilty of a civil offense shall be subject to a fine of not more than $200.00 fine per violation plus restitution, if applicable.

SECTION III – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted 11-25-2013
Denise Graves, Clerk
FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for the purpose of debt collection. If you have any information which may affect the amount of the debt, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Debts have been sold to: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated November 13, 2013 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4356, page 25, Livingston County Records. Said premises are situated in Township of Grand Blanc, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014, in the manner described in Plat Liber 26, Page 60, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Township of Creek, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 39, Page 14, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Village No. 3, according to the plat thereof recorded June 7, 2000 in Plat Liber 23, Page 11, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in City of Swartz Creek, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 33, Page 8, Genesee County Records.

SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Dennis Brimberry, a married man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee for the benefit of Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated November 13, 2013 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4356, page 25, Livingston County Records, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Dollars and Eighty-One Cents ($94.81). Eighty-One Cents ($0.81) 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 vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County, on or before January 14, 2014, in the manner described in Plat Liber 39, Page 14, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Township of Grand Blanc, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 26, Page 60, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Township of Creek, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 39, Page 14, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Village No. 3, according to the plat thereof recorded June 7, 2000 in Plat Liber 23, Page 11, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in City of Swartz Creek, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 33, Page 8, Genesee County Records.

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SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Cheryl A. Andrews and Eric D. Andrews, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., dated October 31, 2001 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4517, Page 120, Livingston County Records. Said premises are situated in Township of Grand Blanc, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 39, Page 14, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Township of Creek, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 39, Page 14, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Village No. 3, according to the plat thereof recorded June 7, 2000 in Plat Liber 23, Page 11, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in City of Swartz Creek, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 33, Page 8, Genesee County Records.

SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard Remmers, as Trustee for ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., dated August 27, 2007 in Ingham County Records, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 3347, Page 251, Ingham County Records. Said premises are situated in Village No. 3, according to the plat thereof recorded June 7, 2000 in Plat Liber 23, Page 11, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Township of Grand Blanc, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 39, Page 14, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Township of Creek, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 39, Page 14, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in Village No. 3, according to the plat thereof recorded June 7, 2000 in Plat Liber 23, Page 11, Genesee County Records. Said premises are situated in City of Swartz Creek, Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 14, 2014 in the manner described in Plat Liber 33, Page 8, Genesee County Records.
Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Mr. Ray M. Stanley, Jr. 1931-2013
Mr. Ray M. Stanley, Jr. - age 82, died suddenly December 11, 2013, at his home in Fenton, MI. Mr. Stanley was born in Whitesburg, KY on May 10, 1931 to parents Malcom and Virgie Stanley. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force from 1949 until 1953. He retired from General Motors after 38 years with the company. After retiring he drove theCourtesy Van for Al Serra Chevrolet in Grand Rapids, MI and enjoyed meeting and being with people, and will be dearly missed by all. He is the loving husband of the late Wanda Sue Stanley, Survivors are his children, Brenda (Todd) Florence and Michael (Debra) Stanley, grandchildren, Jennifer (Shau) Nelson, Brian Presser, Kayler Florence, and Katie Stanley; great-grandchildren, Madison and Zachary Nelson; siblings, Jewel Stanley, Joiey (Charles) Rutherford, Fred (Diane) Stanley, and Patty Stein; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Memorial contributions may be made to the only family or to local charities. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Richard F. Ostrowski 1954-2013
Richard F. Ostrowski - age 59 of Linden, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. Richard was born August 21, 1954 in Detroit, the son of Richard and Anna (Grygiel) Ostrowski. Surviving are his devoted wife, Denise Ostrowski; two adoring children, Rick Ostrowski and Nicole Ostrowski-Miliabic; brother, Michael Ostrowski; sister, Suzanne Ostrowski-Dansel, and many other loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. Memorial contributions may be made to the only family or to local charities. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Frederick Robert Drapala 1933-2013
Frederick Robert Drapala - age 82 of Fenton, died December 10, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, 500 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, 9:30 AM at the church until the time of Mass on Monday. Frederick was born March 6, 1933 in Detroit, the son of Frank and Anna (Zwolko) Drapala. He retired from General Motors. He was the best husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve “Jean”; children, John (Sheila), Mark (Lori) Kunkel and Rick (green); grandchildren, Kara, Zachary, Emily, Evan, Jillian, Jacob, Thomas, Carter, Noah, Frederick, was preceded in death by his brother, Richard and sister, Joan Mclvanie. Online condolences may be posted on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Joanne Ramp, 1947-2013

Teresa Hadley, 1943-2013

Mary Fink, 1943-2013

Gary Lagness, 1947-2013

Sharon Harrison, 1945-2013

Dona Bailey, 1934-2013

Terese Hadley, 1943-2013

Kerry Whalen, 1949-2013

Janet Phillips, 1947-2013

Robert Joseph Zeffero 1930-2013
Robert Joseph Zeffero - age 83, of Linden, formerly of Fenton, died Thursday, December 12, 2013. Services will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 618 N. Adelaide St. Fenton. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held 8-10 AM Monday and Tuesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, for his family. He was born April 15, 1930 in Flint, the son of Joseph and Mollie (Fehrenbach) Zeffero. He was a graduate of Traverse City High School, received a Bachelor degree from Ferris State College, and his Master’s degree from Eastern Michigan University. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Air Force. Robert married Jeanine Marleau, and son-in-law, and she preceded him in death in June 1, 2011. Surviving are: mother, Evelyn Koller; sisters, Virginia Nilsen and husband Tom McPuff; Carol (Bruce) Leuneberg, Carol (Roseann) Nelson, Richard (Doreen) Nelson, and Elizabeth (Lynn) Koller; son, Daniel Koller; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and her beloved animals, dog Piki and cats Booby Boots, Sweet Pea, Kit Carson, and McPuff. She was also preceded in death by her father, Frank Koller. Online tributes may be posted on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Janet Phillips, 1947-2013

Michael Mooney, 1949-2013

Roger Green, 1942-2013

Terese Hadley, 1943-2013

Karen Rene (Killer) Irlweg 1951-2013
Karen Rene (Killer) Irlweg - age 62, of Linden, died Sunday, December 8, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, 500 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Josh Hoover officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday from 10 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet and Cleveland Heart Clinic, Cleve- erland, OH 44105. Surviving are: mother, Ev-elyn Koller; sisters, Virginia Nilsen and husband Tom McPuff; Carol (Bruce) Leuneberg, Carol (Roseann) Nelson, Richard (Doreen) Nelson, and Elizabeth (Lynn) Koller; son, Daniel Koller; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and her beloved animals, dog Piki and cats Booby Boots, Sweet Pea, Kit Carson, and McPuff. She was also preceded in death by her father, Frank Koller. Online tributes may be posted on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Devin Pruitt, 1945-2013

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Carol Sue Church
1952-2013
Carol Sue Church - age 61, of Flint, died Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Saturday, December 14, 2013 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Jim Garfield officiating. Visitation was from 2-9 PM Friday. Mrs. Church was born in Holly on February 21, 1952, the daughter of Carl and Elsie (Dukes) Hansen. She loved her family, her dogs, and gardening. She was a wonderful cook and was a Facebook game enthusiast. She is survived by her husband, James; 3 children, Tina (John); Ludwig of Fenton; Theresa (Kenneth) Betts of Fenton, and Tim (Kimberly); Villareal of Fenton; 7 grandchildren, Jaryd, Derek, Nichole, Manda, Macie, Sydney, and Brayden; mother, Elsie Hansen of Holly; brother, Jim (Paula) Hansen of Grand Blanc; 2 sisters, Shirley (John) Keasey of Johannesburg and Margaret (Jessie) Buss of NC. She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Hansen and sister-in-law, Jackie Hansen. Memorial donations may be given to the family. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Randall Sanford

Robert McElwain

William Ulrich III

Russell Conklin

Margaret Kern

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a female in my 70s. When I was 12 years old, I, along with a younger brother and older sister, all had what our doctor called “yellow jaundice.” We all were very sick for about two weeks. It was very contagious and a good percentage of the schoolchildren had it, although none of my family members at home caught it from us. I know jaundice in itself is not a disease. Could we have had hepatitis? Are there any long-term effects from it? — A.P.

ANSWER: It does indeed sound like hepatitis. The most common form of contagious hepatitis is called hepatitis A. It comes from contaminated food or water, but it sounds like your family was very careful if nobody else at home caught it. Fortunately, hepatitis A does not have any long-term effects, the way hepatitis B and C do. Acute mononucleosis sometimes causes hepatitis, but if a lot of kids had it at the same time, I suspect it came from food. There is now a vaccine for hepatitis A, which is recommended for all travelers.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I looked in the mirror this morning and my right eye was bright red. It looked like someone had punched me. He didn’t. It doesn’t hurt. My vision is perfect. My eye looks alright, but no real harm is done to the closed eye. You need to see a doctor if the eye begins to pain you, if the blood stays for longer than a week or if it happens time and again.

ANSWER: My long-distance guess is a subconjunctival hemorrhage. The conjunctiva is a cellophane-like covering of the eye. Beneath it is a subconjunctival hemorrhage. The conjunctiva is a cellophane-like covering of the eye. Beneath it is a delicate vessel breaks, blood covers that part of the eye. Coughing, sneezing or straining causes the breaks. Sometimes it happens for no apparent reason. The eye looks awful, but no real harm is done. The blood is absorbed in about a week. You can hurry it up by putting warm compresses over the closed eye.

Recipe from bettycrocker.com
BREAKFAST CASSEROLE
A WEEKEND FAVORITE

INGREDIENTS
• 1 cup diced fully cooked ham (6 oz)
• 2 boxes seasoned hash brown potatoes
• 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped (1 cup)
• 1 T. dried chopped onion
• 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 oz)
• 1 cup Original Bisquick® mix
• 3 cups milk
• 1/2 t. pepper
• 4 eggs

DIRECTIONS
1. Grease 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish with shortening or cooking spray.
2. Layer ham, potatoes, bell pepper, onion and 1 cup of the cheese in baking dish. In large bowl, stir Bisquick mix, milk, pepper and eggs until blended. Pour into baking dish; sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese. Cover; refrigerate at least 4 hours but no longer than 24 hours.
3. Heat oven to 375°F. Bake uncovered 30 to 35 minutes or until light golden brown around edges and cheese is melted. Let stand 10 minutes.

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Read Your Email
Before iOS 7, Siri can only show you the recent emails. Now Siri is upgrad- ed and able to read the emails for you. If you say, “Read email from [sender]-en”. Siri searches those emails from the specified sender and will read the sender’s name, the date/time of the message, and the subject line.
If there is more than one email, Siri will not read the full message unless you give the instructions like “Read the second email for me”.

Here are some sample questions you can say about the email:
• Check my email
• Read email from [Sender] yesterday
• Read new email about financial report
• Any new email from [Sender] today?

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.

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 in return for getting 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 unfurnished 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 super-villain, and saving his daughter from total heartbreak. All the while, a suitable mate for the girls may have been standing right under Gru’s pointy nose the entire time. PG-13, 2 hr. 38 min.
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